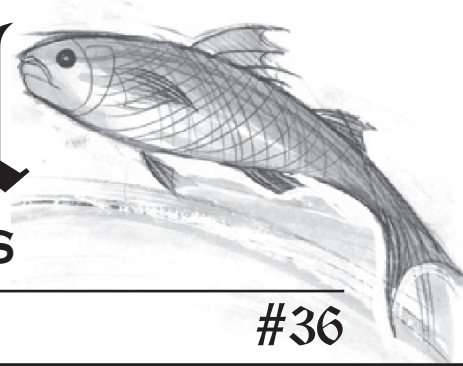




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NEWS & VIEWS OF DANGAR ISLAND RESIDENTS



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DANGAR ISLAND LEAGUE INCLUDING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the recent Dangar Island League AGM in October, *Antony Schinckel*

stepped down after four successful years in the role as President of the League. Antony has worked hard and achieved much for the Island. The achievements include, the strong progress made to establish a mooring co-operative, a doubling of the League membership, the successful campaign to stop Sydney Water with it's plan to increase effluent discharge limits into the river, the successful development and implementation of a Community Website for Dangar Island. We thank Antony for his work and leadership over the past four years. It is pleasing that Antony will remain a member of the League Executive Committee in the role of Vice President. He will continue with *Ron Barelle*, to lead the establishment of the Dangar Island Mooring Co-operative.

A special thank you to *Andy Payne* who has developed and continues to manage our Dangar Island Community Website. The website is our main source of news and information about life on Dangar Island and all the community groups on the Island are represented.

Have a look at :

www.dangarislandleague.net

Big thanks to *Mel Anderson* for the collation and production of last year's editions of the Mullet Mail. Thanks also to *David Reynolds* for his contribution.

At the October AGM a new Executive Committee was elected to represent the interests of all residents of Dangar Island.

The new Executive Committee members are:-

PRESIDENT: Bronek Karcz

VICE PRESIDENT:

Antony Schinckel

SECRETARY: Judith Doyle

TREASURER: Hans Pols

OFFICERS: Judy Nikola, Peter Wolfe, Ron Barelle, Christine Sanderson, Michael Liebenberg

You are encouraged to approach the Committee members or to send an email to the address below, if there are any issues or matters that you would like the League to consider regarding life on Dangar Island.

The next twelve months are shaping up to be a busy time for the League Committee with some significant work and issues in play. These include:

Roads: The poor state of repair of our roads has been raised with the Council. The Council have committed to conduct a trial using standard recycled road base on a 200 metre section of Riverview Avenue prior to Christmas. The aim is to get the mix right before repairing the rest of Riverview Avenue early in the New Year. Council has also been requested to roll the uneven sections on the roads on the lower sections of Dangar Island, particularly Grantham Crescent.

Peat Island & Mooney Mooney Development: Opposition to the State's plan to sell and develop Peat Island/Mooney Mooney land continues. The Island's submission, proposing that Peat Island and the adjacent land be used to create a Recreational Park and a Gateway Site to the Lower Hawkesbury and it's Nature Reserves, is available on our community website

Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan (CLEP): *Christine Sanderson* and *Peter Wolfe* are coordinating our response to the proposed Hornsby Council Draft CLEP.

Water Access Sub Committee: The development of the Dangar Island Mooring Co-operative in order to

provide new boat mooring facilities at the main public wharf continues under the leadership of *Antony Schinckel* and *Ron Barelle*.

Membership: You can renew or sign up for membership on the website : www.dangarislandleague.net

Other issues and programs: These include numerous activities in areas such as:

- chemical waste cleanup,
- improved parking in Brooklyn,
- clarifying Island emergency procedures, and liaison with Council on other matters that may concern residents.

We are looking forward to a very busy and productive year.

Cheers

Bronek Karcz

President Dangar Island League
president@dangarislandleague.net

The objectives of the League are :
to further the interests
of the Dangar Island
community and to
exercise stewardship
of our environment

OUR COMMUNITY WEBSITE UPDATE

The Dangar Island Community Website (dangarislandleague.net) was completely redesigned in June.

