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Note from the editor

This newsletter is available in **colour** in PDF format **via email**. If you would like it emailed, let the editor know. If you have any items of interest for future editions or know of interesting events please contact the editor. The editor is thankful to those who have responded to articles & provide ideas & also apologises to those whose contributions have not been included.

ACCA Chairmans pride & joy sinks into the bay



Norm & Phyllis Gilmore

Norm Gilmore is now in his 3rd year as chairman of the Abbotsford Cove Community Association, a job which he enjoys as he is committed to give something back to the Cove & to make the Cove an even better community in which to live.

Norm & Phyllis moved to the Cove 8 years ago after relocating from Singapore. They were the first residents in Flynn. Not content with all his voluntary work on our behalf, Norm is also the Captain of the Sydney Rowing Club Social Golf Club & Phyllis is the now Social Secretary, after having served 4 years as the social events coordinator at the Rowing Club.

Norm is a vertical transportation consultant. Confused with this title, well this simply means he consults to companies on lift & elevator installations. Phyllis is the National Data Base Manager for the Property Council of Australia and as they have both said, living at Abbotsford Cove with it's unique location & lifestyle enables them to lead a busy & rewarding life.

New Montrose Reserve Access underway

The capital works expenditure promised by Canada Bay Council to upgrade the access to our foreshore from Walton Crescent is finally taking shape with the major part of construction already completed including new concrete paths, steps, lighting & a steel & timber deck structure at the base of the reserve near the Marina.

it has been built to an attractive & professional design which will give residents to the foreshore walk a safe 24 hour access.

Well done Canada Bay Council & thanks to the residents from the Cove who pressed the Council for some action over a long period of time.

Vandalism continues

John Reid from ACCA has asked all cove residents to be vigilant in keeping an eye out for acts of vandalism as our pathway lights continue to be targeted, particularly in the areas near Blackwell Point Rd, behind Oxley, between Jackson & Dennison and near the Pavilion. The cost to replace these lights is an unwelcome burden on our community.

Our chairman Norm Gilmore & his wife Phyllis from Flynn, were riding the Rivercat to the city and looked across to admire their Mariner cruiser "Waterside" only to notice all they could see were the tops of the radio masts protruding above the water.

Disembarking at Gladesville & returning immediately to the Cove they were shocked & saddened to see she had sunk. Norm & Phyllis then set about organizing her salvage, however despite only a short time under water, Waterside was written off by their Insurer due to extensive damage to the engine & interior of the vessel.

Phyllis says that one of the great advantages in living at the Cove is the ability to be able to have a boat at your front door & to enjoy the many bays & secluded coves in both Sydney & Middle Harbours.

Norm & Phyllis have now purchased a replacement cruiser so they can continue to enjoy the lifestyle that boating has to offer.



Waterside being lifted from the water



The steel decking, stairs & new pathway leading to Walton Cr

Next ACCA Meeting:

Thursday 27th September 2007 @ 7:00pm at the ACCA Clubhouse.

Please come and support the ACCA Reps.

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Seawall extension finished

The additional work commissioned by the Abbotsford Cove Community Association to raise the height of the seawall from the Flinders Terraces to Fig Tree Terraces has now been completed.

This means that the community has repaired & raised the seawall height from the Melrose Crescent side of the Elizabeth Building all the way across to just below the flag pole adjacent to the fig tree.

The raising of the sea wall lessens the steep slope from the path to the water and will help protect our park from erosion by high tides & wash from river-cats and other vessels. The cost of the project over 3 years has been approximately \$80,000.



Latest sea wall work underway



Aqua Fitness

When : Monday & Wednesday mornings 8:45am to 9:45am & Tuesday evening from 6:15pm to 7:00pm will commence after daylight saving starts

Where: At the No 1 heated pool.

Call : **Jan Coulter** on 97123858

New gym equipment well received



Some of the new equipment installed

There is great positive feedback from many residents using our gym. Judith McDonald an ACCA Executive member did a great deal of research into the type of equipment which would best suit our needs. Following a detailed presentation to the ACCA reps, she received unanimous support in purchasing the new equipment valued at \$15,000, It's a great asset, so if you see it being mistreated or being used by unsupervised children, ask them to leave. Our thanks to ACCA for modernizing the equipment with quality products.

Abbotsford Cove Golf Day

Preliminary notice. Barnwell Park Golf Course on Sunday 11th November, 2007.



Contact Sue Prell or Bess Rosen on 97120372

Record rainfall

During June the Abbotsford Cove Bureau of Meteorology gauge recorded a huge volume of rainfall . In total 492 mm or almost 20 inches was received, with 120mm falling on the 9th June alone. Rain fell on 15 days during June.

Thanks to Sue Prell from Oxley who supplies the information to the Bureau daily.

Cove Residents journey to Turkey



Abbotsford Cove residents at Gallipoli



Dinner aboard the Aegan Clipper

If you thought it was quiet around the Cove during June this is probably one of the reasons why. 28 residents from the Cove left us behind to cope with one of the wettest & coldest winters in history for 6 long weeks to visit Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Pamukkale followed by 1 week aboard an Aegan Clipper & a further week aboard two Gulets cruising the ever blue coast of Turkey. The cruise was followed by tours to Santorini, Rome, Sorrento & Naples. The trip was a huge success and there will be many tales told over spilt drinks for years to come at dinners all around the Cove.

John Reid, from Endeavour is a very active member of the ACCA Executive, and apart from attending to countless admin functions & organizing trades quotes he is looking to build a team of volunteers who could help out with small maintenance jobs around the Cove. This could include painting, varnishing & graffiti removal as well as other small jobs. John will coordinate the activities on "as required " basis and is looking for willing ladies or gents.

John Reid can be contacted by phoning **9712 1497** or **0412 247 632**.

Any help you can muster would be greatly appreciated and just helps keep Abbotsford Cove ahead of other similar communities as a desirable place to live.

Abbotsford Cove Day

Sunday 28th October at 11:00am. Races, tug o war, competitions & BBQ. A fun sports day for all the kids of the cove where buildings compete against each other for the Abbotsford cove shield currently in Oxleys hands.

Helpers please contact Jan Coulter.

Community Dinner

At Castel D'Oro, Great North Rd, Five Dock in late November. A date is to be confirmed.

This is a fantastic fun dinner with dancing , good music & food. Table bookings welcomed.

Community BBQ

Friday night BBQ's commence Friday 6th October at the Fig Tree. BYO

Christmas Party

December 18th 3:30 to 5:30 followed by BBQ & carols at 7:00pm.

ACCA is currently obtaining quotes to upgrade security at the club house, gym & pool areas which may include new locking or CCTV systems. ACCA is also in discussion with Council about traffic flow in Abbotsford Cove Drive. Traffic & speed was monitored by Council over 7 days. Peak speed was 50kph with an average of 30-35. No vehicle was below 20kph. A bit scary!