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# G'day Beaches

by Tawny Frogmouth



We made it to the second edition, you little ripper!! Exciting times in the nest!! And some phenomenal feedback from the Beaches community, opening their letterboxes to see our little local publication staring up, seeming to say, "G'day mate, have a look at this."

This month we'd like to wish you a Merry Ferry Christmas! If Santa, his elves, reindeer, all staff members and affiliates of his Noël charitable conglomerate can kindly place four Freshwater class Ferries under the Chrissy tree, that'll be tops. We love our green and gold, double-ended beauties.

Beyond ferries, we're stoked to showcase this month's cover artist, Fairlight's Sophie Gralton with "The Space Between". We sat down with the Beaches' brains trust bringing Sydney surfers a wave garden utopia. Mal's Wild Side shines a light on Manly Dam and an innovative new way for bushwalkers to become much-needed citizen scientists with little more than their mobile phones and keen eyes.

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We'd especially like to thank the advertisers for jumping on board and supporting the first two issues. If you have a business or cause to promote, reach out, we'd like to help you connect with our community.

Righto, it's a wrap! Bring on 2021.

**Cheers, Frogmouth**

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# Peninsula Wash Up

by Liam Carroll

### This is Just Getting Sealy

What's going on with seals at the moment? Last month a frisky dog was busy chasing one out into the Long Reef ocean as it tried to sunbake. This month Manly Beach has played host to an intrepid little fella, swanning in to chat up the beach volleyball babes, build sandcastles and splash seagulls, assimilating to our local way of life with consummate ease. It's been great to see this gorgeous creature treated with awe and respect, everyone keeping their distance and letting Sealy have a good old time.

### Fire and Rescue Safety for All

Fire and Rescue NSW recently teamed up with Brookvale's Ability Options at Cromer Community Centre to celebrate International Day of People with Disability and teach the kids valuable lessons in fire safety, as well as give everyone a crack at unleashing the fire hose! The kids were naturals, also able to hop aboard the fire truck and inspect the life-saving wonders inside an ambulance. Seeing Fire and Rescue NSW's steadfast commitment to ensuring their rescue operations assist absolutely everyone in our society is inspirational,



as too Ability Options' range of services for people of all ages with disability, as well as crucial assistance for carers. To learn more, visit: [www.abilityoptions.org.au](http://www.abilityoptions.org.au)

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### Sprout Daily Number Crunching

North Steyne's Murray Fraser, the lubricious lensman behind Sprout Daily's stunning surf

and beach lifestyle pics, has confirmed to The Tawny Frogmouth his 2021 calendar does indeed have an October 11. Muz's breathtaking 2020 calendar may have showcased the amazing photos his name is synonymous with the world over, however October 11, 2020 was victim of the chop for reasons as yet unverified.

### Girls Can't Surf...? Oh Really

Following on from its official selection at the 2020 Tribeca Film Festival, 'Girls Can't Surf' has its Sydney premier at the State Theatre on Sunday Jan 17. This is the true story of the rebellious female surfers from Australia and beyond who took on the male-dominated pro surfing world in a fight for recognition and equality. Featuring pioneering local surf legends Pam Burridge and Layne Beachley, as well Jodie Cooper, Frieda Zamba, Pauline Menczer, Lisa Andersen and Wendy Botha. Steph Gilmore says, "this is an empowering history of badass women." Go see it! Get tix here: [www.sff.org.au](http://www.sff.org.au)

### Animal Welfare League, Welcome to the Beaches

In great news for pet lovers, the Animal Welfare League opened a Northern Beaches branch. For over 60 years the AWL has been providing expert care to surrendered, neglected and abandoned companion animals across NSW. It's great to now have local AWL volunteers dedicated to finding new homes for abandoned animals, as well as education and discount desexing programs. If you're interested in either fostering or adopting some new fur babies, reach out here: [www.awlnsw.com.au/northern-beaches/](http://www.awlnsw.com.au/northern-beaches/)

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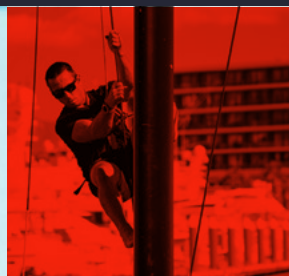
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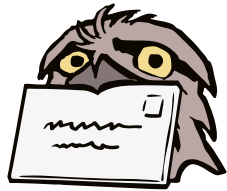
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## Letters to The Tawny Frogmouth

### Thank you... thank you...

... so much for giving us back The Manly Daily, but in a much better shape, format, sense of humour (loved the quirky, cheeky star signs!) and depth and scope of articles. May you be very successful!

**Britta Huttel**

### Unsolicited mail

I am more likely to engage with digital publications and hate to see the waste associated with paper delivery. What stickers on letterboxes will your delivery team recognise to avoid dropping a copy into the letterbox?

**Tony**

### THANK YOU!

Wow...Just had a look through the first Tawny Frogmouth, specifically Crimewatch (because it said 'Danger, Satire!') And giggled of course but was very wary as I thought the clever writing might only be a few lines. But it was not! And onto Property... Then I read your G'day Beaches and it all made sense. Thank you, whoever you are in your TISM mask, I will eagerly await each printed colour magazine in my mailbox. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New 2021!

**Annette**

### Funny Business

What a fantabulous magazine! No one does funny anymore. Cheers and congratulations.

**Jules, Dee Why**

### Seal of Disapproval Article

I was looking forward to receiving The Tawny Frogmouth this week and getting stuck into some new alternative forward-thinking journalism. I was extremely disappointed then to read Liam's tirade against dog owners in the Seal of Disapproval article. By choosing to describe one isolated incident in such a way you have proven you are completely out of touch with your readership and are clearly not from the area if you have no idea how much Northern Beaches residents love their dogs. Might I suggest an interview with the folks over at Pittwater Unleashed in your next issue? They might be able to educate you and your readers on what is really going on for pet owners on the beaches.

**Johny**

### Ownership concerns

What's with the Dan Andrews smear piece!? This isn't Melbourne? Is Rupert behind this 'magazine'?

**Hang Loose Johnny Douche (via Facebook)**

### Congratulations on your first issue

I was very pleased to see that you have enlisted Paige Turner as your literary reviewer. I am hoping you can convince Penny Wise to join you as the Finance Editor, or if she is not available per-

haps Price Wright or Owen Paylater. You might also consider asking Al Fresco or V. L. Parmigiana to write about dining, Matt Finnish to hints for home decorating, Delia Goodhand for bridge, Marion Haste or Marius Quigley for wedding advice and last but not least Hayden Zeke and Gideon Swings with handy hints on how to keep children amused.

**Jerry Perkins, Seaforth**

### Vote Tony Out

I was reading your first edition and came across your reference to my Vote Tony Out campaign. I was interested in your comment about the campaign being 'negative'. From my side of things, the campaign was never set up as a negative one. It was more about getting people to have a conversation about Tony Abbott and his suitability to truly represent Warringah. Before Zali entered the election race VTO had amassed some 10,000+ patrons in Warringah. I has sold 6,000 T-Shirts, given away thousands of stickers abs shopping bags, personally delivering over 2,500 of the TShirts. VTO had received a lot of press and media coverage. 5 SMH frontages and many other articles and some TV interviews. Remember at this stage we didn't have a candidate. I was just building a platform.

From that platform it easy to galvanise people behind Zali. On the morning of her announcement I sent 650 text messages to people who lives close by to let them know VTO was endorsing Zali. I invited them to her announcement in North Harbour reserve. 400 people turned up with 4hours notice. She became our champion and the

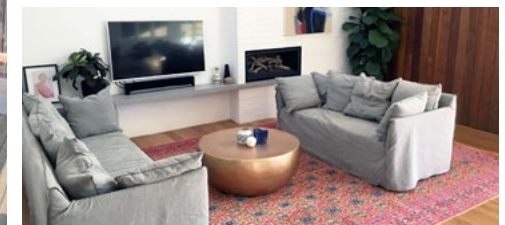
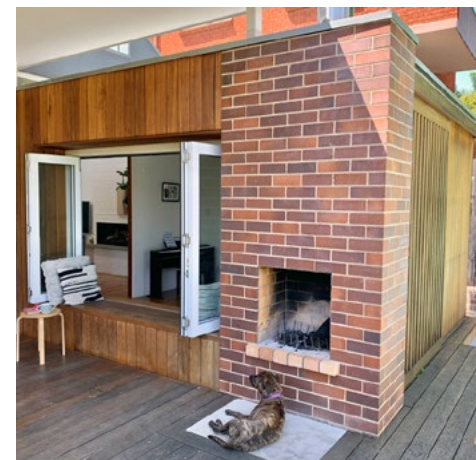
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rest is history. VTO is a great case study for grass roots democracy, it was a truly honest campaign something I will forever be proud of.

