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White-bellied Sea Eagles, 2025, Photograph, Genevieve Ginty



WINTER

TERRY STEWART, PRESIDENT DIL

On the south side of the island, the grey clouds are rolling in and winter looms, but there's no place we'd rather be – well a Greek island perhaps, but I think our community more than makes up for that. This is only my third winter on the island, and already the Dangar winter rhythm feels familiar. Sharon's world-famous-on-Dangar truffle-hunter pizza Thursday at the bowlo, weekend board games with fabulous neighbours, the plod around the Riverview circuit avoiding the puddles, boat trips across the river in the cold and dark, and trips to Hornsby Shire Council for further endless debates on parking on Crown Land.

On that heart-warming matter, here is a very brief update on the parking saga and some of the other Dangar Island League (DIL) priorities that our dedicated committee members are pursuing.

Brooklyn parking for river residents (Actioned by Stephen Boyle, Terry Stewart). At the time of writing (21/5), last night we attended a meeting with Council officers. In a nutshell, they are proposing to recommend to Councillors in August that all parking in Lower McKell become restricted timed parking and upper McKell become timed parking with permits for residents. It's fair to say that they heard clearly how unimpressed we were. They have also commissioned a safety report about Upper McKell access, which appears to me to lack any credibility (essentially a few signs advising people to use the slip road and lopping of branches). Again, our views were made clear. So where to from here? We agreed that we would compile a response and some options for further discussion next month. We asked Council to go back to their safety consultant with our concerns about their report. We requested that Council carry out all actions agreed by Councillors last year, including exploring other options for longer term parking – which is something they have not done. We will keep you updated and may be calling for your support again at the next Council meeting and for other actions if necessary. It is tedious.

The state of the roads on our island (Actioned by Bronek Karcz). Bronek has an excellent grasp of the history and the issues here. He has been talking to Council, and they have indicated that they will spend money before the end of this financial year on maintaining our roads. Council are currently finalising a scope of work and negotiating with contractors to do the work. We will keep you updated.

Community hall hire (Actioned by Peter Godbolt). Peter is discussing this with Council with a view to agreeing on an option to make it easier to hire the hall and increase usage.

Volunteers on the island (Actioned by Terry Stewart). There have been good discussions with representatives of various community groups about what we can do to enlist more volunteers and combine our efforts. Including event-specific groups, we identified more than 20 different community groups. Some practical measures we agreed in the short term is to have a standard overview that every group can create for publishing on our website (including what the organisation is about, contact details, and what volunteer support is needed including skills and time commitment). Links to the online site will be regularly published on the MM and perhaps displayed at the ferry wharf for visitors to access also.

Car Sharing (Actioned by Ken Smith). Council is looking at a Shire-wide commercial car sharing arrangement but has indicated that operators see Brooklyn as non-viable. We have indicated that our community is likely to support car share arrangements, either commercial or community-led, but that community-led schemes may be more likely to gain support – with cost being a major consideration.

There are also other issues that the DIL committee is grappling with and we will provide an update as things progress.

Enjoy the read of this wonderful community publication, the likes of which Greek islanders can only dream about.

The golf buggy affair

From page 49, *Guide to Historic Dangar Island: Gem of the Hawkesbury Third Edition*

In 2002 controversy flared over what was seen as a proliferation of electric golf buggies, with six residents using them and concern that more would follow. The argument became heated, with the police reportedly called after the tyres of five buggies were slashed on a single night. In the usually crime free environment of Dangar Island, this was a shock and caused a flurry of media interest across Australia.*

After mediation led by Hornsby Council a compromise was reached that led to a freeze in the number of private buggies and the

introduction of a community buggy in 2007, owned and maintained by council but operated by a roster of about 30 volunteers.

As well as being used to help the less mobile move about the island, the buggy clocks up many kilometres taking shopping and luggage to and from the wharf. It also doubled as the island's ambulance until the arrival of Dangar's medical emergency response vehicle, MERV.

* Brigid Delaney, "Neighbourly advice – buggie off with your buggy" *The Sydney Morning Herald*, March 8, 2003, 5.



The Yellow Peril community vehicle in service for 8 years, from 2006 to 2013

CAR SHARING

KEN SMITH, DIL COMMITTEE

It would be ideal to have multiple share-vehicles available for Brooklyn and river residents and ideally one would be a ute. The benefits to the community would be to reduce the demand on parking by reducing the number of cars and of course there would be wider environmental benefits.