The site is especially easy to access from mobile devices such as smart phones and iPads. (There was a technical hitch for people viewing using Internet Explorer which has now been fixed. If you were having problems using the site and gave up please try again!)

The site now attracts an average of over 40 visitors each day, from locals looking for the ferry timetable or checking out the design of our new fire shed, through to people from around the world checking out some of the beautiful contemporary and historical photographs.

The site is an excellent way for groups on the island to provide access to lengthy documents (eg for the berthing co-op) in an environmentally responsible way. You can now also maintain your league membership through an online form saving even more paper.

I've just added a new artists, musicians and writers page to showcase (free of

charge) local talent. If you'd like to be promoted on the site let me know – there's no cost, so what have you got to lose?

All future ideas for the site very welcome. Contribution of content is even more welcome.

Please also remember to send through calendar items to website@dangarislandleague.net. If you have any problems accessing the site please just let me know.

Andy Payne

PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATOR

I'm delighted to announce a public defibrillator will shortly be available on the Island. Defibrillators can save lives in cardiac arrest situations. Please watch your mailbox for more news soon.

Jonathan Sykes
Captain, Dangar Island RFB
0404 719 997

DANGAR ISLAND RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

With long term weather forecasts predicting significantly hotter and drier conditions than in previous years, it is important that we are all prepared for this summer.

Start with cleaning up your yard;

- Clean leaves from roof, gutters and down pipes
- Clear piles of building materials, left over wood stacks and half-collapsed structures
- Cut back any overhanging trees and shrubs, trimming to ensure that you break any continuous foliage link that your property has with the bush.

It is important to note that it is sticks with 6mm diameter (pencil size) or less that make up the 'fine fuel' we talk about. These must be removed to de-aerate the leaf litter, which will then pack down and protect against soil erosion.

When clearing your fine fuels and trimming don't forget "**Green Waste Friday**", every fortnight - the next pick-ups are scheduled for *2nd, 16th and 30th November 2012*. Contact

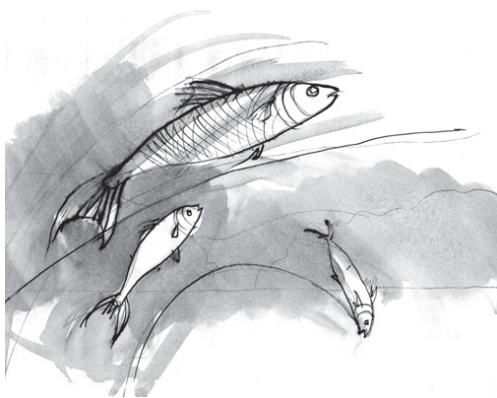
Hornsby Shire Council for more information <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au> or 9847 6666.

As the fire season is upon us you will require a permit from both the RFS and Council if you intend to light a fire in the open. Please contact our Permit Officer Bill Lynn-Robinson on 9985 7279 for all your permit needs. The permit system informs the authorities exactly when and where land owners intend to burn, and enables us to ensure appropriate measures are in place, so that fires remain under control. <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> has all the info.

Please be prepared this fire season and have your Bushfire Survival Plan completed. There is plenty of information available at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au> Remember, planning to make a plan is not a plan.

Lastly, in an emergency always call 000.

Vanessa Payne
Community Engagement Officer
Dangar Island RFB



Q. Who can apply for membership?

A. Residents and Property owners of Dangar Island.

Q. How much will a membership cost?

A. At this point we can only estimate costs and we hope our original estimate of \$8,000 to \$10,000 per membership is correct.

Q. When will I be able to make formal application for membership?

A. We will call for applications when we have a final design and cost estimate and hope this will occur before Christmas 2012.

Q. When will we need to pay for membership?

A. After the first round of applications is received the Committee will call for deposits. Deposits are likely to be approximately 50% of the total cost. When the construction tenders are finalized the balance will be required.