**Mark Kelly**

### The Tawny Frogmouth

We have just received the much welcomed first edition of the Tawny Frogmouth. Congratulations! We particularly liked the articles on the Aquariums and the Tawny Frogmouth! What I didn't like were the 5 pages devoted to Zali Steggall - 4 1/2th pages too many in my opinion - and the negative article on Dan Andrews. It would be a great pity if this publication became driven by politics and would I'm sure turn a lot of people off if it did. Ban negativity. As me old mum would say, "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything"! I really would like to see a piece on the Nextdoor App which has been a wonderful community initiative doing so much good for the neighbourhood.

**Paul Stevenson, Seaforth**

### Manly Ferries

The Freshwater Ferry is an icon of Manly and Sydney harbour. I was elected to fight for Manly. That is why I'm campaigning, against my own Government, to retain more than one Freshwater Class ferry. I welcome the Government's decision to retain one ferry, but one simply won't do. Unfortunately, between 2017 and 2019 the number of people catching the Freshwater Class ferry to and from Manly has dropped by around 15 per cent. Numbers aren't much better on the weekend with average weekend patronage dropping around 12 per cent. Those sad statistics however

are not good enough reason to keep only one Freshwater Ferry. Although as much as we love to look at them, we should catch them too! During the average morning peak the number of people on the Freshwater Class ranges from around 30 first thing in the morning at 6am, to around 280 at its busiest at 8am. For a boat that can carry 1100 people, that's not great. Outside of the busier periods in December and January, you rarely see more than 400 customers on board a Manly ferry.

Let there be no doubt, the Freshwater Class ferry is a rite of passage for generations of Northern Beaches people, and it should remain so. The appeal of our grand old Freshwater Class to tourists should not be underestimated and is an important element of our tourism trade. More can be done however to increase how much money visitors spend once they get to Manly as it is dangerously well below the Sydney average and has been for many years. What we need to do is strike a balance between the grand old slow boats and a more frequent commuter service to encourage people back on to the Ferries!

Over 300 more services will be added to the F1 Manly timetable each week - an increase of around 67 percent by introducing the Emerald Class Monday through Friday. These more frequent services will hopefully encourage more people to use public transport and the ferry service. At the same time, we should be retaining more than one boat for weekends, public holidays and busier times of the year. That's what I'm campaigning for. That's what I hope to de-

liver. Importantly, the newer green and gold Emerald boats also have 140 outdoor seats, bike racks, wi-fi and disability access. They're also far more environmentally friendly than the old Freshwater vessels. Let's get the balance right. Save more than one Freshwater Class ferry and provide more frequency for our commuters.

I'm telling my Government to listen to the people and retain more than one Freshwater Ferry to service our famous Manly to Circular Quay route. **James Griffin MP, Member for Manly**

### Yay!

We were absolutely surprised and delighted to receive the first edition of "Frogmouth"! Since the Murdoch press killed off The Manly Daily, we have been starved of local news - and yet the Mosman Daily is still printed and delivered? Like many, I object to being forced to subscribe to the Daily Telegraph to get the online version of the Manly Daily. We miss being kept informed about happenings on the Northern Beaches and The Daily's letters pages were always interesting reading. One personal impact was that I could not place an obituary for my dear brother Peter who was widely known and loved along the Northern Beaches. In response to Liam Carroll's laudatory story about James Griffin, may I remind folks that James was Deputy Lord Mayor when Manly Council, behind closed doors, approved the "mega-costly debacle" of the Manly Oval carpark and Whistler St. development.

All ratepayers on the Northern Beaches are still paying for that fiasco and now James

is supporting the "retirement" of all but one Manly Ferry. Tony Abbott was likewise out of touch with this electorate. I hope your mag becomes a forum for lively discussion about local issues and I look forward to receiving "Frogmouth" regularly. Congratulations and may you prosper!

**Bill Windred, Manly**

### NB Tunnel

In the Tawny's interview with MP James Griffin the subject of the Northern Beaches Link didn't come up. We desperately need an alternative, quick route to the city and lower north shore to avoid the gridlock, waste of time and resources, and the creation of pollution as a result of all having to funnel onto Spit Bridge and labour up Spit Hill as our only link to the city. The per-

sonal and environmental costs of these hold-ups must be considerable. The Northern Beaches Link (NBL), if it actually happens, must have ample capacity for clean (electric) public transport options. It seems that the Northern Beaches gets thrown mere crumbs of state-funding as we are seen as a safe 'blue-ribbon' area. The long proposed NBL appears to be a mirage or at least way down the list of government priorities. Completion dates seem to be fluid at best. The tunnel was not even mentioned in the last recent state budget and the funding is absolutely minimal compared with what gets thrown at the western suburbs for transport and infrastructure with their light rail and fast city links. This lack of funding appears to be because the western

suburbs consist of marginal seats unlike here. It is tempting to think the state government assumes they can take our NB votes for granted and that we'll never question why we end up with no government largesse here (let's not mention the pork-barrelling recently in the news). It would be nice if we were valued as much as other areas of NSW. We don't like being ignored. We need sustainable and modern infrastructure to make our transport system efficient now and into the future. Has the Link been quietly removed from future planning?

**J Bell, North Curl Curl**

### New Magazine

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**Jeni**

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## The Danger Zone

Make the "Danger Satire" signs bigger because the blind bat I live with was getting all outraged about those stories until I pointed it out. Keep up the good work, love the humour.

**Paige Turner, Fairlight**

## Thanks

Thanks Liam for taking the initiative to create a new magazine for the Northern Beaches as we sorely miss the Manly Daily.

The Tawny Frogmouth articles were informative & covered a wide range of subjects of interest to locals. A local paper or magazine creatives community pride & provides valuable information about our local area & people.

Well done it's a great contribution to our community.

**Sue Johnson**

## Dunny Business

Reading Inspector Con Vikshun's report about NSW Police's 'A Tree is not a Toilet' campaign got me thinking. One of the excuses cited by perpetrators of public peeing was the sorry state of affairs at the Manly Wharf carpark crappers and I couldn't agree more. Manly Wharf management could easily provide a user-friendly toiletry facility on street level for the myriad visitors to our shores and yet they chase ever more chain restaurant leases while turning a blind eye to the everyday punter's need to descend two flights of stairs to a blue light graffiti-covered toilet block where one must master the act of keeping your pants up around your calves mid-shit to avoid the piss on the floor and then complete the job by wiping your tush with a variety of "toilet paper" that

a surfboard ding repairer would marvel at for sanding back shards of razor sharp fibreglass. This woeful commitment to adequate public toilets is not confined to Manly Wharf either. Gilbert Park's dunnies have been missing a door for God only knows how long. Going number 2's at South Steyne Surf Club is about as enjoyable as navigating Dante's inferno and to really get the engine running, there's nothing quite like walking to the far end of "The Office" to enjoy the stank of every outdoor grog monster's Portaloo ablutions on a balmy summer arvo. Come on Council, we deserve some decent dunnies! Otherwise rest assured that a tree very much is a toilet to the busting masses that descend upon Manly.

**Adrian Boothman, Manly**

## Thank you

I just wanted to say thank you for the awesome new magazine we found in our letterbox. I was so sad when the Manly Daily stopped its local free delivery and I felt so out of touch with the local community which is so important to us. Thank you so much for filling the gap and bringing this publication to our letterboxes. We really appreciate your effort and wanted you to know how grateful we are.

**Mary-Anne Addington**

## Balgowlah Bus Debacle

With no community engagement or risk assessment, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is putting children's lives at risk by deciding to run peak high frequency bus services

straight through the quiet residential streets of North Balgowlah and Seaforth. These changes are due to occur on the 20th December when everyone least expects it. Merry Christmas! Local residents are angry and concerned there will be significant increases in incidents and injuries, and they'll be saddled with longer commutes and reduced accessibility via the removal of key local, Express City and North Sydney bound services that have been servicing the community for up to 4 decades. The major concern is the additional risk placed upon pedestrians and children who use the local areas. The adoption of an existing local bus route, that already poses significant safety risks, illustrates the incompetence of some desk jockey's desperate attempt to add value.

The question needs to be asked - how can TfNSW justify these changes given the evidence put forward by concerned local residents looking to retain the status quo? The lack of community engagement and timing of these changes demonstrates TfNSW's arrogance and contempt for communities they are meant to represent.

