



The BAYS
Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My President's message this month comes after a long period of time reflecting on what I have achieved, and what I would like to concentrate on into the future. This time of isolation has put into perspective what is important in life, and what we should all be looking forward to in a more positive light.

After three years as President of The Bays Community Group Inc., I have decided to stand down at the next AGM. I have given my all, and feel proud of what the Committee and myself have achieved. At this stage in my life, I want to focus on more personal goals and dedicate additional time to my family, having recently become a Grandmother for the first time. I look forward to having a little "me time" as well as contributing to our business ventures.

It has been a great honour and privilege being involved with the Community Group over this time, with the support and encouragement throughout my time as President from the community and

the various Committee members. Over this period there has definitely been some challenges. At times we had some amazing wins, but with that, also came a few disappointments. Being President of a Community Group can be a very rewarding experience. For the Group to continue successfully there would need to be a full complement of Committee Members to see it through. Within our community we have an extraordinary wealth of knowledge, experience and talents. The very sad reality is that if we cannot maintain a progressive Bays Community Group moving forward, everything that my predecessors and I, the various Committee members and residents have fought and worked so hard for over the years could be lost.

I strongly encourage residents to get involved, and consider joining the BCG to maintain a progressive, active Bays Community Group well into the future.



The logo features a stylized sun with a gradient from purple to orange, partially obscured by a blue wave. Below this, the text "The BAYS" is written in a dark blue, serif font. Underneath that, the word "Bulletin" is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONT...

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the Committee members over my time as President who have supported me, and also dedicated their time to helping our Community. I am proud that during my time we have seen two very successful Bays Fairs, the continuation and rebranding of the very popular Bays Art Show, as well as very successful monthly Bays Breakfasts, an added interest in hall hires for various events, including Weddings, Christenings, Birthday celebrations and many, many other fundraising events over the years.

This is definitely not a permanent goodbye from me, I will continue to be an active participant in our community. Thank you all for your support, stay safe and keep enjoying our Beautiful Bays!

Cathy Gleeson

President





Upcoming Events



The Bays Community Group AGM

The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 24 June** at 7pm in the Community Hall. We will confirm closer to the date. Several positions are open including the role of President so we urge any interested parties to attend.



The Bays Fair

The Fair will be back in 2021. Pop **Sunday, 14 March 2021** in your diary now.



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

Please SLOW DOWN

With more people out walking around the Bays, a reminder to slow down to 40km/hr. And dog walkers, as a courtesy to other residents, please keep your dogs on the lead at all times. And pick up after them as you go.



The Bays Instagram

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





The BAYS Profile

Meet Ron & Judy Taylor

It's time for our regular monthly resident profile. This month we meet long time Bays residents Ron & Judy.

Tell us a little bit about yourselves.

We have been married for 52 years and retired for 22. We took a “gap” year early into our marriage circumnavigating the globe on migrant ships and campervanning around Europe. That began a lifetime of travel. Our careers in education and business saw us working in Adelaide, Durban, Sydney and Auckland. Following early retirement, we spent 15 years as volunteers for agencies under Australia’s aid program with many assignments transferring our skills in Asian and Pacific countries.

Where did you grow up?

Judy was born in Adelaide where Ron emigrated to from Wales. Moving to Sydney in 1973 we raised our two sons. We have found through our continuing travelling that learning never stops!

How long have you lived in the Bays?

We bought our house in 1989 as a weekender being only a 50-minute drive from our home in North Rocks. In 2000 we made it our retirement home because the Bays is a secluded gem having easy access to the north coast, Sydney and the airport.

What is the best part of living here?

It is a noticeably friendly community. When out walking we get greetings from other residents, many of whom we know on a first name basis.



It has a rare community spirit evidenced by long breakfasts at the hall and well attended social events. How lucky are we to be living in this fabulous environment?

What is your favourite time of the year in the Bays?

Summer and autumn are best for boating and catamaran sailing but anytime is great. The setting sun is stunning on the jetties across the bay and moonrises are fantastic making the water twinkle in its golden light.

What is your favourite local restaurant or cafe?

For breakfast we enjoy the kiosk at the Ocean Beach Surf Club and, of course, once a month at the Bays hall. A boating lunch during the week surrounded by the national park in Waterfall Bay. A goat curry dinner at Spices 29.

Describe your perfect Sunday in the Bays.

For us, most days are Sunday. Early morning tea in bed overlooking the water followed, on Sundays, by a breakfast of scrambled eggs over smoked salmon on the deck.



Environmental Matters

Winter Weeding

Our local bushland and gardens offer a vital corridor for many native birds and animals. Eradicating invasive weeds is important to maintaining the beauty and richness of the Bays plants, birds and animals.

This month, as a guide to weeding those small but spreading weeds in your garden, we are referring you to a great video from Gardening Australia that looks at weeds like Couch Grass, Kikuyu, Oxalis, Dandelion and Wild Radish. You are sure to see many of these small weeds popping up through your garden and on roadsides. Winter is a great time to attack a range of weeds, especially if the ground is damp.

The Gardening Australia video gives some great environmentally sound options like mixing salt and vinegar (1 part salt to 4 parts vinegar in a jar) and painting carefully onto plants.



Just be careful not to spill on other plants. Many weeds you can just dig out the root and throw in green bin, leave to rot on the path or leave soaking in water for three months.

To check out the video click [here](#) and if you're interested in further garden advice, come and join the Bays Bushcare Group on June 14. More information on the next page of the bulletin.

Happy weeding!





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The Bays Bush Care is back!

On Sunday 14 June, Bays Bush Care will return. 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



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