Should this become popular, the intention of Dangar Island League, we assume with the support of the Brooklyn Community Association, would be to lobby council for dedicated parking spaces.

Two platforms that operate a peer to peer car sharing systems work exactly like Air B&B but for cars. Hosts make their cars available when not using them. Guests book through an App.

These two platforms have some differences (see table page 3), Turo has similarities to a car rental company while Drive mate operates similarly to GoGet. Readers who are interested in either offering their car as a host vehicle or in using the service are welcome to review the website of each platform.

If you are interested in making your vehicle available in a peer to peer car sharing scheme, please contact me.

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Table: Comparison of two car share companies by Ken Smith

	Turo	Drive Mate
Location	Intl (US, UK, Canada, France and Australia)	Australia
Host Car Age	Younger than 2013	Younger than 2008
Host car max value	\$200,00	\$120,000
Host car Milage	<200,000 kms but more if in good condition	<200,000 kms
Host Insurance requirement	CTP only. Not compromised if advising that it is peer to peer car share, not ride share	CTP only. Not compromised if advising that it is peer to peer car share, not ride share
Booking Duration	Minimum daily	Hourly, daily
Rate Structure	Flat rate	Lower flat rate plus \$/km
Rate setting	Host discretion	Host discretion
Take rate by Host	75% default rate but can vary with host ins. excess	75%. No excess on insurance
GPS	Not required, unless car value >\$75,000	Compulsory - Host purchases or hires (p/mth) device from Drive Mate
Travel distance	Unlimited	150km p/day + 28c/km over
Fuel	Guest responsible to return full tank	Guest responsible to refill at <25%. Refills during use reimbursed by Drive Mate
Guest Car Access	Owner provides key	Access via mobile app for guest and host
Guest Insurance	Comprehensive insurance covered by the rental fee through the platform. Excess applies	Comprehensive insurance covered by the rental fee through the platform. Excess applies
Website	turo.com/au/en	drivemate.au/

Community buggy timeline

Deep dive into published articles in Mullet Mail (MM) and Sydney Morning Herald (SHM)

2002 Residents survey by Council returned 152 responses, with 93% wanting pedestrian prioritised roads. MM,SHM

Police called as Mrs Helen Jones reported "frenzied attack" of tyre slashing. SHM

Council voted to create pedestrian precinct. MM

Ron Barelle drafted a community vehicle proposal. MM

2006 Yellow Peril buggy arrived on island and started service. MM

2007 Eleven drivers volunteering and only 3 days of service. MM

2011 Service increased to 7 days a week. MM

2013 New Blue Beast buggy arrived. MM

2015 Blue Beast started to break, interrupting service reliability. MM

2018 Ute became responsibility of the island vehicle committee. MM

2021 Eftpos machine for cashless transactions began, also the

introduction of travel ten cards. # Red Fred arrived. MM

2025 Wally Bower negotiating a new buggy. (hearsay)



Passerines flash past your eyes

STEPHANIE OAK

Are the small passerine birds returning to Dangar Island?

After a couple of bleak years where passerine sightings have been dominated by the ubiquitous noisy miners, magpies, butcherbirds and currawongs, interspersed with the occasional yellow faced honeyeater, black faced cuckoo shrike and scrub wrens, I was excited to see a pair of *Pachycephala pectoralis* (Golden Whistlers, see my photos) and a robin on Riverview Ave. The jury is still out on the robin's identification but it looks like either a female rose or scarlet robin.



Female *P. pectoralis* | Photo: Stephanie Oak



Male *P. pectoralis* | Photo: Stephanie Oak



Here on the Island, we are very fortunate to have our own little population of Tawny Frogmouths (*Podargus strigoides*). Often confused with owls, they are nocturnal birds more closely related to

nightjars. Their feathers are soft, allowing for stealthy, silent flight. They have stocky heads and beautiful big yellow eyes. Their beaks are large and wide, hence the name, frogmouth. They're carnivorous, eating insects, centipedes, worms, spiders, snails, slugs and moths, as their main choice of menu.

Over the last few months, we have been given five little Tawny Frogmouths in various states of distress. Three were too ill to survive, but the most recent two became strong enough to fly off after a period of care and recovery.

The most likely reason for their illness (confirmed by veterinary specialists) is the ingestion of snails or slugs that had eaten snail poison, or the ingestion of the droppings from rats that had ingested rat poison. The tawnies become paralysed, unable to fly and can eventually die. There is also a virus that is becoming rife amongst tawnies throughout the Sydney region, called 'rat lungworm', which is transmitted through the snails and slugs after they have eaten infected rat faeces.

