



The BAYS  
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL BAYS RESIDENTS

Dear Bays Residents,

As you may be aware, the Bays Community Group held its Annual General Meeting on June 24. Our President Cathy Gleeson resigned from her position at the meeting and an election was held to fill the post as well as several other positions on the committee.

Unfortunately, there were no nominations for the roles of president, Vice President or Secretary. As a result, a Special General Meeting has been scheduled for July 29.

Much is at stake if the group is unable to form a committee moving forward. Former president of the Bays Community Group (BCG) Bob Puffett said: "The Bays is not just the Hall. It is a collection of some 550 homes, their residents and hopes for a wonderful lifestyle that is healthy, wealthy and wise!"

The Bays Community Group Inc. followed on from The Bays Progress Association, both focused on improving the life of residents.

The BCG is a conduit through its members and executive to Council,

State and Federal Government and provides an inclusive representation to various businesses and organisations.

The Hall in Woy Woy Bay and the land it stands on is owned by the community group, not the council and it is available for resident functions such as weddings, birthdays and social events.

The property and hall were donated to the community by three local business men as a place for residents to develop and grow community consciousness and fraternity.

Puffett adds: "It is a focal point of the Bays residents. It is a collective of community ideas, a 'public' place for residents in times of hardship such as bushfires."

We urge as many of our residents to attend and nominate for the available positions on July 29 so we can vote on a new Committee for 2020 and continue to foster the sense of community that drew so many of us to this area.

*Editor*

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# Upcoming Events



## Bays Community Group Special AGM

A special AGM will be held on **Wednesday 29 July** at 7pm in the Community Hall. Several positions are open including the role of President and we urge all to attend. If you're interested to put your hand up but not sure what the positions will entail, contact Cathy on [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com) for a chat.



## Community Breakfast cancelled

We hope to return soon but this month's breakfast has been cancelled due to CV-19 restrictions.



## The Bays Art Show

Sadly we have had to cancel the 2020 Bays Art Show. The event will return in 2021.



# The BAYS

## Community News

### Volunteers needed

Are you a dab hand with a lawn mower? Got a couple of hours to spare each month to help out the local community? The Bays Community Group is looking for volunteers to mow the lawns and do a spot of gardening at the community hall on a roster system. Please drop us a note if you can help out on [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com)



### WARNING!

A local wildlife rescue volunteer has advised of the death of several possums due to baiting in the Bays. This is of great concern for the local wildlife and domestic pets in the area. We urge all residents to be watchful of suspicious activity and safely store any poisons so that they are not accessible to animals.



### The Bays Instagram

The Bays now has its very own Instagram account. Follow [@thebayscommunity](https://www.instagram.com/thebayscommunity) and if you have any pictures from our beautiful Bays, please send them to the editor for inclusion at [baysbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:baysbulletin@hotmail.com) or simply tag us on Insta.





# The BAYS Profile

## Meet Maire Davies

*It's time for our regular monthly resident profile. This month we meet Maire Davies.*

### Tell us a little bit about yourself

My name is Marie Davies and I live in Phegans Bay. I'm a TV producer and before COVID-19, I commuted to the city four days a week.

### How long have you lived in the Bays?

I moved to the Bays three years ago this July and have loved every minute (even the chilly mornings and long commutes to the city).

### Did you grow up in the Bays? If not, where did you grow up?

I grew up in Bristol, UK and came to Australia in 1999 as a backpacker for a year. I loved this country so much, I knew almost instantly I wanted to live here. I've lived in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns – the Bays is my favourite place so far (although I did rent an awesome apartment in Manly once, right on the water, so that comes a close second!).

### What is the best part of living here?

Definitely the people. I have such lovely neighbours and we help each other out all the time. During the pandemic, this was even more important. When I go for a walk or run, there's always a friendly smile or wave or quick chat waiting for me. I'm part of the Bays Community Committee too. I think it's important to give back to the community and help in any way I can. Love the monthly breakfasts and the events are fun too.



### What's your favourite time of the year in the Bays?

Summer - I love the heat!

### What is your favourite local restaurant or cafe?

Sit O'Clock Thai – I've never had a bad meal from this restaurant – it's reasonably priced with big portions and soooo tasty.

### Describe your perfect Sunday in the Bays

Coffee, then a brisk walk (or maybe an hour chain-sawing up some wood for my fire)... Then a few hours of writing, maybe a trip to Bunnings, and afternoon driveway drinks with the neighbours. I'd love to join a local rock-climbing group if anyone knows anyone? Or if there are any scuba-divers in the bay, let's plan a dive :)



# Environmental Matters

## Weed of the month: Lantana

Lantana invades native bushland and gardens, is toxic to dogs, cats, humans and other animals and fuels bushfires which gives you plenty of reasons to eradicate it.

Lantana takes hold on roadsides, river banks, fence-lines and bushland as it has done throughout the Bays. Seeds are spread by birds, shoes, and some animals that eat the fruit.

### Control of Lantana

- Large areas are best gradually attacked from the edges. (do as much at a time as you can manage as it will regrow and require repeat action every three months)
- Dry or frosty periods are good times to work on mature lantana plants
- Ideally, try to keep up the control of regrowth or seedlings before they are a metre high



Cut back vegetation to the base of plant and scrape the lower stems and paint with a glyphosate weed killer (follow product instructions).

### Physical removal

Pulling lantana out by hand can be done throughout the year – though clearly easier after rain. Ideally, growth areas will need to be monitored every few months to remove regrowth as early as possible. Plant out cleared areas with native shrubs to prevent regrowth.

Happy weeding!





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## The Bays Bush Care is back!

On Sunday 12 July, Bays Bush Care continues. Join us 9am to 12 noon.

### Where

The Group is currently working on the bushland reserve on Phegans Bay Road near the lower end of Raymond Rd and opposite the Phegans Bay reserve.

### Join us

Come and join the group if you are interested in learning about our local native plants and animals, passionate about protecting local bushland or simply looking for an opportunity to meet some of your neighbours. All tools, disinfectant and hand sanitiser will be provided. Please bring your own morning tea for our catch up at the end of the morning's work.

### Sponsor

The Bays Bushcare Group is sponsored and supported by the Central Coast Council following a submission from the Bays Community Group. Council provides tools, gloves and the guidance of an expert in bush care. The Group also monitors local wildlife.

### Please note

We will limit to 10 people at any session. Any volunteers with cold/flu like symptoms are asked to stay at home. Council will provide a COVID-19 awareness and work practices talk at the start of the session.



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## The Bays Community Garden

Are you an avid gardener? Would you be interested in helping to build and tending to a local community garden right here in the Bays?

In recent months, we've had several enquiries about starting a community garden behind the Bays Hall. With ample land to play with, all we need are ready and willing volunteers.

Due to CV-19, our recent fundraising efforts have been cancelled so this project would very much be a labour of love for the community and would require donations of seeds, cuttings and plants.

If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved with, please get in touch via the email address below.



Want to get involved? Email the Bays Community Group at [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com)



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