

# FINGAL FLYER

Spring 2017



Celebrating life on the Fingal  
Peninsula.

*"Keep Fingal Special"*



## **Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On March 8th 2017, the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council (TBLALC) was announced a successful recipient of a grant from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under the Aboriginal Lands Clean Up Prevention (ALCUP) Program. Land owned by TBLALC along Letitia Spit is the targeted area.

This project is an NSW EPA funded program aimed to assist Aboriginal Land Councils to tackle illegal dumping.

TBLALC's main focus is restoring our lands as practically as possible by removing the rubbish and waste from the known dumping hotspots, making access difficult by installing concrete and other barriers to reduce illegal activities and adding more barriers to prevent motorbike and 4WD access.

Illegal road and beach access points have been blocked. Surveillance cameras have been installed and intermittent patrols to monitor the area are being carried out.

This large scale clean up of our beloved Booninybah wouldn't be possible without funding from the NSW Environment Protection Authority and support from our local community and the following local organisations, Tweed Shire Council, Fingal Head Coast Care, Fingal Head Community Association, Madhima Gulgan, Birdlife Northern Rivers, North East Waste, NSW Police, Fingal Head Primary School and Yuli Group, Tweed Sand Bypass Project and Fingal Head Surfclub, who we would like to thank for their collaboration.

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# Birding with Kate

Bill and I have been watching nesting **kookaburras** in the forest next door. Their level, direct flight was often towards a particular dead Banksia. Then we noticed the kookaburras had made a nesting tunnel in a termites nest in the tree. They fly at the termites nest with their beaks, breaking off pieces and eventually create a tunnel. The termites seal the sides of the tunnel and coexist with the kookaburras.

Kookaburras are the extroverts of the bird world, so of course we know they are around with their noisy communal laughter. They may live for 20 years, form permanent pairs and are sedentary – they occupy the same territory year round. The previous years' offspring will help rear the young – contributing 32% of the incubation time and providing 60% of the food for the nestlings. So we are awaiting further happenings in the nest / tunnel.

There were only two sightings of the beautiful **Noisy Pitta** this year. We expect them in our forest at Fingal over winter, but Pittas were only seen on two occasions towards the end of the season. We hope these ground dwelling birds weren't preyed on by foxes or cats.

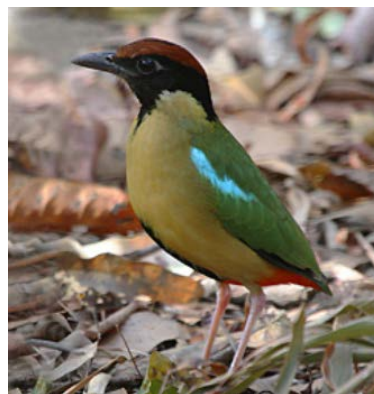
Heidi has photographed the two **Bush Stone-curlew** chicks which were born in the Fingal Head caravan park in September. Please drive carefully in this location.

The **migratory wading birds** are coming back from summer in the north of the Northern Hemisphere. They will be feeding and resting on our beaches and sand banks soon.

In this dry weather it is important to keep bird baths filled regularly, to help our birds.



*Fingal's Curlew Family*  
*Photo: Darren Morrison*



*Noisy Pitta*

Kate McKenzie  
27 September 2017

# Aircraft Noise Campaign

## Master Plan approved

The Minister approved the GCA Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2017 on 15 July 2017 and made no announcement of this decision. We were informed of this decision in response to a question at the CACG meeting on 19 July 2017. The GCA will produce the final version of the 2017 Master Plan.

The approval of the Master Plan is significant as it includes planned growth including annual passenger movements forecast to grow to 16.6 million in 2037, at an average annual growth rate of five per cent. Of this, 13.6 million domestic passengers will travel through GCA, accompanied by 1.36 million short-haul international passengers and 1.7 million long-haul international passengers.

## CACG meeting -19 July 2017

A new CACG Chair– Ron Brent – the former Aircraft Noise Ombudsman – ANO has been appointed to the position. The new ANO is Narelle Bell appointed for three years from February 2017. She also attended the CACG meeting.

For the first time since the CACG was restructured and observers excluded, a large number of residents attended as observers and met with Airservices Australia (ASA) after the CACG meeting to discuss their concerns about the impact of the proposed Smart Tracking for RW 32. This represents a major change to the operation of the CACG.



