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Copacabana Community

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Springtime set to shine in Copa

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WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 01 Bushcare 2-4pm Bonnie Lookout

Saturday 08 Surf Club Rego Day 1 2-5pm

Monday 10 Probus morning tea 10am Surf Club

Tuesday 11 P&C meeting Copa Public School

Thurs 13 R U OK Day See <u>www.ruok.org.au</u>

Friday 14 Surf Club Rego Day 2 6-9pm

Sunday 23 RFS Get Ready Weekend Copa Fire Station

Saturday 29 School holidays start

OCTOBER

Thursday 04 CCA meeting 7:30pm Fire Station

Saturday 06 Bushcare 2-4pm Bonnie Lookout

Monday 15 School resumes

NOVEMBER

Saturday 03 Bushcare 2-4pm Bonnie Lookout



Fire Station – 7.30pm

ALL COPA RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME!

President's Message

Thanks to all who are helping to make Copa an even better place to live

We all know that 'it takes a village' and we'd like to acknowledge some of the hard-working people in Copa who have helped in so many ways over the past twelve months. Kim Letchford has greatly contributed to improvements in our village, in particular the installation of the CCTV system and her huge role in the organisation of the 2017 Copa Christmas Carols event. Rod Robey, Ray Seisun and other Management Committee members successfully applied pressure for the much-needed upgrade of Oceano Street and the survey work currently being conducted in Del Monte Place.

We'd also like to acknowledge Briohny Kennedy's sterling success in having the all-purpose swing installed in Shaun Brinklow Park and for securing a large Council grant to upgrade the park. The Copa Men's Shed group have secured a large grant from the state government, for which the site is now approved. Thanks to you all.

Residents of Copa contribute in so many ways to our Copa life and we'd like to thank everyone who continually 'turns up' to discuss and debate local issues. Over 130 people attended the Public Information meeting regarding Winney Bay (see separate article); 55 people participated in Clean Up Copa Day; over 400 attended our Anzac Day Dawn Service; 115 people came to the February 'Meet the Mayor' and local councillors. We have had 'standing room only' at our recent CCA general meetings (bi-monthly, first Thursday), including regular attendance by our Ward councillors to answer questions from the floor. CCA also appreciates the invaluable contributions of Copacabana Public School, the Rural Fire Brigade, the Surf Club and the Bushcare group to our wonderful village.

I'd like to welcome new Management Committee Members, Ray Seisun and Sue Steedman, who are already contributing their skills and enthusiasm to the many projects the CCA has underway. Along with Ross Pearce, Josi Fudge, Elaine Norling and myself we are committed to improving relationships and communication between the CCA and the broader Copa community, including the Aboriginal community. We now organise a roster for the daily raising and lowering of the Australian flag, organised by tireless volunteer Roque 'Rocky' Hammal and the Aboriginal flag by John Oates and Greg Maude. Our new Copa News editor is Phil Bolton and she has worked incredibly hard on the Newsletter and has also created our terrific new website. Check it out at <u>www.copanews.com.au</u>

We hope you enjoy our 'new look' newsletter and remind you it can now be accessed via our website at any time. We now have hundreds of households on our mailing list and our numbers are rising rapidly especially as we involve Copa PS (600+) and Surf Club (350) mailing lists. We're moving towards more efficient digital communications over the next six months and we warmly invite you to join up and contribute your own ideas. Our next community meeting is on October 4. Hope to see you there!

Please feel free to drop me a line if you have queries or comments at: *info@copanews.com.au*

Steve



Neighbourhood Watch Copacabana

Thank you Copacabana friends and neighbours for your support of Copa Neighbourhood Watch. I hope this continues so we can keep where we love to live – a safe place to bring up family and welcome visitors.

> **STOLEN!** The disabled swing in Shaun Brinklow Park.



Hello Everyone

Welcome and congratulations to our new CCA\NHW Management Committee for 2018/19. Neighbourhood Watch will continue to support and be part of the CCA group to help keep crime in Copa low, as it has been for some time. Sadly there have been some incidents reported including the heartless theft of the swing for disabled children (pictured above) in Shaun Brinklow Park. Thanks to Central Coast Council it was replaced very promptly. There have also been reports of vandalism and malicious damage to steps in the Captain Cook and Winney Bay area, which seem to occur at weekends.

We welcomed Senior Constable Rachael Scott – Crime Prevention Officer, Brisbane Water LAC as Guest Speaker at our June meeting. She stressed the importance of reporting crime and suspicious

behaviour to Police immediately: Emergency 000 / Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 / Police Assistance Line 131 444 (Minor Crime). Senior Constable Scott left a selection of booklets, fridge magnets and other items relating to personal and home safety for Copacabana residents to refer to when needed, including a 'Black book of Scams'. She also advised that people could download a free app developed by Australia's Emergency Services, government and industry partners - *Triplezero.gov.au*

These information pieces will be made available at future CCA meetings.



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It's Copa Whale-Watching Season

Trip Advisor rates the Captain Cook Lookout as **the NUMBER 1 thing to do in Copa**, and there are many comments on the site about what a great spot it is for whale watching (as well as rave reviews about the views to Sydney).

