

# THE BLACKWALL BUGLE

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**Master Chefs: Wally Strong  
with Andrew & Leanne Gillies**



**Sue Felsch**

## Wardell Village Fête

When Sue Felsch and her late husband Wal were visiting a fête run by the Sisters of Mercy at the Star of the Sea Convent in Yamba in the early nineties, they decided that a fête for Wardell was just what was needed to raise funds in support of Sister Larelle's "Kids in Crisis" mission. The fête has become most successful, attracting visitors from far and wide and raising funds for the

Pastoral Care and assistance of all needy members of our community. Two of Sister Larelle's fellow Nuns from Casino have been very helpful, and local farmers have been generous with their contributions. Preparations for the fête start months ahead with the collection of pre-loved household goods for re-sale, the making of pickles, jams and preserves, and the baking of cakes.

On the day of the fête, work starts before dawn to get the show up and running. An atmosphere of companionship prevails at the fête where people meet up again with old friends who have been drawn back to Wardell for the event. It is a relaxed and friendly occasion that fosters a warm community spirit.

The event organizers are to be congratulated.



**Jo Flatley & Sue Ellis; Tom Cunningham, Pat Carney & Alan Ellis; Mrs Cynthia McKeough & Sr Grace Laverty**





## St Barnabas Anglican Church

1920  
Parish of St Johns



### Three services are held each month.

1st Sunday at 5.30 pm. 2nd & 3rd Sunday at 7.30 am

We welcome families, friends and visitors to join us in worship and prayer, followed by a cup of tea and a chat.

The Anglican Church also has the Op Shop in Richmond Street. We thank all the volunteers who help to keep the Op Shop running and all who support it and very kindly donate items suitable for sale.

**Fay Daley**

## Sharne's Café

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Convenience store with take aways.

Relax and enjoy coffee under the trees near the river.

Richmond Street Wardell.



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Judy with Oscar the singing dog - see page 4



## Wardell Uniting Church.

Services are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 8.00 am.

**Marie Harrison.**



## St Patrick's Church Wardell. 1910



Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 5.30 pm and all are welcome. St Patrick's Church will celebrate its centenary on the weekend of 13/14 November 2010.

**Sister Larelle**

**The Blackwall Historical Society** is holding an open day at the Memorial Hall on the occasion of the Wardell Red Cross Arts and Crafts Show. All visitors are welcome.

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**Branch President  
Ruth Partridge 6628 5751**  
**Meetings**  
**1st Wednesday of the month**  
**Wardell Memorial Hall**  
**9.30 a.m.**

### Wardell Red Cross Arts & Crafts Show

Wardell Memorial Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June from  
10 am - 2 pm.

A variety of stall holders are coming from near  
and far to show off their crafts.

Morning tea will be available with the traditional  
cooking for which Red Cross is renowned.

**Please come along and support this wonderful  
organisation.**

**Enquiries: Monica, telephone 6687 9620**

# THE WARDELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

9 SINCLAIR ST WARDELL  
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**Centrelink and Medicare staff will now be at the  
Wardell Community Centre -  
every second Thursday from 10am to 2pm  
commencing 3 June 2010.**

Centrelink staff will provide Centrelink services including:

- Fortnightly form and other form processing
- Rent Assistance and address updates
- Centrepay deductions
- Payment information
- Family Tax Benefit estimates

Centrelink staff will also be able to:

- Receive and register correspondence and send on to the relevant Centrelink office
- Register customers for Self Service and demonstrate how to use Self Service on the Community Centre computers (Self Service allows customers to update information on their records and print a range of forms).
- Book phone appointments with Social Workers
- Book other appointments, for example with Job Capacity Assessors

Medicare staff will be able to:

- Accept applications to reissue Medicare Cards, including for children turning 16
- Register customers for the safety net
- Issue tax statements
- Register customers for self service and demonstrate how to use on the Community Centre computers.

Customers can:

- Order a replacement Medicare Card
- View claim and payment history
- Change address
- Register bank details

**No appointments necessary**

For more information call Andrew Watson on telephone  
0439660148

## Community Connect eNews-

is Ballina Shire Council's new electronic newsletter designed to keep people abreast of issues of interest and importance.