Q. Can people share a berth?

A. Yes, there is provision within the Rules for a group of people to share a membership. The committee encourages the concept.

Q. How many Berths will there be?

A. This is a design issue that is partly beyond our control but we hope to have something between 30 and 38 berths.

Q. What size boat will the berth take?

A. The same as Brooklyn Co-op with the same rigging – 5.5 metres in length, 2.25m beam.

Q. Will berths be attached to a person or a property?

A. Berths will be attached to a person or a group of people. This is to ensure that all community members have a fair chance of accessing the facility rather than berths becoming an investment and remaining in closed circulation.

Q. What happens if there are more applicants than berths?

A. At the start of the Co-op, if we do not have enough berths, membership will be offered in an order established by published criteria set out on the application form.

Q. Will I own my berth?

A. Membership is membership of the Co-operative and is not the purchase of a berth. Membership will entitle you to use the berth allocated to you.

Q. Can I sell my membership?

A. Membership is by application to the Co-operative so therefore the Co-operative will administer

DANGAR ISLAND MOORING

CO-OPERATIVE FAQ

If we have not answered your question below, send it to wharf@dangarislandleague.net and we will respond directly to you.

membership transfers. When a membership is cancelled the position will be offered to the next person on the waiting list for the current entry price. This money will be transferred to the previous membership holder.

Q. What if I want to cancel my membership and there is no one on the waiting list?

A. This will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. If possible the berth will be rented out until a buyer is available.

Q. Why will the co-op be responsible for the transfer of memberships and therefore berths?

A. This is an integral part of the structure of a co-operative – to be part of it you will need to be a member which means the co-operative administers these matters.

AUSTRALIA DAY JANUARY 26, 2013

We are starting to get some ideas together for a celebration of music, food and arts for this coming day, centered on the Bowlo and the Café.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to be part of the team preparing or helping on the day please contact Peter (peterdwolfe@bigpond.com) or any member of the Bowling Club or Café teams.

Peter Wolfe



0405 909236

BUGGY NEWS

NEW BUGGY COMING – For those of you who couldn't make the Dangar Island Vehicle Management Committee (DIVMC) Annual General Meeting last month or the Dangar Island League AGM, the big news is that we are getting a new buggy. In conjunction with Hornsby council, we have ordered a vehicle which we hope will be more suitable for our unique road conditions. This new vehicle should be more



CAFE UPDATE

The shop has made it through the quieter winter months, again with the great support of you all, thank you. The result was a small profit last year.

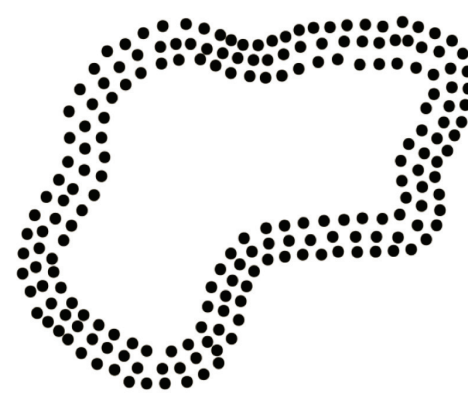
The year hasn't been without its challenges with staff changes, rising costs and poor weather. All that said, the Shop is probably in the best shape it has ever been and we hope for a strong summer, a few more visitors and some vigilance around costs!

The success of the Shop remains dependent on your support and the volunteers who support it. There are always many people to thank and this list is not comprehensive. *Jim Rae* has done a terrific job replacing the old sail with the smart cover over the shop entrance; *Michael Liebenberg* has worked tirelessly on the monthly art exhibitions which are now a fixed event in the "Island Calendar"; and *Wally Bower* has continued in his role organizing the BBQ often stepping up to the plate himself on weekends. Other thank yous go to the BBQ volunteers, *Jackie Morgan* and *Margaret Bower* who regularly help with laundry and other tasks. The ferry service, *Rick Stockley* and the drivers who help deliver our perishable goods. *Tom Bettenson* who has volunteered with some deliveries when required. We thank you all and if we have missed some please accept our apologies.

