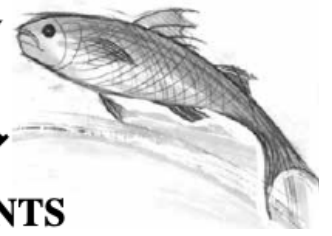


# Mullet Mail



NEWS & VIEWS OF DANGAR ISLAND RESIDENTS

#80 Summer 2023

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this country.  
Always was, always will be, indigenous land.  
Together we care for our island and river, for the future!*

*Branchlines 2, Ana Pollak,  
ink and claywash on burnt plywood, 2023*



The Dangar Island  
**League**

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year from the Dangar Island League.

Firstly, I want to thank Brenda for all her assistance in running the league over the past five years. It has been an

outstanding contribution to our community.

As I write this, the parking issue is far from resolved, and it appears it will continue for some time yet, while council assesses the next steps. That means we need to continue to document, make notes, and take time stamped photographs around what does and doesn't work in the council's plan.

We need to ensure what we report is factual, accurate and even-tempered. Exaggerations and slurs will not help us. Some of the councillors are

already supportive and we need their support. We can win over more councillors if we remain civil and honest.

We'll keep pushing for resident permits and paid parking that has longer time limits. Funds raised would help with future parking infrastructure.

We'll continue to be proactive, and engage all the river communities. Please stay tuned as we progress this discussion and ask for your input and support for an agreed strategy. Pending a long term, viable solution, our immediate focus is on permits to alleviate the impact of the timed parking.

More campaign opportunities are coming up, before which we'll have meetings to discuss next steps.

Stephen Boyle,  
President, Dangar Island League Inc (DIL)  
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league's website, a talk on Powerful owls and kids' painting and drawing workshops.

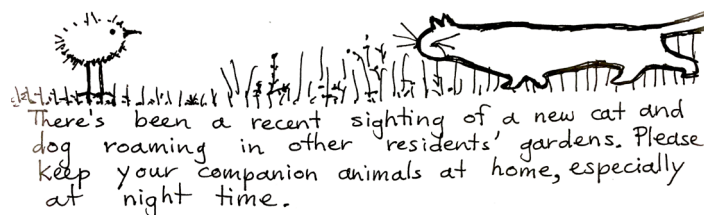
If you are interested to be part of a voice for the living world on Dangar Island or interested in circular or sharing economies, contact

Ana Pollak, Environmental Representative  
Dangar Island League Inc (DIL)  
[anapollak@hotmail.com](mailto:anapollak@hotmail.com) or 99857707

## Wildlife Talking

For two years the living world has had a voice on the Dangar Island League's committee. I have been honoured to have this role in representing the interests of island wildlife. Having someone specifically represent the interests of Dangar Island's ecology has helped to raise awareness and focus attention on its unique wonders, its needs, and create activities in the interests of our natural world.

Over the two years there has been a walk and talk with tree scientists about trees on the island. There have been street plantings with local seedlings to create cooler roads, wind breaks, food and habitat for the future. The needs of island wildlife has been publicised with signage about Mareela Reef and a talk by the RSPCA on 'Keeping Cats Safe at Home'. Beach erosion activated the planting of local grasses and seedlings along Bradleys Beach. Island wildlife has been promoted with the creation of environmental and citizen science pages on the



Dear Mayor and Councillors of Hornsby Shire,

I have noticed a lot of new signs in the Hawkesbury River area advertising parking for the cost of 4p. This is ridiculous as Australia changed from pennies to dollars and cents more than half a century ago, and even then I believe the appropriate abbreviation was 'd', from the latin denarius. I am not sure about this though, perhaps you could look it up.

Best wishes,  
RR\*



*Very attractive visitors to Mareela Reef. | Photo: Bill Lynn-Robinson*

## Reef of Egret

Georgia Lynn-Robinson

In late October, a flock of almost 50 Cattle Egret swooped as one, over Mareela Reef. It was a spectacular sight. They circled, dipped low, circled again lower, and then very gracefully landed on the solitary mangrove on Mareela Reef. They spent the day there and when a gusty wind came up late afternoon, they carefully repositioned themselves

on the leeward side and rested there all night. Next morning, off they went in perfect formation.

When closely observed they are quite beautiful with fluffy orange-buff head plumes, a stripe on their back and a red bill.

