

SCOTTS HEAD WAVE

Community Newsletter for Scotts Head & Surrounds



SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

By Tony Crimmins - Chairperson

The SHCG marked the commencement of 2025 by holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 February 2025. As is customary, all positions on the SHCG executive were declared vacant and nominations were called for persons wishing to fill the five executive positions for 2025.

At the conclusion of the process the following persons were elected;

Chairperson – Tony Crimmins
Vice-Chairperson – Janet Granek
Secretary – Deena Gilroy
Treasurer – Louise Bonney
Public Officer – Richard Collins

Tony and Janet were both members of the executive in 2024 and it was great to welcome three new members Deena, Louise and Richard to the committee. Special thanks go out to Ray Fowke and Briony Magoffin for the huge contribution they have made to the executive over the past couple of years and who elected to take a well earned break from SHCG executive committee roles.

Following the AGM, the first regular meeting of the SHCG 2025 was held. One of the items for discussion was the proposal to only meet every second month rather than every month as has been the practice in the past in order cut down on meeting related administrative duties. It was decided to trial this approach for the first half of the year and review it at our meeting 10 June.

Meeting dates for the first half of 2025 will therefore be as follows:

11 February, 8 April, 10 June.

Should matters arise between these dates that require the attention of the executive, they will be either dealt with out of session (via email) or a special meeting called.

Persons wishing to raise matters with the SHCG executive can do so directly with executive members or via email scottsheadcommunitygroup@gmail.com.

Scotts Head Community Group Inc is where we come together to discuss local issues affecting community members as well as sharing a common goal of bringing the community together.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every second month at the Reserve Hall, Scotts Head.

Are you passionate about our community? Do you want to raise issues occurring within our local community and become part of the solution? If so please come and join us, we welcome everyone!

Membership is only \$10.00 per year

Enquiries please email:
scottsheadcommunitygroup@gmail.com

GIINAGAY – HELLO!!

In the spirit of reconciliation Scotts Head Community Group acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia & their connections to land, sea & community. We pay our respects to their Elders past & present & extend that respect to all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples today.





GET TO KNOW OUR NEW LOCAL COFFEE SHOP OWNER – KEN HORNIGOLD

By Deena Gilroy

Q: So where are you from Ken?

A: The Eastern Suburbs in Sydney – I went to school in Randwick. We have a home in Scotts Head, and I'm now living here while running the coffee shop.

My wife Jules is a primary School teacher and she is still teaching in Sydney until mid-year when she hopes to relocate here too. Our daughter Emma is studying at Sydney Uni, Archeology with science and tech, and our son Sam is also in Sydney studying movies at uni. We also have a Foxy Cross dog named Kobi, and a British Short Hair cat named Storm.

Q; Why Scotts Head?

A: About 10yrs ago, when we stayed at an Air B&B in Waratah street because it was dog friendly! and we simply fell in love with Scotts and we've been back and forth ever since!

We actually met Braydon, who I've just bought the shop from, when he was starting it up and painting it. We've seen it flourish from the initial pocket shop front it was, to the extended great venue it is now, and we've always enjoyed coming to it. I suppose I've always loved the village and wanted to become a part of it and it's almost serendipitous that I was able to purchase the coffee shop at this time in my life.

I've mostly worked for myself including flooring for 30 years! I have no previous experience in a coffee shop so I'm in at the deep end with this!

Q: Tell us about this new coffee shop venture

A: As mentioned, it's a crash course for me and I've only been in it for 5 days so far! (At the time of this chat!), so bear with me. What initially appealed to me was that this business has been built up so well, and is virtually 'plug-and-play' with the staff on board but even so, I've got a lot to learn!

Q: So what do you think a typical day will entail for you as you settle into things?

A: Well for now it's being in the business from 5:30am to 7:30pm every day, whether that's on site, or wherever I need to be to learn how it all works. And I must say I'm just loving it so far. It's new and it's exciting, and it's being a part of this community!

Q; What are some of the challenges you've been facing and how are you overcoming them?

A: Well to be honest, it all happened pretty quickly, and simple things I just assumed I'd know have tripped me up a bit, like ordering, and knowing the patterns, quantities etc but the staff are wonderful! I'm so appreciative of having their support. Another thing is making sure there's always a really good barista, or two on hand so I'm learning that too of course! And letting go of a Sydney mindset where it's all rush, rush, rush has been a challenge!

Q: What are you enjoying most about it so far?

A: Oh definitely the people side of things! It's why I got into it I just love talking to people it's all about making a happy space and spreading the joy!