Despite many attempts to engage with TfNSW locals have received little but lip service and we hear our local Council and MP has similarly been left in the dark. Local residents need others to come forward and help. We'd very much appreciate the broader Tawny's readership support.

**Marsh Denning, Balgowlah**

The Tawny invites the people of the Beaches to send in letters to [mail@thetawnyfrogmouth.com.au](mailto:mail@thetawnyfrogmouth.com.au)

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## Hooroo from the Tawny



Peter George Windred  
04.04.1951 - 18.06.2020



Peter Windred was a lot of things to a lot of people on the Northern Beaches: a friend, a father, a husband, a brother and a confidant. Beyond that, he was a comedian, counsellor, teacher, philosopher, surfer, fisherman, photographer and a best mate. Pete was one of six children raised in Dee Why Parade by a wonderful Mother, Mimi. Following school, Pete went on to carve a very successful career in advertising at McCann's, Pats and JWT and later, in his own business. Unconventional creative was his forte - Pete could pack a dozen words into three.

Pete was Black Belt party. He was truly the life of any bash - although I think he startled some people when he got up on the dance floor!

He reckoned that there were only two types of people in the world - people who give you energy and people who suck energy from you. When you met Pete, you came away fully charged.

Pete's children, Brook and Camille were his pride and joy and he doted on them to the end.

We miss Pete every day but thank him for enriching each of our lives in his unique and unforgettable way. There was only ever ONE Peter Windred.

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## Outrage Over Plan to Scrap Classic Manly Ferries

by Liam Carroll

The State Government wants to scrap all but one of the classic Manly Ferries and replace them with smaller vessels made in China but community outrage is powering a grass roots campaign to save the world-famous Manly icons.

President of the Good For Manly Association and Northern Beaches Deputy Mayor Candy Bingham is running the campaign to have the decision reversed. She says the public need to have their say, and any decision must consider the estimated \$500M in tourist dollars that the iconic large ferries bring to Manly and the Northern Beaches every year.

“The community is in shock,” Cr Bingham said. “The proposal by the Transport Minister to keep just one of the 1100-passenger large Freshwater Class ferries, with the rest to be replaced by three 400-passenger Emerald class catamarans, just doesn’t make sense. It appears that the focus is on commuters and that the large tourist

passenger numbers during peak visitor periods have been overlooked.” She added, “The decision to keep just one Manly Ferry is like demolishing the Sydney Opera House but retaining one sail for tourists to photograph”.

**“The decision to keep just one Manly Ferry is like demolishing the Sydney Opera House but retaining one sail for tourists to photograph”**

The tourist numbers are big. Last Australia Day 80,591 people visited Manly by ferry; over last year’s 4day Easter weekend there were 257,960 ferry visitors; and on average 47,000 people come to Manly by ferry each day during Summer. A total of 2.8M visitors came by ferry during 2019, with one million of those coming from overseas.

Northern Beaches Council, which strongly backs the campaign, estimates the tourist economy is worth

\$500M a year to Manly and the Northern Beaches area. It also accounts for 12% of local jobs. “The large ferries are the life-blood of Manly. Since the 1850s they have serviced this popular tourist destination bringing millions to enjoy our seaside resort. The Fast Ferries are used by commuters, the large ferries are used by day-trippers and those who enjoy the experience of the leisurely 30-minute trip to Manly,” explained Cr Bingham.

President of the Manly Business Chamber, Charlotte Rimmer, said the Chamber stands right behind the Northern Beaches Council to have the Freshwater class ferries retained. “The economic value that the large ferries bring to Manly is enormous. We are concerned this decision has not considered the value of the tourist dollar that this internationally recognised attraction brings. When you come to Sydney you come for the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and a ride on the Manly Ferry. This decision is like

removing the cable-cars from San Francisco.” According to Paul Garrett, Assistant Secretary of the Sydney Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA), the large ferries undergo a major service every 5 years. The Freshwater is due for service in February, with the Queenscliff due in October. The Narrabeen is scheduled for service in November 2022 and the Collaroy in October 2023. The fear is that the ferries won’t be serviced at all – they will be scrapped instead. NSW Transport Minister, Andrew Constance, has already indicated the Freshwater could be stripped, sunk and used as a diving site.

“These ferries are only 40 years old and still have decades of service left in them,” Mr Garrett said. “The NSW Government is currently refurbishing the First Fleet class ferries, which are of the same age. This could also be done for the Freshwater class ferries”.

Cr Bingham believes that rather than seeing expenditure on maintenance and life-extension programs for these Freshwater ferries as a cost, the NSW Government should see it as an investment in an iconic tourist drawcard. “The Manly ferries are an internationally recognised Australian Institution. They must remain.”

### What You Can Do

Sign the NSW Parliamentary Petition at [www.goodformanly.com.au/ferries](http://www.goodformanly.com.au/ferries)

Email Transport Minister Andrew Constance [office@constance.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@constance.minister.nsw.gov.au)

Email Local Member James Griffin [manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

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# 7 Manly Ferry Tidbits to Ponder

by Liam Carroll

## 1. Pragmatic, Transparent Leadership

The NSW State Government has a strong history of consulting widely with the community to outline clear, logical, bulletproof reasoning before hastily making any major decisions. Just ask amalgamated councils, Crown Casino developers, inner city hospitality entrepreneurs and the greyhound industry, they'll all back me up.

## 2. Safe, Reliable, Purpose-Built

The Freshwater class Ferries are ocean-going vessels, built in Australia, able to cross the seven seas, and specifically designed for the Manly run, a treacherous and dangerous run on many an occasion. Their single hull design allows for safe dispersion of swell, able to cut through waves instead of glide on them, something anyone who's crossed the heads when Mother Nature's having a rough day knows all too well. It's unclear how the new Emerald class Chinese built catamarans that "have strengthened hulls that will allow them to handle swells of up to 4.5 metres" will cope, particularly when the aquatic abyss between North and South Head is prone to swells far bigger than 4.5m which also rage close together with short periods. An inability to cut through waves, a reliance on riding on them, will make for one hell of a risky journey knowing that if a stray mountain of water hits your new Emerald Cat head on, you're toast, strengthened hull or not. Every-

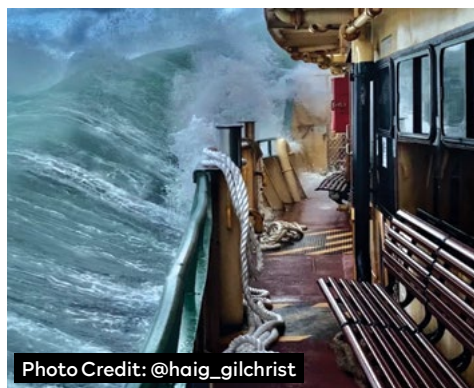


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Could an Emerald Catamaran cope in these seas?



Spot the difference: Freshwater & Emerald Ferries

one who's ridden the Fast Ferry knows that sinking feeling when you hit swell head-on; the monster thud sends the fear of meeting your maker straight through you as your loins dance upside down on the ceiling and the Acker Dacker Thunderstruck shock careers through the vessel's structure to the core. Can you imagine that in a Chinese Cat twice as big and half as manoeuvrable? I hope you like catching the bus from Manly to the big smoke because you'll be riding it a lot more frequently when the safety experts deem the Emerald replacements a disaster in the making anytime the ocean flares up a tad.

## 3. Boat Engines Seize Up If You Don't Use Them

The proposal to simply keep one Manly Ferry sitting in the docks, resting up nicely for use on weekends and summer holidays is like that mate we all have who thinks he can just flick the switch on his boat whenever he likes, and she'll be right mate. Ah no, she won't buddy. Juxtapose any antique tinny marching back and forth twice daily between Church Point and Scotland Island, dependable as death and taxes, with the silly Billy overpaid bonehead whose rare use of his marine craft is matched with perfect reciprocity to how often said craft needs expensive repairs and maintenance. The Manly Ferries either march back and forth all day every day like stoic ANZAC soldiers we love so dearly, or they die. To think one lone vessel running on weekends is a viable plan is utter lunacy. That one Ferry given a stay of execution will die in a flood of endless repairs and maintenance work in no time. You may as well just sink the lot of 'em for dive sites now, Constance, you sage purveyor of transport wisdom.