Graham and Corrynth White, due to their own business demands, have handed over some admin and accounting work to Fiona.

Otherwise, see you at the Shop and please keep spending there :)

Dangar Island



Community Hall

We have a new Booking Officer. Thank you, *Vanessa Payne* for taking on this role. You can book the Hall through Vanessa (9985 7488 or 0414 317 260) before 8:00pm. Many thanks go to *Michele Rumsey* who for many years managed the Hall Bookings. Although no longer Booking Officer, Michele remains on the committee and her experience will provide valuable support and insight.

All booking forms as well as the Conditions of Hire are available on the Dangar League Website www.dangarislandleague.net. There is also a Hirers Checklist to be completed and returned with the keys after each hire.

As there has not been an increase in fees for some time, and the committee is now required to pay for utilities, the booking fees were increased slightly in July. While the committee manages the use of the Hall for Hornsby Shire Council, it should be noted that the money raised by hiring the hall does not go direct to Council. This money remains with the committee and is used for general upkeep and incidentals.

The number of pastel tea cups in the hall has diminished considerably. If you have borrowed a cup or two, please return to the bench on the Hall decking.

Dangar Island Hall Committee

reliable than the current one. It also uses a different electrical charging system which should allow it to do a greater number of trips per day. The DIVMC thanks the community and Hornsby council for their ongoing support of this valuable service and recognises the ongoing efforts of the volunteer drivers, without whom, there would be no service. We ask the community to remember that the drivers are volunteers and should not have to disagree with passengers over the fare structure which is very well advertised. Any expressions of interest for more drivers are always welcome, please contact *Charles* on **9985 7750**, *Judy* on **0415 488 606** or *Margaret* on **9985 8546**.

As part of the DIVMC responsibility, Council has asked us to remind all

vehicle users that they must hold a current driver's license and the vehicles must be registered, insured and displaying a current registration label. This includes the drivers of the ute and the owners of golf buggies. Other issues that come as part of DIVMC's remit from Council is that speed limits should be enforced (10Km/hour) and that anyone bringing a vehicle onto the island that will block the road for a period of time needs to inform DIVMC and neighbours before the event.

BUGGY

Hours of operation
Mon - Fri 8:30 - 7:30
and Sat/Sun 9 - 5:30

..... volunteer drivers welcome!



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Nicole Ruiz Gallery

Invites you to an exhibition
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REGISTER your sculpture.

Have your sculpture installed by
January 12th (or earlier) for judging
on AUSTRALIA DAY, 26th January.

1st, 2nd and 3rd PRIZES
People's Choice Award



BUSHCARE - GREYBEARD V OLD MAN'S BEARD

Hanging high along Neotsfield Ave is an interesting epiphyte known as Spanish Moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) which is increasingly associated with dead host trees. The plant belongs to the Bromeliad Family originating from South America.

It has soft grey slender curvy leaves, branching alternately, from thin stems that droop in pretty festoons over the host branches. *T. usneoides* has specialised trichomes for obtaining water and nutrients from the atmosphere, while providing protection from desiccation and still allowing photosynthesis.

As an epiphyte it shows no structures that indicate parasitic feeding from the host plant, however it competes with the host for light to photosynthesise which eventually weakens the host as it over-invests in new foliage to reach the sun. Studies have found *T. usneoides* thrives in association with particular lichens, so interactions with some combinations of epiphytes could be harmful to certain hosts.

We recommend caution in placing this introduced epiphyte in your garden as we've not seen local plants hardy enough to live in balance with it. Keep it off native trees and shrubs



SPANISH MOSS

Tillandsia usneoides (on sculpture)

Photo by Forest & Kim Starr.

even in your garden. Help us prevent it from spreading into Kiparra Reserve.

A native Dangar plant alternative that bushcare would like to promote for gardeners on the island is a beautiful grass known as Old Man's Beard (*Caustis flexulosa*). It has masses of pretty bright green curly branchlets with red brown sheath like leaf tips. It is an endemic sedge 60 – 120cm tall, common on sandstone, and grows on the southern slope of Kiparra Reserve.



