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## Wow, what a month. November was full of so many emotions...

Worry: as we watched the fires get out of control. Confusion: on whether we should evacuate or not. Fear: that we may have made the wrong decision. Devastation: as people lost their homes. Sadness: as we thought of the animals. Gratitude: that we are all safe. Awe: of our firefighters and how brave they are. Overwhelmed: as we watched our community come together and support each other and ... Pride.

Sometimes it's hard to find a silver lining but not in Woopi. From adversity, we become stronger.



Jack French, Northern Beaches local, jumped at the opportunity to help out when Corindi Sports Ground opened their doors as an evacuation centre. We think the horse is pretty happy too.

It was heartwarming to see the team of volunteers at the Corindi Showground rally to create an evacuation centre for animals and humans. To see the C.ex Woolgoolga open their doors to anyone who needed a place to stay. To see the community rallying together with donations when a shoutout for blankets and bedding was made. To see the Red Cross and many different community organisations and churches working together. To see our firefighters being inundated with home cooking and fresh bottles of water. To see cafes opening their doors with free coffee and/or meals. To see our evacuees being given care packs put together by the community. To see people busy sewing mittens to protect burnt koala paws. I could go on. All this makes a community stronger.

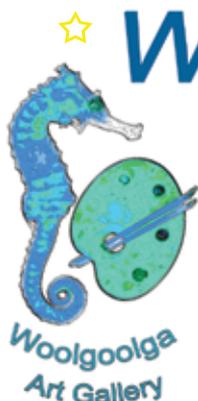
We all react and help others selflessly, but secretly we feel pretty special inside knowing that we have been able to contribute in some way, big or small. It's a fact that volunteers live longer. It's a fact that acts of kindness, whether giving or receiving, is good for your mental health. So, if you secretly got a little buzz from being kind during the fires, don't be afraid to embrace it. Congratulate yourself and be proud. Think of the next kind community minded thing you can do. I promise you, you will never lose that feel good feeling.

**December, the last month of another year, means** Christmas, end of school, family, cooking, shopping, celebrations, happiness and unfortunately for some sadness and loneliness.

Woolgoolga will be celebrating with one of our favourite events of the year, the Mitre 10, Carols by the Sea. Brought to you by the Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce (WNBCC) and Life House, the Mitre 10 Carols by the Sea is shaping up to be another cracker event with something for everyone. Scheduled for Friday December 20 at 6 pm with the regular guest line up of The Toads (all the kids love the Toads), The Lifehouse Choir and the Woolgoolga Dance Studio. This year we have an extra special multicultural treat with the Pacific Islanders' Choir joining the show.



Forty four hearty men hailing from the nearby Pacific Island Nation States of Tonga and Vanuatu, the Pacific Islanders' Choir of Woolgoolga Uniting Church is a musical force with which to be reckoned. During the week, the men work as agricultural workers, bringing their skills and expertise to the local blueberry, raspberry and blackberry farms. Come each Sunday, strong in the Christian faith, our Island brothers sing at the Uniting Church in Woolgoolga, with hymns of praise in their indigenous languages of Tongan and Bislama (Vanuatan), as well as local Vanuatan



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languages, and English. They regularly bring the church 'roof down' and are well known in the area for their singing and dancing. Moreover, the Tongans dress in their traditional costumes, adding colour and culture to the scene.

These men are proud and feel privileged to be participating in the Mitre 10 Carols by the Sea and promise a musical tour de force of drums, keyboards, guitars, tambourines, trumpet, singing in their languages, and dancing – not to mention the 'bush-bash', a local Vanuatan instrument: prepare to be surprised. Away from home and their loved ones, these gentle gentlemen are always pleased to smile and chat with a local.

Another special addition this year which is exciting to share with you is that our MCs for the night will be Triple M's Moffee and popular local Lachlan Skinner. They should add some extra fun to the night.

There will be facepainting and some food stalls, or you can buy from the local takeaways. Of course, Santa will be dropping in to hand out some lollies for the kids.

There's a lot of work that is involved in organising this event every year. Volunteer event coordinators, Jane Mann and Val Swan, along with Peter Ainsworth from Lifehouse put an incredible amount of time and effort into making the evening special. It couldn't be done without the sponsor support, in particular from Jo and Shaun Johnson from Mitre 10, plus our amazing resident, Deputy Mayor was able to secure some extra funding from Coffs Harbour City Council this year. Thanks Tegan Swan.

With the view of cutting down on single use plastics and keeping it a fire free



event, there will be special reusable led battery operated torches available for only \$3. So bring some change with you, otherwise this is a free event for the whole community to enjoy. Everyone involved in putting this event together is saddened by the passing of the regular MC Andrew Smiley during the year. Andrew has been a great supporter of Carols by The Sea for many years bringing so much joy to everyone. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Another thing the Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce are urging you to do again this year is to **Shop Local Shop Woopi**. It's the locally owned businesses who are always there to help the community, with fundraisers, sponsorships, raffles donations and sports team support. They also give our town and villages a point of difference. Do your best to support them. We're so lucky to have Woolworths, but don't forget the smaller local businesses as well when you're doing your shopping. All year round, not just at Christmas. **Late night shopping on each Wednesday night in**

December makes it easier for you to shop after work.

The WNBCC are holding a couple of competitions during the month to entice you further to stay shopping local. Spend \$30 or more at participating venues and you will go into the draw to win \$2000 in cash. The participating venues can be found on the Shop Local Shop Woopi facebook site and via [www.woopinews.com.au](http://www.woopinews.com.au)

The second competition is a social media hashtag style where you simply photograph your local purchase with #shoplocalshopwoopi and post to Facebook and Instagram. It could be a gift or a food purchase, even the milkshake you buy or the lunch you stop for whilst shopping. Remember when we say Woopi we mean from Red Rock through to Moonee covering all the beach villages in between.

Winners for both competitions will be announced at the Mitre 10 Carols by the Sea.



*I think that's a wrap for this year. Merry Christmas from Lisa and Brad, thank you for your support with Woopi News so far, we will see you again next year.*

*Thanks to our 'Merry Christmas' Cover Models Evelyn Ewart and Freddy Byrne.*

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## ADAM MORRIS

**Woopi News** would like you to meet Adam Morris, another Woopi Wonder. You may have seen Adam walking around the streets of Woolgoolga in his lunch break, but he wouldn't have seen you. The reason being, Adam is blind. Totally Blind for 52 years ... oops I just told them your age now Adam.

Blind from birth Adam's family were determined for him to live an as normal life as possible and encouraged him to try everything and anything and not let this disability stop him from enjoying life.

Adam has done this tackling life's adversities on the way, he has a successful business, which he runs from his home at Mullaway, called AT Training by Adam. He offers computer skills training for blind specific products such as Jaws for Windows, Victor Reader Stream, iPhone and Windows computer concepts, sharing his knowledge and the secrets behind his digital accessibility within a sighted world.