## 4. You Can't Rush Perfection

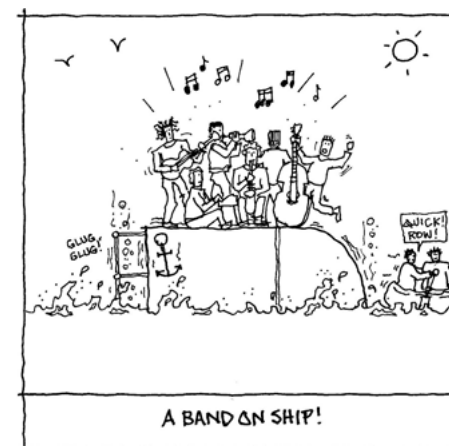
The iconic Freshwater class Ferries provide a half hour harbour crossing 'experience', a thousand carefree light years beyond serving as a mere means of commuting 7miles from A to B or CQ to MW, as the case may be. This journey is ranked in the Top 5 Ferry Trips on Earth for good reason, it's spectacular, life-affirming, and a proven drawcard to millions upon millions of happy ocean crossers. The classic double-ended, green and gold, ocean-going beauties are unlike any other ferry on the harbour or in the world. To set in motion a poorly thought out plan that will all but kill these icons is an ophthalmic lesson in frightful myopia that 2020 should never be affiliated with.

## 5. It's about the Economy, Jobs 'n' Growth

The NSW Government has not provided any business case to back their Ferry Burial decision while the Northern Beaches Council estimates the tourist economy is worth over \$500M a year to Manly and the Northern Beaches with 12% of Northern Beaches local jobs dependent on tourists. If the classic Ferries go, will we still see the same mammoth numbers of tourists coming here? Doubtful, seeing as 98% of visitors travelling to Manly by ferry choose the classic Large Ferry. Over 2.8 million people travelled to Manly by ferry in 2019, the busiest route in Sydney, with one million of those being international tourists. If you own a local business, employ local people, would you risk turning away 2.8 million customers a year?

## 6. The Grace and Efficiency of Double-Enders

The Freshwater class Ferries are big, able to carry 1,100 passengers, providing gangways for huge swathes of people to hop on and off in a way the Fast Ferries and the Emerald Cats can only dream of. The Government logic appears to be the Emerald Cats will be faster, a 20minute journey instead of 30, and more frequent, 300 more services each week, thereby overcoming the disparity of their 400 passenger capacity versus Manly Ferry's 1,100. But how many back-and-forth, high-frequency boats can a Quay handle? Do we really want more ferries doing U-Turns to get in and out of a tight loch? The wonder of Manly Ferries is not only their single-hull design to cut through pounding swells, but their double-ended grace to pull in, drop off, pick up, pull out, saving time, saving hassle. Supreme efficiency. Impeccable design. Worth holding on to.



Cartoon: @christomasillustration

## 7. History and Respect for Your Elders

On Saturday July 28, 1906, The Manly Daily's founding founder, Edward Lincoln, unveiled the first ever Manly Daily publication, subtitled 'A Present from Manly', with his distribution, as stated in the first ever Manly Daily, "delivered by boys to adult passengers on the Manly Steamers before the boats leave the Sydney wharf for Manly, so that visitors have a comfortable opportunity on the passage of seeing what is ahead of them in the most favourite, favoured, and frequented watering place in the Southern Hemisphere." Do Edward Lincoln proud. Rupert's already cocked up his Manly Daily. We can't let Constance cock up Ed's beloved Manly Steamer aka Ferry.

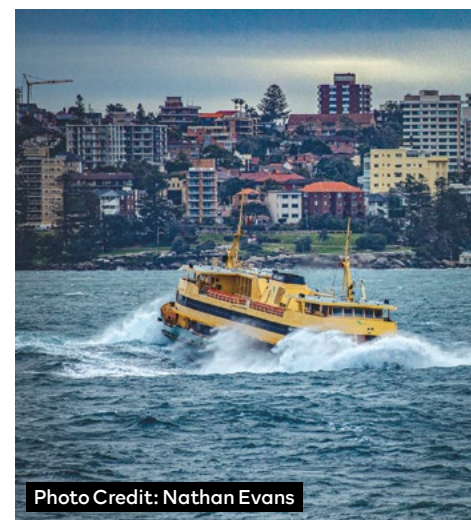
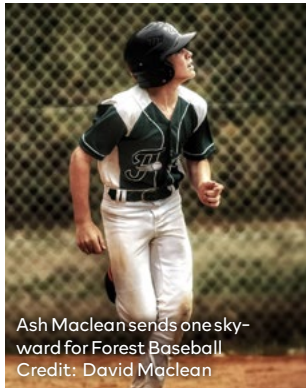


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Ash Maclean sends one skyward for Forest Baseball  
Credit: David Maclean

## Sport: Around the Grounds

by Matt Cleary, Northern Beaches Sports Tribune

They ran, they hit, they leapt, and they wept in northern beaches sport last month, as reported in the peninsula's dedicated local sports journal, the Northern Beaches Sports Tribune.

### Athletics

**Tim Yendall** and **Anna Lena Richardson** of Manly Beach Running Club placed first in the two-person team event of the infamous **Narrabeen All-Nighter**. Running from 6pm to 6am, the pair alternated stints on the 5km out-and-back trail loop adjacent to Narrabeen Lake, completing 132km in the 12-hour race.

### Softball

Manly Warringah won the Open Women's state championship beating Macarthur 2-1 in the final at Blacktown International Sports Park. Gun pitcher **Tarni Stepto** was named tournament MVP. Manly were also the U/12s state champs, and runner-up in U/10s and U/16s.

### Cricket

**Mikaela Turik**, captain of the Manly Warringah DCC W2s took 8/16 from 10 overs and the club's first ever hat-trick by a woman in her side's 8-wicket win over Penrith. Elsewhere, Harbord Bowling Club Cricket Club's **Phil "The Dasher" Dessaix** smashed Mona Vale all over Harbord Park to score 143 from 116 balls with 18 fours and 6 sixes. Another belter was Cromer's **Ben Sheppard** who hit 105 off 66 balls against Beacon Hill. A shout-out to **Sam Gartner** of Beacon Hill who belted 5 fours and 5 sixes in his unbeaten 80 against Forest. If that surname rings bells, Sam's uncle **Daniel** played for Manly from 1992-2000 while his grand uncle **Russell** was a Sea Eagle from 1975-81.

### Golf

**Katherine Wang** (7/5) and **James Ponder** (6/5) won the finals of the Cromer Golf Club Championships over **Allison Matthews** and **Alex Lewis** respectively. And **Peter "The Flash" Nichols** scored 40 points and was decked out in the coveted green jacket of Long Reef Golf Club's famous "Masters Monday" tournament.

### Gymnastics

In the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation (AASCF) National Championships, the **Aussies Gems of Frenchs Forest** placed first in the Senior 4 and Open 3 categories.

### Rugby League

Rampaging front-rower **Eamonn Donnelly** was a

standout in the Narrabeen Sharks Masters hit-out with Appin Dogs at Greystanes. Though the Sharks scored three tries to nil and nobody kicked for goal it was widely agreed the score was 38-all.

### Baseball

**Jeremy Markham** sizzled with both bat and ball as he led the Forest Renegades to a 10-4 victory over the Pittwater Marlins at Rat Park. Meanwhile Pittwater U/16s pitcher **Jaden Grant** had a flawless time on the mound against **Forest Phillies**, with nil hits, nil walks and nil runs, and 5 strikeouts. With the bat he nearly ripped off a once-in-a-lifetime feat - an all-run home run. He got to third base. His team won 11-2.

### News

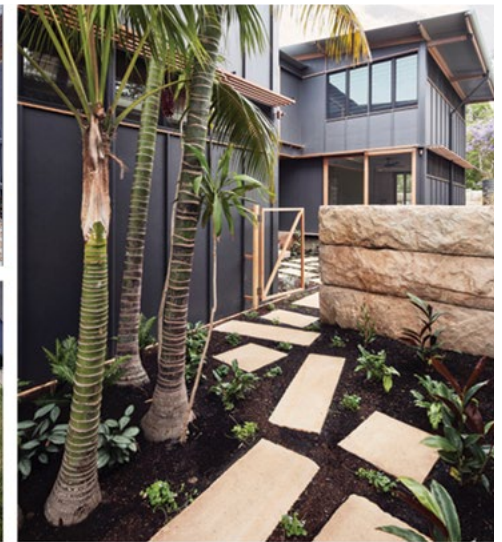
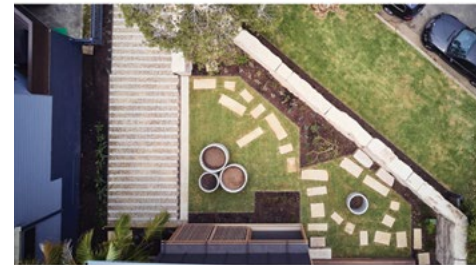
**Greg Rollins** and teammates of Cromer Cricket Club rushed to the scene of a plane crash at Cromer Park, while fisherman **Te Haronga**, pitching coach of the Warringah Sugar Gliders, rescued 91-year-old paraglider **Jos Bots** in pounding surf off the rocks at Warriewood. And, sadly, the great **Ollie Hall** of Manly Marlins and the Wallabies passed away aged 67 from cancer. Hall - who was plucked from the Steyne Hotel's Round Bar to appear in Mad Max III: Beyond Thunderdome - was crucial to Manly's 1983 premiership and won the club's Chad Paton Award for most outstanding player. Hall was described by club President **Cam Douglas** as "just a great bloke; a classic laconic bushie". Vale.