Q: Is there anything new coming up that you'd like to share?

A: Keep an eye out for a name change! We look forward to everyone locking in 'Short Street' coffee shop for your coffee fix!

Q: And outside of work?

A: I like to play golf at Nambucca Golf Club, with Norm next door at the Bottle shop. I've also got a few longboards to play on, I only started surfing in my mid 30's we mostly body surfed at Maroubra Beach like Dad did. I still really like the high tempo dance party style of music I listened to in my 20's, it stayed with me!

MEET THE NEW OWNER OF OUR LOCAL SUPERMARKET – ADRIAN RIDDERHOF

By Deena Gilroy



Q: So where are you from and tell us a bit about your family?

A: I was born and raised in Brisbane, and once I graduated from Uni, I was selected to be in the Nestle Graduate Program. In my career at Nestle I held many roles, and in one promotion I was also transferred to Sydney, where I met my wife Kate, who also worked at Nestle. Sydney has been our home for the last 20 or so years. It is a nice place to live but also a real rat race, everything takes a minimum of 45 minutes to get to even the closest places. Once Covid hit, we decided on a change and started to look for the ideal business and location to invest ourselves in... and Scotts Head is the most amazing place in Australia! My wife Kate is still in Sydney, with our sons Oscar and Hugo, who are still in high school. In a couple of years, they'll both be in Uni – and that's when we would like to move to Scotts Head.

Q; Why Scotts Head?

A: Well, firstly, it's just beautiful here! Geographically amazing, great beaches everywhere, and the opportunity to be a part of a great community! It's definitely a better lifestyle than Sydney! And secondly, after a lot of research, we found the right business... Nikki and Dean have managed a fantastic general business and we are looking to continue to make the supermarket a fantastic place to shop, understanding we are still finding our feet with the transition and we are gradually getting to know the community better.

Q: Outside of work- what do you enjoy when you're not working?

A: Since I travel a fair bit at the moment, I'm really into listening to podcasts while I'm driving. In terms of sport, the thing I enjoy the most is catching up with my two boys on the basketball court!

Q: What are some of the challenges you've been facing and how are you overcoming them?

A: Our biggest challenge has been to ensure our store is fully stocked! The sales have been solid this Summer, and we have had too many times where we have empty shelves. Under the 'Friendly Grocer' banner, we are limited in the number of deliveries we get each week, there are often supply limitations and the promotional program is less competitive than some of the other independent banners such as IGA and Foodworks. To overcome this, we have made the decision to become a part of the 'FoodWorks' Supermarket group. This will deliver significant benefits to the Scotts Head community and the tourists in many ways. Firstly, more promotions every week! Yes, an eight-fold increase in weekly catalogue promotions – including more deep promotions. Secondly, more deliveries each week, means more stock on shelves. The goal is not to run out of stock on popular lines.

The locals at Scotts Head are smart shoppers, often driving the 40min round trip to Macksville to shop.

Our vision is that as a Foodworks supermarket, with better ranging and a promotional program that can offer more competitive prices, locals will consider shopping local first... more growth enables more momentum for the local economy and a continued vibrant village; more local jobs, more connections with local suppliers and also more support towards community sponsorships.

Q: What future goals or plans do you have for the shop?

A: As mentioned – around April you will see the 'FoodWorks' banner in place to improve our competitiveness in pricing and range. My goal is to be able to execute a successful rollout of FoodWorks and consistently be able to nail the basics; right range, easier shopper navigation, better stock availability and more compelling value for shoppers.

Sounds simple and easy but it is a challenge! I want to make sure we can give back to the local community through supporting local suppliers, building a positive and customer-focused team and also providing more support towards local sponsorships.

Q: Is there anything 'new' coming up that you'd like to share?

A: A fresh new look to go with the new banner, colour scheme, lighting etc. Improve our aisle signage, even I get lost sometimes looking for certain products! A revival of the bulk foods in new self-serve containers, bring new and exciting offers to Scotts Head that are only currently available at Macksville. Eventually....new refrigeration, new shelving, upgraded hot food offer and improved On-the-go offers.

VEGE PATCH NEWS

SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Good day again for 2025!

Vege growing during the hot season is challenging, however the garden has survived.

Our 2025 plans

- Have scheduled working bee days, Mondays and Fridays 8.00am - 10.00am - Hope these times suit.
- Involve Scott's Head Public School students in gardening fun time.
- Encourage visits from other gardening groups, aged care facilities etc.

Seedlings currently germinating, ready for planting early Feb include silver beet, lettuce, zucchini, and bean seeds.

