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SCOTTS HEAD WAVE

Community Newsletter for Scotts Head & Surrounds

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SCOTTS HEAD TO SURFINGS HALL OF FAME IN HUNTINGTON BEACH



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.

AN INTERNATIONAL HONOUR FOR LOCAL SURFBOARD-SHAPING LEGEND BILLY CILIA

For someone who has spent much of his life quietly shaping surfboards, rather than seeking the spotlight, **Billy Cilia** has recently found himself receiving some very special international attention.

Our own Scotts Head surfboard shaper, Billy (Bill) Cilia, has recently returned from a wonderful two-week trip to California, where he was inducted into the **2026 International Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame at Huntington Beach**. Accompanied by his son BJ, Billy travelled to the United States to receive recognition for more than five decades of craftsmanship, innovation and contribution to the surfing world.

The honour placed him alongside some of surfing's most influential board builders, including **Bob McTavish, Barry Bennett, Dick Brewer, Gerry Lopez and Mark Richards.** For someone whose working life has been devoted to understanding the subtle relationship between a surfboard and the wave beneath it, it was a fitting acknowledgement.



And for those of us fortunate enough to know Billy here in Scotts Head, it's a lovely reminder that someone who is such an unassuming part of our community has made an extraordinary contribution to surfing history.

A long way from the early days

Billy grew up in Sydney's western suburbs where it took considerable determination to pursue his love of surfing! As a youngster, he would travel by train and ferry to Manly, somehow managing the journey with a nine-foot surfboard in tow!

His entry into surfboard making came in the 1960s, when an opportunity that came up while he was working at Ford Fibreglass in Liverpool, introduced him to the craft that would become his life's work. From those beginnings, and through his association with key board makers in the early Australian surfboard industry, Billy developed the skills and understanding that eventually became synonymous with **Nirvana Surfboards.** The name itself reflected something deeply personal about surfing.

As Billy has explained in earlier conversations: "Every time you get tubed and come out - that's Nirvana! Bliss." That simple description perhaps says more about Billy's approach to surfing and shaping than any technical explanation could.

Cover image - *Bill with his award, pictured beside the Duke Kahanamoku bust at Huntington Pier, Huntington Beach, California*
This page - *Bill pictured with "Mr Pipeline" and surfing icon Gerry Lopez*
Following page *- Bill pictured with awards compere and 1976 World Surfing Champion Peter Townsend*



Over the decades, Billy became known for his innovative designs, particularly his work with surfboard rails and tail rocker. Fellow Australian shaping legend Bob McTavish has publicly credited Billy's contribution to accentuated tail rocker as an important development in performance surfboard design.

But what has always stood out in conversations with Billy is that, for him, shaping has never been simply about producing a board. It's about understanding the surfer, the waves, and finding that special connection between the two. As Billy says: "It has to suit the surfer ... that's when it's got soul."

He has also described shaping as an almost meditative experience: "I can feel very still inside, very centred." And perhaps it helps explain why, after more than fifty years, Billy still enjoys working with his hands, refining the curves and contours that make each board unique.

A special journey, and a special recognition

The induction at Huntington Beach was a celebration not only of Billy's achievements, but also of the generations of surfboard builders who helped transform surfing into the sport and culture we know today. Sharing this special occasion with his son BJ made the recognition all the more meaningful, with the pair enjoying a memorable two weeks together in California.

For Billy, who has always seemed far more comfortable talking about surfing and surfboards than talking about himself, the attention was no doubt something of a change! Yet the recognition is thoroughly deserved.

Still our Billy

One of the loveliest things about Billy's story is that, despite his extraordinary surfing history, he chose to make his home in Scotts Head. Here, he's simply Billy - a familiar local, a dedicated craftsman, and someone who still finds great pleasure in the ocean and the shaping bay.

