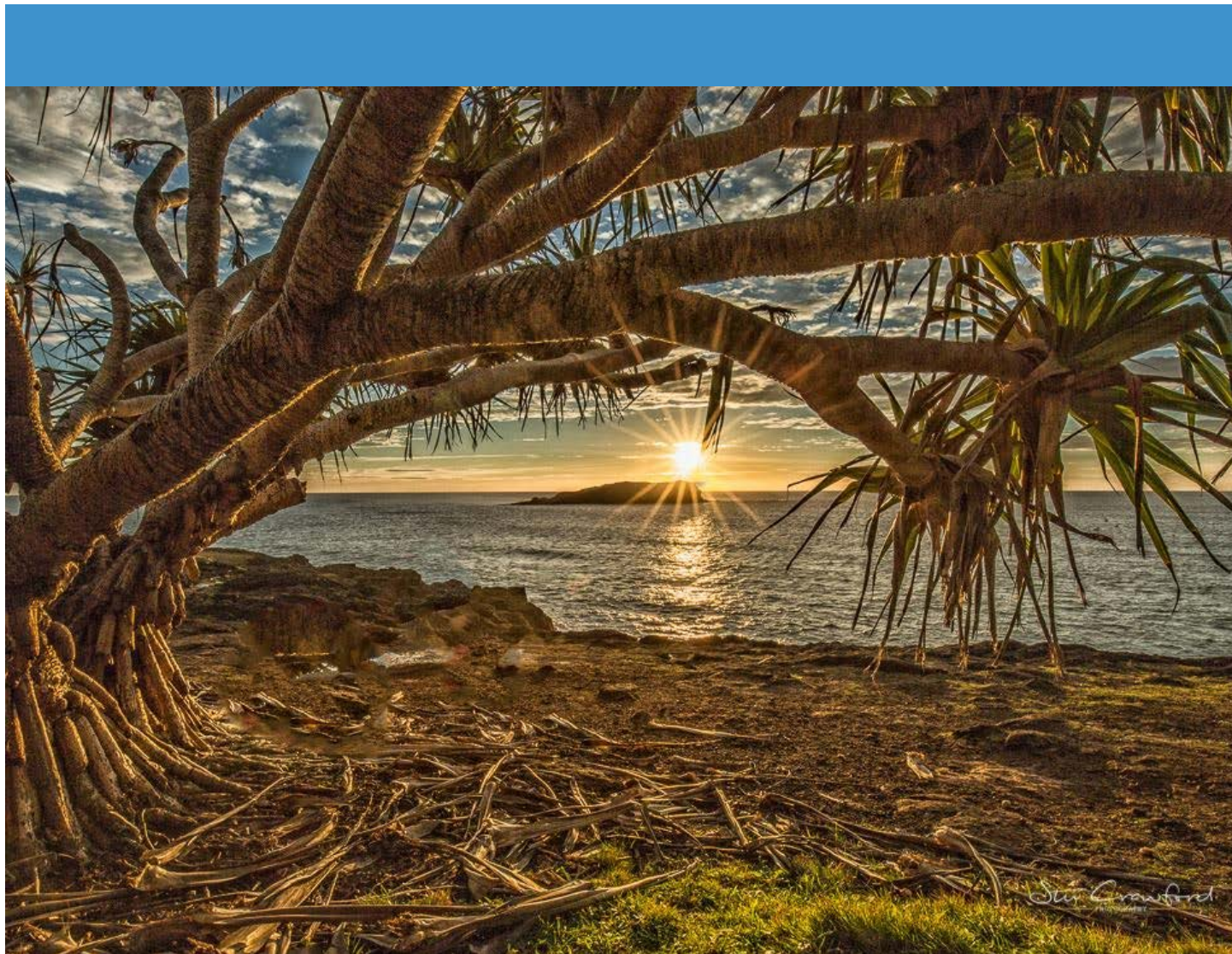


FINGAL FLYER

AUTUMN 2019



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FINGAL HEAD PS

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**Fingal Head Public School
invites you and your
friends to our themed
Trivia Night**

**Saturday, 18 May
2019**

**6.30pm in the
School MPU**

**BYO Drinks and
Nibbles**

**Best Dressed!
Games! Prizes!**

Join the fun!

BOOK NOW!

