

Bouddi News

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON BY THE BAY

Sunday July 30 at Wagstaffe Hall 2:30 pm



"WITH A SMILE AND A SONG: Music In Our Lives"

A community event presented by the **Bouddi Society**, inspired by the research and recording by David Dufty of examples in his own 80 years of musical experience to produce a CD entitled "Sound Bites from a Sound Life: An Australian Story in Song, Verse and Drama".

It will be a celebration in song by young and old with singalongs and a bonus CD for those who would like one.

Produced and compered by **David Dufty**, contributors will include **Paul Edgar and the Kincumber Uniting Church Choir, Narelle Jones and the Pretty Beach Public School choir, Helena Bruner and friends, Les Dupont-Louis, the Jones Family, Sheila Noonan, Laurent Gacsay, Hildegard Anstice and our German born choristers**, plus all those present.

Entry \$15 (\$12 for Bouddi Society members) , \$5 for school children , Includes after show drinks.

Bookings Elfreda 4360 2738 email marshalled@bigpond.com or Phil 4360 1057

Wanted: A History of Bouddi

The Bouddi area is rich in local history from its Aboriginal days, through early settlement, holiday and home days, up to modern times. However no-one has written a comprehensive history of the Killcare, Pretty Beach Wagstaffe area. The Bouddi Society is keen to facilitate such a project and is proposing to form a team to seek out grant possibilities and prepare applications.

Is there anyone who would like to undertake a leadership role or be involved in the development of this project?

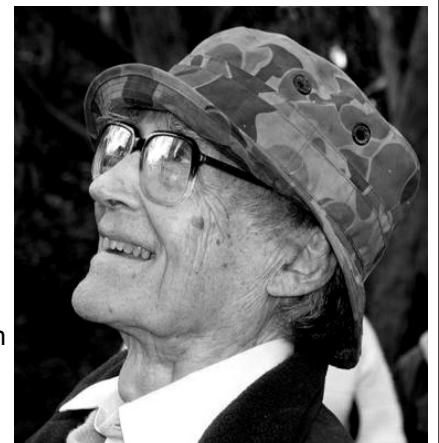
If so please contact the Society's President Phil Donnelly (4360 1057).

DAVID DUFTY

David Dufty, long time Killcare resident, environmentalist, educator, community volunteer, entrepreneur, photographer, poet and music lover, celebrates his 80th birthday this month producing yet another musical event for the Society's Sunday Afternoon by the Bay (above).

David and his wife Helen have long been a fixture of community life in the Bouddi area having settled in Killcare Heights in 1983.

David comments: "These have arguably been the best years of our lives showing that life begins anew at 60, living in a beautiful place and being part of a wonderful community that not only appreciates the place they live in but works hard to retain the beauty and to enrich community life".



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David Dufty (Contd)

Before settling in their present unique home in Killcare Heights—a New Zealand pine house that interlocks without nails— David and Helen had been associated with the area from their earliest years. David came with his family on holidays as a child when flathead and flounder were plenty and the steam train and ferries were the main means of transport while Helen’s father was a baker in Woy Woy in the 1920s.

After moving here from Sydney in 1983 David continued to commute to the University of Sydney for some six years teaching Curriculum Studies to graduate students in the Faculty of Education, including the teaching of Asian Social Studies and the HSC Course Society & Culture , both of which courses he helped to design. Helen in the meantime retired from science teaching and led the establishment of the Kincaumber Community Education Centre. David and Helen found kindred souls in Killcare in Alan and Beryl Strom and were soon roped into environmental and historical groups.

Asked to recall highlights of their life and work in the community over the past 23 years, David listed the following:

- Working with the dedicated duo of Alan and Beryl Strom with their talented team in surveying the local environment and producing the **Bouddi Peninsula Study** in 1986, a publication that’s been reprinted and still available.
- Adventurous excursions with Alan to significant environmental places and bird walks with Judy Adderley. Walking groups still continue with Jeanette Blomfeld an excellent guide and map maker.
- Bashing Bitou and Lantana with a magnificent team of volunteers and the support of NPWS, and particularly officers like Dave Kelly and Deb Holloman. As a result, both Maitland Bay and Bullimah Beach are now temporarily cleared of these weeds. (It is, however, a never ending task)

- Working in 1998 with Jeannette Thiering, Jamie Coffill, Mouse McGuire and others on the Centenary of the sinking of the Maitland, with its dramatic ceremony, exhibition and conference .
- Planning and producing **Bouddi 2000** with a wonderful team including chairperson Annette Wilson, parade producer Christine Cave, Paul Edgar, Graeme Blundell, Bev Callow, Jamie Coffill, Chris Sainsbury, Narelle Jones and many, many others.



David ‘gets involved’ in Bouddi 2000

- The “Bouddi” community concept, including MacMasters Beach and the Killcare Wagstaffe Peninsula, derives from this period and led to the formation of the Bouddi Society with its stress on cultural events. (New members welcome — see entry form below).
- Working with John Bell and Anna Volska on **‘The Birds’**, two presentations of play readings and poetry and a Sunday Afternoon by the Bay raising funds for a new piano for the Wagstaffe Hall.
- **“Spikefest”** — a tribute to Spike Milligan attended by Spike’s brother Desmond and daughters Laura and Jane — with its grand parade, and above all its Comic and Crazy Verse Competition which resulted in the publication by the Bouddi Society of **“Finding a Goon Within”**. (Copies still available from David 4360 1650)

- The Society’s publication of **Bouddi Reflections**, edited by Jill Baxter, and **The Sinking of the Maitland**, based on Kel Gulliver and Jamie Coffill’s exhibition .
- The MacMasters Beach Progress Association’s **Bouddi Close Up** photographic show 2003 which evolved in co-operation with the Bouddi Society into **Bouddi Reflections** in 2005— a multi media event with visual arts, photography, poetry and film with some 260 entries, raising \$7500 for the Bouddi Wildlife Fund.
- Organising a number of Sunday Afternoon concerts for the Society with some outstanding artists including basso Noel Melvin, violinist Gwynneth Grant, and future opera star Lucy Bailes, all accompanied by Paul Edgar, and jazz maestro Peter Kinch and his band.
- Enjoying music and poetry nights with friends and working on audio-visual projects including the production of Helen’s DVD on local birds and plants.
- And finally— making new friends and getting them involved in projects, living with the birds, Brush Turkeys - God bless them - and watching the sun set over Brisbane Waters from our perch on Killcare Heights.

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I/We wish to join the Bouddi Society as an individual/family member (Individual \$5 Family \$8). Enclosed is a cheque for \$.....

Preferred first name/s Surname

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