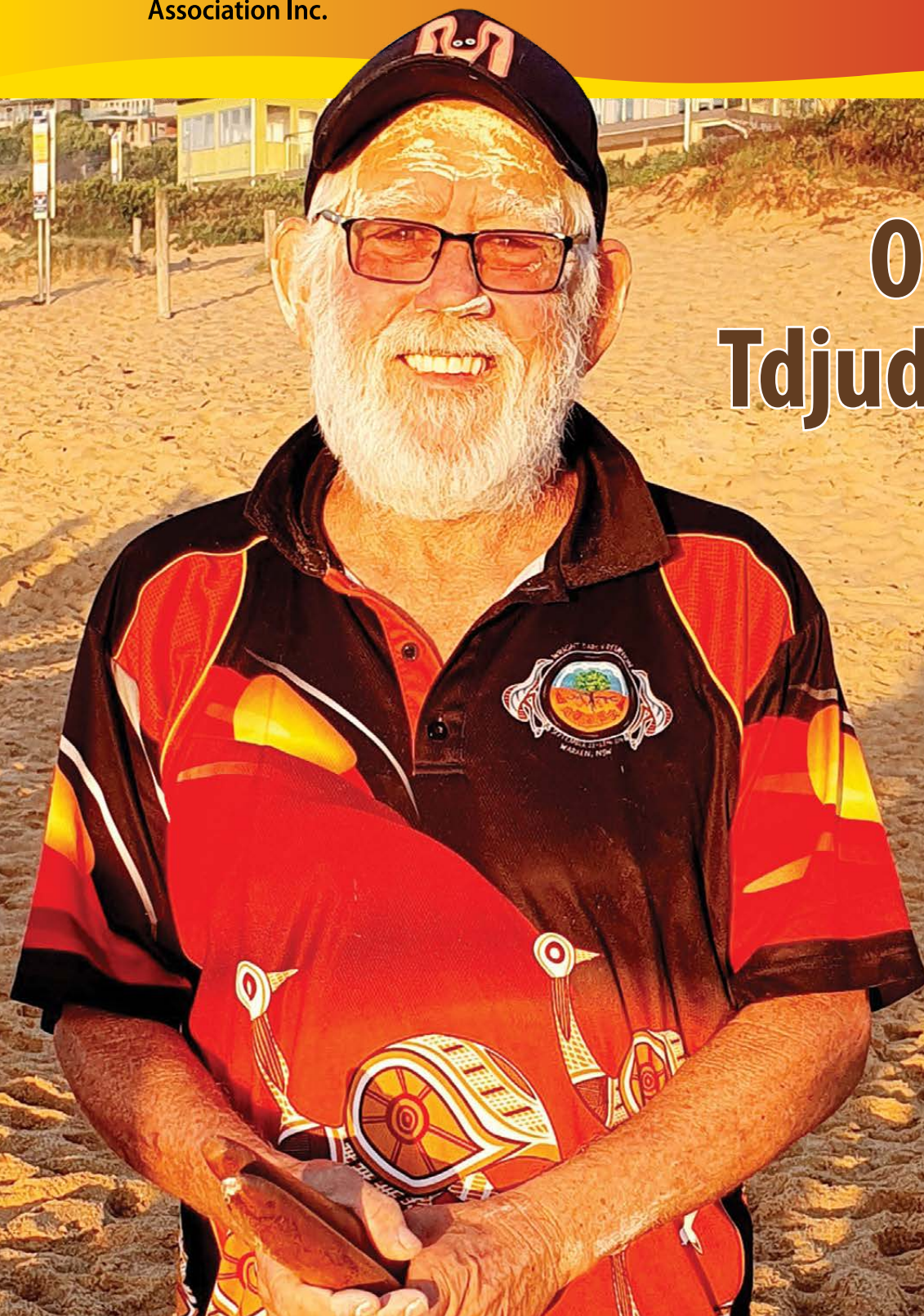




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# Origins of Tdjudibaring

by *JOHN OATES*

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# WHAT'S ON

## MARCH

### Tuesday 02 - Sunday 07

Vissla Central Coast Pro World  
Surf League - Avoca Beach

### Saturday 06

Copa Bushcare 2-4pm  
Meet at viewing platform

### Sunday 07

Clean Up Copa Day 10am-12pm  
Meet opposite the shops

### Sunday 21 - Sunday 28

Live Well Central Coast Festival

### Sunday 28

Avoca Markets 9am-2pm

## APRIL

### Thursday 01

Last day of school term

### Friday 02

Camel Races  
Gosford Showgrounds

### Friday 02 - Monday 05

Easter Long Weekend

### Saturday 03

Copa Bushcare 2-4pm  
Meet at viewing platform

### Monday 19

First day of school term

### Sunday 25

ANZAC Day Dawn Service  
5.30am Flagpoles



### Sunday 25

Avoca Markets 9am-2pm

## MAY

### Saturday 01

Copa Bushcare 2-4pm  
Meet at viewing platform

### Sunday 23

Avoca Markets 9am-2pm

# A word from the CCA President

## Hello Copa people, members and visitors

It was great to be able to meet with members at our recent CCA AGM which we were finally able to hold in February after months of Covid-related delays.

The general mood seems to have lightened considerably - despite the Northern beaches scare and the fluid situation in Victoria. It appears that cautious optimism is the prevailing attitude locally, together with a feeling of gratitude that we live in a beautiful and comparatively safe environment tucked away here on the Coast. Hopefully the worst of the pandemic is behind us. See the Copa Medical article in this issue to see how you can find out when you are likely to be vaccinated.



Local businesses were packed during January, particularly over the weekend prior to Australia Day, and although parking availability (and space on the sand) were a bit too tight for some, I'm sure it was a welcome influx of tourists for those businesses after a very disrupted 2020. Local real estate agents - many of whom are loyal sponsors of Copa News - have been run off their feet with enquiries from people contemplating a sea change and long-term rental availabilities are in short supply. All this means we might have to get used to sharing our little bit of paradise here for the foreseeable future, and who can blame people for wanting to escape the city?