Adam and his wife Di recently travelled to Brisbane to attend the annual Blind Australian of the Year Award. Adam has

been nominated as a finalist twice and this year won the national title. This was for his efforts in facilitating a monthly teleconference with guest speakers of special interest to people who are blind or of low vision. Via teleconference Adam's guests share information with the blind and low vision community keeping them up to date with the latest advances and opportunities available to them.

He also runs a number of email forums that help share information on varying topics like the NDIS and a list for buying and selling of products.

### Adam has placed his trophy pride of place next to his judo medals.

Yes, that's right Judo! Adam is a regular judo enthusiast with Woopi Warriors competing at competition level, that's when he's not out surfing with the Disabled Surfers Association.

Hang on a minute I hear you say, what do you mean Adam walks around town in his lunch break? Yes, you heard right, Adam has a regular job just like you and me and prepares toppings for pizzas at Woolgoolga's Riptide Pizzeria on Fawcett Street. You've probably even eaten one.



### 5 minutes with Adam Morris

*What does winning this award mean to you?*

Winning the award is an honour and means I am recognised for the help I provide to the Blind and Low Vision community in Australia.

*Can you give some tips to people who may not know how to approach a blind person?*

Act normally, say who you are and treat us like anyone else.

*What sort of help would you like from Woopi people if any?*

Since I've moved here from Sydney in 2012 I've been looking for work in the area of customer service. I've worked in call centres and have done some reception work since I started work in 1986. I'd like to find a full time job doing similar work maybe in a doctors surgery or similar.

*What would you advise to someone who is newly blind or who has low vision?*

Don't let anything stop you and don't let people tell you you can't do something!

*What are some of your future goals?*

Obtaining full time work, learning to stand for longer when surfing and to travel.

*I know you and Di travel the world, where are you off to next?*

Our next trip is back to the USA in 2022 to visit Di's family. We also want to travel more of Australia before venturing further afield.

*Lastly, I remember once you turned up to a meeting with me with blood pouring out of your forehead, laughing you told me that council had just installed a new sign on the path you walked and this is how you became aware of it. Does this happen to you often?*

Things like this can happen if footpaths aren't kept clear of obstructions and signs. Luckily it doesn't happen too often.

*Congratulations on your award and thank you for chatting with Woopi News.*

**If you see Adam around town or on the beach say hello and congratulations.**

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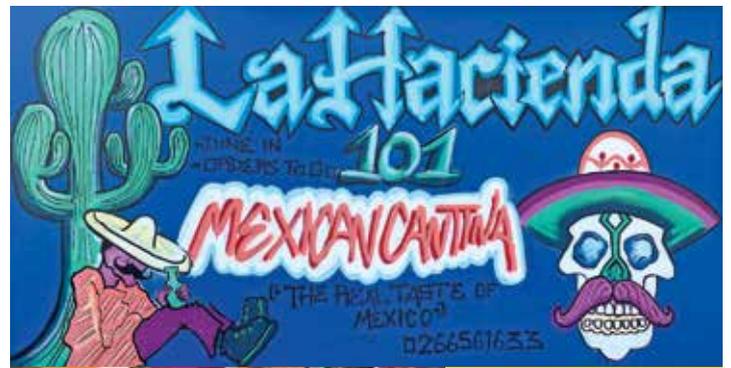
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# Woopi Wonders

## ELISE BOCKING

In our October Issue, we brought to you the news that Woopi's favourite Pilates instructor and Arrawarra Headland resident, Elise Bocking, was asked to participate in Stars of Coffs Coast Dance for Cancer. Woopi News is extremely pleased to let you know that Elise, alongside her dance partner, Mullaway's Delilah Thorncraft, not only won the Judges Choice but the People's Choice as well. Elise and Delilah's Benny and the Jets routine was choreographed by Carol Young from Woolgoolga Dance Studio (that's three Woopi Wonders in one story!). Elise almost won the Highest Fundraiser award as well with her amazing \$12,500, all going to the Cancer Council. Congratulations Ladies. We hope you're on Elton's radar for his upcoming visit.



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**What's New is quickly becoming our most favourite column**

Where do I start?

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There's a new hairdresser in Woolgoolga. **Hair Metal** has opened up in the Market Place behind the Sunset Room, so you can show your new doo off in a fancy bar within seconds. Keira has funkyed up the space giving it a groovy retro vibe with lots of bright colours and heaps of cool posters. **Woolgoolga Podiatry** (just



opposite Hair Metal) has a bit of a change happening, Josie is off to rest and relax before giving birth to her twins. She is leaving two qualified podiatrists Eliza and Owen to look after our podiatry needs, so no need to worry, plus Christie will still be there in reception. There's a bit of a story about what podiatry is all about and how it can help you in so many ways on page 19.

**bcu** has a new Branch Manager in their super duper new premises. Christina Emilio, who has moved here from the Byron Bay area. Christina previously worked with the Summerland Credit Union for many years and has

a background in both Home and Personal Lending along with experience in day to day banking needs. Karen Mills is now the Area Manager so we should be still seeing her around Woopi a fair bit.

Have you seen the photo wall they have created in the laneway between them and the bottle shop? It's pretty special.

**Woolgoolga Art Gallery** has a new Summer Christmas exhibition starting December 6. Lots of fabulous hand made Christmas gift ideas. Pictured here are handpainted cards by Harriet Bystrom.



**Coastal Drones** have ventured out beyond just wall prints capturing our beautiful coastline from a birds-eye view. They are now producing a lovely mini calendar so you can enjoy their images every



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day as well as some super cool limited edition eco friendly yoga mats where you can choose from one of four aerial shots. The mats are printed on suede for grip with a soft, natural tree rubber base for cushioning. These products are available in their online store [coastaldrones.com.au/shop](http://coastaldrones.com.au/shop)

**CHES Connect** have moved office from Top Town to Queen Street, next

to Crazy Sam's. CHES Connect is a Disability Employment Service and a registered NDIS service provider. They also run programs such as ParentsNext which helps parents plan and prepare for employment by the time their children go to school. Another program is Psychosocial Continuity of Support Program which works in partnership

with clients who are not appropriately funded through the NDIS and are significantly affected by severe mental illness. They've been going for 25 years and have been in Woolgoolga for around 10 years. Welcome to your new home.



## The Kindness Crusaders



Ollie and Tahlia have a new campaign.

They recently collected donations for the fire evacuees and fighters but they are not going to stop there. The girls are now on a mission to help make sure children, less fortunate than they, will receive a gift this Christmas.

If you would like to help the girls with some donations please check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ollieandtahlia/> or contact Woopi News.

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The Northern Beaches Residents Association in collaboration with the Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce and Coffs Harbour City Council held a public meeting in November as an information evening about the current projects and issues in the northern beaches. The meeting was well attended by over 100 interested community members.