I first saw one lone Cattle Egret here in 2020, then again in 2021, and in 2022 a flock of 14 arrived. Word is getting out that Mareela Reef is a safe and protected place to rest on their journey!

## Estuary Action List

Tim Macdonald, Environment Strategy Manager, Hornsby Council

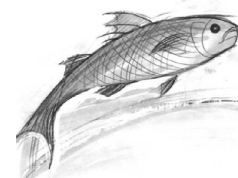
Six partner councils have been working together since 2018 to improve management of the Hawkesbury Nepean River System. In May 2023 the Councils received \$432,000 funding, under the New South Wales Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, towards the progression of a Coastal Management Program (CMP).

Over the next couple of months, partner Councils (Central Coast,

Northern Beaches, Hornsby, Kuring-gai, Hills and Hawkesbury) will be working with suitably qualified and competitively selected consultants to consolidate a long list of potential management actions to address the key threats facing the river system now and into the future. Once completed, these actions will be assessed for their feasibility and economic viability before being presented to community and government agencies for consideration during 2024.

This evaluation process will produce a concise list of priority management actions,

while confirming the roles and responsibilities (incl. financial) associated with each action. You can learn more about the CMP and subscribe to receive the news and updates on the progress and upcoming consultation opportunities via [www.hawkesburynepeancmp.org](http://www.hawkesburynepeancmp.org) or follow the QR below.





Congratulations to DIG for their first 5 years. The spaces around the Bowling Club Green have evolved into a fabulous productive community place.

We hope you reach the ripe old age of 30 one day, which is how long Bushcare has officially been going in Kiparra Reserve, with Council's support (unofficially we started a few years before Council began their program in 1993).

We quietly go about our bushland sessions removing invasive species like *Lantana*, *Ochna*, *Asparagus* and *Fishbone Ferns*, as well as *Ehrhata* grasses, that plague the island. During the early 70's, Bruce Lambert recalls the first time he went to look at his block of land on Riverview Ave, "access was through a track under a tunnel of *Lantana*".

Nowadays you will find the occasional seedling pop its head up, rarely getting a chance to reproduce seeds. The birds are constantly delivering weed-seedy packages from neighbouring gardens, so we keep going back to care for the bushland, on the

first Saturday morning of every month at 9am.

If you are interested in native gardens, joining us is a great way to learn what is locally native and what is invasive. We begin gathering below the access track at 149 Riverview Ave.

Occasionally I remember to post on our Dangar Island Bushcare facebook page. Please follow us there, and if we can help answer any bushland questions, we'd love to help. We also have some helpful information in our page on the League website.

Cybele Shorter, Co-ordinator,  
Dangar Island Bushcare

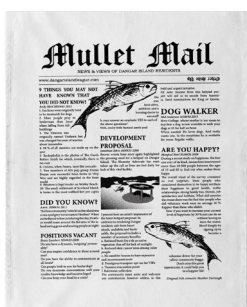


Left - soft yellow *Cassinia*, Centre - lush green ferns, Right - bright purple *Hardenbergia*. | Photos: Cybele Shorter

## Street Art

Three of Paul Taylor's artworks will soon be available in sticker form to add to the bin 'street art' of Dangar Island. You can view a mockup of the three bins here: <https://www.dangarislandleague.com/street-art>. A set of three will cost \$90 or you can purchase individual stickers for \$35 each. Purchases can be made directly with Judi Taylor: [taylor.judi@outlook.com](mailto:taylor.judi@outlook.com) and proceeds will be shared between D.I.G. and Campfire in the Heart in Alice Springs.

Please email Genevieve at [hello@genevieveginty.com](mailto:hello@genevieveginty.com) if you are interested in creating your own. MM



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*DIG in the bowling green.* | Image: Martin Cole

The newly completed arbor is officially called Frida, as she sports a distinctive monobrow on the landscape. Currently the flame trees in bloom (two years in a row!) and the jacarandas shaking their lilac coloured flowers to the wind amongst the nasturtiums create a genuine surrealistic impression of Frida overlooking the goings on. Not least of course is Thursday Night Pizza & Bowls, which has stamped itself on the social calendar as a must do.

Young grapevines are now winding their way up one of Frida's posts along with a passionfruit and a wisteria. Betting on the best outcomes has begun.

