

SCOTTS HEAD WAVE

Community Newsletter for Scotts Head & Surrounds



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Scotts Head
Community
Group



CARING FOR COUNTRY, TOGETHER - REFLECTIONS HOLIDAYS

On Tuesday, August 18, we came together for our first cultural burn - a significant milestone for Reflections and the Scotts Head Community. As a Crown land manager, caring for community reserves on behalf of the people of NSW is a core part of our role.

Delivered in partnership with Yurruungga Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) and the NSW Rural Fire Service, the demonstration cultural burn was a special, spiritual moment for the community to unite and is just one of the ways we are turning our commitment to reconciliation into action. Introducing more traditional land management practices across the Crown reserves in our care, is just one of the actions in our second Reconciliation Action Plan.

What happens now? Reflections will work alongside YAC to care for this special place. Together, we are delivering a weed and wildlife management plan to improve the health of the land, protect habitat and guide its future care. A key part of this work is giving the land time and space to recover naturally. We know how deeply the local community cares for these Crown reserve areas, and we value that support.

As a reminder, these areas of Crown land are under the management of Reflections Holidays as the Crown land manager. Members of the public are kindly asked not to plant trees, remove vegetation or carry out other work within these areas. Generally, this type of activity is well intended however it may interfere with the land's natural recovery and the approved management plan that is being implemented.

Reflections will continue to work with YAC over the next few months to care for the land and together, we're healing, renewing and strengthening Country. **Caroline Winter, Reflections Holidays Scotts Head**

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.



NAMBUCCA VALLEY COUNCIL MEETING 26 AUGUST 2026

At the meeting of Nambucca Valley Council on 26 August 2026 the following motion was considered by council with all councillors voting to support the motion. Scotts Head resident Claire Forbes attended the public forum on 25 August 2026 and spoke in support of the motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MACSMITH

ITEM 5.4 SF3422 260826 Notice of Motion - **Crown Reserves Managed by Reflections Holidays**

242/26 RESOLVED: (MacSmith/Simson)

That Council:

1 Writes to the Minister for Lands and Property and to the Chairperson of Reflections Holidays requesting that a plan of management for Crown Reserve R140081 (Nambucca Headland) be prepared immediately, and that the community be involved in preparing it from the outset.

2 Writes to the Minister for Lands and Property and to the Chairperson of Reflections Holidays requesting that the plan of management for Crown Reserve R65963 (Scotts Head), adopted in 2014 and overdue for review (in both 019 & 2024), be reviewed immediately, and that the community be involved in that review from the outset.

3 Report to Council on amending Council's planning delegations so that any development application for the demolition of a building on land owned or managed by Council, the Crown, or a NSW Government agency is determined by Council, when resources permit.

4 Report to Council on the potential for the Nambucca Valley to adopt a model similar to the Macleay Valley Coast holiday parks, or on alternative advocacy mechanisms, to ensure that revenue generated in the Valley is retained in the Valley, when resources permit.

Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.

For the Motion: Councillors Angel, Ballangarry, Jenvey, Jones, Lee, MacSmith, Simson and Vance Total (8)
Against the Motion: Nil Total (0)

COMMUNITY SAFETY NETWORK

- The weather is very dry and bushfire warnings are already in place.
- Keep gutters clean and rubbish away from the house. Fire aid will help with gutters if you are not able to clean.
- **Pack a safe bag** - It is important to have papers such as house deeds and wills, guardianship, relative contacts, medical prescriptions or some tablets or other medications in a safe bag which can be taken if you need to leave home.
- The **safe place** for the Scotts Head Community is **Club Scotts**.
- Warnings will be issued if you need to relocate. ABC radio also gives information.
- Call Moira 0421911294 if you require a safe bag or other information.
- Please keep an eye on neighbours who may need help.

Coast & Cultivate

Gardens · Habitat · Sustainable Food |

June–November 2026

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AUG
9 am

Food Forestry and Edible Landscapes

Scotts Head Road, Way Way · Nate Cosford

The fourth event in the **Coast and Cultivate Series** was held on Saturday 29 August, with **28 people attending a Food Forestry and Edible Landscapes workshop** hosted by **Nate Cosford of Edible Forest Co** (www.edibleforestco.com) together with Jackson Lucho.