To minimise rat infestations and to avoid using rat poison, store pet food indoors, seal entry points in roofs and along walls and keep compost contained, so it can't be accessed by rats. Rat cage traps can work well to trap the rat* and you can take them to the vet in a cage to be euthanised. This is part of a service funded by the NSW Government. Not all vets provide this service, so ring first to check.

At the end of the day, this little article is sent just to convey a message of concern about trying to be

mindful for all creatures, great and small, so we can live together without needing any poisons.

*Our native water rat, often called Rakali (*Hydromys chrysogaster*) has a white tip to its tail, webbed toes on its back feet, does not cause any problems, unlike the much smaller black (*Rattus rattus*) or brown (*Rattus norvegicus*) rats.

Ana Pollak, Jan and Ron Barelle

[Ed note: see previous articles on poisoned wildlife #82 and on electronic pest deterrents in #83 2024]



A young Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*) sitting on the ground. | Photo courtesy: Wildlife Whispers

Florescence

Exhibition by Hans Pols

I have always been drawn to the beauty of flowers. When I moved to Australia (and then to Dangar Island) some time ago, I discovered many stunning flowers I had never seen before. Despite their intricate beauty, fascinating patterns and textures, and striking colours, flowers often go unnoticed by us humans. During their short life span, they just bask in the sunshine.

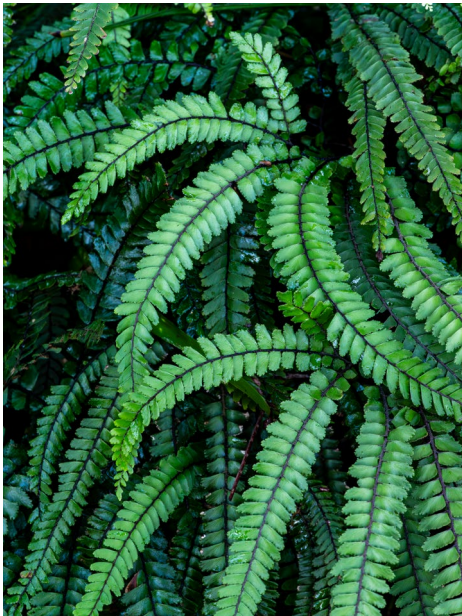
In 2010, I began photographing flowers with my then smart phone, which wasn't all that smart at that time. I progressed to using a camera, a better camera, and an even better camera. Images I posted on social media got a few "likes". A few years ago, I started sending four flower pictures a day, to a good friend of mine who had terminal cancer; she told me that these flowers lifted her spirits and gave her something to look forward to each day. This gave me the idea of sharing these images more widely.

And here we are now: the Dangar Island Depot is hosting my first exhibition of flower photography.

Unfortunately, there are no native Dangar flowers on show, but I have included a few with this announcement.

Dangar Island Depot, 18 June – 28 July 2025

Opening: Saturday 5 July 3PM



Photos by Hans Pols. L to R: *Adiantum hispidulum*, *Stylidium graminifolium*, *Kunzea ambigua* (above), *Hardenbergia violacea*.

Dr. Ben Miller

WALLY BOWER

Ben Miller departed the island after 44 years as a local gardener, caring for many gardens, treating them all with pride and passion. Ben didn't see eye to eye with everyone, but was extremely knowledgeable about birds, horticulture and gardening. He wrote many well thought out contributions to the Mullet Mail on native wildlife, reflecting his passion for nature and birds in particular.

He has moved to a new home in China for a different experience and to pursue his love of birds.

When he decided to leave Dangar Island he was quite relieved when he found out that another horticulturist had moved here, who just happens to be another Ben, to continue caring for the Ben Miller gardens on the island keeping them looking good.

Enjoy your China experience Ben and, who knows, we might all catch up again in the future.



Ben contributed to at least 7 Mullet Mail articles, see online:

Rakali - The Water Rat, #23, 2008; Bats, #32, 2011; Autumn Bird Influx, #43, 2014; Grey Tailed Tattler, #66, 2020; Powerful owls, #70, 2021, Moving In, #83, 2024; Birds of the Air, #84, 2024.



Easter Film Night Success Story

JOSH GINTY, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, DIRFB

Thanks once again to community members and Dangar Island Rural Fire Brigade (DIRFB) volunteers alike for turning out to a fun night in the hall over Easter. Delicious curries & treats were enjoyed by all, along with a great film and fire safety message.