It's free and is distributed via email on a regular basis.

You can even select which topics interest you most:

- [Documents on Public Exhibition](#)
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- [New Shire-wide LEP](#)

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## Wardell Community Centre Open Hours

**The centre is open to the public:**

Tuesday 12:30pm - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm

Thursday 9am - 4pm

Free internet, photocopying and fax use. Space for small meetings and interviews is also available.

## Regulars at the Community Centre

**Tuesday 10am:** Alcoholics Anonymous

**Every 2nd Wednesday:** Social Planner Roberto Kenk

**Alternate Wednesdays:** Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer  
Darrell Creighton

**Every Thursday:** Cultural Development Officer Kate Gahan

**Thursday 9am -12 noon:** Knit 'n' Knat

**Every 2nd Thursday 10am-2pm:** Centrelink and Medicare



## Draft Ballina LEP 2010 Public Exhibition and Submissions

The public exhibition of the Draft Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2010 will conclude on Friday 4 June 2010. Council is continuing to seek the views of the community and stakeholders and as such will receive submissions after the close of the exhibition period up until Friday 18 June 2010. Council's LEP Project Team will continue to be available to discuss the Draft LEP for the remainder of the exhibition period and for the extended submission period. Council's LEP Project Team can be contacted on telephone 6681 1163.



## Rex Kemp - a man for all seasons.



On 4<sup>th</sup> May, Group Captain Rex Kemp of the Rural Fire Service was invited to the RFS Headquarters at Homebush to meet Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons. Rex and his wife Marlene flew to Sydney and joined a small select group of firefighters chosen for exemplary conduct. They were welcomed by a pipe band and the Minister for Emergency Services the Hon. Steve Whan, MP.

Rex joined the Wardell Brigade in 1990. He became Deputy Captain in 1992 and Senior Deputy Captain the following year. Because of his demonstrated instructional ability, he was elected a Group Captain in 1997. He has led numerous strike teams in “out of area” deployments, including the Sydney and Northern Tableland Fire Storms and the Canberra Bush Fires. One of his greatest interests is in training. He trains the district Basic Fire-fighters, Advanced Fire-fighters, and Crew Leaders. He is a specialist instructor in chainsaw operations and safety, and is an advanced driving instructor for heavy vehicles.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons presented Rex with the Commissioner's Commendation saying that Rex was a most worthy candidate for the award. Rex says that his prime concern is to see that volunteer firefighters get a fair go!

It is fitting that Rex, whose name in Latin is “King”, should be seen here wearing a crown. (Marlene might have something to say about that!)

## The Wardell Op Shop

Next door to our new Wardell Post Office is an Aladdin's Cave filled with mystery and adventure. It is almost a museum displaying cultural artefacts – objects, clothes and books – that often bring back lost memories. It is a place that triggers many emotions including nostalgia, longing and passion. The Op Shop is crowded with narratives lined up on shelves, piled into boxes and hanging on racks.



Environmentalists like Op shops, as second hand goods use fewer natural resources and, because they are recycled, there is less waste. Others need work clothes or clothing for active children who so quickly out-grow everything. At the Op Shop you will find the very items you were looking for, from crockery and glassware to clothing, furnishings, toys and reading material. It's a good place to spend an hour or two just browsing.

When we called the very helpful and cheerful volunteers on duty were Lesley and Claire who seem to know exactly where everything is - so does this young lady who has spotted a lonely teddy bear beneath a table!



When the “Bugle” called there was even a visiting dog named Oscar who, in the arms of Judy, sang the hymn “All things bright and beautiful”. You don't believe me? You'd better call in and see for yourself!





## Ted Patch

The Patch's Beach community is still coming to terms with the loss of Ted Patch after a long illness. Ted was a founding member of the Dunecare movement, and his passing has affected all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In the early years, Ted enjoyed the physical work associated with Dunecare and in the last year or so was happy just to be able to water the young trees. He was pleased when he could donate a wheelbarrow to assist the work of others in the group.

