

Redhead Village Newsletter

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Marching for Honour, Recognition and Adventure: The story of the participation of Redhead soldiers in World War 1 by Robert Neil Bowd

After a considerable but very constructive period of time and effort by Neil Bowd, our local historian, writing about, and researching the involvement of local soldiers in World War 1, the book has been completed.

This is the culmination of the Redhead ANZAC Centenary Project funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs that allowed the placing of memorial plaques, and the painting of the Anzac murals at Redhead Public School.

All of the stories of the people named on the Redhead World War 1 Memorial are told. The book has a strong secondary theme: the terrible conditions and human wastage encountered by soldiers on both sides.

"Marching for Honour, Recognition and Adventure" will be launched at up and coming events. The school Principal, the school librarian and ex-School Captain Sophie Russell will be presented with copies at the school's Anzac Celebration to be held on Tuesday 4 April 2017.



On Tuesday 9 May 2017, the official book launch will be held at Redhead Public School hall and Neil and the many people from our community who helped to bring this Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood project to a successful conclusion will be acknowledged and honoured. All of these community volunteers along with descendants of veterans, local businesses

and official dignitaries, will be presented with a copy of the book to treasure as an integral part of Redhead's history. Everyone is invited to attend. RSVP Anzac Book Launch sustainableredhead@gmail.com

There will be a small number of books for sale at a cost of \$20 and a reprint will be organised on demand. If you would like to order a copy send an email to ANZAC ORDER sustainableredhead@gmail.com

Redhead War Memorial Update

The War Memorial Committee is looking to update the memorial to record the service of those involved in the recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The constitution for the War Memorial Committee defines eligible persons as:

- A. Veterans must have served in the ADF,
- B. Veterans must have active service in any designated war zone, or served during a conflict for any period of time recognised by the ADF and declared eligible for consideration as active service,
- C. Veteran's entitlement at the time of discharge must include:
 - 1) Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB)
 - 2) Australian Active Service Medal (AASM)
- D. Veterans must have had a permanent residential address in Redhead prior to or at the time of enlistment. Persons who had been enrolled and attended Redhead Public School would also be considered.

If you know of anyone who may qualify and would like to have their names recorded on the memorial, please advise contact details (phone and/or email) to sh.moody@bigpond.com by 01/06/2017. The committee can then consider the nominations.

Dog Exercise Areas – New Signage Coming to Designate Nine Mile Beach Leash Free Area

As the popularity of leash free dog exercise areas increases and there being limited areas to take dogs for a run along the beach, Redhead has become a very popular destination for dogs and their owners looking for some fun and exercise. However, there is ongoing confusion as to the location of the dog exercise areas for both locals and visitors to Redhead alike. Lake Macquarie Council has recognised the issue and is working to resolve it but we can do our part as a community to assist.

Council Rangers facilitated a park and beach user education day at Webb Park in November 2016 and by May 2017 new signage will be erected to designate the commencement of the **Nine Mile Beach Leash Free Area** which is from the Second Creek dry creek bed to the South (*not from First Creek adjacent to the Redhead Surf Club*). Council will be supporting a further information program as the signage is implemented, together with an increase in ranger patrols to reduce the number of off leash dogs between First and Second Creek, and

in the Surf Club Car Park and Webb Park.

If you are unsure of the leash free dog exercise area locations, the Council website on the dog exercise areas does show the two leash free dog exercise areas for Redhead. The information on the leash free areas below is taken from the Council website.

Leash Free Area One:

Redhead Nine Mile Beach south of Second Creek dry creek bed accessed most easily from the pathways from Cain Street. One path is from the Cain Street car park and the other pathway via the duck pond is near the Barnes Lane intersection with Cain Street. Alternatively, it is a longer walk, but you can also walk south to the area using the Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway from Webb Park towards the Cain Street beach access point.

From the Council website - **“Provision of part of the beach extending from 2nd Creek, southerly for approx. 700 metres to the boundary of LMCC land.** This area of the beach is currently popular with dog owners. The access pathways to the beach will remain on-leash areas.”

This is a wonderful off leash facility for owners and their dogs to enjoy all that a run, splash and swim on the beach has to offer.

Leash Free Area Two:

Molly O'Connor Park

From the Council website – “Molly O'Connor Park bounded by Kalaroo Road and Elsdon Street. Leash free at all times.”

While this park is not fenced, it does provide an alternative exercise area for owners and their dogs, particularly for those dogs who love to play fetch and always stay close to their owner.

Other Notes:

- *Redhead Beach Surf Club or Surf Club Car Park – No beach access for dogs either on or off leash.*
- *No leash free on beach foreshore between the Surf Club/First Creek and Second Creek/ Cain Street Car Park Access Point.*
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times on walkways and in Webb Park.
- **Always take dog poo bags with you and dispose of dog poo appropriately to keep our walkways and beaches clean.**
- **If your dog is off leash, keep to the foreshore between the water and the foredune only** as the dune and waterhole areas need to regenerate and provide habitat for nesting shore and water birds.

Need to de-clutter?