When asked what advice he would give to younger surfers, Billy's response is wonderfully down-to-earth: "Have fun. Feel the wave. Don't drop in. And wear a leg rope." Perhaps that captures him best. A lifetime of extraordinary experience, distilled into a few simple words about enjoying the ocean and respecting others.

His recent induction into the International Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame has ensured that his contribution to surfboard design will be recognised internationally for years to come. But back here in Scotts Head, we're simply delighted that Billy enjoyed such a memorable trip, together with BJ, and that our own local legend has received this very special acknowledgement**. Congratulations Billy!**

Deena Gilroy

SCOTTS HEAD SKATE PARK UPDATE

Scotts Head skate park takes next step in detailed design and construct journey

Specialist skate park builders have now been invited to tender to design and construct the Scotts Head Skate and Recreation Park, marking an important step forward for the project.

Nambucca Valley Council Acting General Manager David Moloney said Council's infrastructure team had invited five specialist skate park companies to consider bidding for the highly anticipated community infrastructure project.

"After several decades of community discussion and fundraising efforts by Scotts Head locals, the Scotts Head Skate and Recreation Park is out to tender," he said.

"Council's infrastructure team hopes to be able to award the tender by the end of this year and for the successful tenderer to be able to start detailed design work straight up next year.

"I want to thank the NSW Government for awarding this project an Infrastructure Grant worth $255,578 and the Scotts Head community for their own generous donations toward the project."

The skate park has been on the drawing board for approximately five years. Community consultation and a feasibility study determined the western-side of the Village Green, Adin Street, Scotts Head, was the best location for the skate park.

Since late 2025 when Council was awarded the grant to construct the skate park, a procurement plan has been completed and mid this year, Council surveyed the Scotts Head Kickflip Committee, and a few other local skaters, to learn their preferences for potential skate park features.

Skaters also suggested it would be preferable to have additional amenities near the skate park, such as shade, seating and a drinking water fountain. However, these additional amenities do not form part of the grant funding, as the grant is to construct the skate park only. Potential additional amenities will be considered by Council when it assesses future grant funding opportunities from both the Australian and NSW Governments. Additional amenities will not be delivered as part of the Scotts Head Skate and Recreation Park project.

Council has entered into a 50-50 partnership, with the NSW Government to deliver the skate park project, with the NSW Government investing $255,578 and Council and community donations matching this amount.

Nambucca Valley Council

A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE LED BY THE SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

The Scotts Head skatepark is a great example of what can be achieved when the community comes together to support a project close to the heart of many within the community. The SHCG led the campaign and the community fundraising for this exciting initiative.

If you would like to lend your voice and skills to similar projects why not join the Scotts Head Community Group. **Check the SHCG website https://scottshead.org.au/ for more details.**

SCOTTS HEAD MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Draft Master Plan is expected to be reported to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council **(25 November 2026)** for the consideration of councillors 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, the length of which will also be determined by council at the same meeting.

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.

SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTS

Coast & Cultivate

Gardens · Habitat · Sustainable Food |

June–November 2026

WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES?

The Coast and Cultivate series wrapped up on Saturday 31 October with a fascinating morning exploring the wonderful world of bees. Around 30 community members gathered at the Scotts Head Community Garden, hosted by garden committee members Elizabeth and George.

Roger and Karen introduced us to the amazing world of Australian native bees, explaining their vital role in pollinating our gardens, native plants and food crops.

Australia is home to more than 2,000 species of native bees, including the remarkable blue-banded bee, which vibrates flowers to release pollen. We learnt how simple actions, such as planting grevilleas, bottlebrushes and native daisies, providing nesting habitats and avoiding pesticides, can help these important little pollinators thrive.



Cath then shared her knowledge of European honey bees, taking us through the fascinating process of caring for hives, harvesting honey and producing delicious treats.

From golden liquid honey and smooth creamed honey to natural honeycomb and honey candy, we discovered just how versatile this remarkable product can be. We also learnt about the importance of healthy hives and responsible beekeeping.