Council's Director for Sustainable Infrastructure, Mr Mick Raby gave an informative summary about the current projects for Woolgoolga. This included the status of the Town Centre Master Plan, Beach Reserve, Whale Trail, Flood Strategy, swimming pool site, parking and town signage.

Since the meeting we have sought to have a hard copy of the Master Plan available in the Woolgoolga Library. You can also find it by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/Building-and-Planning/Place-Strategies/Pages/Woolgoolga-Town-Centre-Masterplan.aspx>

Both the Chamber and the NBRA

welcome new members to our associations to enable you to keep up to date with changes happening around us. The NBRA represents the residents' interest whilst the Chamber represents business owners. Sometimes we have influence over the changes and our strength remains in people power.

If you would like to be part of these important groups in the community or get involved in current projects, please contact Ray Willing, President NBRA on 0413 742 180 or Tony Ross, President Chamber on 0407 007 150. You are also welcome to attend our meetings.

**Next meetings will be:**

**Chamber of Commerce - Tuesday Dec 3 at the 6 Degrees Hub, Queen St, Woolgoolga starting at 5.30pm**

**NBRA - Wednesday Dec 4 at the Visitors information Centre Woolgoolga starting at 7pm.**





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## NBN again... sorry!

I promised myself I was not going to write another NBN related article for a while (mainly because by the time this information gets out to the public, it has already been changed yet again by the NBNco) however, it is still the most common question we are asked here in Woolgoolga - when will it be at my address?

I am asked this question multiple times a day, and I am always more than happy to help provide information when and where I can, however, it is important to note that this is not a guaranteed time frame, rather an update on where NBNco are up to.

I promise the next article will not be NBN related ... maybe!

Updated time frame, location:

Safety Beach - Jan-March 2020\*

Corindi Beach - Jan-March 2020\*

Arrawarra and Mullaway - Jan-March 2020\*

Woolgoolga Industrial estate - NBN are committed to complete the rollout in this area in 2020

Woolgoolga (River Street) - FTTC ready to connect now.

For more information you can visit the website <https://www.nbnco.com.au/> or contact us 1300 431 678 to be kept in the loop regarding NBN in Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches.

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## Poppy for Poppy



Most people in Woolgoolga would know Poppy McInnes. Poppy is famous for her Fluro Friday appearances and her beautiful yellow tutu she wears every R U OK? Day.

Poppy was born on Remembrance Day four years ago hence her name. Every year, with her owner Elaine, she attends the Remembrance Ceremony at Woolgoolga Doggers, I mean Diggers. This year was extra special, Poppy was ready with her annual thank you card and a poppy to honour the remembrance dogs, when one of the officials came over and gave Poppy a purple poppy. The purple poppy is a symbol of remembrance for animals that served during the war. He asked Poppy to be an official part of the service by placing the purple poppy on the cenotaph.

As an added bonus everyone who placed poppies from then on walked past and gave Poppy a little pat. She was wagging her tail and handing out licks more furiously with each pat. - *Lest we forget.*

The Woopi Gardens Community Meeting Place is progressing amazingly well and looks fabulous.

The roof is almost completed and the modifying of the shipping container planning has commenced. It will house a kitchen, meeting area and office space.

Currently, the container is storage for the lawn mower, garden equipment and tools, so now they need another 20ft shipping container to use, this will also provide storage space for community groups who will be using the meeting place.

*Have you seen the Giant Christmas tree? It's 5 metres high, made from recycled plastic bottles. It looks fabulous during the day but even more so at night. Make this one of your decoration destinations when out looking at the Christmas lights this year.*

During 2020, Woopi Gardens will be holding many workshops for all to attend, one of the first ones will involve the re-recycling of these bottles with Louise Hardman from the Plastic Collective. Louise has designed an amazing machine called a Shruder, which will shred and extrude the bottles into filament that can then be used to make other products.

There are a lot of new and exciting things happening at the gardens next year. Woopi News will keep you up to date.

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# Corindi Sports Ground becomes an Animal



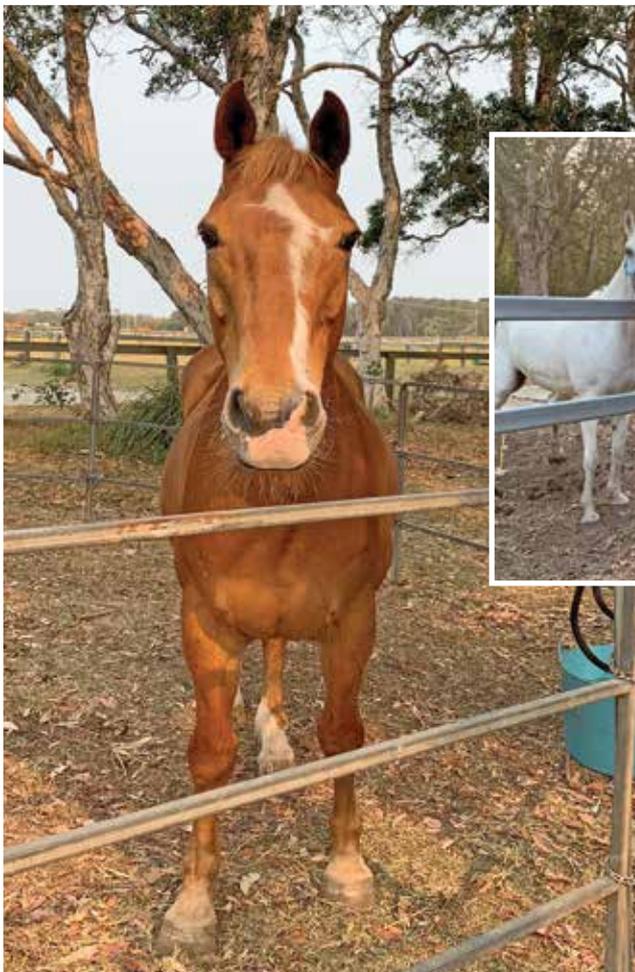
When the news hit Corindi Beach that the Liberation Trail fire was out of control, the locals sprung to action and started preparing the Corindi Sports Ground to become an animal evacuation centre. With 53 acres of community land there was plenty of room but not a lot of adequate fencing to contain the variety of animals that needed housing. A call out to the community yielded not just fencing but crates, animal supplies, food for the human evacuees and a fabulous bunch of volunteers who helped prepare the grounds.

Cars with horse trailers and camper vans quickly crowded the sports ground. The community hall was also fitted out as an evacuation centre for people with mattresses and blankets being donated and loaned. Many of the evacuees dropped their horses off to safety then returned home to protect their houses. The volunteers stepped in to make sure all the horses were watered and fed. Many of the evacuee's paddocks were burnt out in the fires so it was a good thing that they took action early.

Volunteers arrived, young and old. Some went on fire patrol, cleaning the gutters and surrounding areas, others helped build the fences whilst more were making beds and preparing meals for animal owners, evacuees and volunteers.