In this issue you will read about a sunrise Smoking Ceremony held on the beach on Australia Day in a story by Copa local John Oates. We hope you enjoy the read and that this will be the first in a series of articles by John, designed to educate readers about some of the pre-settlement history of Copacabana and the First Nations people of the area.

I'm pleased to say that the same team will make up the CCA Management committee until the next AGM and want to acknowledge them all for their volunteer service to the community and for being a great bunch of people to work with. So thanks go to Geoff Parker, Rob Morgan, Matt Francis, Elaine Norling, Margaret Platell and Steve Boucher. And particular thanks to Phil Bolton, designer and editor of Copa News for her many hours of work and for her creative contribution.

## Upcoming CCA events:

Please help with Clean Up Copa Day on Sunday March 7, 10am-12.30pm - a couple of hours will make a lot of difference. And together with the Surf Club, the RFS and Copa School, the CCA is proud to again be hosting the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Sunday April 25. We hope you can join us on the green next to the surf club.

Meanwhile, stay safe and well and see you on the beach while the weather holds.

**Sue Steedman**

# Dawn Memorial Service

# ANZAC DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 25TH 2021

Please gather at the flagpoles at 5.15am for 5.30am start



## Copa Men's Shed... It's Getting Closer!

*A report from Mike Mitchelmore*

After receiving development consent last August and holding the ground-breaking ceremony at the site in September, we were eagerly looking forward to seeing work on the shed start. Unfortunately, there have been several hold-ups.

One problem was the 26 consent conditions (ranging from including fire extinguishers in the plans to commissioning a full-scale acoustic report) that had to be satisfied before construction could start. Council is still dealing with the last 3 conditions, so we are almost there.

But the biggest problem was and remains the matter of funding. Although we have now received a total of \$151,180 from the State Government (some of which has gone on those reports I mentioned), Council has refused to allow us to start construction until we have "100% funding".

