

Abbotsford Cove News

Don's seat

On Friday October 28, at the first community picnic for the season, a group of around 40 Cove residents came together to remember the late Don Coulter who sadly passed away on February 21. This was a special picnic with Coulter family members invited to share in the dedication of a new park bench, donated by residents to commemorate Don and wife Jan's generous community spirit.



Stephen, Graeme, Jan, Megan and Rodney Coulter

Don and Jan, two of the original residents in the Cove, resided first in Endeavour and then in Alexander.

Don was often seen making repairs around the Cove, especially on the marina. For many years he was the man in the red suit at the annual children's Christmas party and from around 2005 to 2010, portrayed Captain Arthur Phillip at the Cove's Australia Day reenactment of the First Fleet landing. These events were initiated and organised by his wife Jan.

Over the years Don and Jan hosted many residents on their boat, QEII, cruising the Parramatta River to admire Christmas lights and listen to carols on Christmas Eve and to watch New Year's Eve fireworks on the harbour.



Don also contributed to the newsletter with many a historical tale.

A volunteer at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Don worked tirelessly for many years rebuilding the James Craig and on special occasions he skippered boats from the Sydney Heritage Fleet.



Over the past sixteen years, Jan has run aqua aerobics classes and boot camp in the pool, giving freely of her time three times a week. She also initiated the community bbq (now picnic) and canasta in the clubroom, as well as many other community events, including several trips overseas.

At Don's commemoration, Elaine Moore unveiled the plaque and spoke of Jan "as the life and soul of the Cove" - a sentiment expressed by all those present. A very surprised Jan was overwhelmed with emotion and unable to speak.

Special thanks to Elaine for initiating and organising the park bench, plaque and dedication. Elaine also organised for surplus funds from the overwhelming donations to go to Reach Out Nepal.

Sadly Jan announced she is leaving the Cove to be closer to her family. She will be missed.

Welcome to baby Taylor

A lunch hosted by Marika Kosobosky was held on October 12 to introduce baby Taylor to the Garden Committee. Taylor is the first child of former head gardener Emma Stone and husband Grant. Born June 17, Taylor weighed in at 2.98 kg.



Shelter refurbished

An update on the "Save Our Shelter" story which appeared in the December 2015 newsletter. In that issue we reported that residents Vicki Mail and Kerrie Lind were investigating ownership and ultimate refurbishment of the historic bus shelter outside the Pavilion.



Photo 1991 (circa)

Vicki and Kerrie were contacted by another resident, Jenny Waldron, who offered to help with the project. The team of three obtained quotes to repair and paint the shelter.

Paul Dewar at Canada Bay Council suggested they submit a 'Minor Repair and Maintenance Application for a Heritage Item' to the council. The application was signed by Graham, one of the partners who own the Pavilion and shelter, and submitted to council only to have it rejected two weeks later because the signature of the other partner was also required. Graham obtained the signature and the trio resubmitted the paper work, delighted when Heritage Officer Zoran Popovic contacted them with its approval.

When it came to choosing the colours of the shelter, Zoran requested the original colours be used. Armed with paint scrapers Vicki, Kerrie and Jenny peeled back layers of paint and secured pieces large enough for local paint shops to match. The walls were painted in Dulux 'Regency White' and the roof, down pipe and seat in 'Indian Red', a deep maroon colour which was also used on the Community Centre at Chiswick. A colour Vicki, Kerrie and Jenny were keen to use.

George Minos repaired and repainted the structure and the trio eagerly watched each stage of the process. Jenny's son, John Thompson, repaired the light. The shelter is now a pleasant place to wait for the bus and the historical value of the structure has been preserved.



Silver for our Gardens

Skyline Landscape Services received *Silver for Abbotsford Cove* in the *2016 LNA Landscape Association Excellence Awards Maintenance Residential Communities* category. A great effort as there were over 50 entries in the category.

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.

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 November 24

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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