Airservices Australia (ASA) is seeking to introduce RNP AR (Smart Tracking) for Runway 32 in November 2017 or early 2018. Members need to provide feedback as it appears that it may produce a negative noise impact for residents at living at the southern end of Fingal Road. Details are accessible on the ASA website.

ASA has undertaken a detailed analysis of the Air Asia flights particularly the late evening flights following significant discussion and concerns expressed by representatives.

ILS – It was reported that planning was proceeding and that works were expected to commence in 2-3 weeks following the meeting. This has now occurred. The ILS development footprint on the Crown Reserve is being filled to a substantial greater area than was indicated in the Major Development Plan This fill is foreign material to the natural sandy soils of this coastal lowland ecosystem.

The foreign fill material on this estuarine ecosystem along with the significant height of the development will significantly impede groundwater recharge capacity resulting in a high risk of oxidation of soils south of the tidal waterway and serious exacerbation of the existing ASS

conditions and associated acid/metal groundwater contamination adjacent to the M1 concrete tunnel at the northern end of the Reserve.

The development will permanently alter tidal inundation patterns and clear passage of tides and also permanently alter flood patterns of this lower Tweed River system.

The long term environmental hazard consequential from terminating the natural hydrological regimes of this estuarine ecosystem and resulting ASS leachate into the estuary is known to have significant impacts on estuarine communities i.e. flora, fauna and aquatic organisms. Long term sustainability of the M1 concrete tunnel will also be at risk from further increasing the acid levels of groundwater surrounding the tunnel.

Representations have been made to the NSW Minister for the Environment – The Hon Gabrielle Upton.

Project LIFT – The Project including the terminal construction is due for completed in 2019.

Contamination – agreement has been reached on a program of testing on and off site. Disappointingly this has not yet occurred and as meetings are held every 4 months this is frustrating community members.

Next ANACC meeting is scheduled for 26 October 2017 and the next CACG meeting scheduled for 22 November 2017.



Aircraft Noise complaints – with the commencement of Daylight Saving aircraft times will differ. Continue to lodge any concerns or complaints you have about particular aircraft with Airservices by: telephoning 1800 802 584 (freecall); using Airservices online form - <https://complaints.bksv.com/asa> or mail, Noise Complaints and Information Service, PO Box 211, Mascot NSW 1460; or fax (02) 9556 6641.

Please ensure that the voices of the Tweed community are heard on the important issues which impact on the people and environment of the Tweed.

**Helen Twohill – President, Fingal Head Community Association Inc.**

## Community Action

Sometimes it's only when you are working away for a time that you again appreciate just how special the place we all call home is in terms of its natural beauty, contrasts with the built environment and pace of life. As a community we work hard to ensure that this special nature is kept for perpetuity. Whether it is helping out on Clean up Australia Day, planting trees with Coastcare on Community planting days, contributing to our community newsletter the Fingal Flyer



or volunteering with the school, surf club, TBLALC, Sailing Club or many other organisations and activities that frequent the Fingal Head peninsula – it all helps keep Fingal Head special. Thank you to all who work to help make our community special.

Many of you attended the opening of the Juraki Surf Invitational on 11 August 2017 on Fingal Beach. What a wonderful and respectful celebration of life and culture. Congratulations to all involved in the organising. A very successful event.

The achievements of the Working together to protect Threatened Species project were presented to the community on 10 August 2017. Again the work undertaken in collaboration with council and the community is a great achievement. The success of the fox trapping program was discussed and a report is included in this issue of the Fingal Flyer. The project will continue for another twelve months.

On 21 September 2017 TSC advised that it had finalised the review and analysis of the feedback received on the Building Height review second Community Conversation workshop. The report has also been posted to the <http://yoursaytweed.com.au/fingal-building-heights> web site.

A report to the TSC Planning Committee meeting of 5 October has been prepared which provides recommendations for planning based design or regulatory options to address, the immediate concerns surrounding building heights as well as wider concerns for local character and amenity.

The recommendations include:

- That the existing 9m building height limit which currently applies to the Fingal Head locality be maintained as this height provides flexibility to design a building on sites which are constrained by flood and sloping sites.
- That the 9m building height limit be further qualified by a restriction of a 2 storey floor limit.
- Enact the above recommendation as part of a broader planning proposal to amend LEP 2014 to supplement the maximum height development standard with a maximum storey allocation as they relate to different building typologies. As it would apply to Fingal Head this would include 9m and 2 storey building height standard.