Our estimate is that, with all the extra impositions, we will require a further \$50-60,000 to build and fit out the shed to

the point where we can begin operating as intended. We have accordingly commenced a major fund-raising effort locally. It was Copacabana's support that won us the My Community Project funding, and we are confident that the community will stand behind us now.

Stone Real Estate & George Brand Real Estate have already both become sponsors, and we are looking forward to other local firms coming on board.

In addition, we will shortly be launching a GoFundMe campaign targeted at individual donors – look out for this.

To learn more about our plans and progress, please visit [copamensshed.org.au](http://copamensshed.org.au) and email me at any time with your comments or queries.

**Mike Mitchelmore, Coordinator**  
**Copacabana Community Men's Shed**  
[coordinator@copamensshed.org.au](mailto:coordinator@copamensshed.org.au)

# Origins of Tdjudibaring

I pay my respects to the Ancestors of this Land and give thanks. Thank you to all those who attended Our Smoking Ceremony on 26th January. That was a gift. A gift of Healing.

I present this document also as a gift to our community. I give thanks to the Metropolitan North Regional Education team and their many Aboriginal Community contacts for much of the historical evidence presented here. Great thanks also to the Elders who have taught me for many years and especially to Aunty Tracey Howey, Wannannginni Traditional Custodian.

Copacabana has other names, ancient names, Aboriginal names, descriptive names that indicate a deeper connection to and understanding of this place where we live today. The beach and the northern rock platform were called Tdjudibaring, "Where the waves beat like heartbeats". The northern headland is Bulbararing, "The biggest most powerful". The southern headland is Mourawaring "High ocean lookout" and the bush to the south was and still is

the Bouddi, "The heart". Think about some of those descriptors – "Most powerful, Beat like heartbeats, High ocean lookout, The Heart" and you'll get an inkling of how the First People belonged to and loved this Country and had a responsibility to care for and cherish Mother Earth.

Everyone who lived here Belonged. Everyone was protected by the Lore, surrounded by love and lived in peace.

There was no war, no prisons, no cities or towns, no armies of conquest, no forts, no guns...

No rabbits, foxes, deer, horses, cows, sheep, no lantana!!

And no guns.

There were families and Clans and language groups.

In Tjudibaring Bulbararing there lived a Clan - ie, a small group of interrelated families. This Clan were the Custodians of this place for thousands of years.



Photos Elaine Norling



# Some pre-contact history, by John Oates

*This is the first in a series of articles written by John, a descendant of the Nyampaa Wailwan Nation of the Central West and a Copacabana resident of 36 years. He is a retired teacher and Regional Aboriginal Education Consultant for the Hunter Central Coast region. He was the organiser of the Smoking Ceremony held on the beach on January 26 this year and in previous years. We are grateful for his contribution to our knowledge and learning.*

