

# Bouddi News

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## THE BOUDDI SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

**Wagstaffe Hall, Sunday August 28th at 2pm**

**You are invited to this free concert to celebrate with us a great decade of creative cultural activity initiated by the Bouddi Society and supported by the local community. This is our way of saying thank you to all who have been involved.**

The concert will feature performances from our outstanding young Central Coast Conservatorium Woodwind Scholarship winners. Alyse Faith (right), a brilliant flute player, is winner of the senior scholarship. Stephanie Kelly on Saxophone is winner of the junior scholarship and Ellora Srivastava, flute, winner of the Encouragement Award. Their numbers will include classical and jazz pieces all in tune with our celebratory event. Allyne Brislan will provide piano accompaniment.



Alyse

Two of our most memorable groups who have entertained us on varied occasions during the past ten years will be performing. Les du Pont-Louis and Chris Dick (guitar and harmonica) will be presenting their very much appreciated rhythm and blues numbers. Violinists Miriam and Naomi Jones, members of the highly talented Jones family, will present a bracket of numbers while Meg Toon, conductor of the Half Tides Rock Choir, will perform a selection songs by Flanders and Swann, a popular English comic duo in the 1950/60s.



Chris & Les



Meg



Miriam



Naomi

Finally there will be our special Anniversary presentation prepared by historian and long time producer of concerts and multimedia shows David Dufty. This will feature songs, poetry and visuals inspired by our local area and performed by a variety of talented singers and readers.

# THE Bouddi Society

## A decade of commitment to the community

The Bouddi Society began life as the Killcare Hardys Bay Progress Association. In 1999 the Association took the initiative in establishing a committee that brought together most of the community groups in the area in a year-long celebration of the new century and millennium — under the title Bouddi 2000.

This celebration included a colourful parade organised by Christine Cave, environmental displays by the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, a canoe and kite festival at MacMasters Beach, fund raising concerts and a production called 'The Place Where the World Turns Around' with original words, music, photography and dance. As a further product of Bouddi 2000 the Killcare Hardys Bay Progress Association left development issues to other groups to focus on creative cultural activities, formally becoming 'The Bouddi Society' in 2001.



*Mayor Chris Holstein & Christine Cave lead the parade.*

It has been a busy and fruitful decade for the Bouddi Society culminating in the publication of 'The Bouddi Peninsula: A Very Special Place' which takes readers on a journey through the evolution of the Bouddi Peninsula and its marvelous National Park to what it is today. Other contributions by the Society to the community over the decade included:

- Musician, artist and writer Phillip Stallard created an original production inspired by the sea, the sinking of the Maitland and the story of Moby Dick. Erik Gunzell of MacMasters Beach contributed visuals and Graeme Blundell provided narration.
- In 2005 the Society combined with the MacMasters Progress Association to fill the Wagstaffe Hall with visual art from artists and photographers. There was a verse competition and an inaugural short film competition won by Beverley Callow with her moving film set in Maitland Bay. This multi-media event raised more than \$7,000 for local wildlife preservation.
- A series of concerts staged by local performers at Wagstaffe Hall, including former SSO violinist Gwynneth Grant, Noel Melvin with his hall-filling basso voice singing the great ballad songs, up and coming prima donna Lucy Bailes with her lieder and opera solos, Helena Bruner and Peter Kinch with their fellow musicians, modern classics and jazz, and Les du Pont-Louis and friends rhythm and blues. The evergreen talent of Paul Edgar accompanying on the Kawai piano, which was purchased by the Bouddi Society for the hall. The Society also contributed a state of the art audio system which has also been used for Australia Day celebrations as well as for concerts.



*Paul Edgar, Gwynneth Grant and Lucy Bailes—2005*

- The talented Jones family have performed at many Society and community events. Narelle Jones has played an incomparable role with her school productions, her leadership of music in the community church, her home concerts with visiting artists and her performances with children Miriam, Rowan and Naomi. Father Stephen is not a musician but a most entertaining poet. Narelle is also pianist for the community's latest cultural addition, the Half Tides Rock Choir, which the Bouddi Society has been proud to support financially.
- The Society has for the past three years funded an annual woodwind scholarship at the Central Coast Conservatorium. This has brought to Wagstaffe Hall stage a number of excellent young musicians.
- Shakespearean producer/actor/national treasure John Bell and actress-wife Anna Volska performed poetry and play excerpts in their afternoon of 'favourite things'. Bruce Venables presented his own poems when Bruce and Judy Nunn brought us stories from their fascinating lives. David Dufty organized the highly productive 'Comic and Crazy Verse Competition' during the Gosford Spikefest in 2003. Spike's daughters Laura and Jane and Spike's brother Desmond presented some of Spike's poems at the prize-giving at Wagstaffe Hall.
- With Avoca Beach film-maker Michael Rubbo the Society ran a series of classic films, as well as Michael's film on his centenarian friend Olive. Another cinematic highlight was 'Alvin Purple' with star and local resident Graeme Blundell relating some behind the scenes stories of the film.
- Another local resident, Bill Leak, celebrated cartoonist and widely regarded as 'the best artist never to have won the Archibald Prize', made a delightful presentation on his life and work to a packed hall.
- Publication of *Reflections from the Beach and the Bays* produced by Jill Baxter and her team of local oral historians and Jamie Coffill's *The Sinking of the Maitland*.