Thanks go out to those in the community who took the time to participate and voice their views. Thanks also to the Council staff for their time and expertise in assisting the Community through this important process.

We look forward to the decisions of council regarding the building height review.

Don't forget that if you have the time to take an active role in your community there are numerous ways you can support efforts to keep Fingal Special. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Fingal Head Community Association meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each second month with the next meeting on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 7pm at the MPU at the Fingal School.

Enjoy our special place, beautiful environment and help to keep Fingal special.

**Helen Twohill**

President - Fingal Head Community Association Inc.

# Colouring fun, with Janey!



**Artists pay homage to the natural beauty of the caldera.**

**Caldera Art Sept 22nd - Dec 3rd**



**TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY**

& MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE MURWILLUMBAH

This exhibition presents the work of 6 artists, including Fingal local, Heidi Ledwell. All artists are passionate about preserving the rich biodiversity and complex ecosystems within the region's shield volcano.

Kim Godfrey Janet Hauser Heidi Ledwell Greg Mulheran Greg Newland and Jennifer Porter



*'Glory Lily' by Heidi Ledwell*

# Olga Cluer – A Fortunate Life

## 22/5/31 – 10/6/17

Edited from her obituary by son - Douglas Cluer.

Olga Cluer was many things to many people. She was resilient, hard-working, a high achiever, fun loving & adventurous and above all a good friend to many. She was a real softy and often tried to help the underdog.

**Born** Olga Haywood 22 May 1931 in Gatooma, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) of English parents, May & Wilfred Haywood who were immigrant farmers & ironically had tried their luck in Queensland before moving to Rhodesia. She grew up with her beloved younger brother Wilfred, roaming the farm & exploring Southern Africa. Olga was a bright student & aged 16 started an Agricultural Science Degree in Pietermaritzburg Sth Africa. This was an unconventional path for a woman of that era but was unfortunately cut short when her father passed away at a young age & she had to return to their farm to help her brother. She met her husband Rod Cluer prior to University but met up again when she returned to Gatooma. He swept her off her feet & she illegally eloped & married at age 19. She says the police arrived with a warrant for her arrest- shades of her life to come!! But more of that later on.

**Olga was resilient.** In her later years she would remark “I have had a **fortunate life**” Whilst she may not have done it as tough as the author A.B Facey, she did face some significant hardships during her life.

After the early death of her father then later the premature loss of the love of her life - her husband Rod at age 39 years, she had the job of raising 2 tear-away teenage boys Douglas & Nigel.

Moving to Australia was pretty tough after the good life in Tanzania where Rod and Olga ran a successful business turning coconut husks into fibre for export to Europe. Unfortunately the business faltered after the country gained Independence. They certainly did the tough yards as immigrants and Olga and Rod both worked to make ends meet. They were on the move - Toowoomba, Cairns, Thursday Island and then New Guinea. Olga worked in the the crayfishing business they set up in Thursday Island and New Guinea.

After Rods death in Port Moresby, New Guinea in 1964, the family stayed on and to make ends meet, Olga worked two jobs to support her young family.

Olga realised the laboratory job she had in Moresby was dead-end & so successfully applied for an Administration position in the Agriculture department & was posted to Goroka in the highlands of PNG. Schooling in Goroka was limited so her sons were shipped off to boarding school in Sydney.

Olga quickly ascended the public service hierarchy & became a regional administrator & travelled around the highlands as finance officer.

Flying in the highlands of New Guinea in the 60s & 70s was hazardous. In one story Olga related the incident of bad weather causing the pilot of the small single engine plane to get lost in cloud. Luckily just before running out of fuel, the pilot was able to navigate out of the valley & located an airstrip in the next valley & landed safely. Lo & behold it was a Mission station - there were prayers all round for their safe arrival but not a drop to drink to celebrate the ordeal. Ah well - Alive & well but thirsty!



**Olga was an adventurer & fun loving.** She lived & travelled in many countries. The most noteworthy adventure was when Rod & Olga with two toddlers in tow bought a World War II PT boat in England & sailed it all the way to Tanzania. This was via the canals of France, across the Mediterranean, through the Suez just after the crisis into the Red Sea & eventually down the east coast of Africa into the Indian Ocean. The Egyptian leg of their journey was particularly colourful - they were shot at by bandits off the coast of Egypt, held unnecessarily by authorities in Alexandria, befriended by associates of the deposed King Farouk & eventually escaped via Olga sweet talking one of the Egyptian officials. There was also a nasty storm & a tidal wave in the Red Sea, shipwrecked on the reef off Mombasa - more details of the story to come out in the book. But eventually they made it to the exotic island of Zanzibar.