The irrigation and pump for our water tanks have been installed. The abundance in the garden is obvious. Apart from regular watering, the garden design has altered slightly to incorporate the irrigation and larger plantings so there are more to pick from. Also the north embankment has enjoyed a flush of flowers for the first time. New beds along the whole embankment are now available for growing.

This has been a long term project that many islanders and visitors have put many hours into. Congratulations to everyone who has made this spring bloom such a pleasure. The flowers add so much to the vicinity and it's been an absolutely fabulous season to celebrate our fifth birthday. On that note, thanks to Jan for such an extremely wonderful and yummy birthday cake, adorned with icing sugar depictions of the garden.

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Hornsby Shire,  
I decided to get rid of my car. From now on I will simply call an ambulance when I need to go anywhere. It is a little troublesome but easier than creeping in terror down the stairs from Upper McKell in the dark. I would like to share this solution to "our little Brooklyn problem" as it may have applications in the wider community.

Thank you for your attention,  
RR

Two 10,000 litre water tanks on the Bowlo, tick. Pump and irrigation off the water tanks, tick. The arbor and seating for the bowlers, tick. The north embankment fully planted, tick. A working compost cycle feeding the whole garden, tick. Regular markets for the garden and islander creatives, tick. An abundant organic garden free for all to use and dependably growing for the Bowlo kitchen, tick. A place we all love and enjoy, tick.

Now wouldn't it be nice to have a shed! With room for a garden library and a mushroom growing internal wall, a rack full of collected seeds and drying racks for herbs. A place to store our market stuff, a place to put an old wooden table by a window to write or read. Hmmm.

Thank you for all your appreciation from all of us here at DIG.

**Martin Cole, Backbone, DIG.**



*DIG in the bowling green.* | Image: Martin Cole

# Fire Hero Awards

Kathy Merrick



*Fire Heroes: Rochman Reese and Tom Bettinson. | Photo: Kathy Merrick*

Local heroes receive awards for bravery

Cain Bettenson and Rochman Reese were among 40 recipients of awards for bravery issued by the Royal Humane Society of NSW at a ceremony at Government House on 16 November 2023.

Cain (aka Tom the fisherman) and Rochman (aka Rocky) received bronze medals for their actions in responding to an explosion and fire on a motor cruiser that had been refuelling at the Marina at Brooklyn in April 2021.

Locals will remember the dramatic events of the day, when a large motor cruiser, skippered by a group of friends returning from an enjoyable day on the river, exploded into flame in the course of refuelling at Brooklyn marina.

While the occupants of the cruiser, a number of whom were badly burned, stumbled and ran from the vessel, Tom and Rocky, who were nearby at the time, ran toward the burning vessel, acutely aware of the risk that surrounding vessels, or even the

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Hornsby Shire,

I am writing to seek clarification regarding the parking situation in Brooklyn. Some neighbours have told me that many spaces in Brooklyn have now changed to 4-hour parking. I am very concerned as there are some occasions where I do not need to park my car for as long as 4 hours. Will I be penalised for this? Can I arrange for a friend to park in the space for any leftover time?

Yours Sincerely,

RR

fuel bowsers, might also catch fire and explode.

Working together and applying their boating skills and understanding of fuel fire, Tom and Rocky manoeuvred the burning cruiser away from the fuel pontoon and nearby vessels in Tom's tinnie. Tom attempted to douse the fire with the spray from his outboard prop, while Rocky used a fire extinguisher and coordinated efforts with the Brooklyn Fire Brigade. Together Tom and Rocky were able to push the cruiser up against a sea wall, away from the marina, where the Brooklyn fire truck crew eventually extinguished the blaze.

In awarding the bronze medals, Her Excellency Margaret Beasley, the NSW Governor, noted that Tom and Rocky, without hesitation, courageously exposed themselves to significant danger, thus averting what could have become a major disaster.

## Inferno

Bruce Lambert

Fiery fingers probe  
as the monster stalks the village.  
Bleary-eyed residents can but watch  
as it does its best to pillage.

Now morning is about to break  
as the acrid smell still lingers.  
The wind is starting to pick up  
as I test it with my fingers.

The smoke so thick I feel  
I could cut it with a knife.  
With wind straight out of Hades  
we are certainly in some strife.