It was a wonderful morning of learning, sharing and connecting, reminding us how much these tiny creatures contribute to our environment and food security.

A Heartfelt Thank You

As this year's Coast and Cultivate series comes to a close, Simone, Fiona, Janet and Jayne extend their sincere thanks to all our generous presenters who shared their time, knowledge and enthusiasm throughout the series.

We also thank everyone in our community who attended, participated, asked questions and helped make these gatherings such a success.

Please note that the previously scheduled event on 28 November will no longer take place, with our 31 October gathering marking the conclusion of this year's series.

Thank you for being part of Coast and Cultivate and helping us grow a more connected, knowledgeable and sustainable community.

Jayne Walker

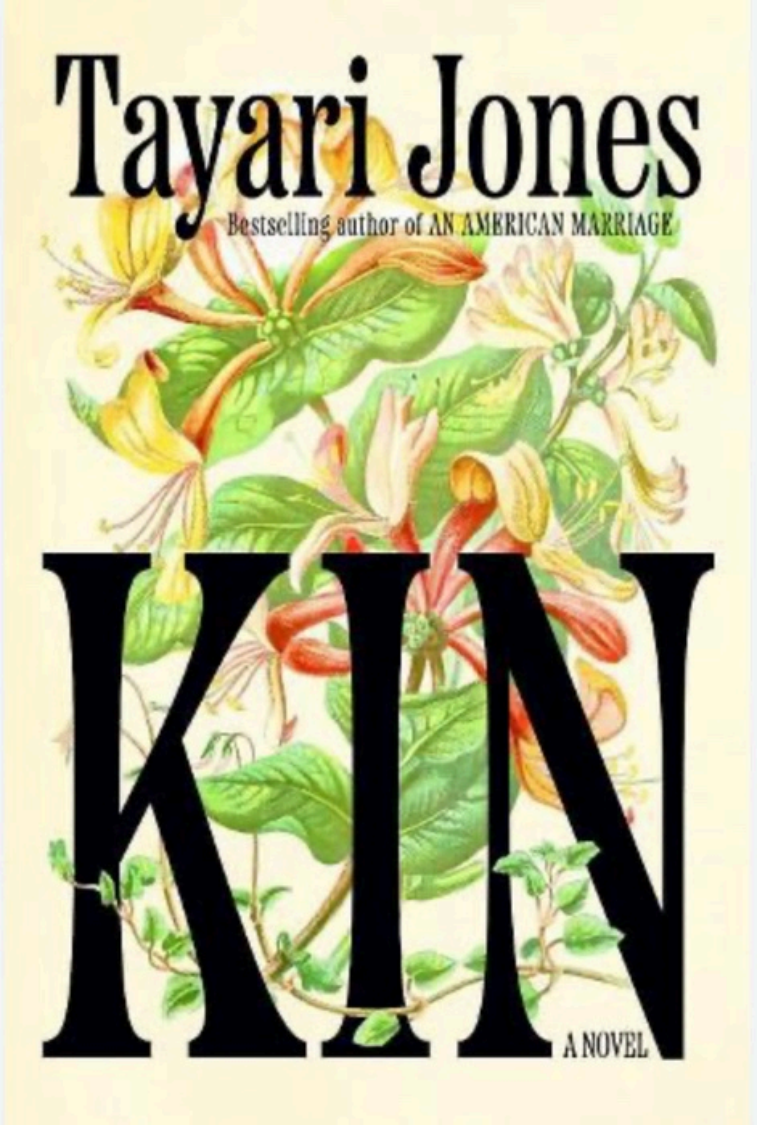
DUNE CARE SCOTTS HEAD

Next working bee <u>Saturday 21 November</u>

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 - “Kin” by Tayari Jones



“A punch to the gut” is how one reviewer described Tayari Jones’s Kin. It certainly is an emotional reading experience.