In later years Olga travelled extensively for both work & pleasure. She spent a lot of time in Asian & Pacific countries working as a social development consultant for the UN and Australian government on aid programs. In the Kiriabti Islands she caught light planes & took local boats to the far flung islands to ensure her research reflected the local needs. Meanwhile the UN officials ventured no further than the main island.

Olga, Nigel & I did some wonderful trips to some remote areas of New Guinea during our school holidays. Olga also came on a lot of memorable trips with Di & I & our girls. Aged 75 years she sailed up the Queensland coast with us, enduring a nasty storm that lasted 3 days off the Fraser Coast. Also Tibet with a friend & then later to Uzbekistan & Krygristan.

**Olga was a high achiever & hard working.** Education was important to Olga. After her early education was cut short, she was able to return to University later in life. She started an Arts degree whilst still working in New Guinea & finished it at the University of Queensland where she joined Nigel living in a student house in Taringa. Actually it was her house, but full of students. She was aged 43. She then went on to do her Masters degree in Indigenous farming methods in Zimbabwe spending time with her brother Wilfred & family. In the early 1980s she developed her own successful 5 acre avocado & blueberry farm & built her house on Mount Tambourine. After leaving the consulting business in the late 90s, she bought and ran the health food shop in Tweed City until aged 76.

**Family & friends were very important to Olga.** Olga was very social & loved her extended family & many friends. She always loved a good party which leads me to her 80th birthday party. Lots of music & dancing, the party went late into the night & Olga was thrilled that the cops arrived to investigate the noise complaint. Imagine the cops' embarrassment when the 80 year old met them!!

Olga loved her tennis & played into her early 80s. She remained firm friends with her tennis group and likewise her Yoga group which she kept up until a couple of years ago.

Olga moved to Fingal in 1989 & was very happy living here. In earlier years she loved to boogie board with her grandchildren in the surf and later would like nothing better than to serenely walk her dog on Dreamtime beach. One of her last wishes was to have her ashes scattered from the Fingal headland.

Olga said when she died, she wanted a party & not a funeral. In her words, there was to be lots of good wine, bright clothes & no tears. So here we are. I would like you all to raise your glasses to the remarkable Olga Cluer & a life well lived.

# COOKING WITH JO

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium cauliflower
- 4 tbsps extra virgin olive oil
- ½ tspn ground cumin
- ½ tspn ground cinnamon
- ½ tspn ground ginger
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- Sea salt and ground black pepper
- 2 cups cooked lentils – tinned ones are fine, drained and rinse
- 8 medjool dates – stone removed
- ½ cup sliced almonds toasted
- 1 small red onion sliced thinly
- 2 cups baby spinach leaves

## CREAMY TAHINI DRESSING

- 2 tbsps tahini
- 2 tbspn fresh lemon juice

## Middle Eastern Cauliflower & Lentil Salad



## METHOD

Preheat oven to 220\*, line a baking tray with baking paper. Cut the cauliflower into small florets, place in bowl. Drizzle the oil and spices over the cauliflower, season with salt and pepper and toss till well coated. Spread on the tray and bake for 20-25 mins or till tender. Remove from oven allow to cool.

**DRESSING** – place all ingredients in a serving bowl, season to taste and whisk to combine. Add the lentils and toss till well coated. Thinly slice the dates on the diagonal. Add ½ the dates and almonds into the bowl along with the cauliflower, onion and spinach. Toss to combine. Scatter over the remaining dates and almonds. Serve with crusty bread and some spring grilled lamb cutlets.

*If you're making this salad to take to a friend's, place dressing in a separate container and coat over the salad when required.*

# FINGAL HEAD COASTCARE NEWS

## **NSW Landcare Award - 2017 Sure Gro Coastcare Award.**

FHC has been selected along with two other entrants from a highly competitive field as NSW Landcare Champions. Now FHC is a candidate to be the NSW Grand Champion as well as a nominee to the 2018 Australian Landcare Awards. Grand Champion will be announced at the NSW Landcare and Local Land Services Conference on 26th October 2017 in Albury.