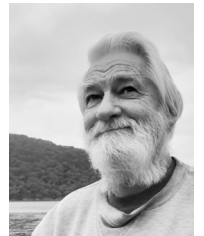
Sixteen hours I fought that day  
with the boat crew up a creek.  
The roar of fire so great  
it was useless even to speak.

Burning embers raining down  
a scene described from Hell.  
A fisherman's cottage we saved that day  
though we barely had a spell.

For thirteen hours next day  
we drove that monster back.  
All houses in Mullet Creek now safe  
be it family home or shack.

Humidity down to two percent  
the odds not in our favour.  
Yet the houses and property we saved  
gave us cause to savour.

The end does come at last  
on the sixteenth day of fighting.  
One can but hope more care  
with the fire you are lighting.



# Busy Start to Fire Season

Event support for the Bridge-to-Bridge race has seen the brigade close out an extremely busy spring kick-off to the fire season, with 4 major fire events affecting the bushland and communities around the river. In all instances these events were caused directly by human activities and required RFS air support and hundreds of man hours to extinguish and mop up. The root cause of these events ran the full gamut of risk behaviours relating to fire hazards, with unmonitored pile burns, campfires & barbeques, and the use of spark inducing power tools in, or close to, bushland.

The dramatic view we all had of Wobby ablaze is a timely reminder of the need for fire safety at all times but especially at this time of year.

No fires of any kind are permitted during total fire bans.

Actively monitor firepits, campfires and BBQs and ensure that you have a cleared area and a constant water supply at hand.

Be always mindful of weather conditions and do not light fires on days with high wind.

It is illegal in NSW National Parks to light a campfire (unless an official firepit is in place).

Be aware of your fire risk when using hot work tools such as grinders, brush cutters and welders.



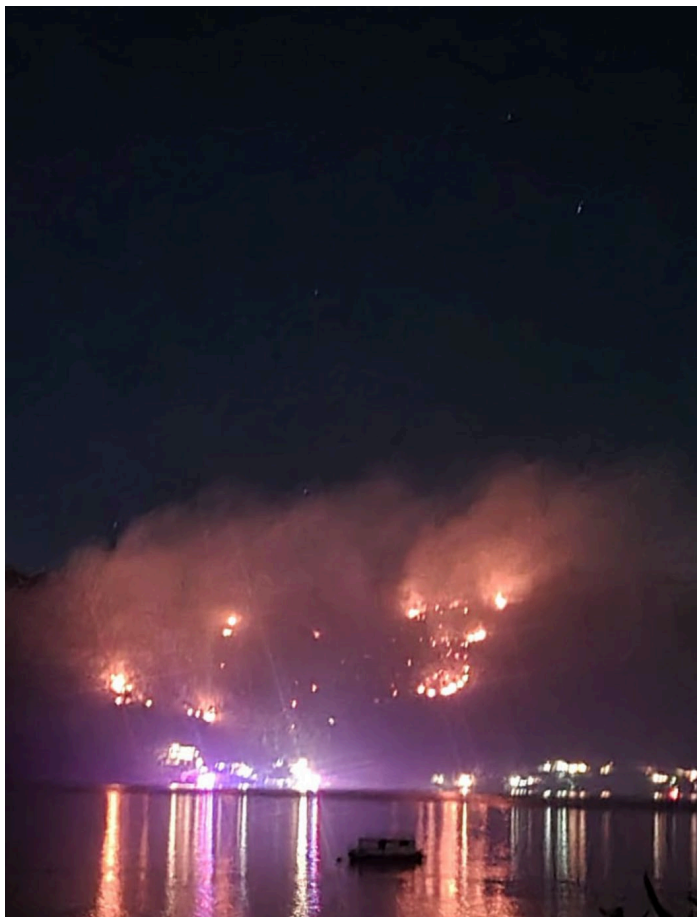
Where possible use your green bin or store leaf litter in compressed piles to be used as garden mulch, rather than completing a pile burn.

If you are completing a pile burn ensure you have the appropriate approval from Council & the RFS (during fire season).

## Volunteers always welcome!

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is the world's largest volunteer fire service, made up of more than 70,000 dedicated volunteers right across NSW. Volunteering with the NSW RFS offers you the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills that will not only assist you in your voluntary role but in day-to-day life and even your workplace. Join us at the Dangar fire shed from 9am on the first Sunday of each month, reach out to one of our brigade members for further information or join up via the QR code below. There are a diverse range of roles both operationally and in administration & support where you can add value to our team.

