# **JULY 2025 - ISSUE 5**

# SCOTTS HEAD WAVE

**Community Newsletter for Scotts Head & Surrounds** 

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Scotts Head Community Group



# **REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARK UPDATE By Jacalyn Middleton**

**Crown Reserve Improvement Funding (CRIF)** 

We have been awarded CRIF funding which will be put towards keeping the team from Ecolinx on to complete the weed reduction works.

#### **Black Fence Replacement**

We have approved a fencing contractor to remove and repair the Black Chainmesh Fence (rockfall fence) at the point, hopefully this should begin before the end of July.

#### **Reserve Grounds Person**

We are recruiting for a part time Grounds/maintenance person 3 days per week for the Reserve area who will have Landscape/Bush regeneration experience. We will take our time and get the right person for the job who has the passion for this work. Anyone who is interested can apply through SEEK.

#### **Caravan Park News**

With the rain finally abating and the sunshine blessing us we are seeing more people out and about enjoying our beautiful town. The Newcastle Stand Up Paddle Board Club ran their annual comp recently with perfect weather conditions and competitors from around Australia and as far away as the USA. Again, they respected the park and town and made some good donations to both the School and the Boardriders club, great to see them back. The Loggerheads are due to come in around 24 July for their annual comp and will also bring some life and inject some winter funds into Scotts Head. We look forward to their liveliness in the park and town. The winter school holidays are upon us, and we are sitting at about 50% a bit down on last year, the colder weather may put some off, but not the die-hard surfers!

Winter Markets After chatting with Tina "The Winter Market" will be held as day markets these school holidays on the 9 and 16 July, 10am - 2pm as it will be very cold and dark at that time for twilight markets.

New Cabins Arriving Soon We are finally getting rid of our old "Dongers". These are our oldest cabins with no amenities. We are replacing them on the same footprint as the old ones with 2 bedroom + bathroom cabins and will be a great improvement to the old ones, please feel free to come past and take a look once they are in, they might be handy when extra guests, family & friends visit.

Finally, I wish to finish with a word about our beloved Groundsman Steve Perry. The team at Reflections are saddened by Steve's loss, he was an amazing member of the community a great groundsman, but more than that, he was a valued friend and member of our Team and we miss him deeply.

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.

# LOGGERHEADS MALIBU CLASSIC RETURNS TO SCOTTS HEAD SURF, COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORTING GREAT CAUSES By Mick Birtles

Scotts Head will soon be buzzing with extra energy and coastal spirit as close to 200 longboard surfers and their families arrive in town from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July for the Annual Loggerheads Malibu Classic.

This much-loved event promises three days of exciting competition, with surfers aged from 11 to 75 years taking to the waves to showcase their skills across 16 hotly contested categories. Surfing will kick off each day from 7:40am and continue through to around 3:30pm, with the action wrapping up on Sunday afternoon with a trophy presentation at Club Scotts.

The Loggerheads Malibu Club, organisers of the event, are keeping a close eye on the forecast and have fingers crossed for favourable weather and wave conditions to deliver top-level longboarding throughout the weekend. Local pride will be strong, with several surfers from Scotts Head and the wider Nambucca Valley lining up to compete against seasoned longboarders from across the state and beyond. Spectators are warmly encouraged to come down to the beach, soak in the atmosphere, and cheer on the local talent.

In true Loggerheads tradition, the event also carries a strong community focus. The club will be running its annual charity raffle in the lead-up to and during the competition, raising funds for worthy causes including the Nambucca Valley Cancer Support Group and the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service. First prize is a 9ft Catalyst Longboard by 'Wig' Smith.

The Loggerheads Malibu Club extends a heartfelt thank you to Scotts Head residents for their ongoing support and hospitality. "Each year, the town opens its arms to visiting surfers and their families. That warm welcome is a big part of what makes the Classic so special," said President of the Loggerheads Malibu Club, Barry Jagoe. Whether you're a surfing enthusiast or simply love a vibrant community event, the Loggerheads Malibu Classic is a weekend not to miss. Come down to the beach, enjoy the spectacular surfing, grab a raffle ticket, and be part of this iconic Scotts Head tradition.

