

Community round up

There has been a lot happening in our district.

FUN DAY ...mark the date in your diaries. The 11th August from 10am - 2 pm in foreshore park (if raining in the hall). This year its a circus theme, great for the kids to come together and have fun enjoying all sorts of activities. There will be displays and information about services, available to everyone in the area. And of course the sausage sizzle, plus our garden club stall, with great tips for all-ready for spring. Its a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends while the kids have fun outdoors.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2024. There is still time to write your story or poem, anyone can have a go! Closing date for submissions is 27th July at 6pm. This year the story theme is " Point of View". Entries must be less than 1500 words The format reuired is a doc. Or docx file, 12pt font.

All entries to be emailed to jennyfires@hotmail.com. (Jen Hetherington) and if you require any further information use same address. Remember to include a cover sheet with your name and contact details accompanying your entry. Please do not to print your name on the story. Good luck.

SPaDCO continues to ensure that our community stays informed and updated on a number of issues. The proposed sewerage works; the proposed Development at 322 Stuarts Point Rd, including all issues raised and voiced by community; the drainage in the district; dredging the river to provide suitable boat access and usage.

Currently, we are liasing with Kempsey Shire Council regarding the proposed design and installation of updated facilities at Grassy Head Reserve. We want to ensure that whatever equipment is newly installed will be suitable for children, and enjoyed by all.

SPaDCO has updated their **Facebook page and Website**, found at spadco.community where you will find further details on current issues. Jen Hetherington updates the FB page regularly. Thank you Jen. Any Facebook contributions are welcome. Please contact Jen jennyfires@hotmail.com.

It is great to see the **tennis courts** are being well utilised. Social tennis on Monday afternoons is open for anyone to join in the fun. If you have a group of tennis players and would like to have a hit, the supermarket has the keys. Only \$10 to hire the court. Many thanks to Elaine Carmody who has done an amazing job with the outdoor tables at the courts. The kids met, and under Elaine's creative eye, decorated the tables with personalised art works. Matt has lacquered the tables so they can be used without damaging the paint work and they look sensational.

The **notice board** located outside the tennis courts seems to be an effective way to communicate. Its a practical resource to let the community know what is happening around the district. The board is updated by Chris Parke. Thanks Chris.

Another great service offered is the **Post Office Shop at Eungai Rail**. Mark and Georgia run the business: Mon- Friday 7am - 6pm, and Saturday from 8am - 6pm. Post Office facilities include parcel post and pickup, along with banking facilities. Check out what is available at 8-10 Station St., Eungai Rail.

SPaDCO continues to hold **Community meetings** on the last Wednesday of every second month. The 25th September is SPaDCO's Annual General Meeting. Nominations for positions on the committee are open until 18 Sept. Its a great way to become involved and have your say in what happens in the community.

Winter Bushcare at Grassy Head has now been formalised with South West Rocks Dune Care and Newcastle University as an annual event. See you there in 2025.

What's On

Markets

Eungai Creek Farmers Market
Fridays 2pm
Funkya@Unkya Markets (Aug next) Last Sunday bi-monthly

Library Tues, Thurs and Sat
Tennis Mon from 3pm
FUNDAY 11th Aug in the Park
Yarrahapinni Walkers
Thursday and Sunday 8am

Stuarts Point Community Hall
Wednesday GASP 9.30am
Friday 9.30 East Coast Yoga
1st Wed/mnth Garden Club 11am

SPWRBC

Tues 11.30 Bingo
Wed Ladies
Thurs 12.30 Mah-jong
Thurs 12.30 Mixed casual Bowls
Sat 9am casual mixed bowl
Meat raffles Fri and Sun at 6pm
See SPWRC website
<https://www.stuartspointworkersclub.com.au/>

Stuart's Point Tavern

Thursday Meat & seafood raffle
Fridays Poker nights
See facebook for details

Stuarts point preschool is running a playgroup for non school aged kids every Monday at 10 am

School News

The School is always looking for canteen volunteers, contact sppspnc@gmail.com for more information.