Josh Ginty, Community Engagement, Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade



Wobby Fire 2023 from Dangar | Photo: Rochman Reese

## Dangar Island



## Professional Knife and Tool Sharpening

Contact Andy (builder) - 0424 265 522



We had a wonderful Spring at the Bowlo with Amie's Trivia Night and Oktoberfest being real highlights. We also saw stellar performances from Dog Trumpet, Ray Beadle & King Tide.

Our AGM welcomed new directors Sunny South and Fiona Mullen and we gave heartfelt thanks to both Jude Pritchard and Wayne Mullock who stepped down from the Board. Both left the Club a better place than they found it!

There's lots to look forward to at the Bowlo. Sharon has freshened up the menus with some fantastic additions and we have some top class events coming up....

Steve Griffiths, President, DIBC

## Easter Island Band



12pm - 5pm

Sunday 31 December

Join us on the last day of the year for an afternoon of superb music supplied by Dangar Island's own Easter Island Band. Featuring Alex Jung (Double Bass), Jonathan Sykes (Percussion) and Pete Godbolt (keys, sax), fronted by Steve Griffiths singing and playing guitars. All these fellows are fantastic musicians, and this will be a relaxed but swinging arvo of covers by the likes of Tom Waits, Mose Allison, Bowie, The Beatles, John Martyn etc... peppered with a smattering of originals. Bookings essential as numbers for lunch are limited.

## William Crighton & Beans On Toast (UK)



12pm - 4pm

Sunday 14 January

The last two years have seen Australian artist William Crighton win an ARIA, support Midnight Oil on their final tour both in Australia and Europe, play his first Glastonbury, and

release his third album *Water and Dust*. Crighton is one of Australia's new generation of storytellers, his music soaked in the essence of this country.

He is joined by his good mate, UK folk singer Beans on Toast. The pair met at the UK festival Boomtown in 2018 and have toured together on and off since. Beans on Toast is a folk hero in the UK, played Glastonbury 15 times, released 15 albums. He's a hippy, a punk, a poet, a drunk, a die-hard romantic and an eternal optimist.

This show is not to be missed.

## Mick Harvey & Amanda Acevedo



12pm - 4pm

Sunday 21 January

Mick & Amanda present songs from their new 14-track album of duets *Phantasmagoria in Blue* with a string quartet in tow, bringing new life to songs sourced from existing duets, songs never intended as duets, translations from songs sung in Spanish, and a sprinkling of original compositions.

Mick is best known as a founding member of The Boys Next Door,

The Birthday Party, Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, as well as being a long-time collaborator with both Nick Cave & PJ Harvey.

He has released more than 10 solo albums under his own name and produced a number of acclaimed albums by other artists. Consequently he's been the recipient of several major industry awards, In 2011 he took out British Producer of the Year for his (co)production on PJ Harvey's classic album *Let England Shake*, and has been a regular member of her touring band for many years.

## MISTER OTT



12pm - 4pm

Sunday 18 February

Acclaimed saxophonist Matthew Ottignon fronts this Sydney outfit merging mesmerising Eastern sounds, tasty horn melodies, tight and popping jazz/funk and hypnotic grooves that drift on the edge of psychedelia.v

*"The friendliest possible party vibe, making you feel like you've returned to a familiar neighbourhood where the whole street loves you."*

Sydney Morning Herald





Our new volunteers have completed their induction training and are now fully-fledged members of the CFR team! Congratulations to Tom and Marina Garvey, Chabela Torres, Lila San Roque, Graham Morey and Christian Moraleda – pictured below (the

people in plain clothes) with our fantastic team of NSW Ambulance educators (and a couple of hi-tech dummies) in the ambulance training room at Point Clare.

The addition of our 6 ‘newbies’ to our ‘oldies’ – myself, Barry Kepert, Judy Lattas, Helen Cooke, Liz Nolf, Rocky, Ian Sherratt, Cassia Chan-Reese and Suzana Milosavljevic – brings the number of fully-trained CFR33 members to 15.

We won't be taking on new members in 2024 ... but I'll look forward to talking to you early in 2025

if you think that First Responders might be the island-volunteering niche for you.