Peter Fetzner flogs entertainment cakes. | Photo: Kathy Merrick



For more tips, use this QR code to access the NSW Fire & Rescue Winter Fire Safety Checklist.

Stay warm. Stay safe.

As temperatures drop on the island, the brigade urges residents to take simple steps to stay safe this winter. While we often associate fire danger with summer, winter brings its own risks, especially from heaters, electric blankets, and fireplaces.

Now is the time to check that your smoke alarms are working and installed in the right places. Test them monthly and replace batteries annually. A working smoke alarm can be the difference between life and death.

Before using heaters or fireplaces, ensure they're clean and in good working order. Keep anything flammable - like curtains, bedding, and clothing - at least one metre away. Never leave heaters or open flames unattended and always turn them off before going to bed or leaving the house.

If you use electric blankets, check for frayed cords or damage before plugging them in. And remember never overload power boards.

Have a fire escape plan and make sure everyone in your household knows it. Practise it regularly, especially with children or elderly family members.

Winter is a time for warmth and comfort—but let's make sure it's also a time for safety.



Dangar CFRs go off island!

LIZ NOLF, ACTING COORDINATOR, CFR

Usually, the Dangar Island ambulance volunteers stick very close to home - we only treat patients right here on Dangar and are never deployed elsewhere (not even to Wobby or out on the river). However, we will happily travel to a NSW Ambulance all expenses paid volunteer training conference, especially when it's just up past Maitland, at Tocal Agricultural College.

The main draw was the scenario day, in which we simulated responding to five different emergencies. NSW Ambulance goes all out to stage these scenarios, with actors in very realistic makeup and various props such as rolled over vehicles, swimming pools, and large animals. Over the day, our team managed to "save" people from heart attacks, gunshot wounds, allergic reactions, drowning, and even suicidality. We learned a lot and gained valuable practical experience, both in first aid treatment, and how to work well as a team under pressure.

In the evenings they fed us extremely well and entertained us. We did terribly at the trivia night - we were on a shared table with the Scotland Island CFRs, which is obviously the only explanation for this - but we placed highly in the PPE Easter Gown challenge, which was entirely due to the runway charisma of our very own Chabela Torres, who sashayed down that red carpet like a champion in her stunning designer gown.



Chabela Torres charms in gown challenge | Photo: Liz Nolf

AT THE BOWLO

STEVE GRIFFITHS, PRESIDENT, DIBC



We have a very exciting Winter coming up at the Dangar Island Bowlo.

On Sunday 29 June we are extremely proud to be presenting Katie Noonan on her current tour.

In July we'll be enjoying our second annual experience with the crazy Tackleshack crew. This will be a redneck country hoedown like no other!

In August we'll be closing the club for important maintenance and improvement work on the building. We'll be closed from 4 August and will reopen on 28 August for Pizza Night.

Memberships were due for renewal by 1 June. If you haven't renewed your membership, just go to www.trybooking.com/CZXFE to join. Members get \$5

Here's what's coming up.

Sunday 29 June - Katie Noonan

Over the past 25 years, Katie has proven to be one of Australia's most hardworking, versatile and prolific artists.

Named one of the greatest Australian singers of all time by the *Herald Sun*, Katie has produced 29 studio albums over her career with seven platinum records under her belt and 29 ARIA award nominations that span diverse genres.

Katie has performed for royalty, for national and international leaders, and blazed a trail for young women artists. Music, for Katie, is a lifelong lesson, a generous act of giving, and a means to change the world.

Saturday 5 July - Brian Campeau

Canadian-born, Melbourne-based singer/songwriter Brian Campeau has built a career defined by adventurous songwriting and genre-melding arrangements.

Known for reinventing his sound with each release, his latest record draws inspiration from country, bluegrass, and even Swiss yodelling, which is woven into Brian's signature blend of folk, indie rock, and experimentalism.

Saturday 27 July - The Tackleshack - Micro Festival

Fabled venue The Tackleshack was active at Splendour In The Grass 2006-2023 as an 'off the map' place for VIPs to hang. Hosted by Colonel Waylon P. Flawstone, assisted by a sprawling number of 'famblly' members, it has entered the pantheon of legendary juke joints. Drawing inspiration from the dirt floored bait shop bars near The Colonel's home in Dry Prong Louisiana, the Tackleshack is a place to soak up the music of the Deep South and beyond.