The morning provided a fascinating introduction to the principles of edible forest gardening and how an ordinary grassed area can gradually be transformed into a diverse, productive and resilient landscape. Participants explored an established food forest and learnt about designing with the natural features of the land, including **sun, slope, wind and water flow**, and the importance of observing a site through different seasons and weather events before planting.

Nate also demonstrated how plants can perform many different roles within a food forest. Pioneer plants can provide shade, mulch and nutrients while improving the soil for future plantings, while companion plants can suppress grass and weeds, attract beneficial insects, repel pests, build soil fertility and provide food. The group was able to see firsthand how an area that began as open grassland in 2020 has developed into a diverse, layered and increasingly self-sustaining small forest.

The workshop was another wonderful opportunity to share practical knowledge about creating **productive, biodiverse and sustainable landscapes** within our local community.



The next **Coast and Cultivate** event will be held on **Saturday 26 September at 9am at Briony Magoffin's home in Scotts Head**. The topic will be **Plants and Natural Weed Management**. Places are limited to **20 participants**, so early registration is recommended.

Upcoming Coast and Cultivate Workshops

For more information go to <https://scottshead.org.au/coast-cultivate-event-calendar/>

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SEPT
9 am

Native Garden Visit: Plants & Natural Weed Management

Hill Street, Scotts Head · Briony Magoffin

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OCT
9 am

Pollinators: Bees, Gardens and Landscape

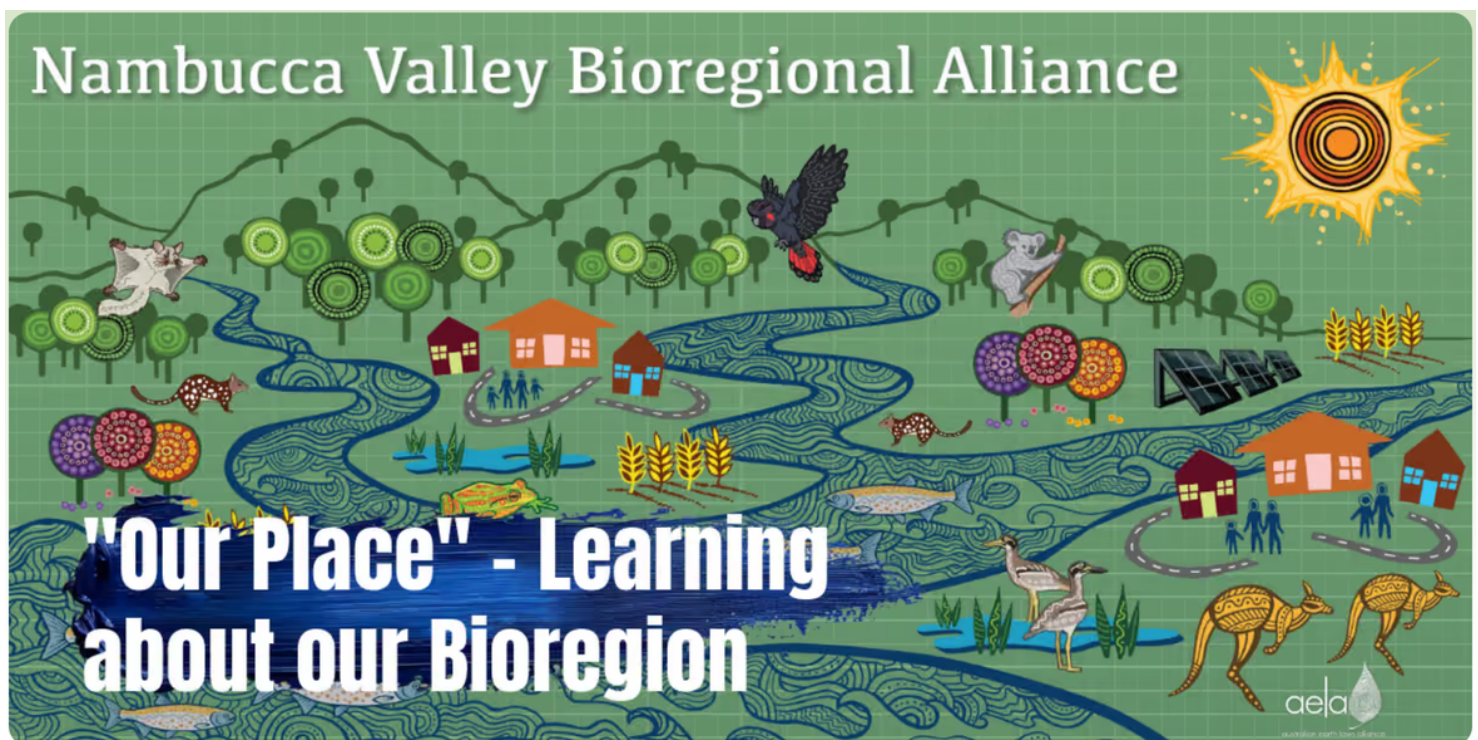
Community Garden, Scotts Head · Cath O'Donnell & Karen Welch

