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Celebrating 50 years together

Frank & Mary Oliver from Elizabeth building celebrated 50 years of marriage with a family function under our famous fig tree at the Cove. They were married on St Patrick's Day at St Marys in Concord in 1956. Mary & Frank who retired from State Rail after a life long career, moved from West Pennant Hills to Abbotsford Cove in January 2000. They have 5 children & 13 grand children who all joined in the celebrations with some family members travelling from as far afield as Adelaide & Townsville.

Frank is a keen golfer and is President of the Veterans division at North Ryde Golf Club. Both Frank & Mary are very much involved in helping the less fortunate in our community as active members of the St Vincent De-Paul Society.

Our famous fig tree has become a gathering place for functions like Mary & Franks as well as christenings, weddings & birthdays.

Abbotsford Cove friends have fun at the annual dinner

With so many events at the Cove leading up to and after Christmas including the Abbotsford Cove Day, Carols in the park & the Australia Day celebrations, we ran out of room to include any gossip about this wonderful night. If there was a prize for the most laughter, noise & appropriate party attire it would most certainly have been awarded to Joe Ilacqua's table from Alexander. Joe & his friends sure know how to party.

About 150 residents drank their way through copious amounts of wine, enjoyed a huge well presented dinner and then danced off the calories to midnight. Our chief organiser Jan Coulter presented a number of awards to well deserving cove dwellers in recognition of things done or not done. The awards were all received in good spirits.

Once again the Castel DOro function centre at Five Dock proved to be a great local venue for us. We owe a big thanks to Jan Coulter & her friends for making it such a memorable night.



Mary Carvaro & Gail Dengate



Joe Ilacqua & his guests



Syd Boyn (L) & John Young (R)



Lesley Belkovskis & Rhonda Faleri



Margaret Boyn, Tim Ainsworth, Rhonda Moore, Monica & Sam Rock & Syd Boyn



Palm Beach Ferries operate a 20 minute service from Abbotsford to King St Wharf at Darling Harbour on weekdays.

Departs Abbotsford:

7:35am & 8:30am

Departs King St (Wharf 3)

5:20pm 6:10pm : 7:00pm

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Council removes trees in Montrose Reserve & announces upgrade

Canada Bay Council contractors removed several trees including a camphor laurel, silky oaks & jacarandas from Montrose Reserve which runs from the top at Walton Crescent to the Abbotsford Cove marina. Most of these trees were in poor condition. The trees were taken down and mulched in preparation for the upgrading of this walkway, which as you can see is covered in exposed tree roots making it a risky track, especially at night with no lighting.



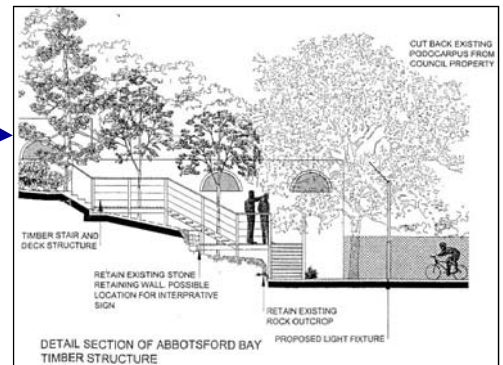
Montrose Reserve harbour access photos show before & after tree removal

The house in Walton Crescent which adjoins the walkway, has now been sold and it is believed it will become a new development site.

Councillor Neil Kenzler said stage 1 incorporates the Montrose walkway which includes timber & steel walkways, lighting, fencing, paving & landscaping.

Stage 2 involves The upgrade of the area adjacent to the crane on the Meriton's Riviera site at Chiswick. Funding of both stages is not yet guaranteed & is subject to specific grants.

Canada Bay Councillor Neil Kenzler releases plans of proposals for Montrose Reserve



Aircraft noise over Abbotsford Cove ??



ASA said the new flight paths were only temporary due to instrument upgrades on Runway 16R. Air Traffic Controllers had to change the approach to that runway necessitating a wider flight path. The works were scheduled to finish in mid March, so lets hope the flight paths return to normal, excepting of course for the Jumbo which passes over the Cove at 10:40pm every night.

There has been a lot of discussion at the Cove about a deluge of low flying aircraft taking off from & approaching Sydney airport over Abbotsford Cove.

Cheryl Balsdon, our garden convenor contacted Air Services Australia.

John Murphy, the federal member for our area organized a protest meeting adjacent to the Pavilion Café & he was skeptical of the answers given by ASA. However there is certainly now significantly less flights over the Cove than during February & early march.



John Murphy addresses residents outside the Pavilion café on aircraft noise in our area

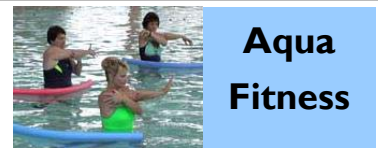
Community News

- **Bess Rosen**, our Community Association Secretary has stood down after serving the community for almost eight years. Her efforts have certainly been remarkable and the whole Cove community has been a benefactor of her tireless work. We all owe Bess a great deal, and wish her well in the future.
- Cheryl Balsdon, our garden convenor, has reported that several of our loved gum trees have become termite infested, with one near Paterson requiring removal due to the extent of damage & the danger the tree poses. All gum trees are now being inspected on a regular basis for termites.

- The committee looking into control measures for traffic flow in and out of Abbotsford Cove Drive, as well as roundabout issues, is still investigating engineering solutions to make the Cove a safer place for pedestrians. It is expected a preliminary report should be available at the next ACCA meeting.
- Sue Prell from Oxley reported that ACCA's application to the Australian Water Grants Commission for funding to convert gardens to drip irrigation was not successful. We have been invited to apply for round 2.
- For those who have used the community hall for family functions, bridge and meetings, we hope the new air-conditioning has added to the level of comfort during our very hot summer period. It's a great asset and we are thankful for the good condition that the club house is left in by everyone who uses it.

Next ACCA Meeting: (AGM)

Thursday 1st June @ 7:00pm



Aqua Fitness

When : Monday & Wednesday mornings 8:45am to 9:45am & Tuesday evening 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Where: At the No 1 heated pool. Classes are free for Ladies & men.

Call : Jan Coulter on 97123858

University of the 3rd Age

Kay Porter of Paterson has been elected to the inner west committee of this long standing organization for retired persons who may be interested in exploring new learning activities. Check the courses at: www.sydneyu3a.org or call Kay on 97124277 to find out about the courses available