

## Abbotsford Cove Picnic Day

Jan Coulter has confirmed that Sunday the 19th October has been set for this event. Oxley currently hold the Abbotsford Cove shield as overall winners of foot races, 3 legged races, potato sack races, pram races, antique races and tug-o-wars. Buildings compete against each other and have a great afternoon followed by a family BBQ. Watch your building notice-board for details.

Also watch notice-boards for a proposed resident's **Trivia night** at the community hall.



Remember these good times at the Cove

## ACCA July 31st meeting : news

- Discussions ongoing with Canada Bay Council re Abbotsford Cove Drive proposed safety changes. (advice due soon)
- No 5 pool to get hand rail access
- Repainting community fences near Lachlan, Oxley, Catherine, Paterson, Jackson & Denison to commence shortly.
- ACCA application to NSW Maritime to erect sandstone steps to our beach was rejected, so plans shelved.
- Tennis court surfaces cleaned, upgraded & nets replaced.
- ACCA website operating & if you wish to have input into it's future use & layout contact John Reid at Endeavour—check: [www.abbotsfordcove.com](http://www.abbotsfordcove.com)
- Vandalised pathway lights being replaced with new stronger modern style lights. See them near the Pavilion café.

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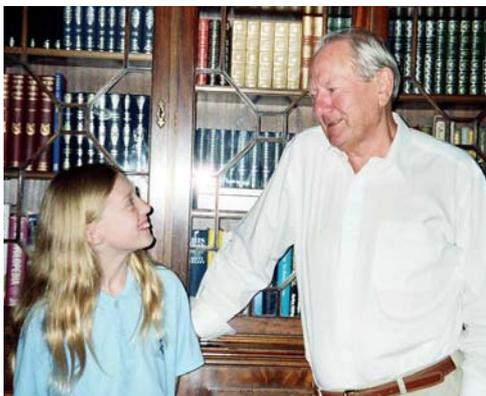
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### Note from the editor

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.

## Authors in our midst



### Gabby Lawrie & Raymond Waterhouse

Raymond Waterhouse lives in Chatham Place and is an established international travel writer involved in publications including "Best Restaurants in The World, Best Hotels in the World, Go See Travel, World Traveller" to name just a few of his published works. Raymond has also been involved for 12 years in assisting children at Abbotsford Public School, and a teacher commented that they were unable to find a book in their library commencing with the letter "Y".

So began his quest to write a childrens book with the letter "Y" on the cover.

Gabrielle Lawrie is a neighbour of Raymond's in Chatham Place, and knowing Gabby had a keen interest in books, Raymond suggested they co-write a fictional story together. "Yoppi" a character bear was invented. Gabby's father Mark is the chief vet in NSW for the RSPCA, so Gabby's interest in animals was obviously profound.

Yoppi is a very large bear who lives in Yellow Park with lots of different animals, & spends most of his time eating and sleeping. Yoppi then became fat & lazy after getting his friends to bring him food. Doctor Katie Kangaroo had told Yoppi he must lose weight & so began an adventurous new life for him after meeting up with his cousin Arnold. He enjoys nightclubs, new friends and discovers a beautiful Bear girlfriend. "Yoppi—A Bear Story" is a very humorous book published by LULU Distributors & is available at Borders (Ref ISBN 978-1-8475-3876-5)



### The book cover

### Next ACCA Meeting:

Thursday 25th Sept 2008  
@ 7:00pm at the ACCA  
Clubhouse.

Please come and support  
your ACCA Reps.

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### Thinking of Selling or buying at Abbotsford Cove

Contact Mel Abboud

On 97122500

Or call in to The Pavilion and  
have a chat.

Check the website: [www.abbotsfordcoverestate.com.au](http://www.abbotsfordcoverestate.com.au)

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No one knows the Abbotsford  
Cove market better than

Mel Abboud



**Abbotsford Cove Aqua Group at No 1 pool**

Aqua fitness is a great way to burn off those excess calories. These classes are conducted by Jan Coulter who is a qualified swimming instructor with loads of experience. Jan will work you to your maximum output so don't expect the exercise to be easy. The pool is heated to about 28degrees, so your comfort is assured. Finish off with a sauna or a coffee at the pavilion cafe.

Both men & ladies are welcome to join and there is no cost.

## Aqua Fitness Classes

**When : Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings**

**Time:** 8:45am to 9:45am

**Where:** At the No 1 heated pool at Blackwall Point Rd unless advised otherwise.

Call : **Jan Coulter** on 97123858 for information or pool changes

Any changes are provided from Jan by email



**Interested—then contact**

**John McDonald on 0403261994**

## Abbotsford Cove Bridge

Bridge is a trick taking card game of skill & chance played by 4 players in 2 partnerships. The game consists of the auction (bidding) & the play which ends when a declaration by one partnership says they will take a number of tricks.

If you would like to play social bridge, you would be most welcome. The players meet every second Tuesday evening between 7:00pm and 10:00pm at the community hall. It is a great chance to keep your mind active and enjoy the company of other residents.

## Abbotsford Cove editor change



**Tricia Kropkowski**

After 3 years as editor of the Abbotsford Cove News, the reins will be handed over to Tricia Kropkowski of Elizabeth.

Tricia & her husband Eddie have been residents for 8 years and participate in many of the Cove activities, so Tricia is already well known in our community.

As this will be my last newsletter, I wish to thank all those residents who have contributed to it's success and also to Mel About at Abbotsford Cove Real Estate for his ongoing monetary support

**Alan Squires** (outgoing editor)

## Who killed our tree

After 8 years growth, one of our best foreshore park trees was poisoned by a resident who has a selfish attitude and puts his or her needs above the needs of the community. This person was happy to visit the park in the dark of night and destroy a perfectly good specimen tree in our park which has provided welcome shade for families picnicking there during recent summers. This is simply unacceptable & criminal behaviour, and sad to think that it has been done by one of our neighbours. If you know any thing about this senseless act, please contact Cheryl Balsdon our garden convenor or Canada Bay Council.

It is planned to replace it with a similar specimen but mature tree.



**The dying tree in our park**

## Christmas in July at Abbotsford Cove

Thanks to Jan Coulter, a large number of residents enjoyed a great evening among friends on Sunday 27th July at the Community Hall. A selection of hot meals were provided by all of executive chefs at the Cove.

The evening was also an excuse to celebrate a 70th birthday for Maureen Knox from Lawson. This was a complete surprise for Maureen, with Husband Hugh given the job of making sure she knew nothing of the proposed celebrations staged for her. In Maureen's speech, she echoed the thoughts of many residents about community spirit & how glad they were to have chosen Abbotsford Cove as their new home.



**Maureen Knox from Lawson**

## Maintenance Issues

Notice any community property around Abbotsford Cove which needs attention, then you can email your request to:

**[maintenance@abbotsfordcove.com](mailto:maintenance@abbotsfordcove.com)**

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

## Gardening

If your building needs to raise any issues about your garden or community gardens with the garden convenor, Cheryl Balsdon, then you can email her at:

**[garden@abbotsfordcove.com](mailto:garden@abbotsfordcove.com)**

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