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Next ACCA Meeting

Thursday 29th Sept 7:00pm

Club House

To book the club house for a private function, residents should contact Sean Bermingham at Strata Associates on 8303 2000. A refundable bond of \$200 is required.

It's a great place to entertain your friends for birthdays, anniversaries, christenings or family get-togethers.

Tennis - to book courts 1 or 2, the booking sheet is kept in the clubhouse kitchen.

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The other Abbotsford House

The NSW suburb of Abbotsford was originally part of Five Dock farm and takes its name from our own Abbotsford House.

Our Abbotsford House was built in 1878 by Sir Arthur Renwick (1837- 1908), a doctor, politician & philanthropist. Sir Arthur was born in Glasgow, and named his mansion after Abbotsford House on the banks of the River Tweed near the town of Melrose in the picturesque Borders region of Scotland. The Scottish mansion was built in 1824 by his favourite author, Sir Walter Scott.

Sir Walter, born in Edinburgh in 1771, had already achieved great literary success and had "married well" enabling him to purchase the 110 acre farm on the River Tweed.

The farm was originally called "Cartleyhole" however Scott changed its name to Abbotsford, as the land on which the farm stood had belonged to the Monks from nearby Melrose Abbey, and the ford used by them to cross the River Tweed was just below the house.

Sir Walter Scott died in 1832 and his family opened Abbotsford House to the public. Visitors could see Scott's study, library,



Abbotsford House - Scotland

drawing room, armoury and the dining room. Scott was an avid collector of arms, including Rob Roy's gun, Montrose's sword and items from the battlefield of Waterloo in 1815.

The background & photos for this article were provided by Cove residents Phil & Robyn Clarke who have recently returned from holidays there.

For more information visit
www.scottsabbotsford.co.uk

Melrose Abbey near the Abbots Ford

Melrose Abbey near the River Tweed was founded in 1136 by Cistercian Monks from Rievaulx Abbey in North Yorkshire at the request of King David I.

In 1322, the abbey & much of the town were destroyed by the English army of Edward II. It was subsequently rebuilt with the generous assistance of King "Robert the Bruce".

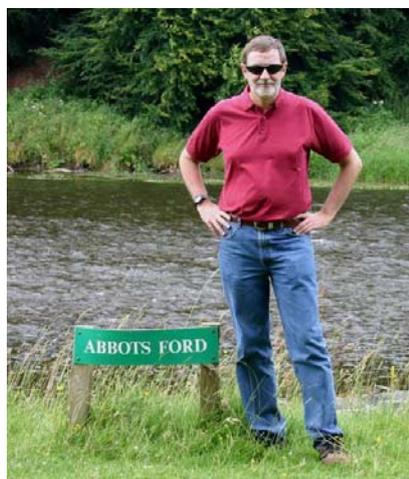
The abbey was again destroyed by the army of Richard III in 1385 and yet again under the rule of Henry VIII in 1544.

The Monks of Melrose Abbey subsequently embraced the reformation, and the last resident Monk died there in 1590.

The history of Melrose Abbey & Scotland's Abbotsford House provide an interesting insight into the naming of our own heritage house, our suburb & Melrose Crescent which runs behind Alexander & Elizabeth buildings.

hand held hosing allowed and restrictions on drip systems, water features & fountains. The garden committee continue to source non-thirsty varieties of plants for the gardens & in conjunction with our horticulturists are creating a "dry" garden bed between the café & the tennis court.

Canada Bay tree preservation officers were also on site recently and were concerned about residents lopping or topping trees without Council approval.



**Cove resident Phil Clarke at
'Abbots Ford' on the River Tweed**

Garden Committee News

According to our garden committee convenor, Cheryl Balsdon, this has been our warmest winter & third driest August since record keeping began in Australia with only 1.6mm of rain compared to the August average of 82mm. Fortunately Abbotsford Cove recorded 13mm the first weekend in September.

Alexander have now installed an automated and approved drip system through their gardens. A Sydney water spokesman told Cheryl that Level 4 restrictions are being considered with no

Abbotsford Cove viewed from space



This image was obtained from the Google Earth internet web site and whilst it is not live, it is a fairly recent image taken by satellite. If you have internet access, you can download the free basic Google Earth software to your computer.

Abbotsford Cove Marina



There are a number of dinghy spaces available for rent to residents of Abbotsford Cove. The Marina use is strictly controlled by NSW Maritime and non residents are not permitted to lease marina berths or dinghy spaces.

For information about dinghy leases, contact Ian Wilson on 9713 6783.

The yearly cost of leasing private moorings from NSW Maritime in Abbotsford Bay, range from \$236 for a boat to 7metres to \$714 for a boat to 12 metres.

Montrose Reserve

Residents have been lobbying Canada Bay Council to upgrade the pathway from Walton Crescent to the Marina. This small Council walkway is known as Montrose Reserve.

Our garden convenor, Cheryl Balsdon, said The Parks Planner at Canada Bay Council has confirmed that Council has now applied to the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program administered by the Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources to assist financially with this project. Council is keen to establish a safer access to the expanding network of foreshore walkways & hope to have a positive response during the October to December quarter when the grants are announced.

The pathway is unlit, has exposed tree roots, and narrow steps & is home to graffiti louts.

The Google Earth site has a heavy hit rate at present as more & more updated images of the New Orleans area are being included following the ravages of Hurricane Katrina through the Gulf of Mexico.

The overall image resolution is continually being upgraded by Google Earth, and architects, property developers can even see some cities in 3D to seek out sites or plan major infrastructure.

Some of the most popular sites include The Grand Canyon, The Eiffel Tower, The Colosseum & New York World Trade Centre site.

Zooming in on images on the internet in colour is fascinating but can be a real time-waster.

A mooring can only be used by the registered owner of the boat, and moorings are not transferable to any other boats or owners. Once a mooring is relinquished, it is re-allocated to the next on the waiting list.

In Abbotsford Bay, there are a maximum of 49 private moorings (yellow buoys) allocated with a current waiting list of 2. The red mooring buoys are all commercial moorings and are leased by Roger from the Abbotsford Point Boatshed adjacent to the ferry wharf.

Can you help ?

Our ACCA Secretary, Bess Rosen has received a request from **MEALS ON WHEELS** in Lyons Rd Five Dock. They are in urgent need of volunteers to deliver meals to local residents, so if you have a couple of hours to spare once a week, fortnightly or even monthly, your help would be very much appreciated. If you are retired and can assist this voluntary organisation, call Ena direct on 9713 6057



MONTROSE RESERVE

Community Events

Aqua Fitness



When : Monday 8:50am to 9:50am & Wednesday 8:50am to 9:50am

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

Call : **Jan Coulter** on 97123858

Abbotsford Cove Day Sunday 16th October 11:00am

This is a great family picnic day with a BBQ for residents & inter building events to see who can wrestle the annual trophy away from Flinders. Residents, families & friends are very welcome, so join in the fun at Abbotsford Cove park.

Abbotsford Cove Dinner Friday 18th November 7:00pm

Once again, this is being held at Castel D'Oro function centre in Great North Rd Five Dock.

Tables of 8, 10 or 12 will be available. Last year this proved to be a very popular and fun filled evening. It's a great opportunity to meet with other Cove residents and enjoy some fine dining, drinks and entertainment. Details & costings will be posted on your notice boards prior to the event or you can call Jan Coulter directly on 9712 3858 for more information.

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 18th December

Children's party in the park at 3:00pm
BBQ at 5:30pm
Carols at 7:00pm



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.

Stop Press! - A used syringe was left in our foreshore park adjacent to a park seat, so please take care with children.