Corindi resident and board member of the Corindi Sports Ground, Fiona Hayes was integral in the coordination of the housing of so many different animals. "Some of the horses have never left their properties, so when they



# Evacuation Centre

arrived they were totally stressed and their owners were stressed. We wanted to keep them feeling really calm and welcome, take some of the anxiety away from them. That was really important to us" Fiona said "A horse would whinny, then another would, then they would all get frisky and start to run around. We would try and put the right horses together matching their temperaments."

They had over 70 horses, 25 dogs, six peacocks, a large pen of ducks and geese, another pen of fowl, guinea pigs and two cats arrived seeking haven from the fires. One evacuee, with horses in tow along with peacocks and an assortment of fowl, had baby Guinea Fowl hatching as they were approaching the grounds.

Sometimes out of bad things good things arise and the Corindi Community certainly showed what an amazing spirit they have. This was the first time the Sports Ground had acted as an evacuation centre and they did an amazing job. The coordinators, Fiona Hayes, Shantell Acebedo, Kellie Hoskin, Mandy Trees and Zoe Campbell have put their heads together with an action plan in case something like this happens again. The biggest problem was the fencing so they have put together a fencing team, if there is another incident similar to this, they know who to call and what to do.

Woopi News website has a full list of businesses that Corindi Sports Ground would like to thank for their generosity plus the Corindi and surrounding communities for donations and support, as you can imagine too many to name ... but what a great job everyone!



# The Woopi that Was

*In last month's Woopi News Don Clinch shared with us some memories of when he arrived in Woolgoolga in 1951 as an enthusiastic new chemist in town. He told us of his arrival and how it looked and felt. He shared some stories of Billy Avery's café, the Priors, the Ratcliffes, the Featherstones, the MacPhersons the Blackadders and Billy Richards Supermarket. He finished with a little cliff hanger about the most important building in town, the Seaview Hotel ... so now we continue ...*

The Seaview Hotel was located where the tavern is now, an imposing two story building with a round cellar accessed from a trapdoor in the footpath, kegs were lowered by ropes. Its upper level veranda had ornate decoration with wrought iron and timber panelling and at street level a big mirrored framed picture with a bearded man in an apron holding up a mug of foaming beer with the words 'Toohey's Sheaf Stout.'

Diagonally on the corner was Waterhouse's Newsagency and General Store with a sky blue and white sign which said 'Daily Telegraph. Four pence.'

George Newman, J.P. ran the unofficial Post Office opposite the present RSL Motel on the high bank. It was the only post office in Australia where you could run an account and charge things up when you were down on your luck. If you were really broke, George would give you an interest free personal loan.

The other item of distinction was that the books would never balance, George's accountancy system was the despair of the PMG's auditors.

You could hand mail in for posting from 6am up to 9.30pm by taking it up to George's residence above the office. Despite George being a builder, the locks on the office were secure ... only occasionally.

He was a forgetful man. He used to go to Grafton off and on and take his wife for a day out. On one occasion he returned to Woolgoolga without her and had to go back and bring her

home on the second trip.

The National Bank ran a receiving office in an unlit fibro premises just above Avery's Café for a couple of days a week. It was about the size of half a garage. Two officers with money in a Gladstone bag, each with a revolver in his pocket, came out from Coffs Harbour. Later a full time branch was established in an augmented building. As you can guess, 'security' was not the buzzword in those days.

Rae Potts, who was a mechanical genius who had left school at the age of fourteen, ran a service station in River Street. He thought up the design for a rotary mower and made an electric prototype years before Victa started making the motor version. He modified the front suspension of a Morris Minor car to enable it to stand up to Australian roads two years before Lord Nuffield adopted the same principle in the U.K.

**There was no RSL Club but on its site was the traditional huge Soldiers Memorial Hall which was the place where any entertainment was held in town.**

In those days there was always a Friday night dance. There were about six or seven full scale balls each winter.

These were the times when most of the town went out. Most Friday nights too, there was usually a card night in the supper room while the dances were on in the main hall.

One night per month there was a



*The old Seaview pic. sourced from Bob Weeks*

meeting of a now defunct lodge organisation - the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffalos - a sort of masonic - lower case 'm' - lodge for ordinary blokes!

**There was the 'tuckshop' where the Pizza Place in Beach street is now. Mrs Miller made the greatest puff pastry meat pies in a Metters 'Bega' fuel stove.**

Roy Atkins later opened his 'Meat Palace' on the corner opposite where the skate park is now. Next door was a large drapery store run by Mrs. Malley, wife of Lt. Commander Malley, former Harbourmaster of Darwin during the Second World War.

Further down was Dave and Mrs. Hart's Newsagency, Reg Creighton's Beach Store, Tom Gillette's Real Estate Agency (for which he never bothered to get a license) and last of all on the corner of Beach and Queen Streets was Mollie Booth's General Store. Mollie was a highly educated alcoholic with a University degree, who delivered groceries anywhere and as



WALLACE SERIES. No. 3. SOLDIERS' CLUB AND MEMORIAL HALL—GREETINGS FROM WOOLGOOLGA, N.S.W.

*Soldiers' Club and Memorial Hall pic. sourced from Adam and Tracy Barnes*

# The Woopi that Was

far north as Barcoongerie State Forest on the way to Yuraygir National Park in a bull nosed Ford van. There are many stories, quite a number of which are untellable, about Mollie and her escapades.

The Beach Reserve was an open paddock mostly overgrown with long paspalum in which it was possible to find relics of decades of jetty use, old railway lines, carriage wheels, old rusty mooring buoys including one of the two now preserved in Wharf Street.

The reserve was available for camping and recreational purposes and in a strategic position was erected a picnic shelter which doubled as a 'housie housie' booth in holiday times.

Then there was the Beach Hall, it was an old wooden building with heavy wooden shutters which were lifted up and secured with steel hooks. These were to allow lighting and ventilation for the concerts and dancing which ran for about a fortnight or so at Christmas as entertainment for campers who came from all over the State.

**There was always a big contingent of people from the coalfields near Newcastle who used Woolgoolga as an annual get together.**

The other buildings were pan system toilets which were supposed to cater for the campers and visitors in peak holiday times ... but they never did!

The whole area was held under a committee of trustees, they had a one legged caretaker, Jack Munro.

Of course there was the Maritime Services Board storage shed at the base of the jetty with huge thick timber doors, where all the cargo from ships was stored. The remains of a crane, and railway line on an embankment which had done sterling service in bringing down timber from Woolgoolga Creek and Bark Hut to the Reserve along part of the footpath area in Beach Street, thence to be taken along the jetty and loaded on to ships.

**There was the jetty, about one third of a mile long. People could walk out on it for a stroll after the timber trade had ceased. You could look down into the water,**

**see fish and catch them.**

All the town fished – men, women and children. It was a great attraction for tourists, then known as visitors. It was in effect, a bonding place ... a place where all the town came together quite often with a common interest. Early morning, during the day, at evening,



*Jetty pic. sourced from Cheryl Musgrave*

and again at night when the dull twinkling of sooty kerosene lanterns indicated that people were out there. Visitors got instant integration by using the words "catchin' any?!"