Thousands of Humpback and Southern Right whales migrate up the coast every year to the warmer tropical waters of Queensland and the Coral Sea. They head North between April and August to breed, and then back down the coast from around September to November with their calves. Peak months for sightings are July and September/October. When heading South the whales often come in close to Copa to rest their babies. The whale-viewing platform across from the shops is a popular spot when the season arrives.

Go to *wildaboutwhales.com.au* for more information about these beautiful giants of the sea. If you're really keen there's an app you can download to help keep track of the whole migration process. We are so privileged to have one of the best whale viewing spots on the coast here. Just one more reason to **love our Copa life**!



THE MEN'S SHED

Thanks to the initiative of Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal, the State Minister for Mental Health, Tanya Davies, has made a grant of \$21,180 towards the building of the shed. A presentation ceremony held at the proposed site was televised by NBN TV on 20 July (see *www.nbnnews.com.au/2018/07/20/minister-for-mental-health -announces-funding-for-new-mens-shed*, but note that the amount on the cheque is incorrect!). Applications for further funding are pending.

To ensure that the operation of the men's shed does not impose any financial or legal liability on the Copacabana Community Association, an independent body, Copacabana Community Men's Shed Incorporated, has been established to build and manage the shed. Another advantage of this arrangement is that the new body is eligible for Tax Concession Charity status.

The current priority of the Men's Shed Management Committee is the preparation of an application for Development Approval. Please contact me if you are experienced in preparing any of the many reports and plans required for the DA application and are willing to help us.

Mike Mitchelmore, coordinator@copamensshed.org.au



Check out the NEW Copa Website! www.copanews.com.au

Winney Bay Development

There has been much comment and discussion at recent CCA meetings regarding the Winney Bay Clifftops Walk project, part of the 5 Lands Coastal Walk Masterplan.

Stage 1 of the project has resulted in concrete steps being installed up the hill from Winney Bay with mulch and native plants being planted in the area that has been cleared adjacent to the stairs.



It is a complicated issue for the community with widely differing and often passionate views being expressed by many people. Whilst some are concerned about the environmental impact of the construction process (and subsequent foot traffic) and the appropriateness of the design, others are in favour of the project as it will create easier access and a vantage point for wonderful views of our beautiful bush and coastline for walkers, not only during the very popular 5 Lands Coastal Walk.

Concern has been expressed at the apparent lack of consultation with the community by the Central Coast Council in recent years about the plans for Winney Bay.

In an effort to improve transparency and provide a forum for discussion, CCA, along with the 5 Lands Walk Committee, wrote to CC Council requesting that they host an information evening in April. Since then, the Management Team have had discussions with members of the 5 Lands Walk Committee, the Copa Aboriginal community and other interested parties in an attempt to understand the issues and promote greater transparency and information about the proposed Stage 2 plans.

The NSW Government has allocated \$4.6 million to Stage 2 of this project. Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal, has indicated that if there are significant changes to the current plans on which the funding was based, the funding may be withdrawn by the State government. Presently, we are awaiting information from CC Council about when and how the next phase of the consultation process re: stage 2 will happen. We will continue to keep the community updated about the project.

All Copa residents are welcome to attend our next CCA General Meeting on Thursday 4 October to contribute to the discussion.

Copa Surf Life Saving Club

Not long till the flags on the beach are raised. Patrols will start on 29 Sept.

We have 8 patrols this year made up of dedicated, trained and proficient volunteer surf lifesavers. You will see them setting up on the beach every Saturday and Sunday morning (and public holidays) and also around the surf club getting the ATV (vehicle with the fat tyres that goes on the sand!) and the IRB equipment (the orange rubber boat!) ready. If you are having a coffee or a bite to eat at the cafe come over and say hi to our patrolling members - they volunteer their time to keep us safe on the beach. Our Director of Surf Lifesaving this season is Gordon Smith



aka "Smudge" who runs a very coordinated beach patrol program and is one of our valuable IRB trainers.

The bar will be open after the Friday night registrations so all welcome to come down to the club for a catchup and to ask any questions about how to get involved in the club. You can also register online by following the links on our website <u>www.copacabanaslsc.org.au</u>

Surf Lifesaving NSW has introduced a new membership category for all surf clubs across NSW - as a result Copacabana SLSC has introduced this new category

this season - Community Membership for people who would like to contribute to the surf lifesaving movement but might be unable to participate in beach sports as such. Surf Life Saving is a not for profit organisation which supports the community with volunteers on the beach every weekend & public holidays. We aim to ensure that our beach goers are safe and educated on where to swim while enjoying the varying waters of Copacabana beach.

Our surf club needs support from the community in volunteer roles

Whether you are doing a course to help on the beach or working in the bar or another area around the club or supporting our young Nippers crew - all are welcome to come and see what it is all about.

One of the valuable activities we offer is our surf lifesaving training courses held at the surf club. Ash Capps is our Director of Education and with our team of local trainers he is about to start some **new training courses** in **October for Bronze medallion**, **Surf Rescue Certificate and other courses**. If you are interested email Ash at: <u>copaslscedu@gmail.com</u> or drop down to the club on one of our rego days to connect with us and find out more.