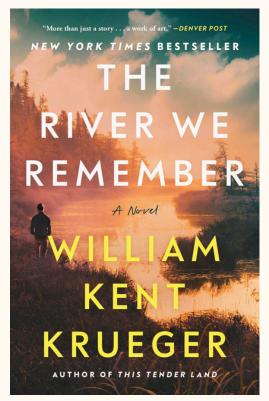


## WINTER BOOK REVIEWS By Lynne Foley

Don't you just love it when you pick up a book that you know nothing about. Nothing about the author or the book's plot. This is what I experienced when I picked up "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger from Macksville Library's 'New Books Table' a few weeks ago.

This character driven book is set in the small town of Jewel, Minnesota in 1958. The half-clothed body of wealthy landowner Jimmy Quinn is found floating in the Alabaster River. With little evidence, rumours start to paint Noah Bluestone, a Native American as the likely killer of Quinn. Noah is a WW11 veteran but when he returns with a Japanese wife he is never truly accepted back into the community. The investigation of Quinn's death falls to Sheriff Brody Dern, a highly decorated war hero who still carries the scars, both physical and mental from his military service. Indeed, most of the characters in the book are affected in some way by the horrors of WW11.

The hatred and racism which tears this town apart reminds me of another good read, "Valentine" by Elizabeth Wetmore. Another character driven book set in a small town. This time it's Odessa, Texas in the 1970's. A fourteen-year-old Mexican girl, Gloria has been brutally attacked by the son of a prominent white businessman. When a young mother, Corinne, protects her she is ostracised and shunned by all the men, even her husband, and most of the women. Why? I don't really know but remember this is small town America in the 70's and most women follow the racist, misogynistic views of their husbands and fathers. I would consider reading both books, they are well written and thought provoking.



#### **By Deena Gilroy**

If you're after the perfect book that feels like a warm hug - with sun, sand and small-town intrigue 'The Summer Place' by Janette Paul is just the ticket. Set in the NSW mid north coastal haven of Hope Head (which locals and tourists alike might recognise as Scotts Head in disguise! - with a little fictional sparkle, of course!), this story is the ultimate beach read.

At its heart, The Summer Place is a deliciously heartfelt story about second chances, new beginnings, and the sometimes-bumpy road to finding your place and your people in the world. The characters are loveable, relatable, and just the right amount of flawed. It's packed with feel-good moments, family secrets, unexpected twists, and Janette Paul captures that magic mix of beachside bliss and small-town buzz we all know and love and reading it feels a bit like eavesdropping on your neighbours, only with less guilt and more laughs. You'll find yourself laughing, sighing, and possibly even tearing up as you follow their stories, misadventures and connectedness back to this special place in the world. What makes this book especially delightful, is spotting the familiar landmarks and atmosphere woven through the pages. From surf beaches and sleepy cafes to the warm sense of community spirit, it's clear the author knows and loves the real Hope Head...and honestly, who wouldn't!

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Three women, lives adrift,

Whether you're lounging under an umbrella or reading on your deck with a cuppa, The Summer Place is a perfect feel-good escape. It's like a love letter to small coastal towns - and it's impossible not to feel a little proud knowing our beautiful slice of paradise inspired it.

# VEGE PATCH NEWS SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hi all Scotts Head Garden Lovers

Amazing achievement by a dedicated gardening team on Saturday 21 June, the community garden is back to its usual form!

Parsnip, snowpeas, lettuce, rocket seeds are planted, more cabbage, broccoli, seedlings added. A new Kaffir lime replacement tree was planted. Paul and Kerry again have done a top job of mowing around the garden beds. A small potted water cress is thriving, and will certainly flavour your salads. Back to watering again. A big thank you again to all the helpers. Soon there will be an abundance of veggies for all to share. Come down, be inspired, gently pick what veggies you

need and live healthy.

Cheers from the Gardening team.

#### WORKING BEE UPDATE

What an amazing transformation resulting from our happy working bee on June 21! Lots of chatting and an overall fun morning in the community garden.

Scotts Head's second love, with the beach being first....of course!

Our garden has returned to it's former glory, free from mud and flood damage.