OLD MANS
BEARD
*Caustis
flexulosa*
Photo from
Hornsby
Library
Herbarium
[http://www.
hornsby.nsw.
gov.au/library](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

Ask at your native nursery for stock. Also see the league website for a list of recommended native species for this area.

Remember: Bushrock, plants and fauna are protected in Kiparra Reserve. There is an investigation into recent destructive activity in the reserve. We calculate the Bush Turkeys can't lift boulders.

*Cybele and Ana for Dangar
Bushcare*



mosaic map project



Island Children's Tiles

“ REFACING THE OLD ”

The old concrete slab is now resurfaced with a mosaic map of the island and drawings by island children in stoneware tiles. Coming soon is a calendar that will feature drawings that didn't make it onto the mosaic map. This project was supported by the Hornsby Council Community Donations Program and the Dangar Island Historical Society and guided by Ana, Jo, Mel, Yvonne and Miranda.





OKTOBERFEST HOMEBREW

Bowlo bagman **Tom "Stand And Deliver" Garvey** remains in hiding from a mystery shoeless assassin following his shock *Kuhns Martinizing™* Oktoberfest Homebrew quinella.

The non-shod ninja is trained to hunt by smell, rendering the champion a sitting duck. Garvey's *Little Kreature* and *India Pale Ale* finessed the first round, then failed to trouble the scoreboard in the second term, for the first time since 1952.

But it was the shock revelation that Garvey had in fact brewed all the beers in the competition, that reputedly put a price of \$65,000 on the, ironically, 65-year-old former Tasmanian's head.

Plucky cider tragic **Svetlana Poussi**, returning from a knee, fooled no-one with her *Apple Beer*, which was clearly cider, while former Oktobermeister **Dinsdale Trelawney's** QR-coded *2Bitter* was ruled "yeah, nah".

Lomi Lomi HOT ROCK MASSAGE on dangar island



FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL
Joanne Cameron 0422 061 876



Mayor Johnson pleased the assembled when his *Come At Me "hard ale"* polled last, before being dashed to the ground by a tired and emotional mademoiselle. As the average French person can't tell beer from Brylcreem, this was fitting tribute to the organiser of the first ever "silent" Oktoberfest.

Sources close to the Bowlo failed to return the Mullet Mail's Facebook.

Results:
1st Tom Garvey *Little Kreature*;
2nd Tom Garvey *Garvey's IPA*;
3rd Dinsdale Trelawney *2Bitter*.



Woodwind Orchestra?

I have a clarinet and I'm looking for other woodwindists - clarinet, sax, flute, recorder, oboe, etc - to form a band and rehearse some pieces with the goal of performing for ourselves and possibly at Open Mic Night. The kind of music I'm thinking of is whatever we think we want to try.

Cheers,
Philip Doggett



A warm welcome to the newest members of the Mullet Mail team - John and Leonie - who have kindly offered their time and expertise to layout the Mullet Mail for printing.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Sun is back on the river and running regularly!

As you can see from the photos, a huge amount of work was done to restore the ferry back to working condition.

The Ferry phone number is 0448 101 016.



Ferry Timetable - Monday to Friday

Departure Times					
Trains	Brooklyn	Wobby	Dangar	Wobby	Trains
Arrive Northbound					Depart Southbound
	—	—	6:10 AM	—	6:31 AM
5:47 AM	6:25 AM	6:35 AM	7:00 AM	—	7:32 AM
6:45 AM	7:25 AM	7:35 AM	8:00 AM	—	
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8:48 AM	8:55 AM	—	9:10 AM	—	9:47 AM
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7:45 PM	8:00 PM	—	—	—	

Stops in Red, if required, advise ferry 30 mins prior for pickup, or at boarding for dropoff

Ferry Timetable - Sat/Sun & Public Holidays

Departure Times (Public Holidays - Sunday Timetable)					
Trains	Brooklyn	Wobby	Dangar	Wobby	Trains
Arrive Northbound					Depart Southbound
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5:45 PM	6:15 PM	—	6:35 PM	6:50 PM	7:38 PM
	7:10 PM	—	—	—	

7:05 AM Saturdays only
7:10 PM During Daylight Savings only

Ferry Phone 0448 101016



SCRABBLE NEWS

A Scrabble record was scored last week in a friendly game of Scrabble between Jane Putt and Yvonne Liechti. Jane surprised even herself with a word out, "WEATHER" landing on a Triple square and scoring a record 100 points in one go. Both players are still recovering.

