

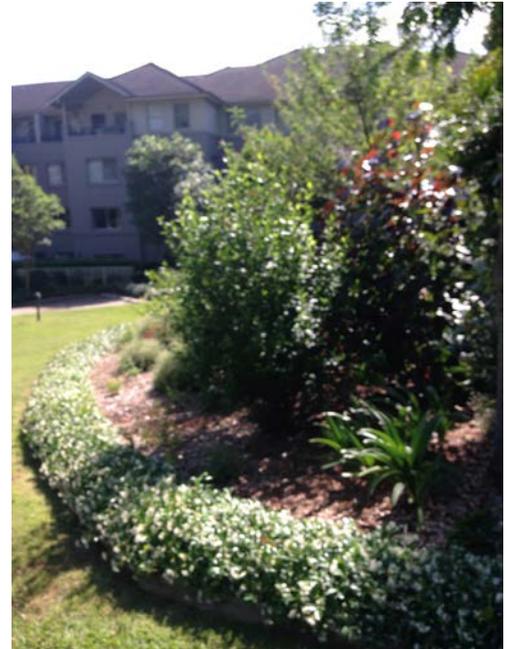
Abbotsford Cove News



Canada Bay Council annually run a “Colour the Bay” competition judged by an independent panel of experts, gardens are assessed on design, layout and maintenance. Winners of each section receive a \$500 voucher along with recognition of their efforts. In 2012, Cove resident Elizabeth Duff of Endeavour, was runner up in the “Balcony Garden” section of the competition.

No category for a garden as large as ours? The Garden Committee decided to enter anyway and create awareness of larger gardens in community developments like ours. Hopefully, Council will create an appropriate category next year. Choosing a section of garden near Figtree Avenue turning circle, as a “Small Space” we entered into the spirit of the competition.

Celebrating our Gardens



Unfortunately, although the judges were impressed, our entry didn't win, but received an *Amgrow Hamper* as an encouragement award presented along with the winners awards on Monday 7 December at Mortlake Public School.

For a list of winners refer Council website canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Save Our Shelter

Cove residents **Kerrie Lind** and **Vicki Mail** are working towards a restoration grant for the bus shelter outside the Pavilion. The wooden shelter is historically significant to the Cove, having been used by Nestle employees when the factory produced chocolate here back in 1918. Originally it was part of the tram network that went down Great North Road to Leichhardt. The section from Abbotsford to Five Dock closed in 1954.

The shelter, which sits near the corner of Great North Road and Blackwall Point Road, has never had an upgrade and is slowly deteriorating. The light doesn't work, boards are missing and the paint is peeling.

Kerrie was appalled by the state of the shelter and contacted Vicki Mail of the Abbotsford Cove Community Association (ACCA) to see what could be done. The two of them approached Canada Bay Council and Burwood Bus depot, neither of which took ownership. They enlisted the help of Kate Higgins, Heritage Officer of Canada Bay Council and David Sansone, Local Studies Officer, at Five Dock Library to further pursue ownership and ultimately restoration.

The owner of the Pavilion has been contacted to discern if the shelter is part of his property. At time of printing no reply has been received. Hopefully, in the new year Kerrie and Vicki will receive a positive response from council re the heritage restoration grant, rewarding them for all their effort.



Water Feature Update

Just over a year ago power failed to the water feature and nearby lights on the foreshore near the fig tree. The existing cable could not be resuscitated. After reaching agreement with Greenway, ACCA was able to run a new power cable from the Greenway building to the distribution board near the flagpole.

Because of the power failure the small sump pumps that keep the control rooms dry, under the foreshore path, weren't working. As a result the control rooms flooded at least once in heavy rain, inundating the pump electric control boards.

Once the power was restored in mid November an electrician replaced the pumps, keeping cost to a minimum. *Water Features Australia* then drained and cleaned the ponds. *Robertson's* have now begun to patch the rendering in the waterfall pillars and bridges, applying a water resistant sealant to the pillars and a coating to the faces of the waterfalls to discourage further erosion.

It will then take about a week to refill the water feature. We hope to have it operating by Christmas.

Abbotsford Cove Community Assoc

*Special thanks to Mel Abboud of
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continued support of the newsletter.*

Clubhouse

Residents wishing to use the Clubhouse must make a booking via the website or strata manager.

Conditions for use of the Clubhouse are as follows:

- must not be used for commercial purposes
- must be left clean
- all rubbish removed by the person responsible for booking
- booking is for Clubhouse function room only
- pool gates must remain locked at all times and not be propped open. This is to ensure maximum safety.

Can't find a good book?

Books available for loan or swap from the book shelves in the Clubhouse hallway.

One condition: only leave as many as you take.

Happy reading.



*Merry Christmas
and Best Wishes
for 2016*



Social Tennis

Monday from 1:00 - 3:00pm Court 1.

Community Picnic

last Friday of each month during daylight saving on the foreshore under the fig tree.

More information on the above email
jancoulter@iprimus.com.au

Bridge

every second Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse.

Canasta

3:00pm in the Clubhouse every Thursday afternoon

Clubhouse bookings

phone Whelan Property Group on 9219 4111 or email strata@whelanproperty.com.au

Gardening

For all garden related matters email:
garden@abbotsfordcove.org

Maintenance

Notice any community property around the Cove needing attention? Then email your request to maintenance@abbotsfordcove.org

Cove Quilters

Third Thursday of the month 10:00am to 2:00pm. All levels of experience welcome. Lessons available for beginners.

For more information contact Rhonda Taylor on phone 8753 0728 : 0413 422 049 or Email rhonda.taylor@hotmail.com.au

Aqua Fitness Classes Pool No 1

Monday and Wednesday

8:45am warm up for 8:50 start

Bootcamp Friday 8:45am

Next ACCA meeting

Thursday January 28

7:00pm in the ACCA Clubhouse

Note from the editor

If you have any items for future editions please contact the editor on 9712 7419 or email newsletter@abbotsfordcove.org



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