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Artist depiction of Wisemans Surf Lodge

## Wisemans Surf Lodge

Innovation: Silicon Brooky by Liam Carroll

December 5, 2015, 6:35am: In the dawn mist of a landlocked, abandoned, California water-ski cable park Kelly Slater rubs his hands together, beholding the greatest man-made wave the planet's ever seen. 7:05am: the 11x World Surfing Champion and Baywatch thespian strokes into the first perfect wave of the day in chocolate water straight from Charlie's factory, gliding down the line in an endless run of flawless tubes and walls of cutback heaven.

Jump ahead five years, December 2020: John Du Vernet, Manly father of four, a Winki barrel pig from back in the day before careers and family duties took hold, and a Northern Beaches team of frothing futurists are creating the Wisemans Surf Lodge, the most electrifying development in Sydney surfing since 1981 when North Narrabeen's Simon Anderson waltzed down to 15foot Bells and non-chalantly showed the world how to thrust.

In amongst the lush green backdrop of the Hawkesbury

and on a base of crystal clear aqua, the Wisemans Surf Lodge development is based around a central utopia - a wave pool the size of 4 football fields which will generate 2.5m A-frame waves on the outer peak for intermediate to advanced surfers, and that fluid energy will be refracted into a secondary peak that creates 1.25m A-frame peaks for beginner surfers to ride all the way to shore.

This specific location, an hour from the CBD and 45minutes by boat from Palm Beach, has been carefully selected for a very good reason; wind, or lack thereof. Having been forced like so many Sydney schoolkids to venture out to Wisemans Ferry for camps and gruelling treks of alleged self-discovery, John and his team were privy to crucial intel; there's no wind at Wisemans Ferry. Thanks to a series of cliffs and gorges, the same place that made summer camps a near death experience with hopes of a cooling breeze nigh on impossible turns out to be

one of the world's best placed valleys for glassed-off surfing nirvana.

Not content to rest on immaculate waves alone, Wisemans Surf Lodge will be surrounded by a 9-hole golf course, 54 hotel suites, a restaurant, bar, and conference facilities, able to offer surfer and non-surfer an idyllic domestic escape to the natural beauty of the region.

The Wisemans Surf Lodge team equate the evolution of perfect wave-generation technology with Averill Harriman's 1936 invention of the chair lift, transforming skiing from an activity confined to the ultra-keen, ultra-fit devotees content to hike snow-capped mountains for a single downhill ride, and bringing it to the masses, allowing the removal of arduous uphill slogs, replacing it with pure downhill joy, and creating a mammoth ski resort industry in the process.

We'll have to wait until 2022 to see the Surf Lodge truly come to life and start pumping waves. We'll also have to wait until 2021 for details to be revealed of the membership model being put in place for access to the wave garden. Sydney surfers know how rare it is for all the conditions to coalesce and allow us to ride perfect waves close to home. Utilising technology to make flawless waves an on-demand, nearby reality... thank you!

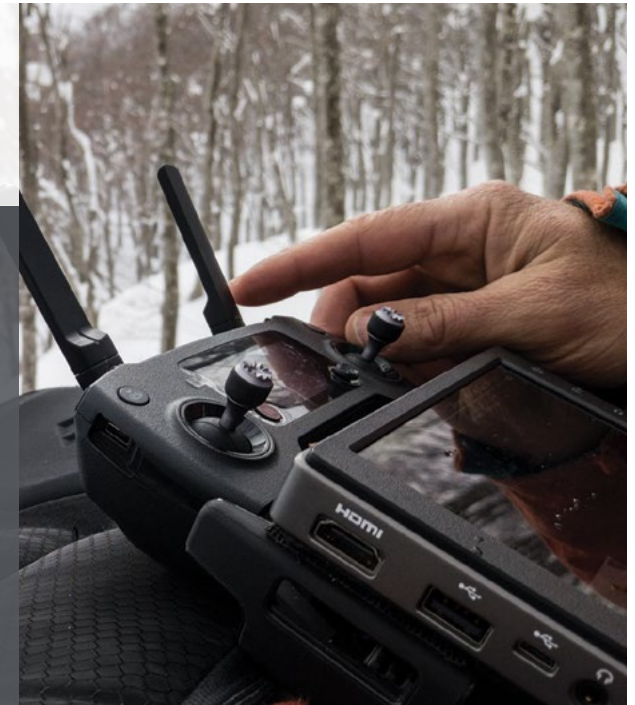
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## Four tips to take care of your mental health this silly season!

**Health** by One Eighty Avalon Inc.

We all know the holidays can be overwhelming at times! With too many events in the calendar and the constant pressure to Go Go GO, it's important to remember that it's okay to take some time for yourself to recharge and reset. Here are four tips from the One Eighty team to help take care of your mental health this silly season!

### 1. Recognise Stress:

Everyone experiences stress and anxiety from time to time but when it starts interfering with your everyday life it is important to talk to your GP and seek additional support.

If you catch yourself feeling stressed, take a long, deep breath and try this grounding exercise:

- Acknowledge 5 things you can see.
- Acknowledge 4 things you can touch.
- Acknowledge 3 things you can hear.
- Acknowledge 2 things you can smell.
- Acknowledge 1 thing you can taste.

This technique helps bring your mind back to the present moment and allows you to feel more in control by moving your attention away from the stressful situation.

### 2. Take a mental health day

If you're feeling overwhelmed by silly season pressure, be kind to yourself and remember,

you don't have to attend every activity or event if you're not feeling up to it. Take a mental health day (or afternoon, or hour) and excuse yourself from the fray for some quality 'you' time. Do something you enjoy, meditate, journal or enjoy some time in nature! This will help you to avoid 'burning out' during the holidays.

### 3. Understand how alcohol affects you

If you're over 18, it's understandable you may be having a few drinks over the holiday period. However, it's important to remember that as your body processes alcohol out of your system, blood sugar drops, which actually stresses your brain out! This can lead to feelings of anxiousness and worry. Take this as your reminder that you can opt out of having 'one more' drink to save yourself the mental turmoil.

### 4. Talk to someone

If you notice you're not feeling yourself or are feeling angry, sad, stressed or irritable, talk to a trusted friend, parent or GP. Remember that your GP can provide you with a Mental Health Care Plan 20 subsidised appointments with a Psychologist. For more information visit our website at [www.oneeighty.org.au](http://www.oneeighty.org.au)

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If you are in crisis, go to your nearest emergency room, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or dial 000.

## Christmas Foods That Ruin a Pet's Christmas

The Collaroy Plateau Vet by Lewis Hunt

I'm lucky enough to work as a veterinarian on the Northern Beaches, looking after people's dogs, cats and rabbits, as well as our sick and injured wildlife. As a result of this year's COVID pandemic, many more people have been working from home and found they now have the time to dedicate to a family dog. Take a stroll around the traps and you can't help but notice all the puppies enjoying the Northern Beaches lifestyle. But as we enter the festive season, and stock our homes with an array of delicious foods, I thought it would be worth discussing some of the common culprits that are toxic, and potentially life-threatening, for our four-legged friends.

### Chocolate

Like us, most dogs love chocolate and can smell it long before they see it. The major toxin in chocolate is theobromine. The amount of theobromine varies greatly with the type of chocolate (the darker the chocolate, the higher the concentration of theobromine). The clinical signs of chocolate toxicity vary from gastro-intestinal signs (diarrhoea and vomiting) through to seizures, and in severe cases, even death. I had a gorgeous Labrador puppy in last week after his owners suspected he had eaten all the chocolate from the advent calendar. After making him vomit he brought up all the chocolates (as well as most of the wrapping and cardboard) and had a very guilty look on his face.

### Christmas ham

Unfortunately, I see more cases of gastritis and pancreatitis in the weeks following Christmas than at any other time of the year. Most owners will tell me they fed their pet the leftovers from the Christmas ham and their dog became ill in the following days. The high-fat content of this meat can cause pancreatitis, particularly in dogs who are not used to such a rich meal.