A dismal note in respect of the car parking changes in Brooklyn:

Over the last 18 months I sent a number of letters, as CFR team leader, to Hornsby Shire Council protesting first their plans and then their decisions, particularly noting the health and safety concerns of the older members of our community. Council has ignored my letters, and has done nothing to address my concerns. You can find my letters on the DIL website, in the League Library, Brooklyn Parking folder.

<https://www.dangarislandleague.com/the-league-library/>

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas season.

**Brenda Hall, CFR33 Dangar Island**  
[brenda.hall458@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.hall458@gmail.com)



*New cohort of Ambulance Community First Responders 2023. | Photo: Chabela Torres*

## Bowlo President Wins Own Competition

### Jonathan Sykes

In a sensational first for the DIBC Oktoberfest Homebrew Competition, there is no suggestion of foul play on the part of the winner, the club board or the judges, nor sour grapes on the part of this writer.

With most-times champion Dean Finnigan serving a one year ban and a points deduction, President Steve Griffiths took the trophy despite organising and MC-ing the event, picking the judges and pouring the beers. “It’s just a relief that all of those stumbling blocks didn’t really matter in the end,” he said.

His Red Pale Ale struck the judges as “noice”, “malty” and “yum”, sufficient plaudits to pip Jonathan Sykes’ Dark Mild (“bad



urine sample”, “ouch, punchy!”) by a single point. Other entrants fared less well, with a broad swath of daylight separating 2nd and 3rd

### RESULTS

1. Red Pale Ale – Steve Griffiths, 43pts
2. Dark Mild – Jonathan Sykes, 42pts
3. Five Malts Pale Ale – Steve Griffiths, 35pts
4. Dubbel Ale – Jonathan Sykes, 34pts
5. Pale Ale – Tom Garvey