## COUNTRY

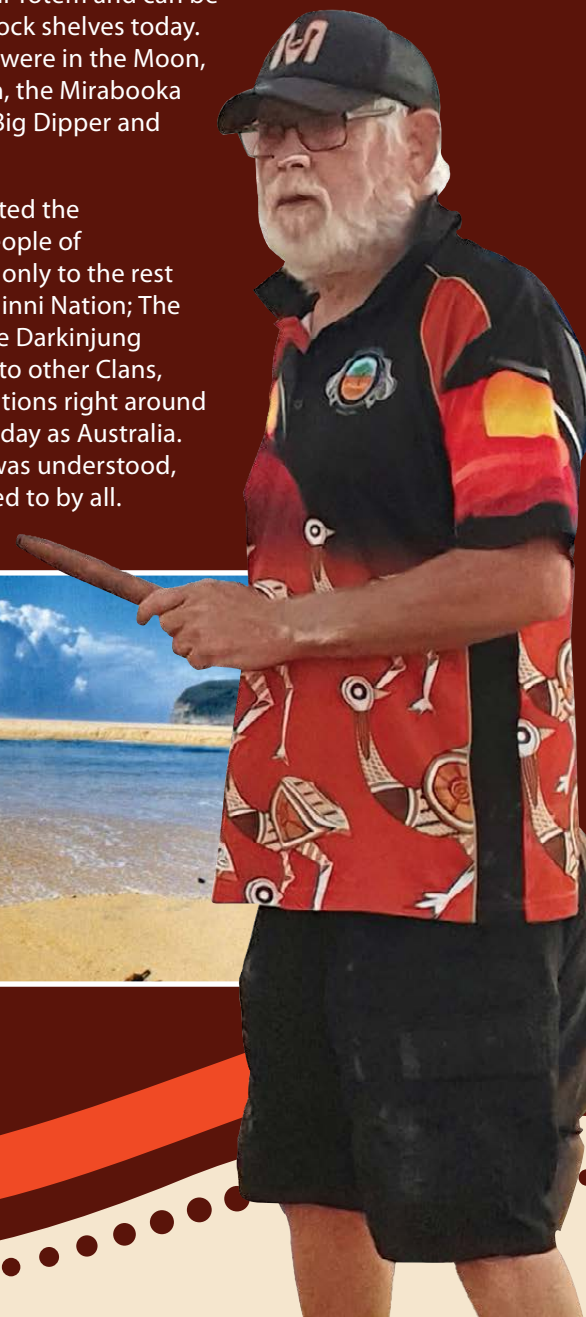
The Clan living here at Tdjudibaring belonged to the social organisation or Country of the Wanninnginni Awabakal. This clan will now be identified in this document as The Wanninnginni, with permission of Auntie Tracey Howey, Blood line Custodian of Bungaree of the Wanninnginni. The Wanninnginni Awabakal People inhabited the coastal fringes from Norah Head to present day Manly. The Awabakal were north to the Hunter River and west towards the Wannarua near Muswellbrook. Just to the immediate west of the Coastal mobs were the Darkinjung whose Country extended from around Tuggerah Lakes and Wyong all the way west to Wollombi.

Relationships between the Wanninnginni, Awabakal and Darkinjung were known to be cordial. Reciprocal visits were made each year between groups for several reasons including trade, ceremonies, sharing a beached whale or for Corroboree. Trading sojourns were important as Clans of each Country were able to barter for materials and items that were not available or non-existent in their own area. Marriages were also arranged between groups through strict kinship and totemic rules that ensured the health of the next generation. All this was made possible by the Lore. Therefore all the above-mentioned gatherings were extremely important to the wellbeing of all the different Mobs. These were the Rules of how to Live and Behave and Belong. This was the Lore.

## THE LORE

The Lore guided and protected everyone and everything. It was written in the petroglyphs or rock carvings on the ridges, in the pictographs or paintings in the caves and overhangs, it was there in the sky every day and every night. The people knew these places and rules and songs and stories because they spoke and sang to them all. The Lore connected our Tdjudibaring Clan to everyone and everything, everywhere. The Ancestors were always around, their Spirits in the trees, ocean, headlands, birds, sea life and all the animals. The Stingray is the Wanninnginni Totem and can be seen on nearby rock shelves today. Ancestral Beings were in the Moon, the Stars, the Sun, the Mirabooka (Milky Way), the Big Dipper and the Dark Emu.

This Lore connected the Wanninnginni people of Tdjudibaring not only to the rest of the Wanninnginni Nation; The Awabakal and the Darkinjung Peoples but also to other Clans, Countries and Nations right around what is known today as Australia. Aboriginal Lore was understood, loved and adhered to by all.





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# Copacabana SLSC

*The busy period of our surf season has now passed and we are happy to say we just scraped through. The holiday period is always the most difficult with patrolling members and bar crew away. We are incredibly appreciative of those who stepped up and got us through and we are over the moon with the new faces doing their Bronze and IRB proficiencies.*

We have had a great run lately - the beach has been virtually incident free so far - I think we have had more incidents in the shop area :- ) and it has been great to welcome the new 'regulars' that have enjoyed Week-Enders with us. The recent Branch Carnival was another success for the young Nippers of the Central Coast, but especially for the club who put together the best event we possibly could. With so few opportunities to gather as a community we have really appreciated those few events that bring people together for a bit of hard work and plenty of laughs.