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NOV
4 pm

SERIES FINALE

Bush Tucker Tour · Film Night · Potluck Meal · Aunty Angel, Ngambaa Elder / Rhys Pacey, Field Officer
Scotts Head Primary School · Bring a dish to share



OUR PLACE - LEARNING ABOUT OUR BIOREGION"

Please join us to celebrate our unique bioregion and catchment - Nambucca Valley.

Local speakers and knowledge holders will share about the geology, geography, history, plants, animals and waterways of our Place. We'd love to hear your stories, ideas and concerns so that together we can share our knowledge and look after our beautiful waterways, hills and valleys.

Bring your love of our Place, and share your information, maps and ideas! Everyone is welcome!

To join our email list, learn more about the Nambucca Valley Bioregional Alliance (NVBA) and stay in touch, please visit our webpage - <https://bit.ly/4gmyPvn> or www.Earthlaws.org.au/AELA Events.

Sunday 20 September 10am-3pm

Nambucca Community and Arts Centre, 19-21 Ridge Street, Nambucca Heads, NSW

Nambucca Valley Bioregional Alliance

Scotts Head ART PRIZE 2026

Scotts Head Art & Craft Collective are excited to announce our 3rd Art Prize to be held over the long weekend in October at the Macksville - Scotts Head Surf Lifesaving Club.

Opening night is Friday 2 October at 6pm. The fabulous Georgia Cortes Raynor will entertain us. The bar will be open, with proceeds to the Surfclub, and a grazing table provided.

Once again all are welcome to this free event which showcases the talent of local and further afield creatives. All artists, emerging and established are encouraged to participate.

So save the date, come along and enjoy the wonderful community spirit, the fabulous artworks and grab tickets in our raffle! T

The event will also be **open Saturday 3 to Monday 5 October from 10am to 4pm.**

The raffle will be drawn around 4.30pm on Monday with the surfclub bar open.

Any businesses, artists or community members who would like to donate a small gift or voucher to our raffle hamper please contact me on 0434210552. All donations will be gratefully received.

Kerrie Swan, On behalf of SHACC

Student's Art On Show

To coincide with the Scotts Head Art Prize the students of Scotts Head Public School will have their own art show on **Friday 18 September** (Wk 9) between **3 and 4pm.**

Works will be judged across six different categories with the winning entries to be displayed during the official Art Prize Exhibition at the Macksville-Scotts Head Surf Lifesaving Club between 2 - 5 October 2026.

Bill Narris, SHPS



OPENING
6 - 8 PM 2ND OCTOBER 2026

SCOTTS HEAD ART PRIZE

2-5 October 2026
10 am -4 pm

Entries Close Sunday 20th September
Entry Form and details
scan QR code



Macksville and Scotts Head
Surf Club
1 Short St Scotts Head

any queries email scottsheadartandcraft@gmail.com

ART SHOW



ABOUT

To coincide with the amazing annual Scotts Head Art Prize, we will be holding our own art show! There will be prizes and a special local artist judge. Students will have the chance to create an artwork at school and are encouraged if inspired, to also create a work of their own at home to enter in the show.

DETAILS

To be held on Friday 18th September (Wk 9). Entries close Wednesday 16th September. The art show will be open from 3pm - 4pm for all to come see our amazing artists.