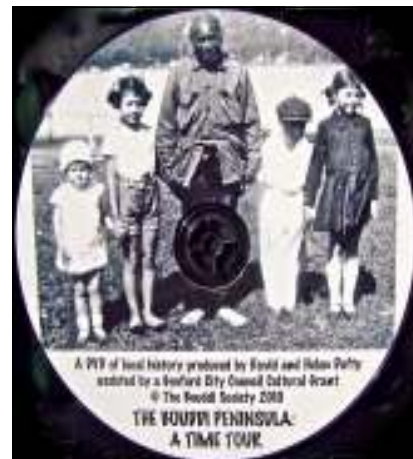


Narelle



Lee Casey with Project Manager Jayne Denshire and designer Lena Lowe at the book launch — 2010

• The Bouddi Peninsula History Project was launched in 2007 and hundreds of hours of research and many interviews with our local residents followed. Manfred Gottschalk contributed his magnificent photos of the Peninsula, Gosford Library photographs were perused and hundreds of old photographs were located in the collections of local residents. The ultimate result was the creation of a CD-ROM containing fresh research on local history topics, a large number of biographies of local identities and a vivid collection of articles on



DVD cover shows local identity Truro Downes with the Kirby children, Pam, Moya, Alan and cousin Enid — 1933

local artists, writers and performers. This was combined with a DVD entitled '*Bouddi Peninsula: A Time Tour*' as a double disk set. Lee Casey and his team were able to draw on this material to produce the book '*The Bouddi Peninsula: A Very Special Place*'.

It has been a delightful decade whether as researcher, organizer, performer or audience member. We thank all who have contributed to helping make our very special place with its very special community. Thanks also go to Gosford City Council for cultural grants and to those who helped financially to get our beautiful book up and running. (Ed: Thanks also to founding Society member David Dufty for the above history highlights of the Bouddi Society)

## Pretty Beach School

Society President Phil Donnelly and book editor Lee Casey attended the Pretty Beach School Assembly on Wednesday June 29 to present the two copies of the Society's publication *The Bouddi Peninsula—A Very Special Place* for the school library.

The books were presented to school captains Elizabeth and Lachlan, who were in charge of conducting the assembly attended by students of all school classes.

Both Lee and Phil were invited to speak to the assembly about the book and how it was created and published as a community project. They were particularly impressed by the attitude and demeanour of the students and the confidence with which the proceedings were conducted under the caring eye of principal Mrs Deborah Callender.



*Bouddi Society President Phil Donnelly presents two copies of the book to school captains Elizabeth and Lachlan.*



*Everyone helps setting up*



*Almost ready*

### Bouddi Society Committee

*President: Phil Donnelly*  
*Vice-presidents: David Dufty, Robyn Warburton.*  
*Treasurer: Peter Baxter*  
*Secretary: Mike Chitty*  
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### A NEW PATRON FOR THE BOOK

The Killcare to Wagstaffe Community Association has generously come on board as a new patron of *The Bouddi Peninsula -- A Very Special Place*. We will add their name to the patrons list in the book when we go to a re-print, hopefully early next year. The original print run of 2,000 copies has been selling well thanks to magnificent community support, enabling the Society to look at further opportunities to benefit the community.

The book sells at a RRP of \$69.95 and can be purchased at the following outlets: *Bell's Killcare Heights; Gosford Regional Gallery & Arts Centre; The Bouddi Gallery Hardys Bay; Raine & Horne Killcare Beach Real Estate; Maitland Bay Centre; Moochinside Hardys Bay; Killcare Beach Salon & Spa; Killcare Cellars; L'Anxaneta Restaurant Hardys Bay; Velvet Blonde Hardys Bay; Ray White Real Estate Hardys Bay; and the Wagstaffe Store.*