### Grapes, raisins, sultanas and currents

If eaten, these can cause acute renal failure and death in dogs. The unusual thing about grape toxicity is that not all dogs are affected, and the toxicity does not appear to be dose



Lewis with 4month old Labradoodle, Murphy, both looking festively fabulous

dependent. This means some dogs can eat a whole bunch of grapes and not be affected, whereas others may only eat a few and end up developing kidney failure.

### Onions, garlic and chives

These plants contain compounds which when metabolized by dogs can cause damage to red blood cells. You will notice that your dog seems depressed, lethargic and may have pale gums. For this reason, you should avoid feeding your dog foods such as gravy, if they include onions or garlic.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive; these are just some of the potentially harmful foods that dogs may decide to sample over the festive period. Others include **Macadamia nuts, avocado, mango seeds and corn cobs.**

If you suspect your pet has eaten something potentially dangerous please contact your local vet immediately, as rapid veterinary attention may be lifesaving for your dog.



## Embrace Your Inner Nerd! And Help Save Manly Dam

Mal's Wild Side By Malcolm Fisher

If the idea of becoming a “Citizen Scientist” floats yer boat but you don't know where to start, don't worry. We have the technology! What's more, you'll soon be able to go for a bush walk and actually figure out exactly what you're looking at! Plus, you can contribute research-quality data and help protect our beautiful environment at the same time. It's all part of a project initiated by local environment group the “Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee” (SMDCC). And you too can get involved, just by taking photos!

First, download the **iNaturalist Australia App** and sign up **www.inaturalist.org.au**

Then, search for the Manly Dam Biodiversity Project where you'll see all the amazing images of plants and animals that have already been registered. (The pics have to be taken within the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park or Mermaid Pool boundaries - and please keep to recognised paths!)

When you take photos within this area and upload them, you'll receive help with identifying species, which is no easy task - In a recent report, the Australian Conservation Foundation revealed 25% of Australia's nationally listed threatened plants and 46% of threatened animals can be found in our urban areas and for 39 threatened species these urban areas are the last remaining places in which they exist. That's why protecting places, such as Manly Dam, is absolutely crucial! - Your great nature

photos will then be automatically added to the project's data and verified by experts.

All information gathered assists conservation, education and management and, naturally, if you find a rare species or one previously unrecorded, celebrity status, David Attenborough film roles and international public speaking engagements are assured.

That name again, the “Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee” (SMDCC, yeah you know me, Naughty by Nature O.P.P.) has additionally received a Federal Government grant, facilitated by Zali Steggall MP with Northern Beaches Council and ACF also contributing, THANK YOU!! This has allowed the SMDCC to commission the best flora and fauna experts in Australia to conduct professional surveys of the Manly Dam environs, something that has never been comprehensively done before.

And we have some truly awesome things living amongst us: The nation's cutest animal, the Eastern Pygmy Possum, a fragile resident taking pride of place on the project logo - created by local artist Brentos @artofbrentos. There are also Fishing Bats, Climbing Fish and a plant that is found nowhere else on Earth - the Seaforth Mint Bush.

**Know this 1:** SMDCC has campaigned against many developments that have threatened the park's environment over the years (winning some and losing some). If the Beaches Link tunnel is approved, in its current form, it means bulldozing over 10 hectares of bushland along Wakehurst Parkway for road widening and excavation. An Environmental Impact Statement has been released with all the gory details.

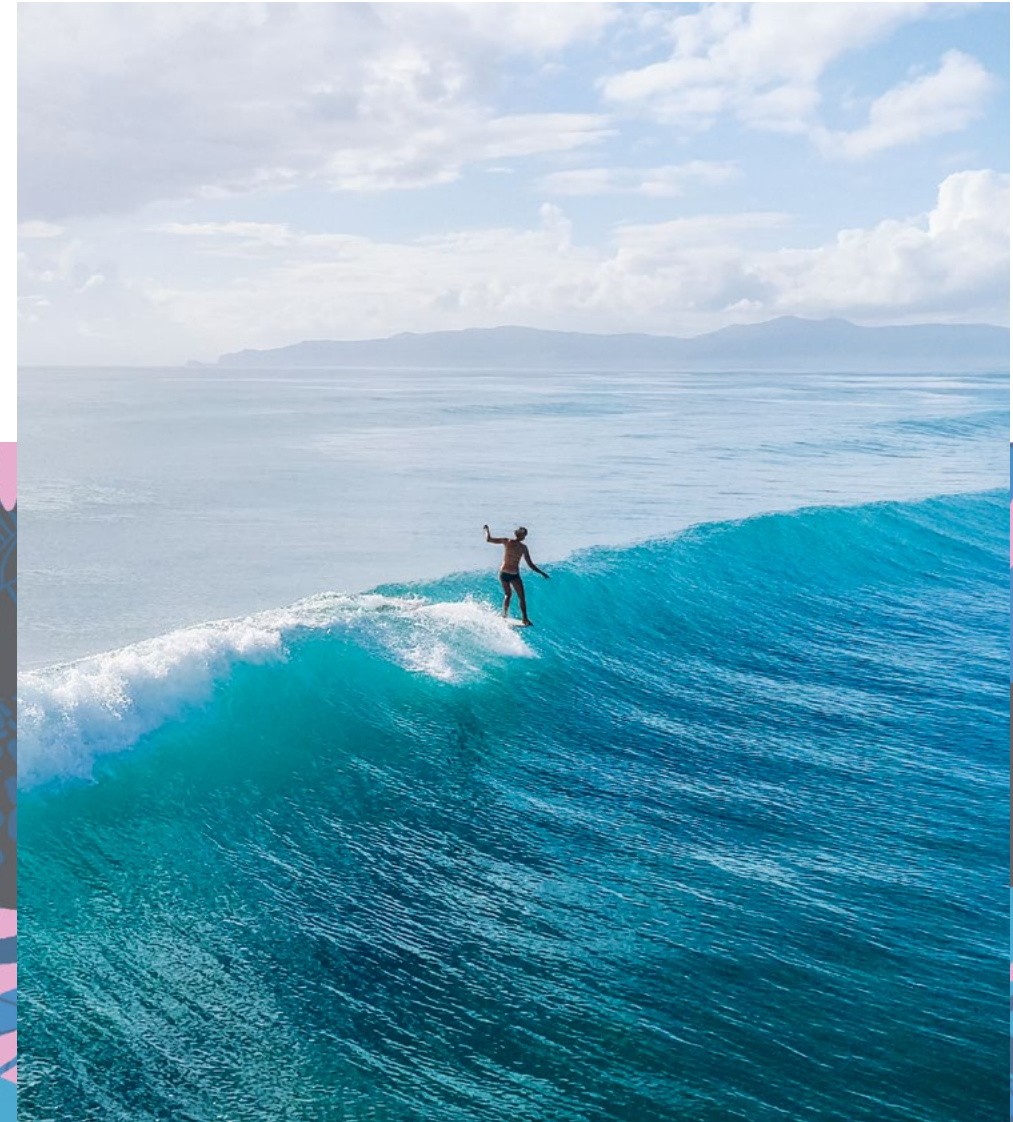
**Know this 2:** Manly Dam wall was built in 1892 to provide a water supply for the small settlement of Manly. To safeguard the newly created reservoir from pollution, its surrounding water catchment was consequently strictly protected. Our society inherited a pristine bushland sanctuary, rich in Aboriginal heritage and glorious enough to be declared a War Memorial Park to honour our veterans. Manly Dam Reservoir is the last body of unpolluted freshwater in Sydney where it is still safe to swim.

For every other bit of dam info, follow **Save Manly Dam Bushland** on Facebook: [facebook.com/SaveManlyDamBushland](https://facebook.com/SaveManlyDamBushland) and Instagram **@manly.dam**

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Sophie and Colin

## Local Artist... Sophie Gralton

Interview by Quyen Hutchinson

Introducing this month's talented cover artist, Sophie Gralton of Fairlight

**How long have you lived on the Northern Beaches?** Since 2013 with a break in between.

**What's your favourite beach?** Fairlight Beach, and off the rocks with the dog

**Where's your favourite place to eat, drink, hang out?** Skiffies, Pavillion, Little Viet Kitchen, Busta and Belgrave Cartel.

**What's the best thing about the Northern Beaches?** I find people less aggressive on the roads, less stressed, less pretentious and very dog friendly. I also love the ferry culture—and the way people ride bikes to the ferry in their thongs, their work shoes in their bag. It's very country town-ish.

**If you had to live anywhere else in the world, where would that second-best place be?** Oooh that's hard. If I had wads of cash; New York, San Fran-

cisco or somewhere remote in Spain but a trainride from Madrid so I could go to the Prado all the time.