CATEGORIES

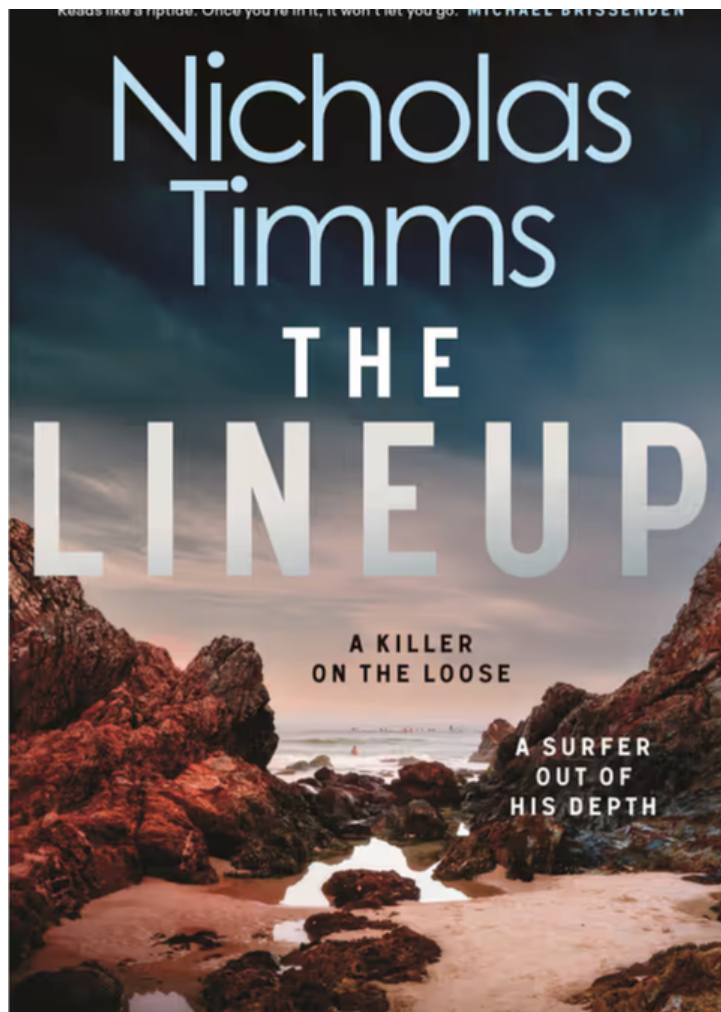
- 1 - Painting: Oil
- 2 - Acrylic and mixed Media
- 3 - Other water based mediums eg gouache, watercolour
- 4 - Drawing: charcoal, pen, pencil, pastel
- 5 - Printmaking and Photography
- 6 - 3D (eg sculpture, ceramics, craft, jewellery etc)

PRIZES

All artworks will be judged with 4 winners selected. The 4 winning artists will receive a prize, have their artworks framed up and their entry fee paid for the Scotts Head Art Prize. The artworks will then be displayed during the Official Art Prize Exhibition from October 2nd-5th at the Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.
Happy Creating!

BOOK REVIEW - “THE LINEUP” BY NICHOLAS TIMMS



Living in a coastal village, I feel almost obliged to read any surfing novel that comes my way. Nicholas Timms’s “The Lineup” is one of those books—and it turns out to be quite a ride. Not that I know much about surfing myself; you might see me in the water for three days in January, at most.

The first person narrator, Bo Curren, is a washed-up professional surfer living with PTSD after a traumatic incident in the surf five years earlier. To fill his days, Bo watches the main break at Byron Bay through the Surf Zone webcam while emptying a couple of bottles of whiskey.

During one of these drunken, aimless sessions from his cramped Brisbane apartment, Bo believes he witnesses a murder. A surfer with a distinctive spiderweb design on his board kills another surfer on the sand. Did Bo really see it happen? And if he did, what can he do about it? Bo turns to his sister, Mish, a local Byron Bay police officer, but his claims go nowhere.

The webcam footage has disappeared, and with no body or physical evidence, Mish assumes Bo is spiralling and urges him to get his life back under control.

Fortunately, Bo accidentally reconnects with Jess Li, an old school friend who has become an investigative journalist covering crime in coastal communities. This feels a bit of a stretch, but it gives the story fresh momentum. What follows is a fast-paced, adrenaline-filled narrative as Bo and Jess pursue leads and possible suspects including several of Bo’s former surfing rivals. To Timms’s credit, he avoids a common trap in surfing fiction: turning the surfers into caricatures. Instead, the characters feel grounded enough to keep the mystery moving without flattening the world they inhabit.