Tromboncino was recently planted.

Veggie PATCH produce currently available hot chilli, green capsicum, egg plant, shallots, basil, dill, rocket and other herbs.

Five small banana bunches are maturing, another few weeks until ripening. Five new banana suckers have been planted.

Watering during hot periods, with limited showers, involves 10 hours per week approximately.

Thanks to our gardening team for keeping it all looking and growing so well and happy.

Give George a call if you wish to assist and enjoy casual happy gardening.

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Stuart's Point Garden Club visit



A WHISKY EXPERIENCE 6 MONTHS LIVING IN SCOTLAND

By Greg Moran

Having returned from a six-month adventure exploring Scotland, I've come to understand the deep connection between whisky and this rugged, beautiful country.

In this land of remote landscapes, you're never far from a distillery - these establishments are not just producers of spirits, but are vital pillars of the local economy, providing jobs and sustaining communities in the most distant corners of Scotland.

Our journey took us through every whisky region: the Highlands with their bold spirits, the gentler Lowlands, the concentrated whisky heartland of Speyside, the historic Campbeltown, and the islands - including Islay, famous for its peated whiskies. My most cherished memory remains sitting at Bunnahabhain distillery on Islay, nursing a dram while gazing across the sound at Jura's snow-capped mountains, aware of the moments rare perfection.

As a wise Scotsman told me, 'Whisky is about the experience and creating a memory. There is never a bad whisky. There is only a bad circumstance. Try the whisky again on another occasion in a different circumstance.'

MARCH BOOK REVIEW

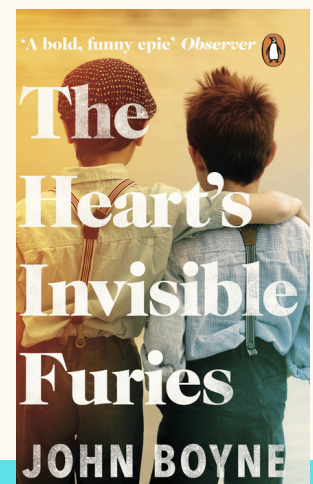
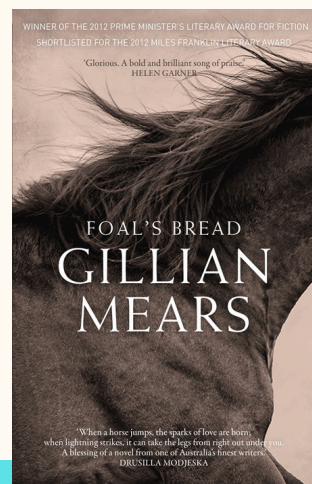
By Lynne Foley

Well, it's that time of year again when you start going through that long list of last year's recent releases and trying to salvage the ones you really MUST read this year. But until this happens, I will review two of my favourite books from last year.

"Foal's Bread" by Gillian Mears is set in northern New South Wales between the wars. It's about Noah and Roley who meet and eventually fall in love while both competing in show jumping on the local rodeo circuit. Now you might be thinking "boring romance novel." Not by a long shot. This is a deeply moving story. Mears herself was suffering from MS while she was writing it, giving her lots of insight into Roley who also suffered from a debilitating disease. It is about family, love, loss and connection to the land. It contains a short section about paedophilia but don't let this put you off. I found it to be intimate, complex and extremely well written.

My next recommendation is John Boyne's 'The Heart's Invisible Furies', a title I find almost impossible to remember when people ask what I've been reading.

It's about Cyril Avery, born out of wedlock in Ireland in the 1940s. Cyril is adopted as an only child by a well-to-do but extremely eccentric couple, although they never acknowledge him as their son. The mother Maude is a real character, a novelist who doesn't want anyone to buy or read her books. Cyril will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from. This novel made me laugh and cry.



CLUB SCOTTS UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

The beginning of a new year has given Club Scotts the chance to start things off in a different direction for 2025. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that they have appointed a new Secretary Manager - Mark Singh.

Chairperson Julie Kay said, "Mark has an extensive background in hospitality management and great experience from some of the largest venues in Australia. He is a father of three, a member of the Scotts Head RFS Brigade and is also involved with the Macksville-Scotts Head SLSC. It is great to have someone from within our own community with such experience ready to help the club move forward. The Board would also like to thank Ben Kenay for his efforts, who had stepped into the role of Acting Secretary Manager over the past 12 months and also acknowledge the hard work by all our staff during that period".