I recently attended a program through NSW SLS and UNSW that focused on the needs of volunteers: Autonomy - the freedom to exercise choice; Belonging - Connecting with others and Competence - the feeling of being capable. It was good to be able to relate those concepts to some of the intentional directions the club is taking. We want our members to feel like they belong to something important and to be proud of that connection. If they choose to be part of our beach safety program, we want to provide them with the confidence in themselves to contribute to public safety.

The autonomous part is more about leadership and providing individuals with an opportunity to express their ideas and have input into the type of club we want. It

was insightful and educational and I am pleased that our Committee has been moving in similar directions this past one and a half seasons.

Looking ahead - and hopefully including the rest of the Copa community - we are preparing for a return to live music at the club over the winter months. Week-Enders will continue until the end of April and then monthly 'Week-Enders - Live and Local'. We are also looking forward to again collaborating with the CCA, the RFS and the school for the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

We still have a few months of the patrol season to go, and the doors won't close when the season ends. All the very best.

**Cheers...**

**Adam Richards**

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**Join us on Friday afternoons from 5pm - 9pm** at the Surf Club. All welcome. BAR OPEN, light catering for the adults and sausage sizzle for the kids. **'Live & Local' sessions happen once a month.**





# Copacabana Public School

A message from Mary Hunt – Principal



**STEM** Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Mathematics

This year Copacabana Public School has started an exciting new **STEM** program for all students in Years K-6. **STEM** is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through **STEM** students develop key skills including: problem solving, creativity, critical analysis, teamwork, independent thinking, initiative, communication and digital literacy. **STEM** empowers students with the skills to succeed and adapt to this changing world. Mrs Mumford and Mrs Johnson are teaching and leading the school's **STEM** program this year.

During the first week of **STEM** groups, students put their engineering and science knowledge to the test, planning and completing tower and bridge builds. Students in Stage One (Years 1 and 2) are looking at the picture book Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty.

Students in Stage two (Years 3 and 4) and Stage three (Years 5 and 6) worked in groups to create cup and craft stick towers. The students worked in teams to design their towers. It was a lot of fun designing, thinking and evaluating each tower.



## Sports in Schools Program

The children at Copacabana Public School are enjoying weekly tennis lessons as a part of the Sports in Schools Program. The children are learning the fundamental skills of tennis, footwork, groundstrokes, volley and teamwork. Thank you, to Mr Mark Presdee for teaching tennis to our students.



## Basketball

Congratulations to Axl, Will and Josie who represented Copacabana Public School at the PSSA Zone Basketball trials. Each student gave their best efforts and displayed a positive attitude throughout the trials. Congratulations, to Will and Josie who were selected in the combined Southern Central Coast PSSA/ Brisbane Water PSSA zone team for basketball. They will now trial for the Sydney North PSSA team on 2nd March.

## Welcome

**Kindergarten**  
2021

A very big welcome to all our new Kindergarten students and families, who started at Copacabana on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Bryson and Mrs Walters for all your hard work in the lead up to this very special event and for keeping a caring, nurturing and watchful eye over our shooting stars to ensure they all left with a smile and eager to start the next school day.





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# Clean up Copa Day

**Sunday March 7 - 10.00am-12.30pm**

Join us at the "lookout" opposite the shops to

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# Dallas Mulhall OAM

*Dallas Mulhall, Patron of Copa Surf Club, is well-known to many locals as a 'people person' who has worked most of his life in service to the country and to our community, making him a perfect stand-out for our Local Hero story this issue.*

Dallas – a veteran - originally moved from Canberra to Avoca in 1975, where like many at the time he bought land and built a house which he subsequently sold, moving to Copa in 1987. His daughters went to local schools and participated in Nippers at Avoca. He still finds Copa a very pleasant place to live after years of surfing and beach walking and says that he's noticed many improvements over the years, particularly to footpaths and paving – he says that originally the only paved area in Copa was in front of the shops. Like all of us, he is not 'holding his breath' for the roads to be improved though!