One minor gripe is Timms’s use of “right” at the end of so many conversational sentences, as in: “Remember what Dr Enright said. Small steps RIGHT?” This might be a genuine need for affirmation or just a conversation filler, but either way, I find it annoying. It is also an Americanism that has now crept into Australian speech, much like “candy”, “cookies” and “fries”. Here, we still eat lollies, biscuits and chips. And while I am at it, I should mention the overuse of “awesome” too.

Unfortunately, “The Lineup” isn’t available at your local library yet, but I will be donating my copy soon. Nicholas Timms is the son of Jack and Pam Timms who some of you might remember lived in Scott’s Head from 1987 to 1995. They then moved to Byron Bay. Jack died in 2021.

VEGE PATCH NEWS - SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

SPRING TIME PLANTING GUIDE

Spring is here and that means time to:

- get your soil ready,
- dig deep,
- replenish with quality manure,
- leave for a few weeks with regular watering,
- remove any weeds ,
- check soil PH (5.5 to 6.5),
- then drop in your seeds and seedlings,
- fertilise seedlings with liquid fertiliser or seasol to help them settle into growth.

What to plant? there are so many great choices!

- basil, capsicum, cucumber, egg plant,
- lettuce, zucchini, beans, pumpkin,
- sweet corn if you have space,
- silverbeet in protected areas



Keep well watered during hot periods, water late afternoon is best and at least each second day. Mulch around seedlings and emerging plants will help to reduce soil drying out and crusting.

Happy fresh veggies are your reward. *(image of fennel and cabbage fresh from the Scotts Head Community Garden.*

HAPPY WORKING BEE

SAVE THE DATE! - SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER FROM 8.30AM

- We plan to have a HAPPY WORK BEE in our community garden.
- Saturday 5th of September, from 0830.
- Not a big list of jobs, but will be great to get together, casual chat and get started with a few garden beds for seed and seedling plantings.
- Little weeding around fruit trees etc. Bring a bag to take home a cabbage.
- Famous carrot cake, if your lucky, to finish off with tea or coffee.
- Sadly not an abundance of composted manure available presently.
- Cheers Garden team.



Scotts Head Gardening Team

CALLING LOCAL FISHING FANS

Fish Reflections is back for 2026, and we'd love to see the Scotts Head community get amongst it.

Held on September 26-27, Fish Reflections is a catch-and-release fishing competition that encourages you to fish anywhere in NSW. It's open to everyone from seasoned fishers to beginners and families.

With more than \$90,000 in prizes up for grabs, register on the Fish Reflections website, grab a rod and give it a go!

We'd love to see one of our Scotts Head locals take out a prize.

Entries are \$35 for adults and \$30 for juniors aged 16 and under.

Visit the [Fish Reflections website](https://fishreflections.com.au) for full details and to register.

Good luck to everyone from Scotts Head taking part!

Caroline Winter
Park Manager, Reflections Scotts Heads



FISH REFLECTIONS 2026

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27 2026
FISH ANYWHERE IN NSW!!

\$90,000 IN PRIZES*

WIN A Quintrex 420 BUSTA and Trailer with a 40HP Mercury Engine.

Only \$35 to enter*
Receive brag mat & sticker

9 target species!

Anglers Under 16 receive **FREE** package of soft plastics.

ENTER NOW! ...
fishreflections.com.au

DUNE CARE SCOTTS HEAD

Next working bee **Saturday 19th September**
Meet in the corner at 8:30am
We will work for two hours followed by M/Tea

Participants are requested to wear;
long sleeve shirt and long pants
covered shoes, hat and suncream
tools & gloves are provided, or bring your own if you prefer

For further information see Facebook or phone Moira 0421 911 294

SCOTTS HEAD SENIORS LUNCHING TOGETHER

Seniors over 65 are invited to join for lunch 12.00 @ **Club Scotts** on the first Friday in the month.

Don't stay at home, come and make new friends and catch up with old ones.

Purchase your own lunch, chat and relax, a lift can be organized within Scotts Head for those that require it.