**KAB Blue Star Sustainability Awards** – FHC has been commended in the Community Environmental Achievement Award and Fingal Head Public School commended in Young Environmental Achievers Award. But a big congratulations to Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council for being NSW finalists in Culture and Heritage Award Category.

## **Headland Erosion.**

If you have been on the headland recently you would have noticed the increased erosion. Just many, many feet not doing anything wrong but just putting pressure on the very friable soil and fragile vegetation. The Tweed Shire Council have been aware of this and applied to the Federal Government's Stronger Country Community Funds for funding for walkway construction. This time it was listed as reserve option project but hopefully it may be a priority next round. TSC hope to have some community consultation prior to construction and if you have any thoughts or ideas on this please contact me.

## **Dry, Dry, Dry.**

September is traditionally our driest month but very little rain has fallen the March/April floods and the bush is really struggling. Watering is a now a priority and sensibly a permanent total fire ban has been declared in the Tweed.

## **New Members**

This year so far we are pleased to welcome 55 new members. These come from all over the Tweed and include many new members from Fingal Head.

If you would like to join us in keeping Fingal Special please drop in at the nursery or contact us on [fhcoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:fhcoastcare@gmail.com). Current membership fees are due in November.

Helping to Keep Fingal Special!

Kay Bolton  
Fingal Head Coastcare.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FINGAL SCHOOL?



## ENROL NOW FOR 2018

Make an appointment with our principal to explore the wonderful opportunities YOUR local school can offer your children. Please contact Tanya or Fran at the school office on 07 5524 2315 to see why Fingal Head PS is THE school for your children.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our school's public speaking champions:

Stage 1	Asia Krasna
Stage 2	Indiana Hennessy
Stage 3	Taj Krasna



These students represented our school with distinction at the Far North Coast Public Speaking Awards which were held at Murwillumbah Public School.

*Indiana receiving her award*

We congratulate all students who participated in our school competition, speaking in public can be a daunting experience but the skills developed by our students will last them a lifetime.



## JURAKI INDIGENOUS SURF TITLES

Once again this year our students were privileged to be a part of the Juraki Surf Titles. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate the unique culture of Fingal Head. Highlights of the day included: the Opening Ceremony, surfing lessons and an exciting Treasure Hunt organised by Bugalwena.



## **HOT AND DRY WEATHER DIFFICULT FOR OUR NATIVE FAUNA TOO**

The recent spell of hot, dry and windy weather has been affecting not just us but also our native fauna, particularly our birds.

Council's Threatened Species Project Officer Tanya Fountain said "Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers have been extremely busy responding to call outs and fauna in need, particularly as this is the time of year when birds are breeding and rearing chicks".

But residents can do a few simple things to assist our feathered and furry friends. "A bird bath in your front or back yard in a nice shady spot will assist wildlife immensely. Ideally keep it in a sheltered shady spot, out of the reach of pets, and with some shrubs or trees nearby for perching. Never submerge your bird bath into the ground as young chicks can drown. All you need to do is keep it topped up and replace the water at least once a week to ensure the mossies don't use for breeding."

Don't forget the ground dwellers either, like the lizards and the bandicoots. By placing some water in shallow dishes on the ground in a shady spot this also helps these guys. The tray bottoms of plant pots are good. They may save a life.

# Working together to protect threatened Fauna at Fingal – Project Update

## Bush Stone - curlew breeding is happening!

Adult pair D0 and D2 have been still hanging out together at the Fingal Head Holiday Park and school grounds and have been seen hunting for insects under the lights near the Fingal shop. Recently they have been seen sitting on eggs. The latest news is ... two little chicks have hatched! So cute! They took 27 days to hatch.



We are really keen to see what happens to these banded curlews into the future. ***Please help us by keeping a look out for, and reporting any sightings of Fingal's Bush Stone-curlews with yellow leg flags (C7 and D1).*** The yellow leg flags are visible from a distance but binoculars can also help read the numbers on the flag. Please report all sightings to Council's Officer Pam Gray on (02) 66702778 or

[PGray@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:PGray@tweed.nsw.gov.au)



## You can help protect shorebirds

Shorebirds are not like streetwise urban birds such as noisy miners, crows, pigeons or magpies; they are very easily disturbed by close activity. When shorebirds are disturbed they waste hard-earned energy reserves, reducing their ability to breed and survive on their long migration.