Redhead Public School are calling for the following good condition items:

Construction, Pretend Play, Nature Play, Science Play, Art & Craft items, Board Games and Card Games.

Donations will be used to complement the current personal development/Kidsmatter programs for K-2 students.

All donations can be left at the front office.



University of the Third Age

Eastlakes U3A (University of the Third Age) is offering more than 100 courses this year aimed at keeping the minds and bodies of retirees active and stimulated. They cover mental activities such as music, languages, history, philosophy, current affairs and computer skills, as well as various exercise and dance courses to keep aging bodies moving. We also offer a range of social activities throughout the year that can include day trips to Sydney to see stage shows. We service a rapidly expanding membership of retirees which now exceeds 700.

For more information google eastlakes.u3anet.org.au, or email info@eastlakes.u3anet.org.au or phone 0490 515 187.

Redhead Guide Hall for Hire



Did you know the Redhead Guide hall is available for hire?

Did you know that it also includes accommodation for 22 people?

- Great for children's parties
- A place to stay for family or friends coming from outside of Newcastle if there's not enough room at your place
- Kitchen, toilets & showers
- Hall hire is \$50 for half a day; \$75 for the whole day
- Overnight accommodation is \$20/person/night (minimum \$80/night)

Phone 4946 0134 for bookings or more information

Artist in Residence

Artist, Alison Jane Rice moved to Redhead in August 2015 with her husband Neill to be close to her son Richard, daughter-in-law Meg, and grandchildren Kai & Abby Mai who are also Redhead locals.

After 9 years creating her magnificent artist garden in the upper Blue Mountains of New South Wales, recent Redhead local and award-winning artist, Alison Jane Rice will open her Botanical Theatre Studio Gallery & Garden in Leura Blue Mountains to the public as part of the 2017 National Trust's Australian Heritage Festival commencing April 2017.

An exhibition of Alison's original watercolour drawings and book illustrations will be on display, with her collectible picture books, cards, edition prints, artwork and unique gift items available for purchase. Alison also has plans to launch her creative workshops in her Redhead studio and hold an exhibition of her original picture book artwork in our region soon. For more information

email: info@botanicaltheatre.com.au



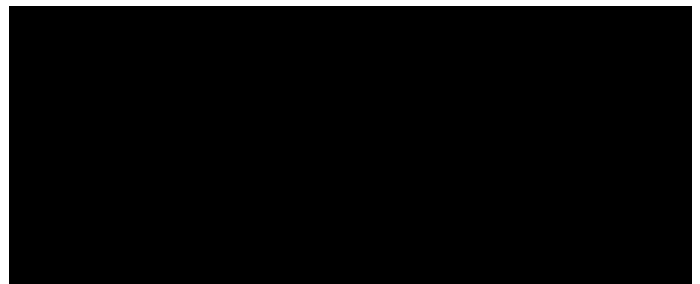
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Possum Award 2016

At the Redhead Public School Presentation Day held on 7 December 2016 Colin Mondy, the Secretary of Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group, was very excited to present The Possum Award to Jasmyn Disney of Year 6. Colin proudly presented the very first Possum award 25 years



Jasmyn Disney, Colin Mondy and the famous Possum Trophy

ago in 1991, when it was awarded to the Whole School for all of the students' work in Webb Park.

The Possum Award is presented each year to the individual or group of students of Redhead Public School who have made the greatest contribution to the environment of Redhead. Congratulations Jasmyn we are very proud of your efforts, and of all students like Jasmyn who work to make our neighbourhood sustainable.



Roof Top Solar Panels

During the 10th February heat wave our roof top solar panels, together with all the thousands of roof top panels in NSW, helped save the NSW electricity grid from blackouts and also saved us quite a tidy sum of money on the day. On that day our solar panels provided sufficient power to run all the appliances in our house and from 10am till 6pm powered the vital air conditioner. We have a 4.5 kw system. The great surprise is that for most of that time we also sent a small amount of power back into the grid.

If more houses have solar panels the electricity system in NSW will be more secure on high days of high demand.

We recommend having solar panels to save electricity bill shock for all households. The decrease in the cost of the panels means they are now more affordable.

Stuart and Lyn Dawson

Wetland Walkabout

9:00am – 11:00am Saturday 25th March

Come along to learn and discover the amazing habitats, wildflowers, birds, wetlands and conservation activities at Belmont Wetlands State Park

MEET AT SITE OFFICE, JEWELLS CROSSING, KALAROO ROAD BELMONT NORTH

Bookings essential by Friday:

Phone 49612358 or email jstyan@cva.org.au

Clean Up Australia Day

On Sunday 5 March 2017 Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group, along with 59 volunteers, collected 39 bags of rubbish in and around Webb Park. The rubbish collected included 18 bags of recyclables and even a washing machine!

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time, helping us work towards a future where plastic pollution is a thing of the past.

Colin Mondy and Rebecca King from Ignite Church Group



Electronic Copies

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Newsletter Contributions

All contributions and comments are welcome from anyone receiving our Newsletter. If you have an article you'd like the Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group to include in our next edition, or would like to learn more about us, please see our 'Contact Us' section.

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