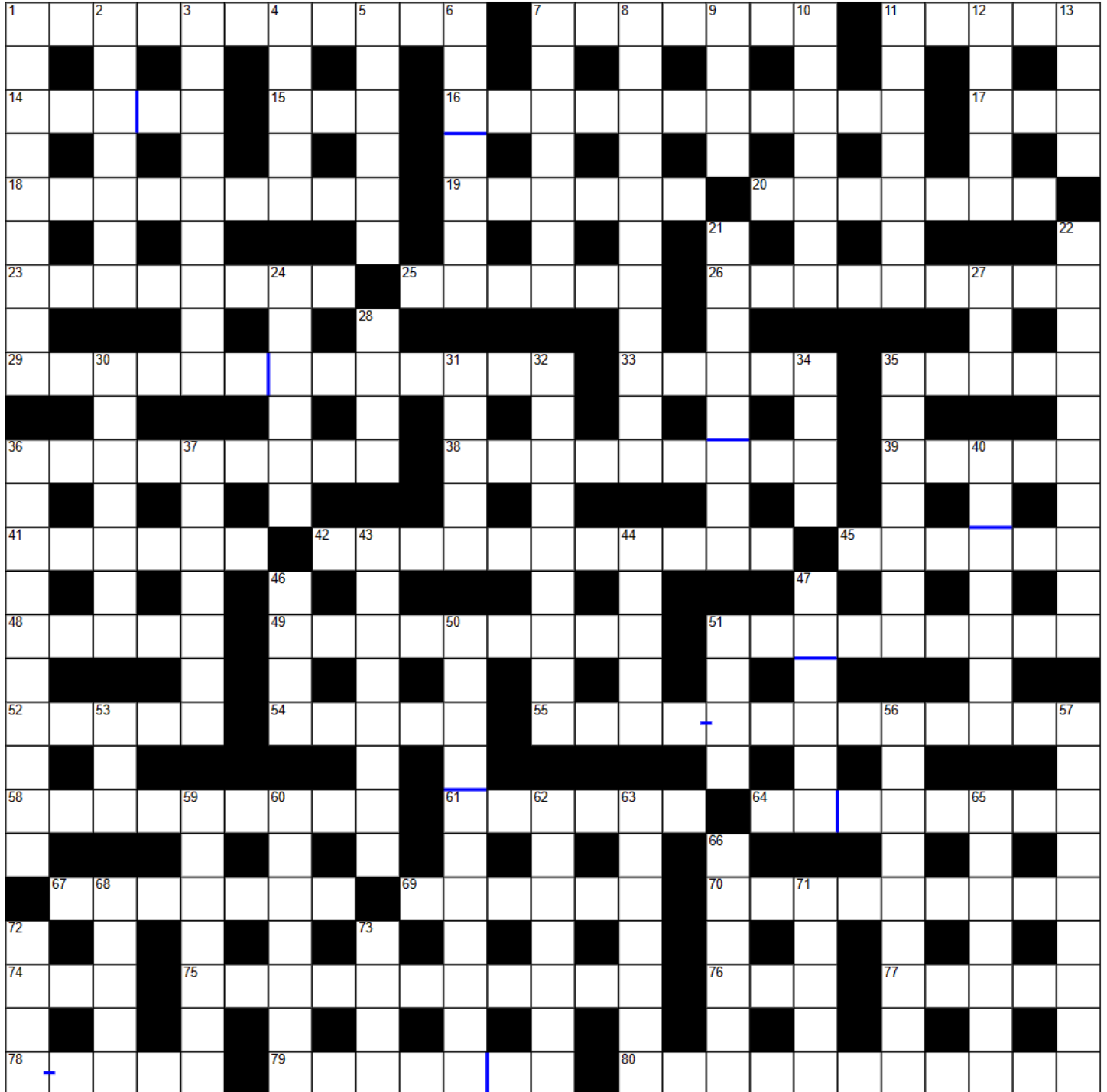
# Giant Holiday Crossword #026

Chico

We've had some truly knotty cryptics this year, so I haven't included any cryptic clues in this year's holiday puzzle, it's all general knowledge and vocabulary, so gather the troops and take it slow.



QR code to online crossword



## Across

- 1 Author of 154 19s (11)
- 7 Command (7)
- 11 Social movement against sexual abuse (5)
- 14 Illuminated (3,2)
- 15 Maori performance art (3)
- 16 Vulnerable (11)
- 17 Embryo container (3)
- 18 Mozart, Freud, Schwarzenegger are all...? (9)
- 19 14 line poem in 4 parts (6)
- 20 Recorded differently (7)
- 23 Touchdowns (8)
- 25 Pressing (6)
- 26 Of a database, representing a reference set (9)
- 29 Outdoor performance (6,7)
- 33 Ancient theatre (5)
- 35 See 74a
- 36 Vanish (9)
- 38 Vocal ranges (9)
- 39 Hit 1994 movie about a bomb on a bus (5)
- 41 Bourgeois, French American sculptor - Pic A (6)
- 42 Dunedin-based Super Rugby club (11)
- 45 Superhero who debuted in Detective Comics in 1939 (6)
- 48 Japanese dish based on vinegared rice (5)
- 49 Not here! (9)
- 51 General agreement (9)
- 52 Skateboarding trick (5)
- 54 They can be space, law or cat (5)
- 55 Ability to realistically assess your own thoughts and feelings (4-9)
- 58 Impressive (9)
- 61 Terribly disappointed (6)
- 64 Part of 2044 (2,6)
- 67 Bluetooth, celsius and dynamite are all...? (7)
- 69 Funny or strange (6)
- 70 U-shaped hoof protector (9)
- 74,35a Alessandro, Juventus and Sydney FC legend - Pic B (3,5)
- 75 Compliant (11)
- 76 Used to be (3)
- 77 Arranged without overlaps (5)
- 78 Communication method comprising SMTP, POP3 and IMAP (5)
- 79 Near the start (5,2)
- 80 Designed for minimum drag (11)

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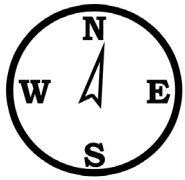
- 1 Units of pronunciation (9)
- 2 Professional craftsperson (7)
- 3 Know-how (9)
- 4 Western New Guinea (5)
- 5 Centred within (6)
- 6 Consumer (3,4)