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times unless in a designated "off leash" area. Penalties apply. Dogs disturb shorebirds. Every time shorebirds are forced to take flight, they burn vital energy. In local government areas and on some other areas along the coast of NSW,
- If fishing from a sandbar, choose the opposite end to where the birds are gathered
- Keep your cats at home. Roaming cats (and dogs) can kill shorebirds
- Report any sightings to Council 0266702400



## Community Evening

At a recent Fingal community evening on 10 August ecologist David Charley from Wildsearch Environmental gave an interesting talk and slide show update about the Fingal Project. He shared the results of the shorebird and Bush Stone-curlew monitoring program and fox control program. He also showed how to identify signs of fox and fox dens and what to do if you find a fox den. For more information contact David [dcharley@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dcharley@optusnet.com.au)

## Fingal's Pest Species- Foxes and Cats



Photograph: Craig Faulkner

On the Tweed Coast the key invasive species are: the red fox, feral cat, and the wild dog. These species are widely distributed and common. However domestic cats and dogs have also been recorded in Fingal's bushland areas.



*Fox at northern end of Letitia Spit.  
Photo: David Charley*

### The Impact of Foxes

Foxes are known to prey upon many species including:

The eggs, chicks, runners and fledglings of Little Terns, Bush Stone-curlew, beach Stone-curlew, Pied Oystercatcher, Loggerhead and green Turtle nests and nesting Bush Stone-curlews. Even large animals like Swamp Wallabies, Mountain Brushtail Possums, Common Brushtail Possums and Ringtail Possums are known to be preyed upon. Carpet Snakes, White Ibis, Great Cormorant, Pacific Black Duck, Torresian Crow and the Australian Magpies are also hunted together with Black and Grey-headed Flying Foxes, Bush Rat and Swamp Rat.

### Monitoring Techniques

Remote cameras, Sand-pads, Detection dogs doing Den Searches were some of the monitoring techniques used to detect predator species.



Dog print



*Banahm setting up sand-pad ready to collect footprints.*

## Cats and their impact

Cats are known to prey upon many species including: Sugar Gliders, Brush-tailed Possums, Common Brush-tailed Possums and Ring-tailed Possums. Even Carpet Snakes and Blue-tongue Lizards aren't safe! A range of small and medium-sized bush birds are also known to be killed together with the eggs, chicks, runners, fledglings and adults of Little Terns, Bush Stone-curlew, Beach Stone-curlew, Pied Oystercatcher and Crested Terns. Many species of native rats, mice and small marsupials are also taken including bush rats and swamp rats.

### Cats - Camera Monitoring

The monitoring program has not detected many feral cats. Domestic cats have been detected however at a number of sites and both domestic dogs and cats have been recorded wandering at night.



### How you can get involved in the project

Thank you to the dedicated Fingal Focus group, David Charley and friends who support and assist the Fingal community to help protect our precious wildlife. For more info about this important project

- If you locate a fox den
- Want to join the shorebird surveys?
- If you have a feral cat that is creating a problem
- If you see Bush Stone-curlew birds with flags on their legs, nesting, calling

Contact Pam Gray at Council 0266702778 [PGray@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:PGray@tweed.nsw.gov.au) for all enquiries

## NATIVE ORCHID

The orchid, *Phaius australis* is blooming at the moment at the Fingal Head Coastcare nursery and in many local gardens. It is an endangered swamp orchid and was found in local wetlands prior to the sandmining. Aunty Bonnie Bjorland and Aunty Norma Krasna have been propagating them for years and saving them from extinction.

Isn't it amazingly exotic for a native Australian orchid?





# Sailing Club News

The TVSC's annual marathon "Tumbulgum Passage Race" from Condong to Fingal went off without a hitch on August 20 with a large number of local community both sailing and helping out. Sandy Sorenson from Chinderah put on a good feed of home-made soup and snags for the sailors at the finish line. The number of local young people sailing at



*TVSC Juniors Max Hennessy, Taj Krasna, Kynan Luescher & Thomas Busbridge before the Tumbulgum Passage Race*

Fingal continues to grow including Max Hennessy, Taj Krasna, Kynan Luescher and Thomas Busbridge who all crewed on Corsairs in the Tumbulgum race with Max on the 2nd placed Corsair, Minnow (skipper Bill Fenelon) and Tom on the 1st placed Corsair, Swell Lady. Parents also got involved - Adam Busbridge took all the photos and Karen Vidler sailed on Fingal Corsair, Melita III with Alison Blatcher and Marg Walgers.