Patch's Beach and Wardell held a special place in Ted's heart and he holds a special spot in its history.

Here Ted is seen flanked by two of his friends - Bob Jackson and Peter Lacey.



Patch's Beach Dunecare meets on the first Sunday of each month.  
Care for your land. Peter Lacey 02 6687 9580

## TALES FROM THE CANE DERRICK

### A Ride on the Running Board

When I grew up on the farm in the 1940s we had no car, but a couple of times a year my uncle drove up from the Clarence in his big Chevrolet. When we knew he was coming we would wait in anticipation by the farm gate and listen intently for the sound of the Chevy motor. Then we would ride up to the farmhouse on the running board – holding onto the side of the car. What simple joy it gave us! One day my Uncle came on my Mum's birthday. I had already given two bob to my sister to get Mum a present. My sister added sixpence and we bought Mum a half crown brooch. I still have that brooch today.

### **Blackwall Historical Society Inc**

A General Meeting will be held at  
Wardell & District War Memorial Hall  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010 at 7 p.m.

The Society welcomes residents of the district to join us in conserving our local history.

Margaret Kennedy 66 860027  
Lorraine Judge 66 834358  
Rose Leeson 66 834277



**Wardell Sporting & Recreation Club Ltd**

**TELEPHONE 66834437**

The Wardell Sporting and Recreation Club is in the process of organising the next Seafood Night. The date will be in early July, so please watch for the flyers and book early, as there have already been enquiries regarding the night.

Friday nights have been very popular at the Club with the footy tipping competition keeping everyone guessing as to which team to select each week. Anthony, our Chef, is busy keeping up with the meals. His menu is always very tempting and most enjoyable. We appreciate his contribution to the Club.

The golfers are enjoying the great conditions on the golf course at the moment. It is good to see so many out on the course through the week as well as on Sundays for the competition.

I would like to remind everyone that the Club is open Monday to Thursday from 4.00pm to about 6.30pm and on Fridays from 4.00pm until 9.30pm. The Club is open on Saturdays 2.00pm to 6.00pm and on Sundays 8.00am to 2.00pm. Anyone wanting to contact the Club out of these hours can telephone David Daley on 66834417.

**Janice Wickenden**

## *A Place of Healing.*

Bowen Therapy helping the Community.

Since Bowen Therapist Carolyn Blackburn started her clinic in Empire Vale late last year, the number of locals in the Wardell to South Ballina area receiving the benefits of this gentle therapy has grown steadily. Carolyn also works part time at clinics at GoVita in Ballina Fair and BodyFx in Tamar Street.

Bowen Therapy helps relieve general aches and pains and can also work to repair the body from other debilitating health issues. It is named after Geelong Osteopath Tom Bowen who developed it more than fifty years ago. He encouraged the body's own ability to heal itself of a range of ills using gentle skin and muscle manipulation that is lighter than massage but can be more effective and longer lasting.



**Carolyn Blackburn in her Empire Vale Clinic.**

No oils or lotions are applied and moves are carried out on skin or through light clothing using the thumbs and fingers. Gentle, non-invasive pressure is applied across muscles and tendons. These subtle and fine adjustments target stress areas to help to relieve tension, reduce pain and initiate the healing process in the body.

Examples of some of the conditions where Bowen Therapy may help include lower back pain and sciatica, upper back and neck pain, shoulder pain, headaches, knee and foot pain, digestive disturbances, asthma, MS, Parkinson's disease and cancer.

Bowen is also good for relieving everyday problems like insomnia, stress and lack of energy. The great part is that clients find the treatments very relaxing and enjoyable.

To find out more about how Bowen Therapy works feel free to call Carolyn and she'll be happy to talk you through it in more detail.



### **Carolyn Blackburn - Bowen Therapy**

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## **Pimlico News**

**Telephone 6683 4243**

The May charity afternoon held in the Pimlico Hall and arranged by members of the Pimlico Ladies Charitable Organisation, coincided with Mother's Day celebrations and all visitors received a white chrysanthemum shoulder spray. PLCO secretary Olive Creighton grew the flowers and made the sprays.