\$10.00 per person (8-10 per table)

Ph: 0755 242 315 to secure tickets!

*Thank you for helping us raise funds to
support our students and School!*

PLEASE NOTE: Over 18 years ONLY.

Due to NSW Dept. of Education licensing laws.

Non-smoking event - Dept. of Education policy.



What's happening at Fingal Head Public School?



CHESS PROGRAM

Our chess program is up and running again for 2019, and thanks to our P&C our students can now enjoy a game of chess on our life-sized chess set. Miss Belbin continues to hone the skills of our students and they continue to challenge themselves to become better players.

Our year 3 students are excited to be a part of the program this term and year 2 are looking forward to their opportunity later in the year.

Miss Belbin is most impressed with the students and the talent they are displaying.

All students are working towards competing at the Carrara Chess Tournament later this year.



EVERY
Fingal
Head PS
student
is
known,
valued
and
cared
for.





ROVERS NEWS

The summer season has moved very quickly for the Fingal Rovers SLSC. We're back on the beach and back in the Fingal community with our doors wide open. Since the Summer Flyer was issued, Rovers has increased its active membership to over 100 and run Bronze Medallion lifesaving courses to increase our proficient patrolling membership base by 20%. As a result, Rovers resumed beach patrols last December.

Rovers' patrol season will end on ANZAC Day (25 April 2019) but that doesn't mean the club and its members will shut down for the winter. During the off season, Rovers will be busy running Bronze Medallion and other training courses to continue to build a larger patrolling membership base. One of Rovers' targets this off season is to secure enough drone pilots so that we can run drone patrols alongside our beach patrols by the start of next season (September 2019). We currently have 5 trained pilots but we need at least another 5.

Did you know that if you're not water confident, there are plenty of important land based positions available in surf life saving including radio operators, drone pilots, first aid/advanced resuscitation officers and patrol captains. So if you or members of your family have an interest in life saving, being involved in the Fingal community and being part of our club, please contact us at secretary@fingalroversslsc.com.au and enquire about joining.

Rovers has also recommenced the Fingal Mingle Sippers social. We aim to hold these nights on a monthly basis and we welcome residents of the Fingal Head community (and your friends) as Rovers' guests to come along. The social is generally held 5-9pm. At this stage, the dates for the next few socials are the Easter Long weekend, 5 May, 25 May and 9 June. Rovers' Facebook page, Website and Notice Board at the club will keep you updated for all the details.

Finally, thanks to all the volunteer members who have got us to this point this season. Also, it is such a positive step forward for Rovers to welcome so many residents of Fingal Head joining and getting involved with the club. Did you know, Rovers commenced in the 1933/34 season. That means, our 90th birthday is just around the corner and we are determined to remain active on the beach and in the community doing our best for locals and visitors alike for many years to come.

That's it for now. Look forward to meeting you at the club and seeing you on the beach soon.

Ernie Williams - President
Fingal Rovers SLSC
Keeping Fingal Safe



Tweed Shire Council Community Conversation

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR THE FUTURE OF FINGAL HEAD?

Join us at a special Community Conversation to share your vision for the future of Fingal Head. By adding your voice to the conversation, you will help Council to reflect the community's vision, ideas and priorities when developing the Fingal Head Locality Plan, which will guide future growth and planning for Fingal Head.

Now is your opportunity to have your say, let's get it right together!

Community Conversations

- Aboriginal Community

Date: Wednesday 1 May, 2019

Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Fingal Rovers Surf Life

Saving Club

1 Marine Parade Fingal Head

RSVP: www.tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au

Community Conversations

- All Welcome

Date: Tuesday 14 May, 2019

Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm and

6:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Fingal Rovers Surf Life

Saving Club

1 Marine Parade Fingal Head

RSVP: www.tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION?

For more information and to have your say online visit
www.yoursaytweed.com.au/future-fingalhead



Community Action

After a very dry hot summer we are finally receiving welcome nourishing rain. Almost immediately the rain arrived the landscaped noticeably changed from the parched dry browns to lush green. Enjoy the transformation.

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and no doubt your many visitors.

There has been a busy start to this year. Our community participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Saturday 2 February 2019. On the day, I awoke to heavy rain but after that cleared the planned activities proceeded. Thank you to all who gave their time in ensuring we achieved a good result for yet another year. Great to see new people participating.