The Colonel will be joined by his extended Tackleshack Famblly, along with live performances from Sydney cowpunk legends SPURS FOR JESUS & the Outer Space Cowboys. There will be great food, a bar, fire dancing and the Dangar Island Hick Singers around the fire pit.

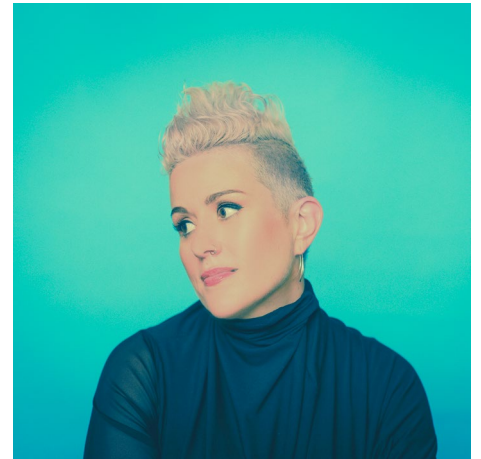
It's a mini festival!!! Yeee Haaaaa!!!

off concert tickets and get entered automatically in periodic prize draws.

We hope to see you soon for lunch or dinner, a game of bowls or a show!



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Hawkesbury Mangrove Health

ANA RUBIO, HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

The Hawkesbury River experienced extensive mangrove diebacks following the series of floods between 2021 and 2022. NSW Fisheries estimated that approximately 500,000m² of mangrove habitat located between Bar Point and Wisemans Ferry were damaged by the severe flooding.

Hornsby Council's observations made between 2022 and 2023 (immediately after the floods), revealed that Grey Mangroves (*Avicennia marina*), which rely on their aerial root systems (pneumatophores) for gas exchange, were the most affected species due to sediment deposition. River Mangroves (*Aegiceras corniculatum*) were also impacted, but to a much lesser extent.

Since 2022, Hornsby Shire Council's Catchments team have been monitoring the health of mangroves along the Hawkesbury estuary. In April 2025, Hornsby and Central Coast councils carried out a joint mangrove survey, covering 33 kilometres of shoreline between Bar Point and Wisemans Ferry including both foreshores.

Additionally, five long-term monitoring sites with varying levels of mangrove mortality were revisited. Mangrove health information (number of mangrove seedlings, number of crab holes, number of pneumatophores) was collected and compared with data from 2023.

The visual survey revealed that of the total of 33 kilometres of shoreline surveyed, 14 km presented no mangrove mortality, 9 km presented 25% mortality, 5 km presented 50% mortality, 4 km presented 75% mortality, and 1 km presented 100% mortality. Recent sampling showed no further die-back since the floods.

Mangrove forests located in areas with no or low mortality remained generally healthy and presented high number of mangrove seedlings, crab holes and pneumatophores. Some areas with high mangrove mortality seem to be on track to recovery, with numerous seedlings and young mangroves growing, while a few other areas show no signs of recovery but are now colonised by saltmarsh species.

Hornsby Council is continuing to monitor the situation closely. We're also exploring opportunities to support mangrove recovery by working with local landowners on possible rehabilitation projects.