Some deep sea fishing boats moored off the jetty were lifted on to it by the crane at the end of the railway line during rough weather.

But above all the jetty was part of the people and remained so until time and rough seas pushed it into disrepair. During a cyclone some of the piles broke loose and drifted around the bay and floated into the line of surf.

There was a near tragedy when one jagged pile rolled on top of a young child swimming at the beach then rolled back over her again when the surge went back. Miraculously the child escaped injury.

The loose piles were also considered a danger to shipping, floating about in the ocean so the Public Works Department and Maritime Services

Board decided on removal. For five months bulldozers pulled and gelignite blasted to remove all the remaining piles and the jetty was no more. It is interesting to note that it was generally believed that the cost of removal was far greater than the cost of repairs. Had it been repaired we may still have had the jetty as is the case in Coffs Harbour.

But the Public Works Department contended that in time it would have required more maintenance again, and there did not appear that it would have any commercial future because the timber supply had nearly expired and loading ships in unprotected locations (as opposed to those in places like Coffs Harbour) was hazardous. Whatever logic you follow, in the final analysis Woolgoolga had lost an integral part of its identity and a meeting place which tended to weld the town together in a common interest.

***Woopi News is sorry to have to leave it there, but please be assured we will have more from Don in our next edition.***

If you have any historic stories or photographs that you would like to share with our readers, please email us at [woopinews@gmail.com](mailto:woopinews@gmail.com)

## Woopi News asked Lisa to tell us more about herself and her passion for photography.

"I've always loved visual media and actually find it easier to express myself through images than words, which is probably why I've gravitated towards photography. Several years ago I decided to focus on mostly "good news items in the media", and would start my day opening "Woolgoolga and The Northern Beaches What's Happening" on Facebook and enjoyed viewing Robert Watkin's photos.

I decided then to get back out with my camera and upload photos to our group, then I was contacted by Dianne Weeks who suggested I speak to her husband Bob for some tips.

Well in meeting Bob the rest is history as I wouldn't have anywhere near the ability and skill now if it wasn't for his mentoring and love of photography. His creativity, passion and knowledge of photography is exceptional, and the guidance he provided has positioned me to where I am today."



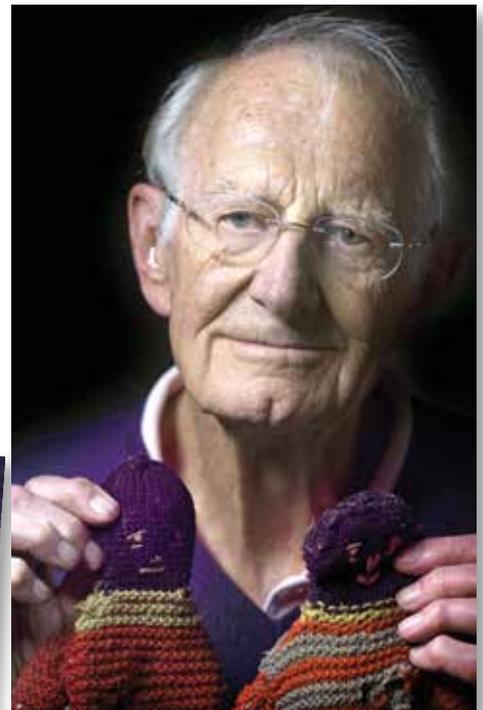
**Flat Top Woolgoolga**

I've lived in Woolgoolga for twenty four years now, and I still am amazed by the tranquility and natural beauty whenever I visit back beach.



**Moon Remote Far West NSW**

Driving to a Look Out at Broken Hill, I noticed the moon rising and stopped to take a photo. I love the feeling of solitude and a " oneness " with nature that this photo stirs within me. I was happily surprised when ABC Australia used this photo to lead the discussion on the 50th anniversary of the landing on the moon.

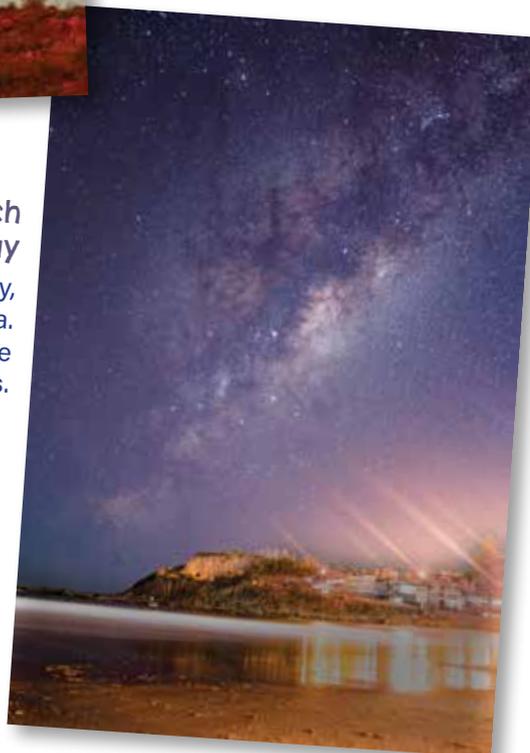


**Dad**

I stumbled across a very old shoe box in my parents garage, and discovered a pair of very well loved, knitted toys. My dad told me the story of how the toys were from his cot as an infant, and they have been carried with him through numerous house moves. Dad requested they be buried with him, when he has reached the end of his path on the planet. My dad is now almost ninety, and instilled resilience and independence in me as a child which was irrespective of my gender. I was always brought up to believe that women were as capable as men.

**Woolgoolga Beach Milky Way**

I've always loved the night sky, and I love Woolgoolga. This photo expresses the best of both in my eyes.



Thanks for chatting with Woopi News Lisa

We love seeing your photography popping up on social media and are proud to share your story.

Lisa currently has 2020 Calendars displaying her photography for sale at Woopi Backpackers. A great Christmas Giff idea.

# Humans of the Northern Beaches



**Laurie Pilon** of Woolgoolga is my next interview for the Humans of the Northern Beaches. It's Friday which means both of us have just attended Fluro Friday.

Sitting in the Beachouse Café, was a relaxed and perfect location to interview a true and passionate local.

I asked Laurie, "How did you become a Woolgoolga local?"

"My father moved from Queensland in the mid 1930s during the Depression and found work on a banana plantation, he later went on to own his own. He met my mother, a teacher at the time, at a dance in the local hall. I grew up in Woolgoolga and have very fond memories here."

Laurie has a lot of history in this town and her memories shine through her smile. I asked her if she would ever move from Woolgoolga, fully knowing the answer. "I started life here and I will finish life here" she replied.

I love the passion behind the reply.

I asked Laurie, "What is it that you most enjoy about living here?"

"The beach, the people, and I love the mountains that surround it which keeps the temperature so livable. I also love the way the community supports everything, there are so many things to

get involved in."