One of his daughters still lives at Avoca and the other now lives in Tasmania. Before Covid, Dallas made an annual trip to Tassie to visit her and plans to do so again when that's possible.

He has no plans to travel internationally, having been 'around the block' to many countries over his 20 years of military service. He was a Warrant Officer, on active service in Vietnam for one year, then moved on to Peace-keeping missions in Malaya and Singapore, and eventually on to New Guinea before coming back to Australia for postings in Newcastle and Singleton.

Raised in Newcastle, Dallas has always loved the surf and the beach, to obtaining his Bronze Medallion at Queenscliff in 1958. He managed the Masters Team for years in Copa and has been Surf Club Patron since around 2013, succeeding Judge Lincoln. In fact, he says he has only ever been away from the coast and beaches because of his army postings, and even so he has memories of swimming in the South China Sea and the Mekong River as a welcome break from his duties.

Dallas joined Legacy in 1975 as a volunteer and became full-time CEO of Legacy on the Central Coast in 1987, where he remained for 12 years. Legacy provides services and accommodation facilities for spouses and children of ex-service personnel and more recently, for children of injured veterans, helping with education and housing. Dallas has been on the Board of the Vietnam Veterans' Hostel – an aged care facility at Norahville – since its inception thirty years ago. He was Aged Care Director for Gosford RSL's Evergreen Retirement Village and on the Board of that group for twelve years. Dallas was also a representative on the Veterans' Home Care committee – a federal body which met in Canberra every 2-3 months and worked with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

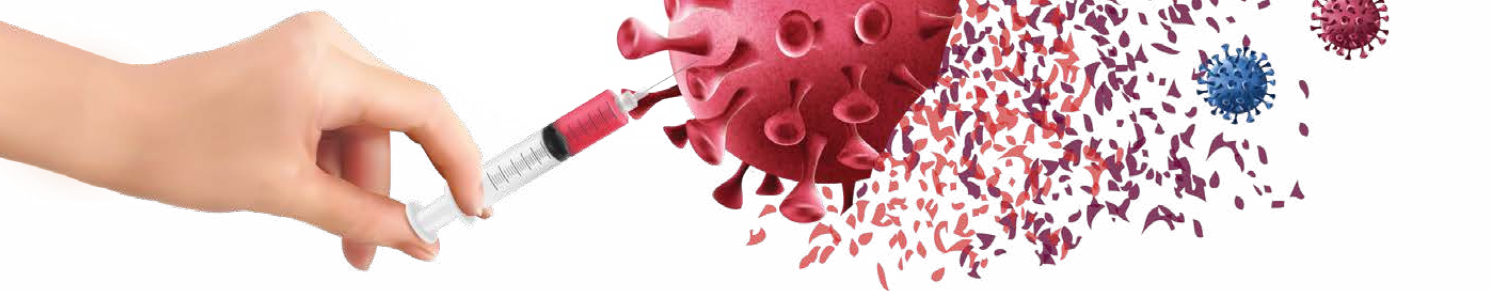
Dallas was awarded his OAM in 2014 for work with the ex-service community. Retired now, he is still a member of Sydney Legacy. He can be found at Artie's Place having a coffee and a catch-up with mates most mornings. **On behalf of the community, we thank him and salute him for his service.**





# COVID-19

vaccinations roll out  
across Australia



**The Federal government's implementation of the Covid-19 vaccination programme is underway across Australia, with a staged plan to deliver jabs to groups prioritised by need.**

It's a huge logistical challenge to vaccinate everybody in Australia who wants to be, so the Government is grouping people based on things such as their job and how vulnerable they are to the disease. The group you're in determines when you'll be able to get the vaccine. The Government has stated a target of 80,000 doses per week to start, ramping up to 4 million doses by the end of March, and everyone who wants a vaccine to have been offered one by the end of October 2021<sup>1</sup>.

The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is currently being administered to the first priority groups of vulnerable people and front-line workers.