The cabbage, lettuce, kale, fennel, parsnip, baby spinach, and more also got planted. Next on our list is our raised seedlings by Mary, consisting of rocket and lettuce which we will be planting soon.

Big thanks to you all for your efforts....we were so busy that we missed the usual Working Bee photo! However, we have a few sunset photos that were captured over the garden recently.

Incredible!



### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

### Parsnip Soup

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

#### INGREDIENTS

- 800 g Parsnips, Peeled and cut into small chunks
- 1 Onion
- 2 Cloves garlic
- 1/2 tsp Dried chilli flakes
- 750 ml (3 cups) Hot vegetable stock
- · Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 300 ml (1.25 cups) Milk

#### Garlic Bread Croutons:

- 300 g (10 oz) Cubes of bread
- 4 tbsp Olive oil
- 3 Cloves garlic, Peeled and crushed
- 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese, Grated
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### **Optional garnishes:**

- Grated cheese
- Goats cheese cubes
- Toasted hazelnuts
- · Extra virgin olive oil



#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Put the parsnips, onion, garlic, chilli flakes, stock and salt and pepper in a large saucepan.
- Cook over a medium heat for about 20 minutes or until the parsnips are very tender.
- Add the milk and blend until smooth. If your soup is too thick when it is finished you can add a little extra milk or stock.

#### Garlic bread croutons:

- Preheat the oven to 200C/400F.
- Toss the cubes of bread with the oil, garlic, Parmesan and salt and pepper.
- Spread on a baking sheet in one layer, with plenty of space between the cubes, and bake for about 10 minutes. (Keep an eye on them as they can burn.)

#### To make in the slow cooker:

- Reduce the stock in the recipe to 350ml/1.5cups and cook on LOW for 7-8 hours or HIGH for 3-4 hours.
- Add the milk at the end and blend before serving.

#### To follow the recipe online visit:

https://www.tamingtwins.com/parsnip-soup-recipe/#wprm-recipecontainer-13267

### SCOTTS HEAD MARKET REVIEW By Noa Granek

I woke up early this morning excited to get out of bed... not just because it was a Sunday, but because it was the 4th Sunday of June. Now I know you're probably wondering what's so special about the 4th Sunday of this month. Well on one hand it means we're heading into the cold, but cozy winter months of the year but more importantly it means that the local markets are on today!

The Scotts Head Markets have been a great success in our community and have given the locals and visitors of Scotts Head a chance to support businesses in our valley. The markets occur every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and were held today at the reserve area near the beach carpark. There are a range of products available for purchase, from intricate lino designs, colourful mushrooms of several shapes and sizes, to freshly baked bread and treats and locally harvested organic produce and honey.

A highlight of the markets today was the new stall selling a delicious variety of cacao products.

My favourite was the chilli, cinnamon, cardamom and chocolate powder to use as a hot chocolate syrup or a sauce for dipping strawberries. However, the chocolate coated coffee beans were also amazing. My mother enjoyed sharing a couple of them around the markets and encouraging others to buy them to.





# **2026 Membership Renewals**

Memberships expiring on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 are due for renewal, please see admin staff during business hours or bar staff at any other time. Or you can go online to www.clubscotts.com.au to update your details and renew









Mon: *Dinner ONLY* - with a reduced menu & pizzas Tue - Sun: Regular Menu & Weekly Specials

LUNCH 12.00PM - 2.00PM DINNER 5.30PM - 8.00PM

STARTS 6.30PM

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# **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

#### **DUNE CARE**

Next working morning Saturday 19th July. Meet near surf club from 8:30am.

- We will work on Little Beach
- Wear covered shoes, long sleeves and long pants, hat and sunscreen for safety.
- Bring own gloves if you prefer, otherwise gloves and tools provided.
- We work until 10:30am then have morning tea

See FB Scotts Head Dune Care for more information or call Moira 0421911294



# SCOTTS PROPERTY BOUTIQUE

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"Lyn has been amazing with the sale of my property at Scotts Head. At all times she has demonstrated excellent communication skills with clarity and compassion.

Lyn was comprehensive in all areas from the outset. Her depth of experience and understanding of the current real estate market was accurate, this saw the sale through smoothly and has made this transition in my life uncomplicated. Thank you very much Lyn\*

- Adele (vendor)



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