

Abbotsford Cove Picnic Day



Celebrated on Sunday
October 19 on the
foreshore park.

Thanks to Jan Coulter once
again for a wonderful
community event and to
everyone who participated.
Winner of the **Abbotsford
Cove Day** trophy will be
presented at the next **ACCA**
meeting on Thursday **27
November**.



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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 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.

Next ACCA Meeting

27 November 2008
7:00pm at the ACCA
Clubhouse.

Please come and support
your ACCA reps.

This newsletter is
sponsored by:

**Abbotsford
Cove
Real Estate**

Fish and Chips Anyone?



A group of 34 residents from the cove
enjoyed a leisurely cruise on the “Harmen”
on Friday 26 September. After leaving the
Heritage Workshop the group lunched at the
fish markets. Proceeds raised for “**Reach
Out for Nepal**” an initiative of Cove resident
Nola Ainsworth. Nola has been supporting
the children of Nepal since 1994.

Kumbeshwar (KTS) began in 1983 to cater
for the lower castes. KTS has a nursery for
the children of its vocational workers, a
primary school providing free education to
224 students and a hostel for 20 children.
Later *HERESU* was opened catering for 18
children. There is no government assistance
for these children and they are clothed, fed
and educated from the support of volunteers
and sponsors. Nola’s vision is to purchase a
home for *HERESU*.

Next fundraiser - two cruises on the “Harmen”
Sunday November 30. Everyone welcome.

Cruise 1 11:00am **Cruise 2** 12:45pm.

Both cruises depart from the National Heritage
Museum, James Craig Drive, Rozelle Bay and
include BBQ lunch (byo drinks and plastic
glasses) and tour of the Heritage Workshop.
For more details contact Jan on **9712 3858** or
email jancoulter@primusonline.com.au or Nola
on **9713 5596**. Cost \$25 per person.



**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](http://www.abbotsfordcoverealestate.com.au)

*No one knows the
Abbotsford*

*Cove market better than
Mel Abboud*

**Motor Neurone Disease
Association fundraiser
just in time for Christmas**

Sports socks **\$6 pair** (men
and ladies), Plush Puppy
19cm long with embroidered
logo **\$5 ea**, Christmas cards
(assorted) **90c ea**, Biscuits **\$3
pack**. All proceeds to **MND
NSW**. Call Gillian on **9713
5579** and buy a gift in support
a worthy cause.

The House of Denison

At the first mention of the word “Denison” we immediately think of Fort Denison. I am sure that the builders of our complex had a former governor in mind when naming the building. William Thomas Denison was born in London on May 3, 1804. He was sent to Eton for his education and at age 15 entered the Royal Military Academy. He received his commission in the Royal Engineers in 1826. From 1827 to 1846 he served with the Royal Engineers in Canada and England. During this period he won the Telford Medal and became an Associate of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

William Denison was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemens Land in 1846 and that same year he was knighted.



On January 20, 1855 he was appointed Governor of New South Wales. This appointment also made him Governor General of all the colonies in Australia. The following year, 1856, he was awarded the K C B. London gave him the unenviable task of preparing the colony for responsible self government. Slowly the colony of NSW started to administer its own affairs. This left time for Denison to concentrate on public works such as roads, bridges and defence. Of particular interest was fortification work on an island in the harbour that was started then postponed during the Crimean war.

The island was first used by the local aboriginals. It was then only a large rock, standing 40 m above sea level. In 1788 the First Fleet used the small island, called Rock Island, as a punishment for the most troublesome prisoners. The first use of the island as a prison was on February 8, 1788 when Thomas Hill was sentenced to a week on short rations for theft of food.

William Denison restarted the old fortification work. Many thousands of tons of stone were transported to build the Martello Tower. Such a tower was then state-of-the-art of defence. The fort was completed in 1857. However, the fort was never used to protect the colony and was used only as a store. Denison was appointed Governor of Madras in 1860 and left NSW on January 22, 1861.



He held this appointment until 1866. Sir William Denison was married with 13 children. He died on January 19, 1871 in London.

The seafaring fraternity of Sydney who pass by this imposing piece of 1800 circa stone work have Sir William Denison to thank for one of Sydney’s best recognised landmarks.

*Don Coulter 20.6 05
Ref: Australian Encyclopedia.*

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday December 7 **Abbotsford Cove Golf Day 2008**

1:30pm Barnwell Park Golf Club, Canada Bay

\$25 per player and \$15 for seniors

Organise a group or come alone to enjoy the day and meet new friends

RSVP by Friday November 28 to Sue Prell on 9712 0372

Sunday 21 December **Cove Childrens Christmas Party**

Starting time 3:00pm on the foreshore park - games and mini olympics.

Santa arrives at 4:30pm.

Wednesday 31 December **New Years Eve In The Park**

Starting time 9:00pm along Cove foreshore park. Bring a blanket or table and chairs. BYO drinks and nibbles. Hot water supplied for tea/coffee.

Everyone welcome to see in the New Year for 2009.

Monday 26 January **Australia Day Re-enactment**

Starting time 8:00am. Pancake breakfast followed by the landing of the First Fleet re-enactment and Aussie sing-along.



Aqua Fitness Classes

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

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

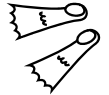
Any changes will be advised by email.

Contact Jan on 9712 3858 or email jancoulter@primusonline.com.au

Boot Camp - NEW

Thursday evening 6:00pm commencing November 20

Bring fins, goggles and kickboard. This fitness session is for keen swimmers who want to extend themselves with a good water workout.



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.

Postman Pat

Received mail addressed to some other part of the cove?

Chances are someone else has received yours.

Please redirect the mail by either taking a walk (good exercise) and placing in the correct mail box or

reposting it with “delivered to instead of correct recipient’s address”. This small gesture will ensure we all get the mail we are waiting on.

Need a car occasionally?

Paying for registration and insurance but only using your car occasionally? Then maybe **GoGet** is the answer.

A car share scheme working on a group of members having access to a common vehicle parked locally. Vehicles may be booked for periods of one hour or longer. To operate the car share in our area a minimum of 30 members is required. So if this idea appeals to you then register with **GoGet** on www.goget.com.au or phone 1300 769 389. A community service supported by Local Mayor Angelo Tsirekas.