**What inspired your cover artwork, 'The Space Between'?** The coastal, holiday vibe of the Pensinsula.

**Tell us about the theme of your current art series.** I started doing animals and children when I saw a catalogue for an exhibition of Dutch 17th century portraits of children which I really loved, and was inspired to do in an Australian way. I often crop them, or have them from behind because I don't want them to be portraits, they're every child.

**Do you use models? Does Colin (Sophie's studio dog) feature in your work?** He has! But I'm actually doing all these French Bulldogs and Dachshunds because I love their shapes and their quirkiness. I get friends of my kids to model. My kids used to model for a long time before they got too big.

### What else inspires your art?

Hurling lots of paint around and making abstract marks that read figuratively.

### How would you describe your art?

I'm a figurative painter but I love paint and its ability to be very thin or highly impasto. The less it takes me to arrive at a successful painting the better. When less visual information describes more the happier I am.

### How did you discover you had a gift for art?

I won the Parish Picnic Poster Competition for four years running, Grade Prep to Grade 3 at St Joseph's Cobram Convent School. The rest is history.

### Did you study art?

I did Fashion and Textile Design at what is UTS now when I left school and at age 26 went back to National Art School full time.

### What else are you working on at the moment?

I've just finished a show for Anthea Polson Art on the Gold Coast and now have some commissions that I need to attend to.

### Any advice for young, aspiring artists?

Go to art school, paint what you know or feel, insincerity is very obvious. Work with your strengths and unless you are really tough; have a backup plan.

### Do you have a suitably pretentious quote to impart?

Just be real; nobody likes a phoney.

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**Danger, Satire!** by Hugh G. Lee Inndette

### Rates Free Falling, Home Prices Soaring

Aspiring Northern Beaches property magnates saw the writing on the wall in 1996's seminal Jerry Maguire as the fictional show-me-the-money-protagonist's nadir coincided with Tom Petty's Free Fallin' juke box classic blasting through Tommy Boy's car stereo as he drove cross country dreaming of big pay days ahead and Val Kilmer's sublime U.S. Air Force uniform-filling Top Gun buttocks behind. You complete me.

While a masterful moment in cinematic history for some, the puppeteers pulling global monetary policy strings, along with Northern Beaches soon-to-be property portfolio multi-millionaires, knew the score; interest rates for the next quarter of a century were to begin their Free Fallin' trajectory, so much so that by 2020 a quarter of the world's squillion dollars of debt now bear negative interest rates. A Pandemic of international financial institutions today deem it prudent to pay to lend money. It's a highly infectious disease.

While this may all seem completely insane because, clearly, it is, the clever cookies at the cutting edge of earning

money for jam have used this once in an eternity opportunity to make the greatest play of all, up there with the Eagle's "merger" with the Bears, and have borrowed big bucks, pinning their ears back to purchase bricks and mortar like drunken sailors, watching proudly as the capital appreciation of their tens and hundreds of "homes" shoot exponentially skywards and their supposed cost of borrowing becomes another valuable income stream. Thank you muchly. Not only is renting "dead money", directly funding someone else's investment, rent costs are now significantly higher than monthly mortgage repayments. Welcome to the new world order of fiscal lunacy.

With more and more people realising this wondrous sleight of hand and racing headlong into property ownership, calmly in possession of mountains of debt that would've once made your average Joe's head explode, how long will it be before a housing bubble, built upon the sturdy foundations of negative interest rates, is burst beyond all recognition? Well, as a keen analyst of Sydney property since Tom Cruise's Risky Business, I'd say, never. Buy!

### The Eddie Mabo of Bower St

Don't let the 8 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms and sweeping panoramic views lure you into concluding life's swell for QC Ric Salty, a disgruntled Bower Street home "owner". After re-watching The Castle, inspired by Dennis Denuto, Bud Tingwell and Eddie Mabo, Salty's decided he can't, in good conscience, continue living on land owned by George Pell's employers.

Despite protestations from wife, colleagues and the Archdiocese, the Bower Street QC looks all set to mount his "Operation Cabbage Tree Bay William Wallace My Land Freedom From Tyranny On Just Terms Bless You Eddie" legal proceedings.

### SOLD Sign Sticker-Uppering the Best Show in Town

Covid's decimated live entertainment but innovative real estate agents at Freshwater's Millennium 2.1 are attracting new clients by transforming the once mundane SOLD sticker-uppering act into a Tina Turner Simply the Best performance. Their recent sale of a West Freshie ground floor studio for 3.45million dollars was accompanied by cheerleaders handing out champagne bottles with sparklers to ogling punters while lead agent, Paul Ng-MeeLeg, jumped Johnny Utah style from a skywriting plane - which went on to write SOLD in classic running writing style across the clear blue sky - while Paul parachuted with precision to terra firma, giving the crowd a quick forward somersault, backwards moon walk, another forward somersault, then culminating with supreme confidence, sticker-uppering the SOLD sign with unblemished flatness.

## January 2021 Tide Chart

Info Bureau of Meteorology Tidal Centre Photo Rob Edgren

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday							
				1	2	3							
				0400	0.53	0444	0.54	0530	0.55				
				1032	1.85	1114	1.84	1158	1.80				
				1714	0.34	1757	0.34	1841	0.35				
				2312	1.33	2358	1.33						
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0046	1.34	0139	1.37	0236	1.41	0336	1.47	0436	1.56	0536	1.67	0633	1.77
0622	0.58	0719	0.61	0823	0.63	0935	0.63	1053	0.59	1209	0.51	1316	0.41
1245	1.74	1336	1.65	1433	1.56	1539	1.46	1651	1.40	1802	1.36	1908	1.36
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1415	0.31	1508	0.25	1556	0.22	1642	0.24	1725	0.28	1805	0.34	1205	1.72
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0645	1.59	0729	1.67	0811	1.75	0852	1.82	0933	1.88	1015	1.91	1059	1.90
1334	0.56	1417	0.48	1456	0.40	1534	0.34	1613	0.29	1652	0.26	1732	0.26
1922	1.22	2007	1.27	2048	1.31	2129	1.36	2209	1.40	2251	1.44	2335	1.47

- New moon
- First Quarter
- Full Moon
- Last Quarter





The Class of 2020 Photo Credit: NSW Police

## Crimewatch: On the Beat

**Inspector** Con Vikshun

### Hail to the Bus Driver and the Courageous Samaritans

2:30pm on a Wednesday afternoon, a bus travelling from Chatswood to Manly picked up a group of 14-year-old boys near Balgowlah Boys High, all eager to get down to Manly Beach and enjoy the afternoon.

Once on board, a man allegedly approached one of the boys sitting on the back seat of the bus, slapping him across the head, unprovoked, before pushing another innocent teen, knocking the kid's new Samsung A51 mobile to the ground and smashing it to pieces.

Concerned passengers began to shout and scream at the man, "Leave the kids alone!" The quick-thinking bus driver kept his cool, notifying Manly Police he'd be diverting from his route to drive straight to Belgrave Street so they could arrest the commuter far too volatile and dangerous to simply be let loose on the streets. Meanwhile, with the situation far from cooled down, a courageous Samaritan took it upon himself to stand between the boy whose phone had been smashed, the hostile

passenger and the bus's back glass exit door which he was angling to knock down and jump off via. A tense ride to the cop shop ensued, with the praiseworthy passengers remaining calm, vigilant and able to keep the aggressive man both confined as well as not attack anyone else

Once at Manly Police station, a passenger raced inside to notify police who promptly arrested the man. He was due to face Manly Local Court on Wednesday 9 December however this was delayed and at the time of Tawny printing the case is unresolved. Heartbreakingly, the 14-year-old whose new mobile phone was smashed had been saving his pennies for over a year, working any odd job and performing every possible chore he could in order to make his first ever "grown up purchase." The police can't guarantee that even if the man is found guilty, that he'll have to repay the boy for damages. Please, if any Tawny readers have a smart phone, a Samsung A51 ideally, that they'd like to gift this hardworking innocent teenager, please contact [liam@thetawnyfrogmouth.com.au](mailto:liam@thetawnyfrogmouth.com.au) and let's make sure he has a Merry Christmas.

### The Magnificent Seven Join the Peninsula A Team

It's a great privilege to welcome seven new colleagues from the Class of 2020 to the Northern Beaches Command. Our Peninsula Police Officers put their lives at risk for the safety of the community and must deal professionally with any issue that presents itself day in, day out. We're very lucky to have you. The Tawny thanks you for your service and rests certain the new recruits are fervent Sea Eagles supporters, have been instructed on the best ways to prevent tap-nose from wreaking havoc with prolonged runny sinuses should they ever go for a brisk surf before work, and that the Magnificent Seven have been comprehensively informed to go easy on Inspector Con Vikshun should he ever get a little lippy after a late night Old Manly Boatshed dancefloor demolition.