- 7 Rebuttal (7)
- 8 Influential friends (11)
- 9 Eras (4)
- 10 Spectacles (7)
- 11 Sicilian port city (7)
- 12 The ones here (5)
- 13 Korbut, influential Belarussian gymnast - Pic C (4)
- 21 Cochlear and semicircular canals (5,3)
- 22 Records, CDs and tapes (10)
- 24 Assemble (6)
- 27 Cube, pick or cream, perhaps (3)
- 28 Golda, former Israeli PM - Pic D (4)
- 30 Saves (7)
- 31 Ignite (5)
- 32 Metal decorators (9)
- 34 Hotbed (4)
- 35 Maritime journey (7)
- 36 Lacking 55 (10)
- 37 Hobby (7)
- 40 All together (2,5)
- 43 Genius (8)
- 44 Live (5)
- 46 Not as much (4)
- 47 Actually (2,4)
- 50 European republic 1945 - 1990 (4,7)
- 51 Tribe (4)
- 53 Escape (3)
- 56 Essential (9)
- 57 Hung (9)
- 59 Revolutionary (7)
- 60 Tailor-made (7)
- 62 Opposite of compression (7)
- 63 Surpasses (7)
- 65 Stratum (7)
- 66 Flurry (6)
- 68 Mrs Flintstone - Pic E (5)
- 71 Believer in Jah (5)
- 72 Falco, star of The Sopranos and Nurse Jackie - Pic F (4)
- 73 3.154x10<sup>7</sup> seconds (4)

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Hornsby Shire,  
Now that I now longer have a car, I would like to donate the accumulated hours in which I no longer park to the RFS or another organisation of similar ilk. Alternatively I could sell the hours to you at a reasonable rate. Please let me know.

Yours in Community Spirit,  
RR

*\*RR is River Rat, Jude Pritchard*



# BotEtiket Challenge

Cybele Shorter

1 Do sailing vessels have right of way over powered vessels at all times?

- A. Yes, if the sailing vessel is in a race
- B. Yes, always
- C. No, not when the sailing vessel is overtaking, or the powered vessel is large and restricted in its manoeuvrability
- D. Only if it is an old wooden ketch with black sails and pirates

2 When assessing if you are driving your vessel at a safe speed, you must consider:

- A. Visibility, hazards, other vessels, manoeuvrability of your vessel and distance off rules.
- B. How fast is the top speed your vessel can go
- C. How soon you can get to your destination
- D. Impressing your friends by racing around obstacles like channel markers or paddlecraft

3 When must a fire extinguisher be carried on board your vessel?

- A. Only when you are heading into open water
- B. Only when it is a commercial vessel
- C. Only when the vessel is made of wood
- D. Only when the vessel has an engine, gas installation, fuel stove or battery

4 What is the general rule when anchoring in calm waters?

- A. No need to attach the anchor line to your boat
- B. Allow 3 times as much line as the depth of water
- C. Allow 2 times as much line as the depth of water
- D. Allow only as much line as the depth of water

## Top Tips from Randall Ferrington

**Weather.** One of the biggest contributors to safety issues on boats is the weather. Complacency when setting out for even a short trip can have serious consequences. While a check of the current forecast is the best way to go, just stopping and looking around you at the sky and or clouds, and noting the strength and direction of the wind, can be an early warning of changes that may have an effect on your safety on the water.

**Look out.** Keeping a good lookout on the water may sound simple, but whether you are in a tinny, kayak, skiff, cruiser, yacht or ferry, this simple, effective skill is very under rated. In my experience many close quarters situations and accidents would have been avoided by practising this essential skill on the water.

**Bold Intentions.** When steering a boat of any size or type, your skill at manoeuvring so as to make your intentions absolutely clear to all vessels around you will ensure there is no doubt what your intentions are, and will avoid unnecessary confusion.

Answers: 1C, 2A, 3D, 4B



## In The Habit

with Crispin Friar

Returning from her home town of Rio de Janeiro, Baroona's Gerundina Pif Paf was arrested outside Woolies for stealing shampoo. It said 'Parabens Free' on the label so she just walked out with it.

TV's Annika McLuckie popped up at the Bowlo this month. The *Outlawyer* star is in Sydney shooting Netflix's coming-of-age docudramedy *Lady Paste*.

I asked islanders for their thoughts...

"Who?"

- Jude "Banger" Knightley

"Lady Paste is my generation's Selma and Louise"

- Sam Widge, Baroona

"If it's woke, I don't want to know"

- Bednass Tronpboons, Riverview

"Is this just a list of joke names?"

- Henrietta Sausage, Yallaro

Catch you on the uptide!

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