I said to Laurie, "So to love this town is to be involved in this town?"

"Absolutely", she replied.

I then asked Laurie about Fluro Friday. "I love Fluro Friday, I love the diversity of the people, they all have different stories to tell and are so caring and supportive of one another."

Fluro Friday is a group of Humans who dress up in bright clothes and meet at main beach Woolgoolga every Friday morning at 6:30am to help raise awareness about mental health. Laurie is pictured above with her son Brett in front of the Fluro Friday gang. Brett is one of the founding members of the tribe, aka the Vice President. Brett is the owner of XS Surf. I know it's a great shop because I modelled their clothes on Melbourne Cup Day, for a short but fleeting moment I was kind of a big deal, lol.



Laurie, happily married to Rod for 50 years

Laurie loves golf and is an active member of the Safety Beach Golf Club, a club that is truly for the locals. Laurie loves sport and is a member of the Woolgoolga Tennis Club that my mother was also a member of. A club that has a lot of history, and yes folks, it's for the locals.

Laurie Pilon has a natural calmness about her and stays very active in her community.

Are you active? Are you a member of a club? Are you active in the community? Laurie is proof that we are truly blessed on the Northern Beaches, not only with our location but also with the people that live here.

I met Laurie at Fluro Friday and let me say folks, she gives a mean hug. It's been great to sit and chat with a true local of Woolgoolga and it leaves me with one last and most important question. "Is it Woolgoolga or Woopi?"

"When we were kids growing up Woopi was a pet nickname and was not recognised by some. Even Coffs people didn't know what Woopi meant. Now I'm happy for it to be WOOP!"

Laurie Pilon is a Human of the Northern Beaches and I can't wait to speak to more.

Garreth Nicholls

# What's on

**Sun 1:** Live Happy Pharmacy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Corindi Headland. Free BBQ sausage sandwich. BYO chair, picnic blanket, drinks and a platter to share if you wish. Live band Unison.

**Sun 1:** Sunday Session Mighty Ocean Anchor Bar and Kitchen 3pm

**Sun 1:** Healthy Happy Spine With Exercise Physiologist, Anna Miley StudioMove 2pm

**Tue 3:** Bellydance Woolgoolga, Uniting Church Hall, 7pm



**Wed 4:** Community Cafe Christmas Dinner at Northern Beaches Lifehouse 6pm

**Fri 6:** Fluro Friday Woolgoolga Main Beach Wear your brightest colours, support mental health 6.30am

**Fri 6:** Fat Albert Live Seaview Tavern 8pm

**Fri 6:** Who's Charlie Amble Inn 6.30 pm

**Sat 7:** Rotary Auction

**Sat 7:** Bollywood Markets

**Sat 7:** Workshop Natural skincare for preteens and teenagers Learn a basic and easy skincare regime What the Benefits of using natural organic skincare are Make two nourishing face masks to take home 1pm \$30 Book at [nourishedearth.com](http://nourishedearth.com) or call 66536969

**Sat 7:** Snap, Splash & Thrash - The Garage Boardstore Mullaway in association with Vampirate Surfboards and Joykill present Snap, Splash & Thrash featuring Joykill along With Human Dinosaur Machine, Roxferry and Bakasura. All Ages Welcome till 9pm, Then 18+ Only from 9-12am. \$10 Cover Charge Includes 3 Free Raffle Tickets (Kids free with paying adult). Surfboard Raffle @\$5 for 3 Tickets, along with secondary prizes. Pre purchase tickets from



The Garage Boardstore Mullaway and get 3 Free Raffle Tickets for The Board Raffle. The Seaview Tavern Woolgoolga from 4pm till Midnight

**Sat 7:** Women's Self Defence Woopi Warriors Judo Club, 25 Hawke Drive 11am

**Sat 7:** Live band karaoke with Miss Chief! Seaview Tavern 8pm

**Sun 8:** Woolgoolga Dance Studio in conjunction with Naidu Performing Arts present A Million Dreams. Woolgoolga High School. Junior 1pm and Senior 7pm



**Sun 8:** Beach St Jam with Dave Ash, Diggers 1 pm

**Tue 10:** Bellydance Woolgoolga, Uniting Church Hall, 7pm

**Fri 13:** Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce Members Christmas Party Sam's Place 6pm

**Fri 13:** 2 Way Street Amble Inn 6.30pm

**Fri 13:** Marshall O'Kell live at The Seaview 8pm

**Fri 14:** Roo & Carly Live Seaview Tavern 8pm

**Sat 14:** Woolgoolga Beach Markets

**Sat 14:** Christmas Craftnoon Fun afternoon where you can make Rustic Christmas wreaths. Raw festive cakes. Refreshing kombucha mocktails. 1 pm \$39 Book at [nourishedearth.com](http://nourishedearth.com) or call 66536969

**Sat 14:** Women's Self Defence Woopi Warriors Judo Club, 25 Hawke Drive 11am

**Sat 14:** Kevin Borich, C.ex Woolgoolga 5.30pm

**Sun 15:** Kids Christmas Party Visit from Santa Diggers Golf Club 2pm

**Sun 15:** Sandy Beach Carols 5.30pm

**Tue 17:** Bellydance Woolgoolga, Uniting Church Hall, 7pm

**Wed 18:** Chrissie Cash Membership Draws Diggers 6pm

**Fri 20:** Carols by the Sea Santa visit Woolgoolga Beach Reserve 5pm



**Fri 20:** Lisa Hunt Live and Free Moonee Beach Tavern 7.30pm

**Fri 20:** Frenzal Rhomb Seaview Tavern 7.30pm

**Sat 21:** Women's Self Defence Woopi Warriors Judo Club, 25 Hawke Drive 11am

**Sat 21:** RnB Night with DJ OB1 Seaview Tavern 8pm

**Sat 21:** Dave James Karaoke C.ex Woolgoolga 5.30pm

**Sun 22:** Jammin' on the Green. Free live music with Dave Ash Diggers Golf Club 2pm

**Tues 24:** Northern Beaches Anglicans are celebrating the birth of Jesus with the theme Light in the Darkness. Christmas Eve 6pm Family Gathering.

## Christmas Day

**Wed 25:** Woolgoolga Lifehouse service, Landrigan Close 9.30-10am

**Wed 25:** Northern Beaches Anglicans are celebrating the birth of Jesus with the theme Light in the Darkness. 8am Holy Communion Phone 66541370

**Wed 25:** Open Door Lunch Uniting Church Hall, Trafalgar St 12noon

**Fri 27:** Hekyl and Jive Live Seaview Tavern 8pm

**Sat 28:** Bollywood Markets

**Sat 28:** Thirsty Merc Moonee Beach Tavern 6pm

**Sat 28:** The McKenzies Live Seaview Tavern 8pm

**Sat 28:** Bollywood Markets

**Sun 29:** Woolgoolga Beach Markets

**Tue 31:** Kids Disco Free disco to ring in the New Year before their bedtime!! Prizes for Best Dressed Groovers Diggers 5pm-7pm

**Tues 31:** John Curtin C.ex Woolgoolga 7pm

To be included in next months What's on Guide please email your event to [woopinews@gmail.com](mailto:woopinews@gmail.com) before December 10.

