

SCOTTS HEAD WAVE

Community Newsletter for Scotts Head & Surrounds



SHCG

Scotts Head
Community
Group

SCOTTS HEAD MASTER PLAN

The third and final meeting of the Scotts Head Master Plan Project Reference Group (PRG) was held on 15 September 2026, marking another important step in the development of the Scotts Head Master Plan.



There was strong Nambucca Valley Council (NVC) representation at the meeting, with both the Mayor Gary Lee and Deputy Mayor Susan Jenvey in attendance.

Also present were project consultants Emma and Steve from Locale Consulting, project lead and NVC Executive Director of Engineering David Moloney, Liz Spry from NVC Communications, Caroline Winter from Reflections Holidays, and community representatives John Schmidt, Nicole Lane, Eric Graham and Tony Crimmins (SHCG). *(cont'd overleaf)*

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 six weeks apart at the Reserve Hall, Scotts Head. Check the SHCG website <https://scottshhead.org.au/> for details Membership is only \$10.00 per year

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.



Strong community response

The second phase of community consultation generated **322** survey responses, and about **100** people attended the drop-in session on 27 June. The combined total of written survey responses the project received throughout this year was approximately 550. This represents a strong level of community engagement, particularly given concerns about the limited timeframe and publicity surrounding the second phase.

Plans amended following feedback

Updated draft master plan principles and concept plans for the four key zones were presented, with the broad concepts remaining similar to those previously displayed but incorporating community feedback.

The following principles have been identified to lead the design and document preparation of the draft Scotts Head Master Plan:

- **Retain the simple laid back village character**
- **Enable walking and cycling, don't let cars dominate**
- **Lean into nature, retaining existing vegetation and planting more**
- **Create spaces for all ages that support health and wellbeing**
- **Have clear and simple rules for public spaces and enforce them**
- **Communicate actions and provide updates on implementation.**

Changes to the key zones presented at the meeting included the removal of the proposed loop road in the day-use area and the hardstand car park in the Adin Street Reserve, along with a softening of some proposed elements within the Village Green.

Importantly, community concerns about tree removal, protecting green space and avoiding unnecessary built infrastructure and excessive concrete have been reflected in the amended concepts.

Village-wide plans were also presented, including improved pedestrian and cycle connections and proposals for additional street trees to help green the village. Extending this approach to the village entrance on Scotts Head Road was also discussed and supported by Council.

What happens next?

The Draft Master Plan is expected to be reported to an Ordinary Meeting of Council later this year for Councillors consideration to place on public exhibition. If endorsed, the community will have an opportunity to formally comment on the Draft Master Plan during the exhibition period which will be a minimum of 42 days.

The written submissions community members make on the draft plan during the public exhibition period will be considered and potential amendments may be made to the draft master plan. Following consideration of submissions, a final draft master plan is expected to be reported to an Ordinary Meeting of Council in early 2027.

If adopted, Council has identified 1–5 year and 5–10 year priorities to guide funding and staged implementation, working in partnership with Reflections Holidays where appropriate.

Reflections at the table

A particularly positive development has been Council's engagement with Reflections Holidays' executive representatives. As the manager of approximately 30% of the village, including many areas covered by the Master Plan, Reflections has an important role to play in supporting both implementation and funding.

The SHCG has been advocating for greater Council and Reflections collaboration for some time, and seeing Reflections more actively involved in the process is an encouraging development.

The next key opportunity for the wider community will be the public exhibition of the Draft Master Plan, when residents will be able to review the full proposal and make formal submissions in writing on the plan.

Community Updates

- Keep an eye out for the Yurruungga Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) and Bellingen Indigenous Rangers group who will be working on the headland in mid-October. **Holiday Park Manager Caroline Winter**
- **Reflections Scotts Head Community Page** - Community members can now find the latest information including updates, on timing and activities through the community updates page as well as request information regarding the care of the headland: <https://reflectionsolidays.com.au/community-updates/planned-cultural-burn-at-scotts-head/>
- Legendary local surfboard maker **Bill Cilia** has been honoured by the international surfboard makers community and been inducted into the **International Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame**. Bill and his son BJ travelled to Huntington Beach California for the presentation. Keep an eye out for an article on Bill and this very special acknowledgment in a future edition.
- Popular local musician **Georgia Cortes Raynor** will soon be entering the **studio to record** some tunes. Keep an eye out for Georgia at your favourite local venue and the Scotts Head Farmers Markets.

SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTS

Coast & Cultivate

Gardens · Habitat · Sustainable Food |

June–November 2026

Pollinators: Bee, Gardens and Landscape

31 October @ 9am, Community Garden - Cath O'Donnell & Karen Welch

The sixth in a seven-event series of talks, garden visits and concluding with a shared meal for communities on Ngambaa Country.