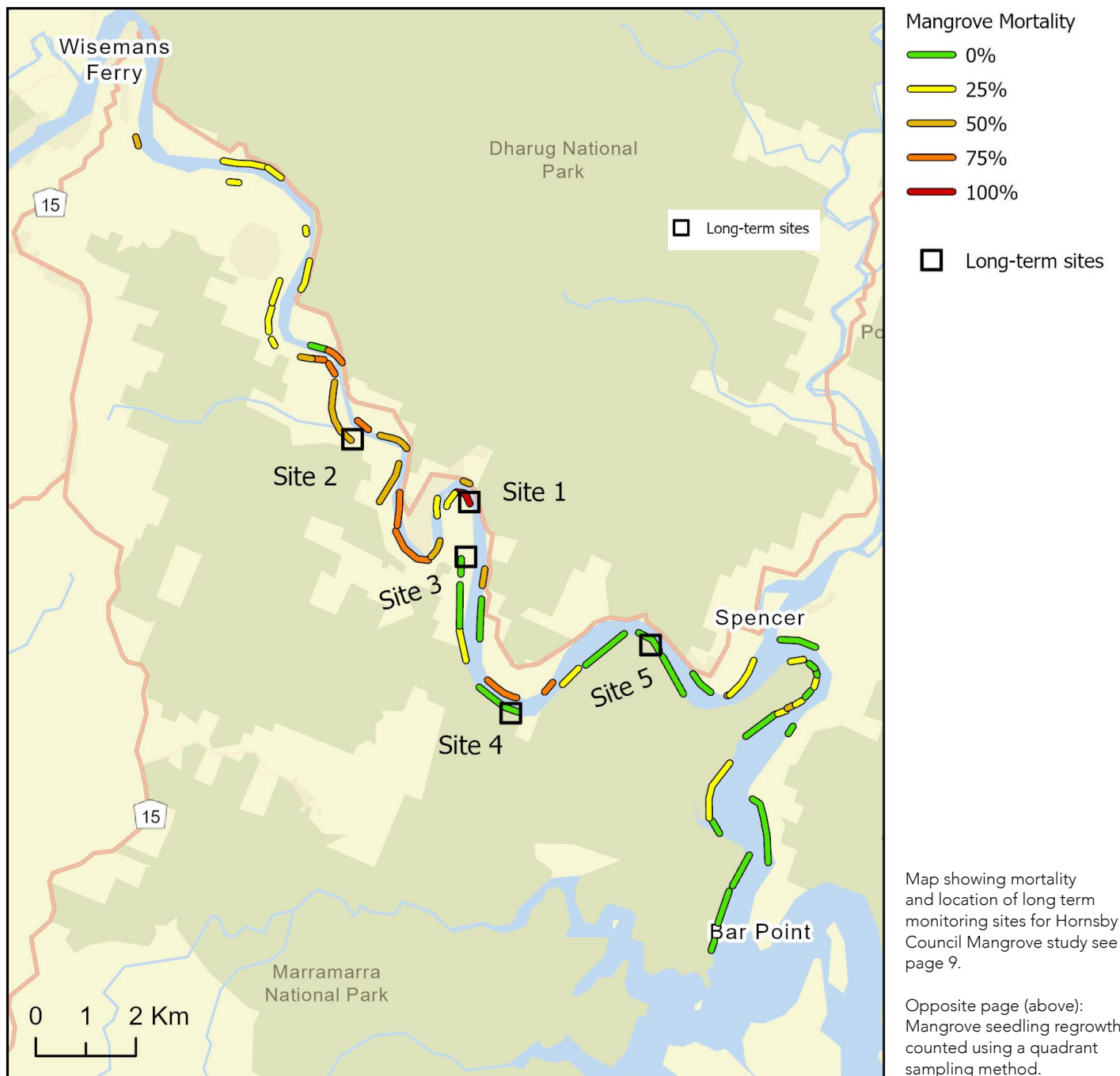
Another full assessment is planned for next year to help track the recovery over time.



Council survey photo of mangrove die back upriver past Spencer



Council survey photo of mangrove regrowth



JANEL PRATT, DANGAR ISLAND GARDEN

A huge thank you, from the DiG team, to the generous prize donors for our Autumn fund-raising raffle: Tim and Mandy for 2 nights' accommodation at their stunning waterfront home, David Collins for his beautiful painting, Julie Paterson* for her lovely printed fabric (www.juliepaterson.com.au), and Sunny South for her hand-painted cards.

Congratulations to our 3 lucky prize winners! Robyn Milphorte won the accommodation. Pip Naivasha won the painting. Marilyn Anthony won the fabric, and cards.

Thank you also to the many, many people who purchased tickets. Your collective generosity and support enable us to continue to nurture our Community Garden for the benefit of everyone on the Island. AND... thank you (always!) to our wonderful volunteers who ensure DiG is well looked after.



DiG autumn market day 2025 - fund raising with yummy treats for sale. | Photo courtesy: DiG

Creative Corner

MARINA GARVEY

Cento - a literary work made up entirely of single lines from other poets to create a new poem. Pivotal to it, is listing the references used in the work. The following is a cento that also happens to form a sonnet:

Homage To Emily Dickinson

There is a word I need, and earth was speaking,
fair quiet, have I found thee here
morning and evening
over the blind rock, a skin of sense.

We are our own
So let us melt and make no noise
contemplating a world clear as water
but mutely trace its airy way.

Give all to love
and we sew, sew, prick our fingers,
dull our sight, producing what?
A dance whose name we can only guess.

I had no idea where I was but promised myself
that hope was a feather.



