

Bouddi News

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THE STROM CENTRE

The Strom Centre on The Scenic Road Killcare Heights in the Bouddi National Park was formally dedicated by Tony Fleming, Deputy Director General, NSW Parks and Wildlife, on Saturday October 6 before more than 100 invited guests..

The Centre was formerly the home of inspirational environmentalists, Allen and Beryl Strom, and their family. The Stroms bequeathed the land and buildings to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) on condition that the *“property be developed and used as a centre for the administration and management of Bouddi National Park and for housing educational resources including the deceased’s collection of papers, photographs and other material relating to Bouddi National Park and its surrounds”*.



The NPWS and the National Parks Association (NPA) combined to establish the Centre in accordance with the Stroms’ wishes. The NPWS funded the infrastructure and renovation of the cottage and garage, while the NPA, with the support of the NPWS, the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust and the MacMasters Beach Progress Association was successful in obtaining a grant from the Environmental Trust of NSW to fund the cataloguing and archiving of the resources. The NPWS is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary while it is also the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the NPA, with Allen Strom as its Foundation Secretary.

In formally dedicating the Centre Tony Fleming said the Stroms’ legacy would greatly assist in educating and influencing future generations. He said Allen’s work in conservation over more than 40 years had been truly inspirational. The Centre contains a selection of photographs, maps, records, journals, research and correspondence which provide a valuable research asset for environmental and educational studies. The Centre will not be open to the public but will be available to individuals and groups on application to provide resources to facilitate research, environmental education and field work, which supports the management of the Bouddi National Park. Temporary accommodation for such individuals and groups may be available at the adjacent residence.



Allen & Beryl Strom

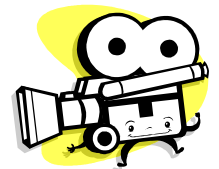
Allen purchased the property on The Scenic Road in the early 60s and he and Beryl were tireless workers for the conservation of the Bouddi National Park and its surrounds. In 1977 Allen was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to conservation education and in 1991 Beryl received an OAM for service to the community and Central Coast history. Allen died in 1997 and Beryl in 2002. Their former home was gazetted as part of the Bouddi National Park in January 2006.



MOVIE CLASSICS at Wagstaffe Hall

ZORBA THE GREEK

Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 pm



The Bouddi Society, in association with Mike Rubbo, presents the ever-popular Academy Award winning “Zorba the Greek” starring Anthony Quinn, Alan Bates and Irene Papas, and featuring the music of Mikis Theodorakis. Released in 1964 the movie won three Oscars—Lila Kedrova for best supporting actress, Vassilis Fotopoulos for best art direction and Walter Lassally for Best Cinematography in black and white.

A young bookish Englishman comes to Crete to inherit his father’s property and befriends Zorba, who teaches him about love, passion and living for the simple pleasures of life.

Entrance \$15.00 Bouddi Society Members \$12.00 Students \$5. (Includes refreshments).

We invite you to help make Bouddi Peninsula History

The Society's Bouddi Peninsula History Project is well under way. We have gathered over 600 photos many of which give vivid images of the social history of our area over the last 100 years. However, we are still keen to locate more photos so if you have some that are likely to be forgotten in some back cupboard please contact Lee Casey (4360 1588) so that we can ensure that these valuable artifacts are copied and made available for Gosford City Library Archives and for possible publication.



1930s Hardys Bay—Don Anderson photo

We had a very fruitful and enjoyable workshop with some 20 of our writers at the Maitland Bay Centre on September 15 and we already have some well illustrated drafts of stories for our future publications. However we can still cope with lots more stories. For example, would you be willing to write a 'Bouddi Bio' about your own or your family story, with special reference to your time in this place? With, or without, photos your story can be a very vivid one. Alternatively is there someone who lives, or has lived in this area, that you think well deserves being remembered by someone telling their story. A third possibility is for you to do some research on a prominent local person. For example, we would like to see a biography on Australian cricketer Ernie Toshack, or on Bill Davis Hughes, famous for his role in the building of the Opera House. Both were local residents. Please contact David Dufty (4360 1650) if you can help with a Bouddi Bio.

Our second need is for chapter writers in our 'Bouddi Stories' project. For example, we are still looking for someone to write a story about 'Fishing', including recreational and professional fishing. We have some great photos to assist you. Other topics that are interesting and quite researchable by amateur historians include: 'Tracks and Roads', 'Essential Services' including power, water and sanitation (dunnies), 'Weed control and bush care', 'Tourism', the story of your club or interest group including the RSL and the local branch of the CWA. Once again contact Lee Casey and David Dufty for help with photos and research.

All of these stories can be included in one or more CDs and made available at low cost to local residents and also placed in library collections. We will also produce a DVD at low cost which will include interviews with local people who have lived here from the 1930's on. The film will include photos of earlier days juxtaposed with modern day images. Finally we plan to produce a professionally printed book which will select material from our general research and turn it into a book which every local resident and visitor will want to have on their coffee table.



Fish Spotting Putty Beach 1930



Rare interior photo San Toy Estate 1930 —R Radford

There is plenty of time to work on your topics as our next Workshop will not be until February 2008. To assist history makers keep in touch we have formed an email Network which will share material and by which people can ask for assistance on the topic they are working on. Check our website www.bouddisociety.org.au for regular updates on the project. This is a unique and important project which values every individual's life experience. It also values children, future generations and new residents to the area who will gain great benefit from learning about their rich local heritage — *David Dufty, Chairman History Committee.*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bouddi Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Wagstaffe Hall on Tuesday, October 30, at 7:30 pm.

All Members welcome.

www.bouddisociety.org.au

Visit the Society's website for the latest news and activities and regular updates on the Society's Peninsula History Project.

Also check out www.killcare.id.au for Robert McClure's great Images of Killcare and surrounds.

WHAT'S ON

Central Coast Conservatorium presents:

**Sunday October 28: 2:30 pm
Robert Knox Hall, CCC, Gosford**

"Happy Hands"

Music for the piano by Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy & Faure, played by Svetlana Vokurka, Rosemary Witcomb, Tibor Szakos, Leo Dellolio & Carl Schmidt.

\$20 Adults \$15 Children