Hosted by Scotts Head Community Group and featuring Cath O'Donnell and Karen Welch. Open to everyone from seasoned growers to curious beginners.

Karen Welch is an Australian Native Stingless Beekeeper. Come and discover what's involved in keeping these amazing little bees, view a live hive, discover how to spot the ones that visit your garden, the plants that attract them and the impressive but under-appreciated role they play in our local environment and in agriculture.

These events take place on Ngambaa Country. We acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr and Dunghutti peoples as traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This is the second last workshop in the Coast and Cultivate Series, Hosted by Scotts Head Community Group. Why not come to this event and the last one too.

Bookings are available via <https://events.humanitix.com/coast-and-cultivate-pollinators-bees-gardens-and-landscape>.

Remaining Coast and Cultivate Workshops

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

31

OCT
9 am

Pollinators: Bees, Gardens and Landscape

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

28

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

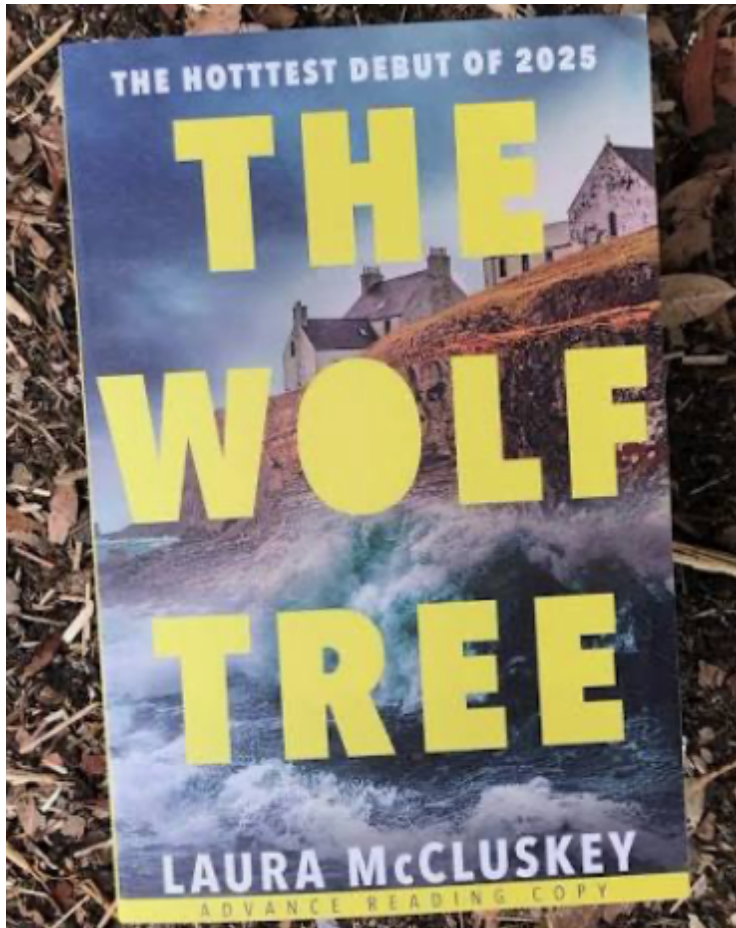
DUNE CARE SCOTTS HEAD - Next working bee **Saturday 17 October**

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

Book Review - “The WOLF TREE” by LAURA McCLUSKEY



When the wind howled and my doors and windows rattled last Monday night, I was reminded of the setting of *The Wolf Tree* by Laura McCluskey. The novel unfolds on Eilean Eadar, a windswept, desolate island just off the coast of Scotland, home to about 200 people—and probably twice as many sheep.

Detective Inspector Georgina “George” Lennox and her partner, Detective Inspector Richie Stewart, are sent from Glasgow to investigate the death of Alan Ferguson, who has fallen from the top of the island’s decommissioned lighthouse—or so it appears.

George and Richie arrive during a storm and quickly sense the islanders’ hostility toward them. The local priest in particular seems unsettled and sinister. With wolves howling and dark figures appearing at the windows of their croft at night, the detectives must decide who—if anyone—they can trust.

If you enjoy atmospheric, gothic, and spooky tales, this is the book for you. Available at your local library.

Lynne Foley



Heidi Fisher
Facilitator (Trainer & Assessor)
Macksville-Scotts Head Surf Lifesaving Club
Different Strengths. Same Team

2026 Surf Rescue Certificate & Bronze Medallion Training Program

Sunday practical sessions: Arrive 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start

Location: Macksville-Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club

Wednesday Lifesaver Check-In: 5:00 pm via Google Classroom / Google Meet

All assessment dates, times and locations are TBC and subject to confirmation.

