

When Santa came to the Cove



It was Sunday 21 December just before Christmas and everyone had fun and games and lots of cakes and lollies to enjoy.

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Note from the editor

This newsletter is available in colour in PDF format via email. If you have items of interest for future editions or know of interesting events please contact the editor.

Thanks to everyone who responded to articles and/or provided ideas. Apologies to those whose contributions have not been included. Newsletter also located on our official website www.abbotsfordcove.com

Australia Day pancakes

A delightful Australia day breakfast was enjoyed by many on the morning of the 26th January, where over 100 residents and friends came together to celebrate Australia Day.

Unfortunately the planned Re-enactment was cancelled as the long boat was up on the hardstand at the Sydney Heritage Yard in Rozelle Bay for repairs.

Lieutenant Phillip and his soldiers will be back next year for this moving ceremony.



It was lovely to see so many families with youngsters enjoying the 700 odd pancakes that were made on site by our cooks together with tea/coffee.

After a traditional Aussie sing-along led by Maurice and Adrienne, the event culminated in the raising of

the Australian Flag, and displaying of the Aboriginal Flag.



A big thank you to our helpers for another outstanding community activity. Also many thanks to all the residents who donated the ingredients for the pancakes.

Next ACCA Meeting

26 March 2009

7:00pm at the ACCA Clubhouse.

Please come and support your ACCA reps.

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**Abbotsford
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Real Estate**

Thinking of Selling or buying

at Abbotsford Cove

Contact Mel Abboud

On 9712 2500

Or call in to The Pavilion and

have a chat.

Check the website: www.abbotsfordcoverealestate.com.au

No one knows the Abbotsford Cove market better than

Lost property located in box near library shelves in clubhouse at pool 1.

If unclaimed by end March will be given to charity.

Like to play golf?
Have a fun day out?
Meet new friends?
Renew old acquaintances?



**Why not come along to
Abbotsford Cove Golf Day 2009**

Sunday March 22 at Sefton Golf Club

Rose Street, Sefton
off the Hume Highway

Starting time **2:00pm** Cost **\$13.50** per player
BBQ facilities available at the course
Organise a group or come alone and enjoy the day

RSVP before Sunday March 6 to
Sue Prell on 9712 0372

How things have changed or have they?

Opposite Abbotsford School were the water filled pits which had contained the gasometers of the Australian Gas Light Company, abandoned when the works at Mortlake were completed. Here were the Abbotsford Baths where for a small charge could be had a pleasant swim in clean tidal water.

The Abbotsford wharf was always a point of activity, for here the ferry called regularly, plying between Parramatta and the City. Nothing was more pleasant than an early-morning trip on the river.

Taken from **Drummoyne**
A Western Suburbs' History from 1794
Second Edition by Eric Russel.

Ship shape and Bristol fashion

Cove resident Hugh Knox and wife Maureen share a love of Bristol cars. Although Hugh was born in Bristol in the UK he had no interest in Bristol cars until coming to Australia. His first car, a 1953 model *Bristol 403* was bought for Maureen's birthday in 1994. Shortly after they joined the *Bristol Owners' Club*, a worldwide organisation with over 120 members in Australia.



Hugh with the Britannia still bearing English plates and fueled with English petrol on its arrival in Australia.

Hugh entered many historic races in NSW in his 403 and wife Maureen drove in a *Repco Rally* from Melbourne to Sydney and earned the reputation of making the most number of u'turns on the Monaro Highway in one day. In 1996 not satisfied with just racing, and having recently retired Hugh decided to build his own rare *Bristol 404* from scratch (only 40 made). The parts were bought in Australia, although having been shipped directly from England to the previous owner. Upon opening a box of parts the Knox's were amazed to find a very old English newspaper and what appeared to be and "English" fossilized mouse. The car took around 18 months to put together and was mostly used for touring with the *Bristol Owners' Club*. After touring Tasmania the Knox's decided that the 404 was too small and so briefly owned a *Bristol 412* which had a V8 Chrysler motor.

Moving into Abbotsford Cove they had no where to house the cars so sold the 404, which was shipped back to England, and then the 412. In the meantime Hugh purchased his present car, a Bristol Britannia from the UK and so in 2007 he and Maureen set off to bring the new Bristol back home. Before returning home they toured Wales and drove across the Cotswalds to Cambridge in their new Britannia.



Bristols on display at Sydney Rowing Club

Bristol cars were first made in 1947 after the war from left over aluminium used to make airplanes. 1950's heralded Bristol cars as the first and most desirable sports car and the first saloon car to exceed 100 miles per hour. Hugh and Maureen's current Bristol bears the number plate 100MPH.

Never liking to be idle Hugh's past interests included aerobatic flying in a Victor Airtourer, including formation flying and pylon racing in Tasmania. He now, in a voluntary capacity, looks after spare parts for Victor planes. He and Maureen also like to sail but as Hugh puts it "purely for pleasure".

Anyone interested in sharing their hobbies or interests with other Cove residents please email the editor.

Friday Night BBQ'S

On the last Friday of each month, from October to the end of April, residents join in a Community BBQ under the Figtree on the waterfront.

Everyone is welcome to join with us, BYO chair, food, drinks etc. We supply the friendly company, music, tables and BBQ.

For more information email jancoulter@primusonline.com.au.



Aqua Fitness Classes

Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at **8:50am**

No 1 heated pool, Blackwall Point Rd *unless advised otherwise.*

Any changes will be advised by email. Contact Jan on 9712 3858



Bootcamp: For energetic swimmers, we have a program of keeping fit with a slightly more intensive aqua program on a **Friday** morning. The program is an extension of the Aqua Fitness classes held on Monday & Wednesday.

Mainly for swimmers who want to challenge themselves through swimming drills/exercises. For more information email jancoulter@primusonline.com.au.

Maintenance Issues

Notice any community property around the Cove needing attention? Then email your request to:

maintenance@abbotsfordcove.com

This could refer to pools, tennis courts, pathways, street lights, walkways and lights, community hall, gym equipment or graffiti.

Gardening

If you need to raise any issues about the gardens with the garden convenor, Cheryl Balsdon, then email her at:

garden@abbotsfordcove.com

Cheryl will then discuss your request with the gardening committee and Starline Contractors.

Website

Need to know anything about the Cove? Log onto the website on www.abbotsfordcove.com or email your queries to admin@abbotsfordcove.com

Do you have a spare hour or two once or twice a week or even a fortnight and are willing to help the elderly or infirmed in our community?

Then Meals-On-Wheels could use your help.

For more information phone 9745 6260.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009

Like all Australians we are deeply shocked and saddened by the devastation that the bushfires have inflicted on Victoria.

If you haven't already done so you can donate money or items of clothing to the Australian Red cross on **800 811 700**.