Sources:

Gwen Harwood, *The Sea Anemones; An Impromptu For Ann Jennings*

Andrew Marvell, *The Garden*

Christina Rossetti, *Goblin Market*

Judith Wright, *Train Journey*

John Donne, *A Valediction Forbidding Mourning*

Sylvia Plath, *Balloons*

Emily Bronte, *The Starry Night Shall Tidings Bring*

Ralph Waldo, *Emerson Give All to Love*

Elizabeth Barret Browning, *Aurora Leigh*

Billy Collins, *Taking Off Emily Dickinson's Clothes; Nostalgia*

William Carlos Williams, *The forgotten City*



White Bellied Sea Eagles, 2025, photograph, Genevieve Ginty



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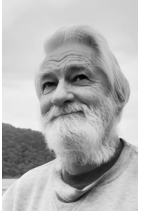
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THE LONG GOODBYE

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The Shape of Travel

MARINA GARVEY

Next train to arrive

DON'T RUSH on the stairs

Mind the gap

For your safety *REMAIN* behind the yellow lines

First *STOP*

When the dreamtime began and there were only stars

MOVE to the next carriage if danger present

CHANGE at Epping

Use doors on the right

Next *STOP*

Cold ice

Forbidden knowledge

And remember emergency procedures If danger present

Always *MOVE* to the next carriage

Announcement in progress

High voltage announcement in progress

The emu lay in the night sky

A quiet space

The shape of the universe

Next *STOP*

Mind the gap

Don't rush

A quiet space *TO FINISH* that book *TO BINGE* that show *TO CATCH*
that podcast *TO FOCUS* on study *TO SEND* that email *TO PLAN* your
week *TO TUNE OUT*

In Darug language the emu is Mariyung

This train will *STOP*

Change at Strathfield

USE the doors on the left

STOP

**Like Mariyung this train line runs through ancient lands from Awabakal
to Gadigal country and many more in between**

This train will *STOP* at Central

This service terminates here

Please *LEAVE* the train

LEAVE the train

When the dreamtime began and there were only stars

This service terminates now.

A brief moment of clarity
amidst a maelstrom of confusion.
Scattered thoughts coalesce
without their usual intrusion.

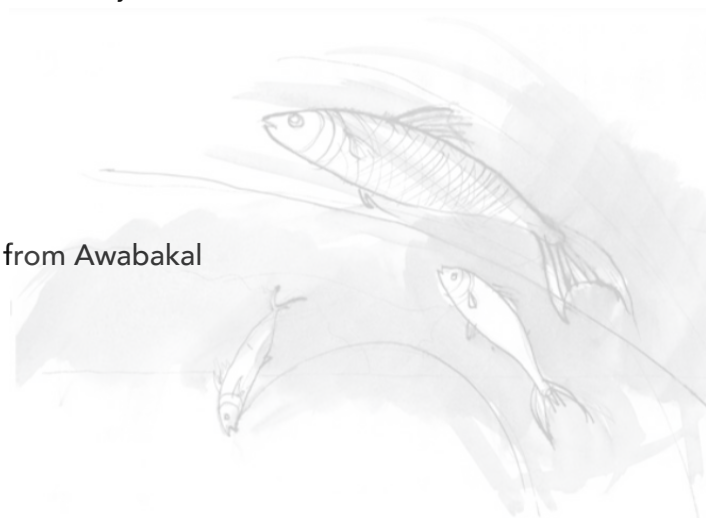
Long forgotten memories
one now must surely chase.
Time is of the essence
before they too erase.

The further back in time
the clearer they become.
This present and that past
now melded into one.

The simplest of one's tasks
now such confusion causes.
Hesitancy of movement
disturbed by jarring pauses.

Awareness of one self
in an ever shrinking presence.
Body and mind together
these are the essential essence.

A quick and enquiring mind
with thoughts now lead astray.
The person as we knew them
slowly fades away.



Join the Mullet Mail team.

Looking for content creators (writers or collectors) who are
interested in growing our community building network.

Young people and new residents welcome, as well as
our salty stalwarts of the community.

Quarterly editions. Communication either face to
face or by online chat, meetings with beer and pizza
not unlikely.

Chat with one of the team for more information.