*The Fingal crew - Alison, Marg & Karen took 3rd place on Corsair Melita III*

Our **summer sailing season** started on 8 Oct & includes racing, juniors sailing, try sailing, social sails and trips away. 2017 dates are listed below. All are welcome to come and sail, watch or get involved. Safety Boat Drivers & crew are urgently needed - training given. Please contact Bill on 0411 123 405 or email if you can help out or want to find out how to get into sailing. No boat required and beginners are welcome to crew. We're on Facebook to



## Advance notice of Juniors Sailing Course – January Holidays

Expressions of interest now being taken for Junior courses for ages 8 – 12 and 13 – 17 between 22 and 25 Jan. Email [tvscmail@gmail.com](mailto:tvscmail@gmail.com) or phone 0434 982 922. These spaces fill up quickly.

TVSC 2017-18 DATES – full calendar available [www.tvsc.com.au](http://www.tvsc.com.au)

**Races** – 8, 29 Oct 19, 26 Nov; 10 Dec + 7 Jan The Chinderah Challenge (Fingal to Chinderah & back).

**Juniors** – Booking required, most Sundays: 8, 22, 29 Oct; 5, 19, 26 Nov; 10 Dec; 14, 21 Jan (to be confirmed).



*Max on Corsair Minnow*

**Sat 21 Oct Classic Boat Regatta** on the Tweed – TVSC will sail with the boats as they pass Fingal & Chinderah.



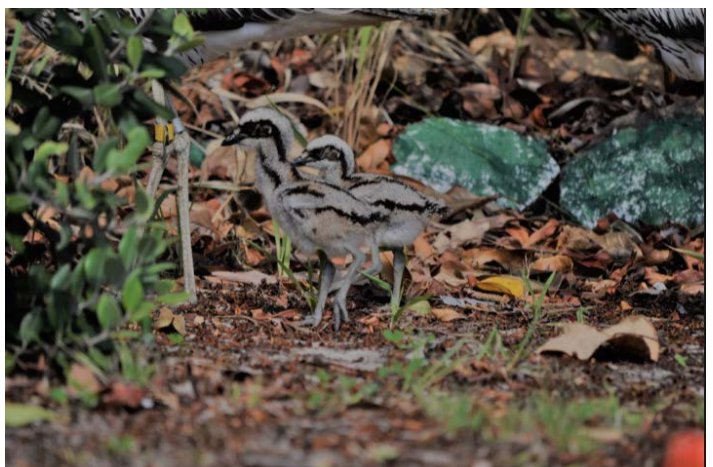
*The Fleet at Condong*

## TWO CUTE BIRDS

Our new little Bushstone Curlews hatched 19th September 2017. That was a 27 day incubation period, which in warmer weather is quite normal.

Unfortunately there was a fox sighting on Letitia Road last week, so let's hope this little pair make it to adulthood.

The parents have chosen quite a tucked away area at the back of a caravan in the park, and along with their brilliant camouflage, they should have a good chance at survival.



**Photo by Darren Morrison**

# HELP KEEP FINGAL SPECIAL

Emergencies	000
Tweed Shire Council	02 6670 2400
TSC Rangers	02 6670 2444 AH 1800 818 326
Tweed Wild Life Carers	02 6672 4789
Wild Life Carer Fingal	0416 050 946
Australian Seabird Rescue	02 6686 2852 0428 862 852
NSW National Parks and Wildlife	02 6670 8600
Kingscliff Police	02 6674 9399
Tweed Heads Police	07 5536 0999
Kingscliff Fire Brigade	02 6674 1271
Rural Fire Brigade	02 6672 7888
NSW Maritime Authority	07 5536 1001 AH 0417 8415
Maritime Services	131 256
Illegal Dumping	02 6670 2400 or <a href="http://www.illegaldumping.com.au">www.illegaldumping.com.au</a>
Gold Coast Wildlife Hotline	1300 130 372

# Thank you...

The Fingal Flyer has been produced by Christine Marshall since the autumn 2016 edition. As Principal of our School, Christine has a very busy job so this additional commitment is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Fingal Head Community Association Christine thank you so much for ensuring that the Flyer is produced and printed to ensure our community is kept informed.

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