Call Ann 0488005359 for more information

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

PRESENTATION DAY



SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
10am @ Oval
11.30am @ Club Scotts

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF THE SHARKS



SCOTTS HEAD PICKLE BALL

Come down and enjoy Pickle Ball next to the community garden at Buz Brazel Oval

Sunday 9.00am, Thursday 2.30pm winter & 3.00pm summer

No gear required, first 3 days free.
3 courts available

Join our What's Ap group or simply turn up!
Club has now over 70 members

Contact: Allan 0411 191 354, Paul 0428 124 447
or George 0428 662 803 for more details

Scotts Head Holiday Markets

The Scotts Head Holiday Markets will be held

Wednesday 30th September 3pm-8pm
Bookings are now OPEN,
Send msg or phone 0429120744

NIPPERS POOL PROFICIENCY.



Sunday 20 September • 9:30 AM
Macksville Aquatic Centre

MACKSVILLE-SCOTTS HEAD
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

PLANT TODAY. FEED THE FUTURE.



COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENT + FEED TREE GIVEAWAY

This project received financial support from City of Coffs Harbour and BirdLife Australia.



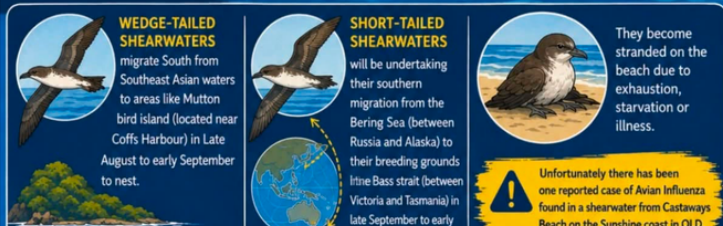
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SHEARWATER SEASON & AVIAN INFLUENZA

STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE. PROTECT WILDLIFE.

Shearwaters are a migratory pelagic species.



WEDGE-TAILED SHEARWATERS migrate South from Southeast Asian waters to areas like Mutton bird island (located near Coffs Harbour) in Late August to early September to nest.

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATERS will be undertaking their southern migration from the Bering Sea (between Russia and Alaska) to their breeding grounds in the Bass Strait (between Victoria and Tasmania) in late September to early October.

They become stranded on the beach due to exhaustion, starvation or illness.

Unfortunately there has been one reported case of Avian Influenza found in a shearwater from Castaways Beach on the Sunshine coast in QLD.

IF YOU SEE A SHEARWATER ON THE BEACH:

- AVOID** contact with sick or dead wildlife and their environment. Observe from a distance, and do not touch or allow pets to touch or eat sick or dead wildlife.
- RECORD** what you see, the location the animal was found, and take photos or video if this is possible without approaching the bird.
- REPORT** any unusual illness or death in wild birds and other wildlife immediately via the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888**.

Details that will assist the response include:

- location (address and/or GPS coordinates if possible)
- date and time of the sighting (and when signs of disease were first noticed)
- the estimated number of sick or dead animals and other animals at the site
- notes of any clinical signs that sick animals are showing, and
- contact details of any observers

SYMPTOMS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA INCLUDE:

- a lack of coordination, tremors, swimming in circles
- twisted neck or other abnormal posture
- inability to stand or fly
- diarrhoea
- difficulty breathing, coughing or sneezing
- swelling around the head, neck and eyes
- cloudiness or change in colour of the eyes
- sudden death

Our shearwaters travel thousands of kilometres to breed in Australian waters.

Let's look out for them and keep them safe.

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The Club by the Sea...

FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Bring Dad down for a feed at Club Scotts!

300 GRAM T-BONE STEAK WITH CHIPS AND YOUR CHOICE OF SAUCE

FOR ONLY **\$25** COMES WITH **FREE SCHOONER!**

+ ADD SIDES FOR \$5 EXTRA!

ALL DADS GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN THE LUCKY DOOR FATHER'S DAY HAMPER!

BOOK ONLINE clubscotts.scottshead.org.au OR CALL US ON 0423 696 432

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The Club by the Sea...

KIDS DISCO PARTY

5.30 - 8.30PM
TUE 29TH SEPT & 6TH OCT

HOSTED BY THE DJ BISHO

Play Mahjong
Thursday
2.30pm - 4.30pm

\$28

BBQ Sundays
AT STONEY'S BY THE BEACH
* AVAILABLE FOR DINNER ONLY *

STARTING SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

COMES WITH: RUMP, CORN ON THE COB, CHIPS, SALAD

THE BARBECUE MEAT CHANGES EVERY SECOND SUNDAY!