On most Sundays the Nippers run a BBQ where you can grab a yummy bacon and egg or sausage sandwich to start your day....all profits from the BBQ go towards assisting our young Nippers with equipment and to compete in surf carnivals.

For further information on any of our club activities or to find out how to get involved feel free to contact our Director of Administration: Fiona Duignan on <u>admin@copacabanaslsc.org.au</u> or jump onto our website <u>www.copacabanaslsc.org.au</u> or Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you around the club and beach this year.



Jo Fraser President Copacabana SLSC

Sporting House 'Ross' Triumphs at Athletics Carnival



Every year Copacabana Public School hold their annual Athletics Carnival. This year all the students, staff and families ventured down to Mingara Athletic Facilities for a fun filled day of Olympiad style competition. This is where the students have the opportunity to support their sporting house teams across a whole school focus whilst displaying their amazing athletic abilities.

Students are divided into Sporting Houses at the time of their initial enrolment and the students support their house until leaving the school at the end of Year 6 by competing in and supporting different sporting and classroom activities.

The four sporting houses are called **White**, **Ross**, **Cullen and Chapman**. These house names are named after early settlers to the Copacabana area.

After researching local history from our school

Library, we discovered how our sporting houses were named.

'Chapman' is named after early settlers to Copacabana, Roy and Ivo Chapman. They purchased 24 acres from the MacMasters Subdivision in 1920-23 on the north side of the lake. Clearing an area of bushland, they farmed beans together. Later thev purchased the adjoining 15 acres of land and a further 13 acres as a windbreak. Roy and Ivo cleared more of their land and had their own separate farms. The sporting house Chapman is symbolised by

the students proudly wearing the colour yellow.



'Cullen' and Cullen's Road are named after an eccentric bachelor who lived on land that Charlie White purchased in 1904. The Chief Justice of NSW, Sir William Cullen paid Charlie White so that his brother (whose given name we are unable to confirm) could live there, ensuring he was kept out of public view. Members of the Cullen sporting house wear red.

'White' is named after the early settler, Charles White, who owned 240 acres on both sides of Cullen's

Road in 1904. His land went all the way up to and across Cape Three Points Road. Charles White planted pine trees. Naturally enough, White sporting house members wear white!

However, it is our sporting house **'Ross'** that is the topic of our news story this edition and this sporting house we believe is named after Alec Ross. Alec purchased land that was originally owned by Charles White on Cullen's Road in the 1920's planting citrus trees and then successfully turning it into a banana plantation. Green is the

colour worn by members of the sporting house Ross.

Despite a mixture of sunny, windy conditions, the Athletics Carnival was a great day with students giving 100% in all their events. The Copacabana Community Spirit soared high as usual with barbecues and helpers enthusiastically making it a great day. Congratulations to the sporting house **ROSS** a well-deserved victory by your team and an explosive array of the colour green as you supported your house with enthusiasm.

Ben Thomas

Bush Care

Since 1993 Copacabana Bushcare volunteers have helped stabilise the dunes by preserving and improving the coastal vegetation there, providing habitat for native birds in the process.

The Copa volunteers meet on the first Saturday of each month at the viewing platform opposite the shops. It's only a 2 hour commitment – 2pm to 4pm and new volunteers are always welcome. See what it's all about and watch the video on our website.





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Copa RFS Brigade by Matt Francis

With the driest start to the season since 1965 and no real rains forecast, the season looks to be a busy one for the Brigade and we encourage all residents to be prepared.

The start of the bushfire season has been brought forward a month and will begin on 1 Sept 2018.

Our annual 'Get Ready Weekend' is being held September 23 at the Copacabana Station to assist the community with important information. Brigade members will be on hand to provide advice on how best to prepare your property and there will be some interactive displays such as a smoke house and virtual fire extinguishers.

Residents are reminded that as a rule, burning off is illegal and must not be used for clearing, including building materials. Cooking fires are legal where only dry seasoned wood is burnt and the fire must be no bigger than 1 metre by

1 metre. The Brigade has attended several illegal pile burns recently.

with one resulting in severe burns to a resident as they tried to put out the fire.

If you are unsure about the rules or need some advice, contact the brigade via email: secretary@ copacabanarfb.com.au or call us on 4382 2400.

The Copacabana Brigade continues to be active in the community, participating in the recent Five Lands Walk and attending various local events including the ANZAC Dawn Service. The Brigade continues to enjoy significant support from the local community for which we are most grateful.

The RFS also has two useful publications: Before you light that fire and Can I or Can't I

Both of these can be accessed via the link on our website: www.copanews.com.au/rfs

> Get Ready Weekend' Sunday Sept 23 Fire Station

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We warmly invite you to attend our bi-monthly community meetings, held on the first Thursday of every second month (next meeting is 4 October) at 7.30pm at the Fire Station. Come along, have your say and socialise with other locals over drinks and nibbles after the meeting.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

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