"I've had family living in the area for the last ten years and we have always found it to be such a beautiful place to visit", said Mr Singh. "My family and I relocated to Scotts Head in October of 2023 and found the community so welcoming and it was something that we wanted to be a part of". Club Scotts has such potential to be an amazing venue, not only for our members; but the visitors to our seaside village & a place that the whole community can be proud of".

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MEMBERS DRAW
Fri 7.30pm, 8.30pm,
Sunday 6.30pm
TP/00729

- barefoot bowls
- social darts
- happy hour
- social bowls
- kids playground

SUN 2ND MARCH FOOTY MANIA
KICK OFF AT 11.00AM
KICK THE FOOTY COMPETITION
FOR ALL FOOTY TIPPING PARTICIPANTS
BEER & BREAKFAST FROM 10.30AM TO 11.00AM
SCHOOONER OF BEER & A BACON AND EGG ROLL

beer & wings special
NRL SEASON LAUNCH \$10

AFL STREAMING LIVE 6 MARCH
FOX SPORTS

TRIVIA NIGHT
Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia.
THURSDAY MARCH 20TH
REGISTRATION FROM 6.30PM
1ST PLACE \$100
2ND PLACE \$60
3RD PLACE \$40
Teams of 2 - 8 players

members draw
FRIDAYS - 7.30PM, 8.30PM
SUNDAYS - 6.30PM
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DARTS EVERY WEDNESDAY
Sign up 6.45pm for a 7pm start
\$5 Entry, Prizes to be won

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE
Enter to win

\$6 Happy Hour!
MONDAY - THURSDAY 5PM - 6PM
SATURDAY - SUNDAY 5PM - 6PM

EVERY THURSDAY CHAIR Yoga
12.30 - 1.30PM
\$11 PER PERSON
Gentle Seated Exercises for Seniors

lunch specials \$16 (Monday to Friday, Not available during school holidays)

steak and chips \$20 (Tuesday Nights, Not available during school holidays)

burger and fries \$18 (Wednesday Nights, Not available during school holidays)

chicken schnitzel \$20 (Thursday Nights, Not available during school holidays)



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Mark Singh



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Pickle Ball is on the Move!

After much effort, the Scotts Head Oval Committee and Nambucca Council have warmly welcomed PickleBall onto the basketball court at Buz Brasel Oval.

Details are being tidied up but we will celebrate PickleBall's first formal appearance on the basketball court on Sunday 23 February at 8.30am.

ALL WELCOME - give it a go!

It's great fun and easy to build skills. All ages have found a place on the PickleBall court. You will find regular players are willing to coach new players.

We play PickleBall on

Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and

Sundays from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Winter times will differ.

Please just turn up or text 0411 191 354.

2025 soccer season

REGISTER NOW!



WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU

PLEASE NOTE: There's a new registration process in effect this year (things are a bit different)

Here's what you need to know before registering:

USE A COMPUTER
(NOT A MOBILE PHONE)

REGISTER EARLY
(SO WE CAN SECURE TEAMS)

HAVE YOUR PAYMENT
DETAILS READY (PAYMENT IS REQUIRED UPFRONT)

trouble signing up? let us know & we will be happy to help!
drop us a facebook message or
email: scottshheadsharkssc@gmail.com



MATTERS

FINE FOOD WITH LOVE
THURS, FRI, SAT FROM 5PM
SUN 9AM - 2PM (NO SURCHARGES)
405 GRASSY HEAD RD, GRASSY HEAD
WWW.HOTMYRTLE.COM.AU
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED
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COMING UP...

**WED 13 MARCH ALL YOU CAN EAT
CURRY FEAST... SELECTION OF 3 CURRIES
+ DAHL + RICE + PAPPADUMS \$40PP**

**SUN 16 MARCH 12 - 2PM
FINN PLAYS JAZZ... FREE LIVE MUSIC**

**FRIDAY 28 MARCH 6PM
DJ JS BUMPS PLAYS OLD SCHOOL VINYL...
BOOGIE, FUNK, SOUL + HOUSE
\$10 COVER CHARGE - USUAL MENU AVAILABLE
GET YOUR FRIDAY NIGHT GROOVE ON THE
DANCE FLOOR!**

BOOK NOW!

DUNE CARE

Saturday 15th March

- Meet at the top of Little Beach from 8:30am.
- All welcome, training provided.
- Weeding and planting of degraded area.
- Wear long sleeves and pants, covered shoes, hat and sunscreen.
- Tools and gloves provided but bring your own if you prefer.

See FB Scotts head dune Care for more information or call Moira 0421911294



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Items must be sent in by 23rd of each month