

# Bouddi News

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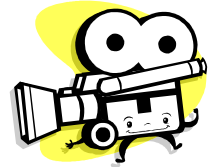
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## MOVIE CLASSICS at Wagstaffe Hall

### *They're a Weird Mob*

Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 for 7:30 pm

**Starring Walter Chiari as Nino Culotta, Chips Rafferty and Clare Dunne**



Produced in 1966, this classic Australian comedy sends up Australian attitudes towards Italian migrants in the fifties. Based on the book of the same name written by John O'Grady under the pseudonym of Nino Culotta it tells the story of an Italian immigrant (Nino) arriving in Australia expecting to work for his cousin as a sports writer only to find his relative has skipped town leaving a substantial debt. Determined to repay the debt Nino finds work as a builder's labourer, making new mates, and endeavouring to assimilate while coping with the difficulties of Australian slang and prejudice against Italians, and understanding the values and social rituals of urban Australians. Rated G.

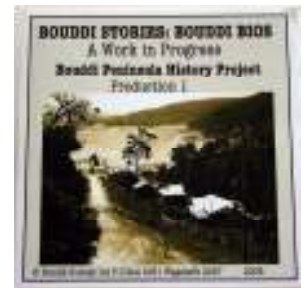
In an evening entitled **"WHEN CULTURES CLASH, CONFUSE AND AMUSE"** we have invited local resident **Werner Sattmann-Frese**, who emigrated from Germany in 1989, to lead off a discussion on the film and on the evening title topic. Werner met his future wife Lisa just days before he gained news that his bid for permanent residency in Australia was successful. Undeterred, Werner and Lisa were married and came to Australia; Lisa with the added challenges of a new husband, a baby on the way and no English. Contributions to the discussion will be invited from all present to share enlightening or amusing cross cultural experiences.

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

## **Bouddi Peninsula History Project — CD-ROM launched**

More than 100 people packed Wagstaffe Hall to hear former Gosford Mayor and distinguished local resident Jim MacFadyen (left) launch of the first stage of the Society's History project—a CD-ROM entitled ***Bouddi Stories: Bouddi Bios—A Work in Progress.*** (right)

Mr MacFadyen said the CD-ROM represented a major contribution to the community — containing more than 1000 pages of stories of life on the peninsula, including some 60 biographies of local residents and others who have contributed to the history of the area, more than 30 chapters on local historical topics, and potted bios of some 40 local artists. The CD-ROM features more than 2000 photographs



Chairman of the history project committee David Duffy said the CD-ROM was a prime example of community co-operation with more than 40 contributors working on the project. An advance copy was made available to the Gosford Library. The Library's Local Studies Librarian Geoff Potter, an advisor to the project who was unable to attend the launch, wrote: *"The Society, once again, is to be congratulated on this wonderful community history project. Not only does a vibrant and colourful local history shine through, but also the personalities of those interviewed and the individual authors who researched and wrote 'chapters'..... Your project will ensure that memories stay alive, and that the cultural life of the community, through its artists, writers and gatekeepers, will be recorded as a snapshot of your community in 2008., You are leaving quite a legacy for others to enjoy."*

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### History Project CD-ROM Launch (Continued)

Those present at the launch included long-time residents Rod and Pat Radford, Barney Reeves, Cec Molony, William Dodds and Pam Mainsbridge, Pretty Beach School Principal Vicki Redrup and Jill Baxter, leader of the Bouddi Peninsula Oral History Project, which led to the publication of *Reflections from the Beach and the Bays*.

Compered by David Dufty, the afternoon featured slide presentations by several contributing authors including Robyn Warburton, Bruce Lay, Helen Robinson, Lee Casey and David himself. More than 100 copies of the CD-ROM were distributed to those attending the launch.

David Dufty writes: Our CD-ROM is 'A Work in Progress' and contains errors, omissions and unfinished work. We were under pressure to meet a deadline, which some couldn't reach, in order to get you the major results of our basic research and writing by the end of 2008. We have had many emails and spoken comments of appreciation of our work to date. We have also welcomed some corrections and suggestions for additions and improvements for our next edition. Please keep these suggestions, comments and offering of new work coming as there is still room in a 700 Megabyte CD-ROM for more chapters and extensions to the present articles. We welcome your participation in the this unique community written and produced product with its wonderful sets of photos. Additional photos are also welcome and all our photos will be passed on to the Gosford City Library to the benefit of future generations.

We continue to search for an experienced writer with skills in handling photographic images and layout who would be willing to devote considerable amount of time this year to the conceptualisation and writing of an integrated book, which would draw on the best of our current resources but fit them into a graphic account of Time and Place in our rich and diverse local area. We would hope to provide some remuneration for such a task.

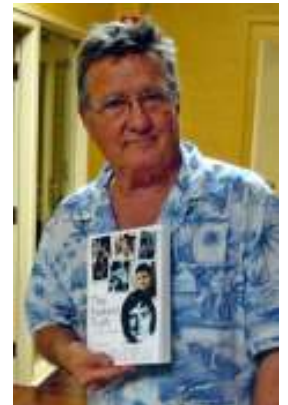
Just to illustrate one error in our CD-ROM, which we invite you to correct: Our printer unfortunately omitted the important name of Russell Drysdale in the inserted contents. Please pen in *23.0 Russell Drysdale* at the bottom of column 2 in the printed insert under the heading PEOPLE AND THEIR HOUSES. The contents within the CD-ROM are correct so don't miss out on reading this fascinating and historically groundbreaking chapter.

Copies of the CD-ROM will be available for community members at the Australia Day Ceremony at Wagstaffe on January 26th (Donation \$10) and are also available at the Maitland Bay Information Centre.

### Graeme Blundell & Alvin Purple

The Society's *An Evening with Graeme Blundell* on November 15 at Wagstaffe Hall proved highly successful with renowned actor, author and local resident Graeme Blundell (right) captivating the audience with stories of his life, his new book, an autobiography *The Naked Truth: A Life in Parts*, and his role in the 70's Classic hit movie *Alvin Purple*, which was shown on the night. Copies of the book, signed by Graeme, were available on the night.

Graeme, who is a regular and generous supporter of local community events, will be compering the Australia Day celebrations at Wagstaffe on Monday January 26th. The celebrations will begin at 8am in the square outside the Wagstaffe Hall. A pre-Australia Day event — The BYO Blues Musical Picnic — will be staged at the same location from 6 to 9 pm on Saturday January 24th. Both events are supported by the Gosford City Council and entry is free.



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#### BOUDDI SOCIETY MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

In August 2008 The Society decided to sponsor a Music Scholarship for Woodwind Instrumentalists at the Central Coast Conservatorium (CCC) of Music for 2009. In the absence of a sponsor in the past, the CCC funded the Woodwind Scholarship. The \$700 scholarship will help offset tuition fees. Staff from the CCC auditioned approximately 20 Woodwind instrumentalists for the Junior Scholarship and 5 Woodwind instrumentalists for the Senior Scholarship on Saturday 25 October in Knox Hall at the CCC.

The winners of the 2009 Bouddi Society Woodwind Scholarship were:-

Senior - **SELINA FOO** – a clarinetist - and Junior – **ALYSE FAITH** – a flautist.

It is proposed to introduce these two instrumentalists to the local community at a musical afternoon at Wagstaffe Hall in the early part of 2009.