An informal gathering was held on 8 March 2019 at the Sheoak Shack to mark and celebrate International Women's Day. It was very special to mark the day with other women.

I joined with and photographed the many who participated in the Fingal Head Coastcare information morning on 9 March 2019 for new members. A happy morning sharing greater understanding of our Special environment

Staff of the Strategic Planning and Urban Design unit of the Tweed Shire Council have been in contact about their intention to hold an initial roundtable community conversation for the Fingal Head Locality Plan. They are looking at the middle of May 2019. For those who participated in the Building height roundtable community conversations, the process will be similar. Please take the opportunity to express your views.

There has been lots of other Association work including representing your association at the Aircraft Noise Abatement Consultative Committee (ANACC) on 7 February 2019, Community Advisory Consultative Committee (CACG) 6 March 2019 and a meeting on 28 March 2019 at Tweed Shire Council about two short film shoots planned for 8 April and 1 May 2019.

We have had a State election on 23 March, 2019 and are now heading into a Federal election. Busy time for democracy!

Our Annual General Meeting and April bi-monthly meeting should have been held by the time you are reading this report. I encourage you to consider membership of your community Association. I've included a photo of members who gathered on 12 December 2018 at our end of year gathering who joined together to reflect on our work for the year.

As we head into the holiday and Easter break may I wish you a safe and happy time. Please be kind to others and keep working together to Keep Fingal Special.

Helen Twohill

President

Fingal Head Community Association

FHCA End of year gathering - 12 December 2019 (pictured right)



Clean Up Australia Day 2019

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

Clean Up Australia Day at Fingal Head was another success this year!

With rewarding efforts, 52 hardworking volunteers from the local community took time out of their weekend to help collect rubbish and clean up the local environment.

Many thanks to all organizers, community members and their families, Fingal Head Coast Care, Fingal Head Community Association, Tweed Valley Sailing Club and Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club.

Inspiration for other community members and local families to join the dedicated volunteers helping to conserve our beautiful bushland and beaches next year, keeping Fingal special.





International Women's Day gathering

Celebrated around the world on the 8th of March each year, International Women's Day (IWD) is a day when all women are recognised for their achievements. It has become a time to reflect on progress, to call for change and to celebrate the courage and determination of the women who changed history, and those who will advance gender equality into the future.

International Women's Day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change.

Fingal Head women held an informal lunchtime gathering at the Sheoak Shack to celebrate International Women's Day.



TWEED SAND BYPASS

The last Tweed Sand Bypassing Advisory Committee & Community (ACC) meeting was held on the 13th February where it was reported the sand to the north side of Fingal Head is gradually returning, mainly due to the Eastern and North easterly wave directions which have occurred in the last few months. Local residents also reported that the Letitia beach is still scoured out and not showing any signs of recovery.

The TSB Project Managers advised that more detailed surveys are being planned for Fingal beach, including a historical review of photographs and a more detail beach survey to establish 'beach position' for ongoing analysis.

A proposal for the backpassing of dredged sand to dumping boxes off Fingal Beach (2 off) and Dreamtime Beach (1 off) is currently being circulated amongst New South Wales Government Departments. This information should be available for community consultation by May.

Next Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled for 15th of May 2019 and ACC 14th of August 2019.

Many thanks to Larry Woodland for his continued work in representing our community in this forum.

MOSQUITOES - MAKING YOU HOUSE AND YARD MOSQUITO SAFE

- Keep your yard well maintained
- Cover all windows and doors and other entrances
- Clean up your yard and remove all water holding containers
- Empty and refill pet water bowls and bird baths at least weekly
- Ensure all openings to water tanks are screened securely
- Place sand or fine gravel in pot plant trays, or flush them out weekly
- Keep ornamental ponds stocked with native fish species that will feed on mosquito larvae



Source – Tweed Shire Council

Fingal Head Coastcare

FINGAL FAUNA

Fingal Head Coastcare's achievement in expanding flora habitat is well known - 18 hectares of coastal woodlands, dunal and headland vegetation and 16 hectares of Littoral Rainforest restored after the sand mining. However the impact of this revegetation in providing fauna habitat is less known.