## They do more than just cut nails

Woolgoolga Podiatry Centre is currently in a state of transformation.

Owner and Principal Podiatrist Josie Prime has welcomed two new Podiatrists to her staff to assist new and existing clients with all their Podiatry needs.

This comes just as she prepares to welcome two new additions to her family with her Husband Tom Connor and nearly 4 year old daughter, Aiyana, in the near year.

Podiatry has a wide scope of practice that encompasses treatment of a range of lower limb and foot conditions. "Podiatrists do more than cut nails, debride hard skin and enucleate corns; even though this is the majority and a very important part of our job." Says Josie. "Podiatrists help in the management of chronic conditions that may affect foot health, such as Diabetes Type one and two, kidney conditions, cardiovascular conditions, lung conditions and many more that can adversely affect the feet through compromise of nerve function, blood flow and immune function."

Woolgoolga Podiatry has also recently obtained a fungal nail laser therapy device which can assist in faster resolution of fungal nail infections. "PACT-Med is only in very early stages of clinical use but is proving to have positive clinical outcomes for many clinics as an adjunctive therapy to topical treatments and as a safer alternative to oral tablets which can have many drug interactions and can cause damage to the liver enzyme P450." Explains Josie.

This treatment can be applied to one nail at a time and three initial consults plus one follow up at least is recommended, however, this can vary with the severity of the condition. A protocol has been set up to minimise the high rate of reinfection that is associated with fungal nails. Both Eliza and Owen are available for this procedure.

Woolgoolga Podiatry also offers expertise in many other aspects of podiatry including but not limited to home visits from just north of Coffs Harbour to Red Rock as far inland as Nana Glen, footwear advice, minor nail surgery, orthotics and biomechanical assessment, diabetes assessments (recommended every 6-12 months for all those people with diabetes), ingrown toenails and vascular foot assessments.

The clinic also offers a range of footwear, creams and toe separating devices.

Located in the Market Place, behind Sea Salt Fish & Chips and the Sunset Room.

Open 8.30-4.30pm Monday to Friday and Saturday by appointment.

The team at Woolgoolga Podiatry Centre wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

**Please note - The deadline for January Woopi News is December 10, a bit earlier than usual due to printer closure for holidays.**

## Resilience

The stressful experience of the bush fires is impacting on us both personally and as a community.

We can feel helpless to make any effect on the fires themselves or the people badly affected by them.

Set backs, stressful events, poor health, family and relationship problems are all apart of normal life.

Resilience is the capacity to cope with and bounce back from adversity.

Rather than let these difficulties overcome us, we can move forward in a new direction and achieve our life goals with new perspective.

Qualities of a resilient person include a positive outlook and the ability to regulate emotions.

We can develop our skills in emotional regulation at any time in our lives with education and guidance.

Mental health services and your GP are a great source of support.

To get started straight away ask yourself these questions;

Do you attribute personal and professional setbacks solely to your own inadequacy—or are you able to identify contributing factors that are specific and temporary?

Do you demand a perfect streak—or are you able to accept that life is a mix of losses and wins? In each case, the latter quality has been tied to greater levels of resilience.

Remember - reach out to family, friends or others in our community - we are all in this together.

**Author:** Local, Anna Miley, Exercise Physiologist, Certified Yoga Teacher

**Disclaimer:** Mindfulness techniques are useful in supporting wellbeing. Nothing in this article should be considered medical advice.



# Our Woopi Community

**CWA Woolgoolga** meet third Monday 10am, CWA Rooms 21 Beach Street. Carol 0402 249 371

**Fluro Friday** meet every Friday at 6.30am Woolgoolga Beach. Supporting Mental Health Wear your brightest clothes

**Free Legal Referral Service** and discounted wills provided by KC Hilton, Gallagher Solicitors on the last Wednesday of the month at the Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre for bookings on 6654 1598.

**Lions Club Woolgoolga** meet first Thursday, 6pm, Woolgoolga Bowling Club. woolgoolga@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au or 0444 548 646

**Paul Mannix JP** for the services of the New South Wales Justices Association Inc (NSWJA) A free JP service every Friday between 9am - 10.30am at Woolgoolga Central outside the Bakery. Paul can also be contacted on 0418120066 for any urgent matters.

**Red Cross** second Tuesday 1.30 CWA rooms 0409 600 056 Friendship afternoon tea last Friday of month, Senior Citizen Centre 2pm 0409 600 056

**Rotary Club** of Woolgoolga, meet second and fourth Mondays 6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex. 0429 449 385

**Rotary auction** first Saturday of month.

**Seagulls Woolgoolga** - Centre Based Respite Care - Community Centre, 8 Boundary Street, 6654 0766

**Woolgoolga Community Centre** (also known as Mud Brick Hall) 8 Boundary St.

**Woolgoolga Community Health Centre Early Childhood Health Clinic.** Infant health screening, feeding advice, parent & child groups, new mothers' groups, immunisation programs and referrals where appropriate. 6654 1111

**Woolgoolga and District Retirement Village Auxiliary** meet second Monday 2pm Contact President Gail 6649 1816 or Beth 6649 2835

**Woolgoolga Day VIEW Club.** Meet 3rd Thursday 10.30am at the Digger's Club. \$5 for coffee and meeting/speaker/activity of the day. Stay on for lunch in the Bistro if desired. VIEW - Voices, Interests, Education of Women - supporting the Smith Family's Learning For Life Programme. Contact Barbara Letts 0458 420 780 woolgoolgaday@gmail.com

**Woolgoolga and District Garden Club** meets second Saturday, 1.30 Senior Centre. 0419 414 324

**Woolgoolga District Orchid Society,** fourth Saturday, 2pm Community Centre. 0447 323 761

**Woolgoolga Evening View Club** meet 2nd Wednesday, 6pm C.ex Club (Bowlo) in the cinema room. Meeting followed by guest speaker and dinner contact Secretary Elfie Garbers 0427541032. woolgoolgaeveningviewclub@gmail.com Visitors always welcome

**Woolgoolga Mens Shed** 6656 1210

**Woolgoolga Mental Health Carer Support Group** meet fourth Thursday 10am Neighbourhood Centre.

**Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre,** Cnr Beach and Boundary St 6654 1598

**Woolgoolga Probus Club** meet fourth Wednesday, Diggers 0410 466 188

**Woolgoolga Seniors' Centre** 6 Boundary Street. 6654 7311. Membership is \$10 per year. Come and have some fun and meet new friends. We have a range of activities/events including exercise classes, craft and knitting groups, computer classes, indoor lawn bowls, table tennis, bus trips (local and interstate), lunches, line dancing and Rummiking.

