

## Australia Day Celebrations at Abbotsford Cove

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**Captain Arthur Phillip (Don Coulter) approaching Abbotsford Cove**

Australia Day is a community day with ceremonies around the country involving the presentation of community awards, citizenship ceremonies, flag raising and a fun day for all people. The popularity of this national day is rapidly increasing so that all Australians recognize its significance and the bringing together of all nationalities & cultures as well as acknowledging what this means for indigenous Australians.

On the 26th January 1788 Captain Arthur Phillip took formal possession of the colony of NSW and became its first Governor. The fledgling colony soon began to celebrate the anniversary of this date and it was often observed with much drinking and merriment. Originally known as Foundation Day until 1946 when The Australian Government, States & Territories agreed to observe one national day, Australia Day.



**Capt Phillip (Don Coulter) & his crew Joe Ilacqua, Hugh Knox, Eddie Kropkowski & Ken Geary**

Abbotsford Cove residents were treated to a splendid re-enactment of the landing of Captain Phillip and his crew, who came ashore on the beach at the cove. The boat used in the re-enactment was provided by Hugh Knox of Lawson. It was built by apprentices at HMAS Nirimba 1940 & was known as a pulling sailing skiff. It can be rowed or sailed. Built of African mahogany, it was purchased by Hugh in 1980 and restored for the bi-centenary in 1988 when she joined the tall ships on Sydney Harbour.

After an address by our ACCA chairman, Norm Gilmore, Councillor Neill Kenzler of Canada Bay Council addressed the gathering and raised the Australian Flag.

Guests were treated to a breakfast of freshly made pancakes tea & coffee before joining in with The Abbotsford Cove choir in the national anthem & a melody of famous Australian ballads.



**ACCA secretary Bess Rosen & Canada Bay Councillor Neill Kenzler**



**Breakfast hosts—Lois Larcombe, Noela Squires, Rhondda Faleri, Mary Oliver & Jan Coulter (main organiser)**



**Left—Captain Phillip (Don Coulter) reads the proclamation of NSW & is guarded by his able crew.**

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Palm Beach Ferries now 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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**Santa arrives**

## Abbotsford Cove Christmas Day

What a perfect sunny afternoon for Santa to arrive at the cove. Children & grandchildren waited anxiously as Santa strode from his hideout on the marina with a bag full of goodies for all the kids.

Beforehand, families engaged in races, relays & lolly hunts, as well as enjoying a paddle in the water and a play on our own special & clean beach.



**The Cove Christmas Choir**



**Lois & Laurie Larcombe**



**Enjoying our own piece of paradise**



**Children join in the carol singing**



**Families relaxing in the park**



**Races for all ages were fun to watch**



## Community News

### ACCA Meeting

The executive of ACCA is always conscious of residents safety concerns & resolved to repair the dip in the roadway between Alexander & Lawson in Harbourview Crescent. There are also roadworks approved at the end of Figtree Avenue and repairs to a drain beside the walkway to the park from Figtree Terraces has already commenced.

The executive are also investigating avenues of slowing or dissuading non resident vehicles who use Abbotsford Cove Drive as a short cut between Blackwall Point Rd & Walton Cresc. Some changes to pool fencing and gates is also planned to prevent unauthorized access of our pools by non residents.



### Our meals on wheels volunteers

(front) -Anne Van Der Kallen, Helen Davidson. Back (L to R) Bess Rosen, Rob, Margo, Sue Prell

**Phone** – 97136057— if you can help, volunteers are still required at Llyons Rd Five Dock



### Next ACCA Meeting:

**Thursday 23/3/05 @ 7:00pm**



### Aqua Fitness

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

Come & join us & get fit.

**Swimming Pools**— There have been a number of residents who disregard the safety of others and do not adhere to the Strictly **'No Glass'** policy in the pool enclosures. Also, too many children are left unsupervised.