**The first people to get the vaccine will be those who are most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 or who have the highest risk of being exposed to COVID-19. These people include:**

- People working in quarantine facilities
- Healthcare workers working in locations with a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19, such as emergency departments, COVID-19 testing clinics, and COVID-19 wards
- Residents and staff of residential aged and disability care facilities

The vaccine will then be offered to other priority groups. Other COVID-19 vaccines for use in Australia are being reviewed and, if approved, are expected to be available to priority groups through general practice after the first phase of the rollout has begun.<sup>2</sup>

If you'd like some idea of when you're likely to be able to access the vaccine, you can go to a handy ABC web page which allows you to input some simple (anonymous) information including your age, and get an estimate of when the vaccine is likely to be available to you.

See [www.abc.net.au/news/2021-02-05/when-will-you-get-the-covid-19-vaccine/13112610](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-02-05/when-will-you-get-the-covid-19-vaccine/13112610) to check out your own likely scenario. Obviously, these projections are subject to change and you may need to check out the site more than once.

Copa Medical has made an application to give vaccines but is yet to be informed at which phase we may be involved in the immunisation process. We will keep you updated through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Copacabana-Medical-Centre-350241332207118/](https://www.facebook.com/Copacabana-Medical-Centre-350241332207118/) and via notices at the surgery. In the meantime, now is a good time to start exploring any questions you may have about the vaccine.

See NSW Health Covid-19 vaccination FAQs located at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/covid-vaccination-faqs.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/covid-vaccination-faqs.aspx) for answers to commonly asked questions as well as links to other informative sources, including the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance, the TGA, and Department of Health.

Speaking of vaccinations, it's nearly time to book in for your annual flu jab, which shouldn't be neglected this year. Call the surgery to make an appointment with our friendly staff.

1. [abc.net.au/news/2021-02-05/when-will-you-get-the-covid-19-vaccine/13112610#vaccine3](http://abc.net.au/news/2021-02-05/when-will-you-get-the-covid-19-vaccine/13112610#vaccine3)

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# Cockrone Lagoon Management

Photo by Diane Warman



Photo by Rebecca Harcourt

## Jellies in the lagoon!!

Jellyfish (not blue bottles!) have recently been observed in Cockrone Lagoon in Tjudibaring. Using images and the expertise of locals, supported by Australian Museum information, these have been identified as the Jelly Blubber *Catostylus mosaicus*. This is a species which is known to occur in high numbers in estuaries in NSW, sometimes even being fished for human consumption. One local has commented that in her 33 years she has never seen such a bloom. So is this a cause for concern?

These jellies have a large bell (up to 45 cm across), often creamy white or brown and a large cross that may be seen on the top. They have up to eight clublike mouth-arms – that can sting but are not dangerous. The stinging cells on these mouth-arms act to catch their food and then funnel it to their stomach. Their food is zooplankton, including very small crustaceans and larval fishes.

Some scoping around has revealed how little we understand the reasons for jellyfish appearances. Jellyfish have a complex life cycle, involving both a sexual medusa stage and an asexual polyp stage. The large adult medusa include separate females and males that look very similar to each other. The females most probably brood their larval young after mating. These very small larvae (0.1 mm) will leave the parent, settle onto solid materials (seagrass, shells, rocks etc) and metamorphose into polyps which then stay in that one place. Polyps look like very small stalked flowers (less than 0.5 mm) and feed on zooplankton.

Polyps can persist for years in estuarine environments, sometimes budding off new polyps via asexual reproduction. At certain times (for reasons still not clearly understood by scientists), these polyps can rapidly metamorphose into free swimming medusa. These medusa then rapidly grow in size and appear as large swarms in estuarine environments. Their life span may exceed ten months.

The sudden appearance of such jellies in Cockrone Lagoon does not provide a clear cause for concern about any risks to humans or our water quality. Firstly, the stinging cells that are present on the short arms of this jelly are not considered a serious risk to humans. Any links to declines in current water quality are difficult to establish as polyps can live for years without metamorphosing into the adult medusa. However, if they do make more frequent appearances in Cockrone Lagoon in the future this may require investigation!