The afternoon was held on a perfect autumn day in aid of the Biala Special School in Ballina. Manager of Biala, Wendylee Playford, attended with other supporters. A recent addition to Biala has been a heated hydrotherapy pool and money is needed to buy equipment for the pool. Twenty three students ranging in age from 4 to 18 attend Biala. A deb ball was held recently which was an outstanding success.

Wendylee thanked PLCO for its support and said they always loved coming to Pimlico. A lovely raffle prize was donated by "Our Chemist" from West Ballina Shopping Centre and was won by Mollie Fitzhenry of Ballina. Myrna Betteridge of Woodburn received congratulations on attaining 90 years of age.

Plans are being prepared for the Spring into Spring Fair in late August and in October a special afternoon will be held to celebrate PLCO's golden anniversary. See you at the next hoi!

\* June 7th for Ballina & District Hospital

\* July 5th for Camp Quality

**Betty Fernance**

Pimlico Correspondent



### **Ladies Tennis Club.**

**Waunita Lindsay 6683 4141**

**Betty Fernance 6683 4384**

The Thursday tennis competition got away to a late start this year due to the inclement weather. Four teams are taking part with matches played at Evans Head, Broadwater and Wardell. Popular player Amy Dorey is receiving congratulations on the birth of a beautiful daughter, a sister for Clair. Amy hopes to be back on the court in the near future. No doubt there will be plenty of sitters for the new baby. Also receiving congratulations is one of our top players, Danni, on the birth of a granddaughter.

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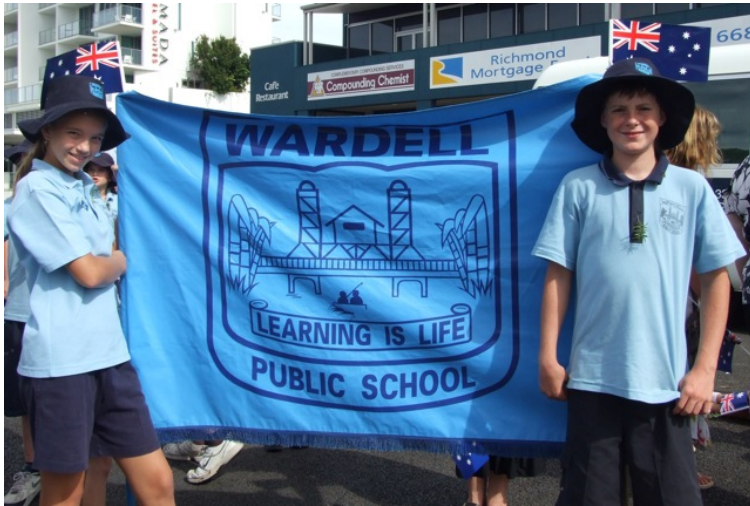
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## Wardell School Students March with Pride



Wardell Public School students once again turned out in force for the Anzac Day march in Ballina. The children, resplendent in their two-blue uniforms joined diggers, other ex-servicemen and women, volunteer services and other schools, marched proudly in front of a big crowd. They later participated in the memorial service at Ballina RSL Club.

Wardell Public School Principal Peter Flannery commented on the importance of his students' participation. "The Ballina march is the culmination of our commemoration of Anzac Day each year. At school our students learn of the history of Gallipoli and other conflicts, as well as the significance of The Last Post, Reveille and The Ode. We even have our own commemorative service put together by our student leaders."

During the march the onlookers cheered on the students as well as the ex-servicemen. "Our students feel embarrassed when people cheer as we pass by," Mr Flannery said. "I guess they're applauding the fact that our young people see Anzac Day and the values behind it as worth celebrating."

Wardell Public School is looking forward to record attendance at the Anzac Day march in 2011.



**Stop the clock!  
Empire Vale  
embraces time travel!**



**Have you ever dreamt about where you would go if you had the opportunity to ride in a time machine?**

The students of Empire Vale Public School are exploring the concept of time travel, as they rehearse for their mid year performance called "*The Time Machine*".