- **SRC Dry Assessment:** Wednesday 4 November — Macksville Aquatic Centre **TBC**
- **SRC Wet Assessment:** Sunday 8 November — **TBC**
- **Bronze Dry Assessment:** Wednesday 25 November — Macksville Aquatic Centre **TBC**
- **Bronze Wet Assessment:** Sunday 29 November — **TBC**

Biking For Better Health



In April this year SHCG were successful in obtaining a small grant of \$3k from the 2026 Mid North Coast Community Health Fund.

The premise of the project is to **create easier and safer opportunities for our community to use our bikes.**

One **barrier** to bike use is the lack of lockable bike racks in Scotts Head, especially at the beach access points.

One **opportunity** to address through community education is bike care and maintenance to enhance safety and fun!

These funds have been allocated towards community biking infrastructure and education.

Two x 8 bike stainless steel racks have been purchased from Enforcer Group (who kindly gave us a discount to fit within the purchase and delivery budget).

Reflections have agreed to install the racks - and you will find the **first of these at the point.**

The second rack will be installed next to the **West Street Beach access path.**

Jayson from The Wheelsmith in Macksville ran a **free school holiday workshop for children aged 8-14**, addressing bike safety and bike care to enable kids to get the most out of their bikes and riding.

"A clean, maintained bike is a safe and fun bike" says Jayson. The Wheelsmith's aim is to **improve the world one pedal stroke at a time!**

Save the date for December 5th. Jayson will return to run a workshop for adult riders - providing tips to ensure our bikes are cared for in the salty sandy environment of Scotts Head.

We would love to hear more from bike riders in the community. How else could we make Scotts Head more bike friendly?

"Your bike is a discovery; your bike is freedom. It doesn't matter where you are when you're on the saddle; you're taken away." (Doug Donaldson).

Janet Granek

VEGE PATCH NEWS - SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Good day from the Scotts Head Gardeners

The recent hot seasonal change requires extra care to achieve healthy garden veggies. 

Watering late afternoon, each second day, is essential during these hot windy days. 

Mulching generously also is helpful as well forking around plants to prevent soil crusting.

A big thank you to the very generous person who donated a box of healthy lemons to share.

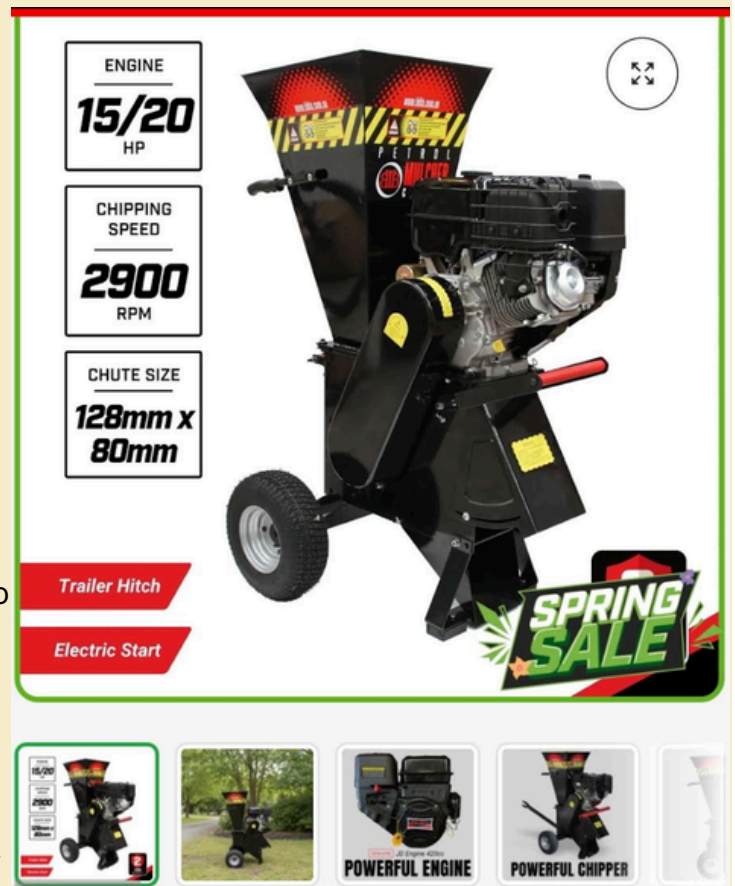
Thank you to our seven dedicated supporters who attended the working bee on 5 September and enjoyed a garden happy experience, a great outcome.