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE:

**Atlas of Living Australia** – specific details for this species <https://bie.ala.org.au/species/urn:lsid:biodiversity.org.au:afd.taxon:ca512058-d179-4a58-b8af-4e6c3517d5ba>

**Smithsonian Institution** – All about Jellies [https://ocean.si.edu/ocean-life/invertebrates/jellyfish-and-comb-jellies#section\\_16508](https://ocean.si.edu/ocean-life/invertebrates/jellyfish-and-comb-jellies#section_16508)

**Pitt & Kingsford** (2000) Reproductive biology of the edible jellyfish *catostylus mosaicus* (Rhizostomeae). Download scientific article from here <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s002270000399>

### **Margaret Platell**

Lecturer in Environmental Science, Newcastle University and CCA Management Committee member



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# ART SHOW

Copacabana Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

We, the creative lot of Copacabana, gathered on the Australia Day long weekend to show our art works to the wider community and visitors at the Copa Surf Life Saving Club. We showed amateur to professional works and we all had an exhilarating time.

There was a real "buzz" at the show throughout the whole weekend and we would like to thank the community and visitors for getting behind our local artists. From all proceeds we donated almost \$1000 of the takings to the surf club.

We will be busy preparing for the **June long weekend** to have another show. The event will include art works from our local talented artists plus live music and wine tasting so we look forward to seeing you all there.

All interested artists that would like to participate and anyone that would like to help, please contact Suzie Goumas at [roséandrenoir@gmail.com](mailto:roséandrenoir@gmail.com) – but get in quick as spaces will be limited. Registration Forms available **NOW** on [www.copanews.com.au/copacreative](http://www.copanews.com.au/copacreative)







# A better summer for Copa RFS

We've had a very quiet summer locally, with no big fire or flood events in the area. Great for members to have a sensible season resting, training and catching up on the missed opportunities from last summer's horrendous fire season, using Covid safe protocols of course.

Members who assisted last summer received their well-deserved Premier's Citations in November, presented by Life Member and all round top bloke Bob Clancy.

Congratulations go to all our members for their ongoing commitment to our community.

The Brigade is still conducting online meetings due to Covid and all are keen to see things get back to normal, but until then we are following all the community protocols plus enhanced efforts to ensure we can function in the case of a brigade member becoming infected.

Many of the new members who joined over winter are now finalising their

Village Firefighter training, ensuring they have the skills to respond to a wider range of fire incidents with confidence. We are also back to general training, keeping all our core skills fresh and skilling up new members on all the different tools, equipment, and operations protocols they will encounter along their RFS journey.

Stay safe and check that your fire alarms are working!

**Matt Francis**



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## Get online and join the conversation

There are a couple of friendly, respectful local Facebook pages you might like to join and keep up to date with **what's going on in Copa**.

**Copa Community News and Events 2251**  
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**Cockrone Lagoon NSW Flora and Fauna**

# Copacabana Community Association

## Your Local Community Organisation

The Copacabana Community Association (CCA) was formed many years ago by a group of committed Copa residents to facilitate community connections, welcome newcomers and share news of interest to locals. An important function of the CCA is to identify and advocate for improvements and beautification projects brought to our attention by members. Another key objective of the CCA is to keep a watching brief for any new planning or zoning issues proposed by Council (often at the behest of the NSW government) that would or could increase building density in Copa and lead to inappropriate development. Our mission is to protect the leafy, quiet, seaside character of our suburb and push back against high rise or similar developments that would stretch our limited infrastructure (roads, parking, sewerage etc). Over the years, CCA members have helped to preserve the Copa we know and love by making representations and submissions to local and state government designed to protect against over-development. In addition, the CCA runs events designed to bring the community together, create new connections and foster goodwill.

All of the activities and events of the CCA are funded from membership fees and advertising revenue from this quarterly newsletter. We thank all of our sponsors for their generous and loyal support and ask residents who are not already members to consider joining (\$20 a year – details below) and contributing ideas and suggestions.

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