Some of the theatrical adventures through time will include meeting Ned Kelly and his gang, The Knights of the Round Table, Julius Caesar and a visit to the land of the dinosaurs... just to name a few!

This year the school has taken on the challenge of producing a musical, with each class keeping busy reading scripts, singing songs and learning dance routines. The Year 2, 3 and 4 Class have been inspired to design time machines, which will be transformed into important stage props for the concert.

This year's performance aims to be a real treat for your eyes, ears and your imagination. "*The Time Machine*" will be performed at Empire Vale Primary School on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. Come along and join our journey through time – it may just be the best history lesson you have ever taken!

**Karen Hinrichsen**





## Late Albert Hersche

Mr Albert Hersche was a native of Switzerland and a very old resident of Bagotville, having selected a small area there about 1884. He was a well-educated man who left his country after a disagreement he had with his father about cutting down some trees. He planted a small vineyard for the late CT Bagot but he was a recluse who lived alone all those years, establishing a large bee farm.

Albert built a large telescope, purchasing the lens and completing the rest of the work himself. He took a great delight in studying the stars. He would converse with anyone who took an interest in astronomy and seemed very pleased to meet them.

He started to grow sweet potatoes on his farm at one time. When he was asked why he gave up cultivation, he replied in broken English: "During the night there comes there up the paddy melon and the bandicoot and eats there up the sweet potatoes. I will cultivate no more." After that he concentrated on bee keeping.

Albert was attacked one day by a mad bull. The writer of this article went to see him and noticed the ground torn up around the house. He asked him in a humorous manner if he had started to farm again. "Oh no," he said. "That vas te bull. If I could only have got my axe, I vood have lopped him." The house Mr Hersche lived in had galvanised iron sides and roof, so that in case of a bush fire, he would not be burnt.

The bull had come pawing up the dirt in front of his place in a very pugnacious manner. Hersche shouted out to him in Swiss. He wanted to get out to work among the bees. To use his own words: "Ven I go to ze front door, there vas ze bull, and when I go to ze back door, there vas ze bull, and there vas I in ze hut and ze bees a-svarming. Then thinks I to myself, I will boil up ze kerosene tins of water. When it vas on ze boil, I takes ze tin of water and goes to ze front door. Up comes ze bull and I shucks it all in his face and shuts ze door quickly. Tonder und blitzen. I thought ze Russians had come."



"See those holes in ze wall? That vos his horns. If I could only have got my axe, I vood have lopped him. And der vas I in my tin hut vile he tore up the ground all around, and I dare not open ze door and ze thermometer went to 100 degrees, 110 degrees, 120 degrees, 130 degrees; and not a drop of water to drink. I had shucked it all at ze bull."

My tongue began to swell in my mouth. I thought I was going to die of thirst. I was so varm, so varm. But towards sun down ze bull leaves, and I runs down to my vell and drinks nearly von bucket of water. But ze bull goes down to McMahon and horned his boy through the lung. Mr George Law gets his gun and shoots ze bull. Ze boy has gone to Ballina hospital."

Hersche was a kindly unassuming man and, it is said, never did a bad turn to anybody, quietly keeping to himself and following up his hobbies.

Albert Hersche died 20.5.1935 aged 85 years and is buried in an unmarked grave in East Ballina Cemetery

*This story was written on 23.5.1935 by the historian, the late Norman Hewett, for the "Beacon." It was brought to the attention of the "Blackwall Bugle" by Trevor Monti.*



For many years The Rural Buying Service has been supplying our farming community with their agricultural needs including fertilisers, farm chemicals, fencing materials, lubricants and cattle care essentials. Now, in addition, the Wardell Store is carrying a large range of garden needs, chook, horse and dog food, pre-mix cement and fencing material.

The store is open daily from Monday to Friday and manager John Cook says that any items carried by the larger stores can be obtained within 24 hours. The full range carried by RBS can be viewed at: <http://www.nrrbs.com.au/>



Manager John Cook  
with customers Arty Lickiss and Steve Flatley.

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