Cryptic Puzzle #032

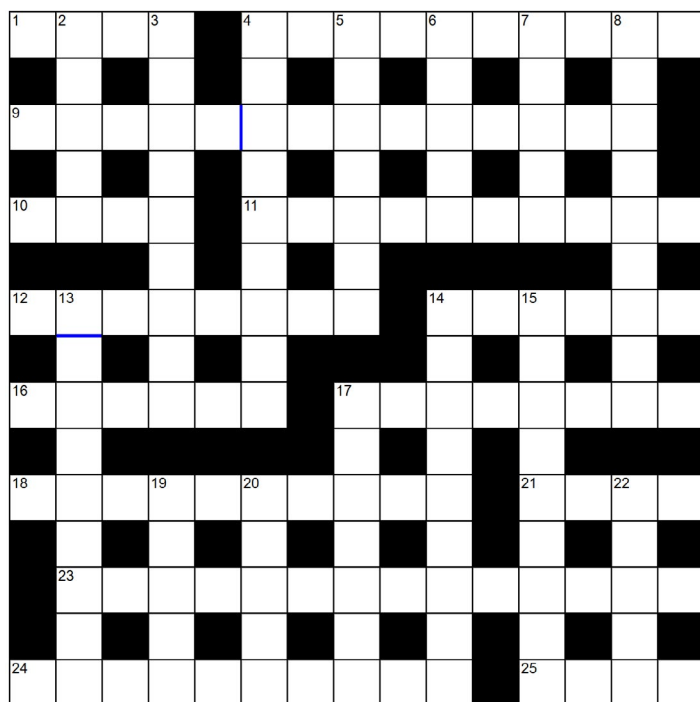
CHICO & ZYGOTE



In remembrance of crosswords past we have a vanilla cryptic for you this issue. You'll find it useful to have a smattering of French and a working knowledge of Caribbean dance music.

Follow the QR code to the online version, with answer reveals, annotations and collaboration features. Give and get help at the Dangar Island Community Facebook page.

Profitez bien!



Across

- 1 Place claimed us regulars (4)
- 4 Exaggerated, like some curves (10)
- 9 Adjust anonymous twin's range (5,9)
- 10 Pointless ethical foreplay (4)
- 11 Musculoskeletal doctor cried "Photo!" (10)
- 12 A boar hides in many a wood (8)
- 14 Quote me in retrospect - it'll make you sick! (6)
- 16 Welshman goes and really explains the historical origins (6)
- 17 Alienate Sargeant Wild (8)
- 18 Dance back to front, take off clothes in the end (10)
- 21 Expel novelist without marketing (4)
- 23 Pine DI unit confused supporter over time (14)
- 24 Mischievous lad gets hundredth if back in (10)
- 25 Phoney Stark hiding in Barcelona (4)

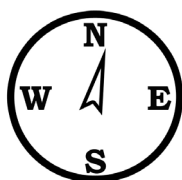
Down

- 2 Victor's wife leaving ring around bull (5)
- 3 Unpleasant, sick, nearly overcome (9)
- 4 Quack from duck in return journey (9)
- 5 "Birds go under," Pole said (7)
- 6 Betray jovial moon analogue (5)
- 7 Dwell on origin of orange tree (5)
- 8 Breathing in, I spin around circle (9)
- 13 A hat and lapel arrangement for unaccompanied voices (1,8)
- 14 Radical starts to take relatively easy measures. Be around! (9)
- 15 ALP in bother over Euro complex (9)
- 17 Give one's support to European partner (7)
- 19 Stormy ocean craft (5)
- 20 Italian plumber has soldier after him in Paris (5)
- 22 Burst of lotion almost beginning to ooze (5)

KEEPING WATCH

BoteTiket

CYBELE SHORTER



QR code to online interactive version of this crossword



1 When driving a boat, what direction do you keep a lookout?

- A Forward
- B Backward
- C Sideways in deep conversation with your passenger
- D Keep watch all around, with particular attention to starboard which is direction from which you must give way to other vessels.

2 When keeping a lookout what direction do you face?

- A Starboard
- B Backwards
- C Port, towards your passenger so they know you care about them, and they will obviously keep watch for you so you don't need to.

D Forwards, also turning your head in both directions looking out for other vessels.

3 When taking passengers in your vessel what is your primary focus?

- A How fast you can go
- B Your passengers
- C The sky
- D Lookout for collision avoidance, and safe operation of the vessel at all times.

4 Why do we keep a lookout when driving a boat?

- A To avoid crashing or running aground
- B To give way to other vessels according to International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs)
- C To avoid running over swimmers
- D All the above

COLREGs* - Rule 5: Look-out

Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.

Quote from Safe Transport Victoria - *"Everyone on the water has a legal and moral duty to maintain a proper lookout and travel at a safe speed at all times. This duty includes handling a vessel and observing the rules, knowing the limitations of your vessel, being aware of potential hazards and allowing for the actions of others, both reasonable and unreasonable."*

* The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGs), International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

The fourth option is the answer to all questions.