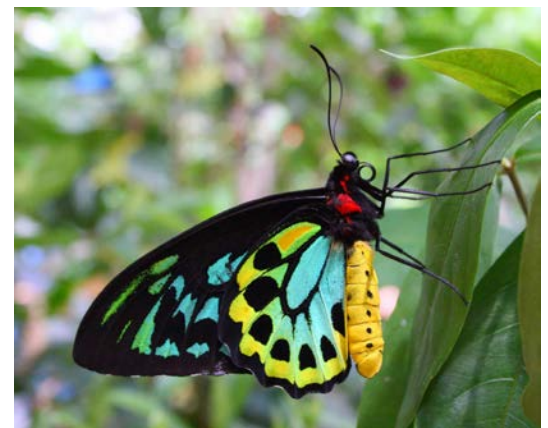
BIRDS

During the 1960's when Fingal Peninsula was dominated by Bitou, the bird species list had 28 species. Now 217 species are listed. Many of these are vulnerable or endangered and the improved biodiversity provides variety and increased sources of food.

BUTTERFLIES

In March a Coastcare member reported the sighting of the endangered Richmond Birdwing Butterfly (pictured right). To quote "I believe I saw a birdwing butterfly yesterday on Dreamtime. At first I thought it was a bird flying erratically. Then realised it was an enormous butterfly, mainly black with yellow and green patches, yellow body. How exciting, must put a couple of birdwing vines in the garden."

If you would like vines to attract these butterflies, call into the nursery on Thursday or Saturday morning.



OTHER FAUNA

The 2018 Fingal Peninsula fauna list includes 90 native species. All of these are protected, 12 are vulnerable and 5 are endangered.

As you are aware last year the Brush-tailed Phascogale was found in Fingal Head - it is classified vulnerable Australia wide and was thought to be extinct in the Tweed. How special is Fingal? As reported in the Flyer nesting boxes have been erected to provide homes to encourage these little critters. Thanks to John Colvin for the boxes.

Also recently another FHC member discovered a family of antichinus - marsupial mice in a suitcase in her cupboard. These can be confused with the common house mouse. It is hard to tell the difference but the antichinus have larger round ears, a short tail, rarely are a problem and they are very cute and endearing.

NESTING BOXES

Many native fauna species make their homes in tree hollows and unfortunately the old trees that have these are disappearing and our regenerated forests do not provide these hollows. Fingal Head Coastcare, our local wild life carer and John Colvin have initiated a program to install wild life boxes as a substitute. Some of these boxes are made out of the trunks of old trees. You can sponsor one of these boxes by contacting our wild life carer.

WATER SOURCE

FHC recently established a large watering point for native fauna in the bush and the number of animals and birds using this has grown dramatically. How do they pass the news around? Although

feeding native animals is not encouraged providing water is good practice especially as the Fingal Peninsula has few sources of fresh water and the recent dry seasons haven't helped.

Our fauna is very precious and special. Let's all work together to ensure they survive and prosper.

Fingal Head flora, fauna and bird lists are available by emailing on fhcoastcare@gmail.com.

Kay Bolton

Fingal Head Coastcare

Helping to Keep Fingal Special

Aircraft Noise campaign

CHANGES TO RUNWAY (RW) 32 ARRIVALS

In our Summer edition I reported the changes planned to update the Smart Tracking satellite navigation approach procedures for aircraft landing at Runway 32 at Gold Coast Airport. Two smart tracking flight paths are proposed to replace the existing flight paths for aircraft landing to the airport from the south. Some residents may experience increased levels of aircraft noise.

Despite the intended implementation date being the end of January 2019 this has since been extended until the 28th of March 2019. At the time of preparation of this report we have not had sufficient time to gauge the impact of the change. Concerned resident should utilise the NCIS procedure to report their concerns to Airservices Australia.

ANACC meeting -27 February 2019

Issues discussed:

- WebTrak accuracy questioned as Air Asia X & Tiger flights are not showing on WebTrak due to the need to update their transponders. We expressed significant concern about this and related safety.
- In response to FHCA pursuing Airservices for more data from the six month noise monitoring exercise Airservices stated they do not have more data and will not report on this item again. The matter is closed.
- The Instrument Landing System was commissioned on 28 February 2019 and is now operational.
- The next meetings of ANACC are scheduled for 6 June & 10 October 2019.