OPEN MIC NIGHT
VIDEOS WANTED!!

Many of you know that I have been recording the Open Mic Night sessions since May of this year. If you have any video you have taken of any of the performances, I'd like to put my audio on your video. If you'd like to share your video(s) with me, can you please copy them onto a USB drive and drop in my mailbox at the shop (Y23). You'll get the USB drive back!

Thanks,
Philip Doggett

Letters to the Editor... 

Open Mic Night Taken Hostage!!

Open Mic Night has turned into a great rock and roll party. Where have the other performers disappeared to? What has happened to the harps and ukuleles, clarinets and violins, magic shows and poets, kazoos and harmoniums?

Come back! We love you!

Signed,
Anonymous fan of Dangar talent

Calling Cards

Dogs and cats keep wandering into my house/yard leaving their calling card right outside our gate. Hanging on the post 3 to 4 metres away are some doggy bags, maybe they should use them?

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Ducklings Outing



While enjoying the sunset from our boatshed recently, two proud parents greeted us with their five newly hatched ducklings. They swam towards the beach and waddled onto the sand. Instead of returning to the water, the young family made their way behind the boatshed. With mum in the lead they proceeded to climb the rather high steps leading up to the house. We watched fascinated as the little bundles of fluff, each less than half the height of the steps struggled to follow the path set by their parents. The smallest and last launched itself at the step, unsuccessfully flapping its immature wings. We looked on from a distance, willing it up the step. Again it tried and again it fell back. Finally, it managed to grasp onto something with its beak and managed to drag itself up onto the step. Only to be faced by another step. This too required more than one attempt before it managed to clamber up the step and then follow the rest of the family by scrambling up a small slope through the long grass. We returned to our drinks exclaiming at the wonders of nature, only to be called back by Greig who had noticed that they were returning via a different route. Having come full circle Mum jumped off a large rock returning to the beach. The five little ducklings one by one launched themselves off the rock, dropping at least a metre onto the sand. They returned to the river for swimming exercise. Duckling boot camp

Joanne

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- Do you expect me to talk?
- No, Mr Bond, I expect you to DIE!


Join DIFS for the coming season at Goldfinger(PG), and get a free vodka martini: shaken not stirred, of course. We're celebrating 50 years of film's most famous franchise with the 3rd and best of the bunch, Goldfinger. Aston Martins, deadly hats, furious pencil snapping, and Pussy Galore!

At the Hall, 7:30pm Sat 3rd Nov

**DRESS TO KILL -
PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED**

Lots of info about the film, and the original cinema trailer at www.difs.net

Coming soon...Australia Day Jan 26th...The Sapphires (PG) starring Deborah Mailman and Jessica Mauboy.



Those Dark Days

Don't make a sound the poor woman said,
to the urchin in rags at her feet.
It is Thursday again and the Rent Man is here,
or we'll all be put out in the street.

If your father comes home with a few shillings left,
from the two days of hard graft this week.
I give thanks unto God for the chucking out laws,
or we would all be put out with the meek.

To the shame and despair of the soup kitchen line,
and the handout of tracts at the door.
From the beatific smiles of the psalm singing flock.
this is the fate of the poor.

A handful of kindling is all that is left,
to warm us against the cold night.
Go quickly now child, go straight to your bed,
and see that the rats do not bite.

Alone in the room, the fist inkling of dread,
the hands of the clock seem so slow.
With chucking out time already past,
how soon until now the first blow.

Bruce Lambert