**Woolgoolga Sewing and Textiles Art Group** meets Tuesday mornings, Masonic Hall (next to Woolworths). Learn to sew, work on own projects. Machines equipment available. 9.30 to 12.30. Ph. 0498 109 108

**Woopi Community Gardens** - open Wed and Sat 8-12. Join them for a cuppa at 10am under the lilly pillies. woopigardens@gmail.com www.woopigardens.com.au 0421 225 369

**Woopi Connect** On Demand public transport. 7am-7pm Mon-Fri. Download the app or phone 6654 0581

**Woopi Walkers** meet in front of the Surf Club every Tuesday and Thursday at 8am then back To Taffy's for coffee.

*For listings please email woopinews@gmail.com*

*Greg Engel and Sheridan-lee Motbey at the C.ex Evacuation Centre which housed close to 150 people during the fires. At 5.30pm a shout out was made over facebook for blankets and bedding and by 7.30pm the foyer was filled with donations.*



*Anton Zidan and Walter Hui cooking up a breakfast storm, to feed the hungry masses who had slept over at the C.ex Woolgoolga Evacuation Centre. Special kudos to Anton who is a staunch vegetarian and still managed to prepare the bacon and sausages for everyone.*

# Tradie of the Month

# Woolgoolga Garage Door Centre

Come and check out the showroom at Woolgoolga Garage Door Centre, proudly the only accredited supplier and installer of Gliderol and Centurion doors in Woolgoolga.

Woolgoolga Garage Door Centre specialise in supply and installation of new garage doors, service and repairs to all brands of doors, roller doors, overhead sectional doors and garage door openers, as well as replacement of springs, cables and all moving parts.

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Visit their showroom at 33 Bosworth Rd, Woolgoolga, complete with four fully operational garage doors inside so you can see for yourself how well they work.

To make it easy they have colour charts and samples you can take home with you and compare to your home colour scheme.

Although locally based as the name suggests in

Woolgoolga, they service areas in a wide circle of the region including Bonville, Sawtell, Toormina, Coffs Harbour, Sapphire, Moonee Beach, Emerald Beach, Sandy Beach, Red Rock, Corindi Beach, Arrawarra and past

Halfway Creek to Grafton and the Clarence Valley.

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# Woopi sport - Cricket

## Rebels improving every week

It has been a big season for the Northern District Rebels Cricket club who this year are fielding four senior grades including a smicko premier league side. The club membership has increase from 56 last year to 82. Fifteen new numbered Baggy Caps were handed out to the premier league players with then Number 1 going to Manjit Sidhu, who was also inducted into life membership with the club for years of hard work and dedication. Congratulations and thank you to Manjit. Here's a wrap of all four grades.

**Third Grade:** Some great results early on with Jack Dudgeon scoring a 70, Raph Wirth hitting 20 and Beau Jeffreys 36. Connor Burgess is showing a lot of promise taking on the new ball for the Team. It's also great to note that this team has a total of four father/sons combinations. Maybe that's the secret to their success.

**Second Grade:** After blowing out early cobwebs in game one this

team starting building nicely into the season with strong performances in games two and three. Lead by Qasir Feroz's 100 and Bal Mangat's 50 and backed by senior players like Glenn Rook, Dave McVicar, Clem Ayres, Aaron Bhangu and the fiery Graeme Stevens striking fear into opponents with devastating spells. Young guns like Corey Pickett, Sahib Lalli quickly establishing themselves as the future of the club and becoming mainstays. An eye catching performance from Corey Pickett who is showcasing some real potential for higher grade cricket. They are building up nicely into a strong season with hopes of taking out the premiership this year.

**First Grade:** Some solid individual performances from 14 Year old's Hunter Jefferies and Lauchlan Caryle have earned them a chance to play in the premier league. Hunter scored 39 and 29 opening the batting and Lauchlan a 40, he has also taken five wickets for the season. Other noticeable performances came against Diggers in round two with Mark

Howarth scoring 41 and captain Ben Watson 21 not out and taking 3 for 9 off 7 overs. Navdeep and Parvinder Nagra have also had a good start with the ball, Nav taking 6 wickets already this season and Parv 4. As a new bunch of guys all playing together their attention now turns to gelling together to get their first win!

**Premier League:** A Mixed start, boys had to play with 10 players in Dorrigo after some controversial communication in the lead up to the week of the game. As a result the first game was lost, however with a full side taking on Sawtell the side was victorious. This was a huge upset which has re shaped the premier league competition. Northern Districts are now being considered a competitive side. Strong performances with the bat by Damon Rootes, & Mark Maharaj. Maharaj has hassled the scorers in both Games. Anu Grewal club president has troubled the best bats in the comp early on!

Great work from all four grades, You're doing Woopi proud.



Photos by Robert Watkin

# Woopi sport - Meet two Woopi Wonders

**Brock Parker** For one so young he already has a long career in Rugby League. Brock still has another year to complete at Woolgoolga High but has already been snapped up by the Parramatta Eels for 2020.



He is currently on the trip of a lifetime in the UK as part of the Under 18s NSW Country team who are in England playing against the under 18s British Lions.

Brock, is from Corindi and started playing for Woolgoolga in the under 7s and has played every year through to the under 16s.

He played Group 2 in the under 12s 13s and 15s. At the start 2018 he went to Sydney and played in the Harold

Matthews Cup for the North Sydney Bears. After that he was playing 16s for Woopi and 18s for Coffs as Woopi didn't have an 18s team. He has also played for the Northern NSW Schoolboys team.

This year he was chosen for the under 18s North Coast Bulldogs team which made the semi finals.

Whilst playing for the Bulldogs, Brock received plenty of exposure and interest from both the Canterbury Bulldogs and the Parramatta Eels, Brock has signed with Parramatta for three years. His plan is to stay home and finish school next year whilst playing for the North Coast Bulldogs. He will then go to Sydney to start training with Parramatta under 20s at the end of 2020. Congratulations Brock.

**Holly Brooker**, from Emerald Beach, has an amazing netball career in front of her. Holly is 15 and has the honour of holding the title of the only Woopi netballer to ever make it to Phase III of the NSW U17 Team trials. Holly, a member of Woolgoolga District Netball Association's Under 17 Rep



Squad, has been selected to advance to Phase III of the NSW State Under 17 Team trials in Sydney. This is the final phase in the process to select the NSW State Team.

Club Publicity Officer, Mick Thorpe said "Holly's outstanding effort is a credit to her hard work, considering this year was her first as a rep player, it is simply stunning! Woopi Netball are unbelievably proud of Holly! We wish her the very best of luck, enjoy the experience and go for it young lady!"

At the time of print for Woopi News we had not heard how Holly went but as soon as we know we will post it on our website [www.woopinews.com.au](http://www.woopinews.com.au)  
Good Luck Holly.

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Our MCs for the night will be Moffee and Lachlan Skinner



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