CACG meeting – 6 March 2019


Issues discussed:

- Amendments to the Airports Act effective 28 September 2018 including changes to the submission cycle for the Master planning submission process; an increase in the Master Plan monetary trigger to \$25m; new 8 year cycle; - ie the next Master Plan expires 8 years after it was approved; (For the Gold Coast Airport that will be 2022); and reduced consultation period for Master Planning process.
- Air Asia X has ceased daily flights to New Zealand.
- I questioned the advice of NCIS that we are only able to record one Noise complaint per month and the subsequent accuracy of the complaint data presented by Airservices to the CACG and also recorded on the Airservices Website. The Chair took this matter on notice for further advice at the next meeting.
- A detailed report regarding PFAS monitoring and management was due to be discussed but was not as the Airservices officer was not in attendance. Airservices are to provide a detailed presentation at the July 2019 CACG meeting.
- The next meetings are scheduled for 3 July 2019 & 6 November 2019.


Please join our 'FAN' site as we continue to work together to Keep Fingal Special and seek improvements to the aircraft noise experienced.

Helen Twohill – President, Fingal Head Community Association Inc.

CONCERNED ABOUT AIRCRAFT NOISE?



- **Please** ensure that GCA and Air Services Australia know that we want improvements by utilising the complaints process by lodging a complaint, or make an enquiry by:
 - Using the online NCIS form at **airservicesaustralia.com** and by using the **webtrak** tool
 - Phoning **1800 802 584** (freecall) -
staffed Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, excluding public holidays
 - post to: Noise Complaints and Information Service, PO Box 211, Mascot NSW 1460



Aircraft Noise - Are you a FAN?

The Fingal Head Community Association (FHCA) has recently established the Fingal Aircraft Noise (FAN) group where financial members of the FHCA are invited to join, at the following web address:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1993624040729428/>

The aim of the group - FAN is to provide a community space for members of the FHCA to communicate our shared interests and comments, concerns and interests relating to the issue of aircraft flight noise over Fingal Head. The FAN group is a FHCA community space where members can post comments and report facts relating to FAN, raise points for discussion, upload sound recordings, photos or videos of aircraft noise events, upload details of Airservices Australia noise complaints individually registered on the Webtrak system and share related correspondence particularly to/from the Airservices Australia stating "No further complaints should be registered."

The Fingal Head Community Association Inc (FHCA) will also endeavour to communicate issues and outcomes from the Gold Coast Airport Noise Abatement Consultative Committee (ANACC) which is attended as Visitors, by members of the FHCA.

Larry Woodland

Bird Notes with Kate

Birds get hot and dehydrated during this hot weather too. To care for our wildlife, Coastcare sank a drum into the ground, so that it was at ground level. Sticks and branches and a mini 'ladder' were put into the water so that an animal could get out if they fell in.

There was a wildlife camera focused on the water, so we know which animals had been to drink. At night wallabies, possums and a fox came. A young goanna came and later the older one came.

Lots of bird species drank from the pond: Scrub Turkey, Bar-shouldered Dove, Friar Bird, Currawong, Yellow-tailed Back-Cockatoo, Lewin's Honeyeater, Brown Honeyeater, White-cheeked Honeyeater, Grey Shrike-thrush, Sacred Kingfisher, Whipbird and Grey Goshawk.

The kookaburras enjoyed a swim as well as a drink. One time a kookaburra at the pond kept a currawong waiting for 8 minutes while he had another two dips and several more drinks. There is a pecking order in the animal world!

Kate McKenzie

COOKING WITH JO - Lamb Samosa Pie

FILLING

3 tbsps olive oil
 3 small onions finely diced
 1 tsp ground ginger or fresh chopped finely
 3 cloves garlic finely chopped or minced
 ½ teaspoon ground chilli – less or more up to your taste buds
 1 tbspn ground cumin
 1 tbspn ground coriander
 Salt and pepper to taste
 500gms lamb mince
 500gms potatoes peeled and cut into small cubes
 200gms frozen peas
 1 tin of brown lentils rinsed
 2 tbspn cornflour
 Large handful fresh coriander finely chopped

PASTRY

300gms plain flour
 ½ tspn salt
 1 tspn ground turmeric
 135mls boiling water
 65 gms vegetable fat eg copha
 1 egg beaten for glazing

METHOD

To make filling first, heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat, add onions pinch of salt and cook till soft. Add the ginger, garlic, cumin, ground coriander, chilli cook a few minutes. Add the lamb and cook till brown stirring. Add potatoes, then reduce heat to medium -low cover pan and cook for 20 minutes till potatoes are soft. Add the peas and cook 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add a little water to the cornflour in a cup and mix. Slowly add a little to mixture and stir. Only add enough for the mixture to all come together. Turn off and add chopped coriander. You need to chill the mixture before putting it in the pastry shell.