The story begins in Honeysuckle, Louisiana, during the Jim Crow era of the 1950s. Here we meet Vernice (Niecy) and Annie, who both lost their mothers as babies. Annie’s mother left, while Niecy’s mother was murdered by her husband. Both girls were raised by kin: Annie by her eccentric aunt, Miss Jamison, and Niecy by her stern grandmother, Mrs Ola Mae.

As soon as she is old enough, Niecy runs away and joins a motley crew of characters, including Bobo, Lulabell and Babydoll.

Annie, meanwhile, enrols at Spelman College in Atlanta. Her new friends are very different from Niecy’s. At Spelman, she discovers the power and elegance of Black womanhood, along with the complexities of class and wealth.

At its heart, this book is about the people who are always there for you: kin. These bonds are not necessarily defined by blood, but by a deep understanding of one another. When tragedy strikes, Annie and Niecy stand by each other, even though their lives are socially worlds apart.

Halfway through reading, I had to return my library copy and switch to the audiobook. What an enjoyable experience! The narrators captured the Louisiana accent beautifully, making the book a joy to listen to and deepening my appreciation of the story.

The print edition is available at your local library, and the audiobook is available on Spotify or Audible.

Lynne Foley

SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

The Scotts Head Community Group 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://scottshead.org.au/ for details. **Membership is only $10.00 per year.**

The next **SHCG Annual General Meeting will be held in February 2027** where a new executive committee will be elected for the coming year. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you are interested in a postiion on the committee or wish to discuss how you can become involved.

VEGE PATCH NEWS - SCOTTS HEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

It is definitely the perfect time to get onto spring and summer plantings. The varied weather seems to be moderating and we are seeing the arrival of warm nights and humid sunny days.

The Scotts Head Gardeners new mulcher chipper is due for delivery next week, so when it arrives we will scream out for HELPERS for induction safety training and assistance to mulch the large pile of prunings.

A big load of composted manure, full of worms, has arrived and garden beds will need replenishing to boost soil quality. This is a boom time for summer vegetables. zucchini , lettuce. silverbeet, beans, capsicum, egg plant, spring onions , pumpkin, melons, and herbs.

To be a Scotts Head Gardener and help at the community garden, please register as a SHCG MEMBER and provide your email for group contact, or contact George 0428662803.

Cheers from SH GARDENERS.









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

SCOTTS HEAD PICKLE BALL

Buz Brazel Oval Basketball / Pickle Ball courts.

Sunday from 9am, Thursday from 3.30pm.

New players always welcome. All equipment provided. First 3 trial sessions are free.

Contacts; - Allan 0411191354, Paul 0428124447.













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BICYCLE WORKSHOP

THE WHEELSMITH CYCLES



Jayson from Wheelsmith Cycles comes to Scotts Head . His passion for cycling is infectious! This hands on workshop explores:

- Bike Maintenance
- Bike Safety

"Improve the world one pedal stroke at a time"

Where: Rec Hut in the Reserve
When: Saturday 5 December
Time: 2:00 - 3:30pm
Who: Adult bike riders
Bring: Your bike, helmet and questions.
Cost: Free

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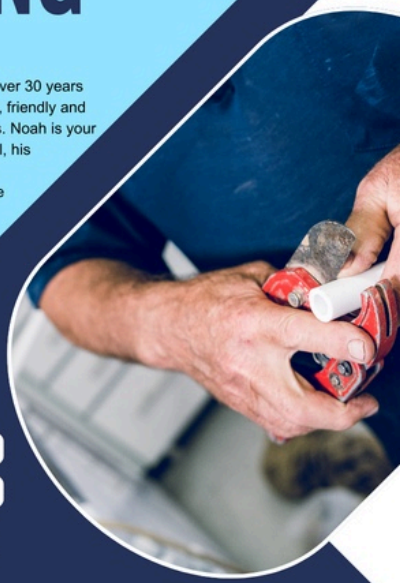
OUR TEAM

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