We now have a mountain of mulching to do, mixing in manure to replenish a number of vacated garden beds. 

A bed of beans, basil, coriander, are in, with lettuce, more beans etc as soon as soil is ready. 

Next work bee soon (date tba). Check out the new 15/20 hp BBT MULCHER purchasing soon.

Cheers from The Gardening Team.



PICKLE BALL NEWS

Pickle Ball is DINKING along in Scott's Head, at Buz Brazel Oval on the Basketball / Pickle Ball courts.

From Friday 2 October, sessions will be Sunday 0900, Thursday 1530, generally for two-hours.

All are welcome, all equipment provided. First 3 trial sessions are free. Members will need to be registered with Nambucca Pickle ball club.

Contacts; - Allan 0411191354, Paul 0428124447.

SCOTTS HEAD SENIORS LUNCH

Seniors over 65 are invited to join for lunch 12.00midday @ **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

Linocut Workshops & Open Studio

I am a local printmaker and artist here in Scotts Head.

You may have seen me at the markets or my work in local shops like Hot Myrtle restaurant or Odd Molly Flower shop.

I'd like to invite you into my studio to see where and how I work or to come and learn how to do Linocut printing.

I took up linocut 3 years ago after having a go at a friend's (and local art teacher) house. I combine my love of Australian flora and fauna with my art practice.

I find it incredibly mindful and satisfying and I also like to promote Australia's incredible biodiversity. More recently I have also been highlighting the local towns.

I will have lamps, prints and tshirts available for purchase as well as a few other products only available from my studio. I hope to see you @8 Hill at Scotts Head.

PS please don't forget to support our local markets.

They help support local farmers every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month and makers and humans (ha!) and you can find something unique, handmade and hand grown. Great care is taken to ensure these markets maintain this philosophy. **Paper Daisy Prints - Briony Magoffin**

LINOCUT WORKSHOP



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printed in
Scotts Head.

Briony Magoffin 0405 556 795

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LEARN ABOUT LINOCUT AND PRINTMAKING



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10AM-1PM**

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INCLUDES TOOLS TO
KEEP AND MATERIALS
TO SHARE AS WELL AS
A LIGHT LUNCH.**

OPEN STUDIO DEC 5, 12 & 20

8 Hill St Scotts Head



**Browse a selection of hand-printed
lampshades, tea towels, prints and more,
all available to purchase.**



Bowraville Arts Council AGM

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Bowraville Arts Council on Sunday 25 October @ 2pm at the Bowraville Theatre 74 High Street, Bowraville.

Bowraville Theatre is run entirely the volunteers. Come along and see how you can be involved in this wonderful community initiative.

HOT MYRTLE NIGHTS KITCHEN POP UP

FRI
OCT 2

MUSSEL FEAST \$38PP
ALL YOU CAN EAT
S.A SWEET BLACKLIP MUSSELS
COOKED TWO WAYS + CRUSTY BREAD
STEAK AVAILABLE FOR NON MOLLUSC LOVERS, PLUS
SIDES, COCKTAILS, DESSERTS ETC...



FRI
OCT 9

FOUR COURSE FAVOURITES \$59PP
AN ASIAN INSPIRED JOURNEY OF SHARED DISHES
FROM THE PAST 7 YEARS OF HMK DINING
SEE MENU ONLINE
THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF OUR BESPOKE DINNER SERIES.
MORE TO COME...



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OCT 11



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ROOSTERS VS KNIGHTS
LIVE & LOUD
ON THE BIG SCREENS
FIRST TRY SCORER
CLIVE CHURCHILL
MEMBERS
HAPPY HOUR
FULLBACK
FIRST TRY SCORER
\$500 BAR SHOUT

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The Club by the Sea...
THE NATIONALS
STRONGER REGIONAL • BRIGHTER AUSTRALIA
Chat with PAT CONAGHAN
OUR LOCAL FEDERAL MEMBER
TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 12PM - 2PM
Club Scotts 26 West Street Scotts Head

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The Club by the Sea...
KIDS DISCO PARTY
5.30 - 8.30PM
TUE 6th OCT
HOSTED BY THE DJ BISHO

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The Club by the Sea...
SPRING RACING CARNIVAL
SAT 3 OCT
EPSON DAY
SUNDAY 4 OCT
CALFIELD GUINEAS
MON 10 OCT
THE EVEREST & CALFIELD CUP
TUE 17 OCT
COX PLATE
WED 24 OCT
VICTORIA DERRY
THUR 31 OCT
MELBOURNE CUP
See you at the races!

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TRIVIA NIGHT
FREE TO PLAY
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 15th & 29th
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<https://scottshhead.org.au/advertising-form/>

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