Art comp Fun DAY entries due 8th Aug

Resilience

- 5 Points to Remember
- Know your risks
 - Plan now for what you will do
 - Get Ready
 - Be aware
 - Look after each other

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FURTHER ACTIONS, CONCERNS, and COMMUNICATIONS

SPaDCO is currently discussing Council's management plan for Crown Land in our district. At Council's July meeting, a motion was passed around the intent of management of Crown land reserves on selected sites. Council's process will begin by prioritising a selection of sites to be eventually included in the DP and OP plan for action. Issues within zoned Crown Lands can thus be brought to Council's attention for consideration.

SPaDCO continues to defend the management of these facilities.

Kempsey Council's website reveals a number of management documents covering issues relating to the management of Crown Lands.

Issues include: Stuarts Point Holiday Park Management and considerations, within Reserve 74599. Reserve 74599 encompasses the Stuarts Point Holiday Park, Stuarts Point Community Hall, Library (draft plan?), and Stuarts Point War Memorial. These are all to be maintained, developed and used in accordance with the principles contained within Macleay Valley Community Infrastructure Strategy 2020, and Council's asset management strategies.

Camping and caravanning are popular activities within Stuarts Point Holiday Park. Park improvements are to be undertaken in accordance with Concept Plan 2021 as reported at agenda item 9.1 of the 16 March 2021 Ordinary Council meeting, and adopted at its meeting of 20 April 2021, and Council's asset management strategies.

Over time, Council intends to reduce the number of private caravans within its caravan parks (both permanent and under annual occupancy agreements). This has occurred through attrition and buy-back over several years and results in the small number (2) that currently remain (reduced from 12 in the late 1990's).

Council's Annual Holiday Park Licence is shortly up for renewal.

Weeds or vegetation within Reserve 74599 are to be managed in accordance with Kempsey Shire Council's vegetation strategies or weeds programs. Reserve 74599 contains part of, and is located within, the 1:100 flood level for the Macleay Arm. Any future works within Reserve 74599 will be required to consider the provisions of Council's Kempsey Coastal Zone Management Plan and Macleay River Estuary Coastal Management Plan and subsequent transition to the NSW Coastal Management Framework. (KSC website as of time of print)



Fishing

On the beach and rocks (please be very careful and take all the necessary precautions) lots of Taylor from dusk till dawn. There is also bream and flathead and the occasional skippy (or dart). If a decent size bleed fillet and skin or bleed and gut and onto the bbq-Good texture and taste. The river is good for flathead, bream and jewfish. Blackfish are hit and miss.

YABBIE

Gardening Tip

The cold weather has sweetened the citrus and most winter veg are doing well. Plant seeds for late cabbages. Tomatoes, cucubits, eggplant and capsicum seeds can be planted out in pots and planted out when frosts have gone. Potatoes can be planted now. Not many pests at the moment, but watch out for Aphid and scale- soapy water spray is effective.

PB

Bowls update

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE

Stuarts Point hosted the Mid North Coast Region singles over the week ends of 6-7 and 13-14 July. Men's Senior and Open, Women's Senior and Open and Reserve Singles. George Botfield, Allan Low, Hagop Aladadjian and Sharon Howett represented our club. They all made the quarter finals but George Botfield was the only one to make it to the final in the Reserve Single. George defeated Graham Hines 25-12 to win the title.

Stuarts point Open Triples is on July 27-28 with 28 teams competing for prize money.

WRONG BIAS

Focaccia

Ingredients

500 gas plain flour
7gms dry yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup oil

Method

Combine flour yeast and salt in a large bowl. Add 350 pls warm water, add oil and mix into a ball shape. Cover bowl with a plastic film and refrigerate overnight. Prepare dish (27cms oven proof) lightly with oil. Punch down dough, cover, and rest till double in size. Heat oven to 220c. Place dough in dish and press down, making finger prints over the surface of the dough. Sprinkle with salt.

Bake for 25 mins till golden brown.

ENJOY