Pastry. Put flour, turmeric and salt in a bowl. Mix well and make a well in the middle. Put the water and fat in a pan heat till fat is melted. Pour into the well then mix using a bread and butter knife. as soon as dough is cool enough to handle mix together with hands. Dust a surface with flour and roll out 2/3s of pastry to fit into a greased 20cm spring form pan, to cover the base and sides with a little overhanging the tin. Fill the pastry with cold samosa filling...roll out the 1/3 of pastry for the top of pie. Brush the sides of pastry with beaten egg then put the pastry top on the filling. Press the edges, making sure they are sealed. Cut off the overhanging pastry, crimp edges to seal. Brush top with beaten egg and pierce a hole in the middle so the steam can escape. Bake in a preheated oven for 180* for 1 hour. Allow to cool for a while before cutting.

You can also use frozen puff pastry if you don't want to make the pastry. It may not take as long to cook so check it after 40 mins in oven.

You can freeze the filling as well. This makes a large pie so you can make 2 small ones and freeze one for later. Nice with a green salad and mango chutney. Enjoy!



Not just locals!

Did you know that there are many volunteers who help keep Fingal Special? Many do not reside at Fingal Head but regularly and generously volunteer their time. One Saturday morning I located two long term volunteers who have been regulars at Fingal Head.

On behalf of our community I thank Joan and Brenda for their many years of voluntary service to Fingal Head Coastcare. Very much appreciated by all.

Helen Twohill

Brenda (pictured left) and Joan (pictured below) hard at work in the Coastcare Nursery.

Thank you ladies.



WSL Juraki Teams Challenge 2019

The annual World Surf League (WSL) Juraki Teams Challenge was held on 2 April 2019. Local Surfer, Jalaan Slabb partnered with Hawaiian, Carissa Moore and won the Women's heat and Local Surfer Julung Slabb teamed up with Byron Bay, Indigenous Surfer, Soli Bailey to win the men's heat.

Julung got the highest scored wave of the heat, beating 4 Championship Tour surfers.

The Coodjinburra Dancers were invited to do a traditional welcome to country and opening ceremony of the Quiksilver Pro & Boost Mobile Pro's.

Congratulations to all on a great effort. We are very proud of our local surfers.



Julung Slabb (above)

Carissa Moore partnered with Fingal local Jalaan Slabb (pictured below) to win the Womens' heat.

Photos courtesy of Alf Summers Images



Understanding your community

Fingal Head Coastcare conducted an information morning on 9 March 2019 for new members. After a guided walk throughout the Littoral rainforest, and questions everyone enjoyed morning tea, a good chat and some special songs from the children. A happy morning sharing greater understanding of our Special environment.



Keep Fingal Special

Emergencies	000
Tweed Shire Council	02 6670 2400
Tweed Shire Council Rangers	02 6670 2444 AH 1800 818 326
Tweed Wild Life Carers	02 6672 4789
Australian Seabird Rescue	02 6686 2852 0428 862 852
NSW National Parks & Wildlife	02 6670 8600
Kingscliff Police	02 6674 9399
Tweed Police	07 5536 0999
Kingscliff Fire Brigade	02 6674 1271
Rural Fire Brigade	02 6672 7888
NSW Maritime Authority	07 5587 5222 AH 0417 248 415
Maritime Services	13 12 56
Illegal Dumping	02 6670 2400 www.illegaldumping.com.au
Gold Coast Wildlife Hotline	1300 130 372

THANK YOU

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We hope you enjoy reading the Autumn 2019 issue of the Fingal Flyer.



Fingal Head is a special corner of the world that we all love and cherish.

The Fingal Head Community Association urges you to become a member so we can protect this unique area together.

Community activism is stonger in numbers.

If you would like to help **'KEEP FINGAL SPECIAL'** please join today.

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