THIS WEEK: BBQ CHICKEN, BBQ RIBS, THE CROQUETTES, BBQ BRISKET, BBQ LEG OF LAMB

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The Club by the Sea...

AFL GRAND FINAL PARTY!

MEMBERS HAPPY HOUR FROM THE FIRST BOUNCE UNTIL THE FINAL SIREN!

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

NORM SMITH MEDAL SWEEP \$1 PICK THE MARGIN SQUARES

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
KICK OFF 2:30PM

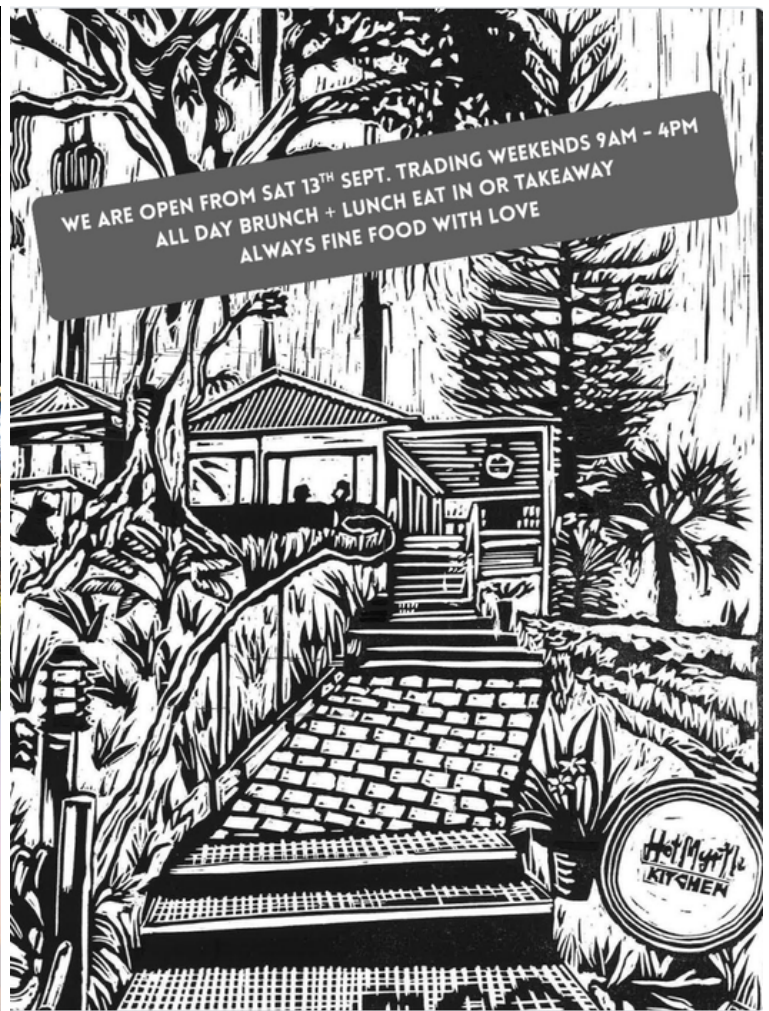
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The Club by the Sea...

EVERY **THURSDAY**

Presents **CHAIR Yoga**

12.30 - 1.30PM
\$11 PER PERSON

Gentle Seated Exercises for Seniors



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OUR TEAM

Stewart is your local licenced plumber with over 30 years of plumbing experience offering professional, friendly and honest service for all of your plumbing needs. Noah is your local apprentice offering a keen eye for detail, his professionalism and friendly service.

We are located in Scotts Head and service our local and surrounding areas.

Contact us today about your plumbing needs!
We look forward to working with you.

Our services:

- ✓ New Residential Homes
- ✓ Bathrooms, Kitchens, Laundries
- ✓ Water Heaters & Gas Services
- ✓ Renovations & Maintenance
- ✓ Roofing & Guttering

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and age gracefully in the
home you love.

✓ Book a **FREE consultation**
with **Narayan**

Narayan Neubauer
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narayan.feldenkrais@gmail.com

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<https://scottshhead.org.au/advertising-form/>

And be sure to check out the website for other community information, events and news.

<https://scottshhead.org.au/>