### An Almost Great Escape

Sunday arvo revellers at Manly's 'The Office' were witness to a stupendously intoxicated young woman's lightning speed and light-footed dexterity as she easily outran several security staff whose dedication to bench pressing over cardio was starkly apparent. The whippet in the white dress turned East Esplanade into an impromptu racetrack following a misdemeanour within Wharf Bar's Covid-safe confines. Luckily for the security guards keeled over, sucking in the big ones and sweating profusely, Flash Gordon's daughter decided to give herself in for reasons unknown. She is likely to face a slew of charges including public drunkenness, resisting arrest and breaking Manly's strict 30km/hr speed limit.



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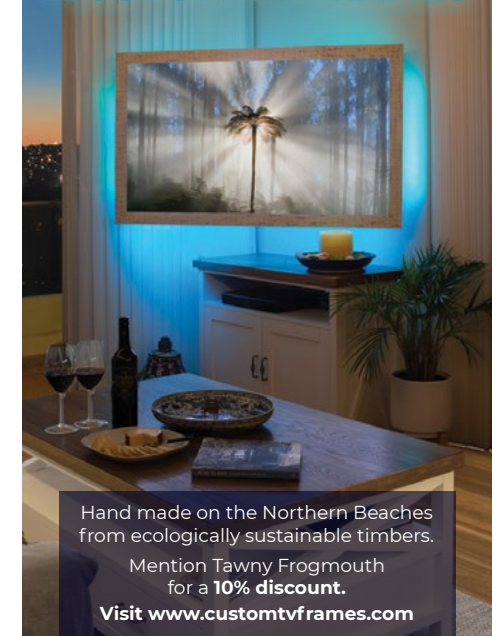


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# How to Have a Wildlife Friendly Summer Garden

by Edwina Laginestra, Sydney Wildlife (Snake info by Lynleigh Greig)



Echidna water bath.  
Credit: Pip Johnson, ABC Hobart

Our wildlife need the same basic things we need – food, water, warmth and safety (thanks Professor Maslow). They also need a home, access to food, and protection from harm (predators) and the elements as they move around or hunker down for the day. It's a tough world out there and summer poses extra problems:

## 1. Staying cool

Wildlife can suffer from dehydration and heat stress. They may be found on the ground, weak and confused with an open mouth and open wings, not moving to shelter. To help, provide shade and water and keep your pets away while they recover.

A shady birdbath/water station at various heights is the best thing you can provide in your garden. Mist spray your hose in the wind to cool an animal slowly but NEVER hose them directly and never pour water directly into an animal's mouth.

If their normal shelter is heating up (under that hot tin roof), cool it by placing shade or wet towels over the top or some cool water within reach.

If the animal is lethargic or

semi-conscious then pick it up in a towel and pop in a box in a cool area. If you are concerned take it to a vet or ring a wildlife rescue service. Long-term, consider planting shady trees and shrubs for shelter. Wildlife carers or your local council can provide you with a list of suitable native plants.



Two brushtails trying to stay cool with a slice of cold orange

## 2. Finding water and drinking in safety

Provide water stations of different depths and heights for a variety of species. Make sure there is shelter and a way out for any smaller animals if they fall in: Pebbles or sticks in a birdbath or ramps or ropes for bigger waterbodies.



The FrogLog allows wildlife a way out of the pool

Swimming pools are also a great source of water – most animals can swim should they fall in, but they need a way to

get back out. You can buy a floating platform, use a floating mat or tie a piece of rope to the fencing and drape it into the pool, making sure the knot is at the water's surface. Check your pool daily and call a wildlife rescue if you are concerned.

## 3. Hot roofs and gutters

After a few hot days our metal roofs, gutters, fences and other metal objects that may be wildlife highways can burn feet. If you see wildlife on the ground, their burned paws and claws may prevent them to climb or perch. This needs medical treatment. Get them to a vet or call wildlife rescue group.

## 4. Keeping away from non-wildlife friendly netting

Unfortunately a lot of wildlife food has been removed for our housing and plants. Some people put up fencing and nets to inhibit wildlife eating domestic flowers and fruit. If you can stick your little finger through the netting and it is not tightly secured, it is capa-



A juvenile flying fox entangled in net. She couldn't be saved.

ble of causing serious entanglement and injury. This is not only traumatic for the wildlife, but for wildlife rescuers too, having to cut creatures out of trapped entanglements and deal with the serious injuries.

## 5. Tidying up gardens: tree lopping, mowing and whipper-snipping hiding places

Always check for nests before tree trimming, and poke a stick through tall grass before getting stuck in with that power tool. We rescue birds and possums that have fallen from their nests when branches get lopped, bandicoots and blue tongue lizards that have been whipper-snipped or mowed over, as well as possums that have been cut by chainsaws and hedgers.



A juvenile bandicoot sleeping in her dirt and leaf nest

## 6. "Interesting" visitors

A garden with lots of wildlife is a healthy and productive garden. Birds eat insects, insects eat insects, bandicoots turn the soil and eat insects, bats and bees and birds pollinate, and eat insects, but sometimes you can get visitors (you think) you don't want. These can include non-native rodents, but remember Australia has plenty of native rodents and small marsupials. PLEASE don't use poisons as you could kill native rats, lizards or possums

that eat bait, or our owls or tawny frogmouths that eat the baited animals.

Don't use nasty sticky paper that trap our small birds and mammals. If you need to get rid of non-native rodents have a look online for humane trapping or talk to pest control about targeted removal.

There are some visitors you do want, even though you think you don't. These include some of our spiders and snakes.

Reptiles are more active in summer, and you may find them wandering through your backyard. They do a fantastic job of removing rats and other unwanted visitors free of charge and really only ask that you leave them in peace to do their job without interruption.

We have a number of snakes on the Northern Beaches and not all of them are "6foot brown snakes". There are many small and innocuous species that use our gardens as their homes. The harmless blind snake, which often gets rescued from the pool filter box, lives a mostly subterranean existence eating termite larvae and other pest insects. Diamond pythons may live in your garden or roof-space performing the rodent extermination service.

If you do see a snake in your garden, don't panic. Remove your pets and children and allow the snake time to recover and pass through. If it doesn't pass through, call Sydney Wildlife Rescue for advice. We have volunteers

who are happy to identify different species of snakes living in your gardens and we can often allay any fears about their intentions.

Snakes generally don't move through if there is food or good habitat. So, if there's nowhere to hide (debris, wood piles, long grass) they generally won't stay.

When gardening wear sturdy boots and gardening gloves and don't leave your shoes outside.

If a snake does enter your house, again, don't panic. Remove pets and kids, close the door to the room the snake was sighted and place a rolled-up towel at the bottom of the door to stop the snake escaping. Call Sydney Wildlife for advice or professional snake-catching company to have it relocated. Keep an eye on the snake's whereabouts to reduce the snake-catcher's need to turn your house upside-down in an effort to find the hiding critter.

And never try to catch or kill ANY snake. Not only are they a protected species but it is well documented that most snake bites occur when the tough guys attempt to attack or remove them.



Pimento the Brown tree snake  
Credit: Peter Sharp - Tame and Wild Studio.

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# Essential Christmas Albums

Music with Digz by Digby Robinson



## A Very Furnace Christmas – Y.M.C.A. Christmas Version

One of the most enjoyable yet unusual Christmas albums out right now. The boys in Furnace & The Fundamentals have combined traditional carols and some of their favourite pop, rock and rap songs. Highlights include Gangster's Paradise, Shook Me All Night Long and Just Can't Get enough, all with a signature splash of Furnace energy and humour, with reworked lyrics and production to make it all about Christmas. This album is banger after banger. Be sure to add it to the collection this year.



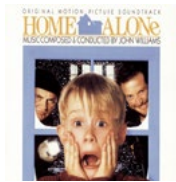
## Bing Crosby White Christmas – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Bing Crosby is as essential to Christmas as Santa Claus, Turkey, or dare I say Jesus himself. Released in the 1940's, this album has had more reissues and cover changes than you can poke an elf at. Bing's soothing, buttery vocals provides us with the warmth and comfort we all desire over the Christmas period. No doubt he will be heard on countless 2020 Christmas TV commercials singing the glories of a White Christmas which we will never receive down under. Damn you Bing!



## Diana Krall Christmas Songs – Christmas Time Is Here

This one is for the classy folk, the ones who refuse to get caught up in the Christmas cheese that is Mariah, Wham, and Buble. Diana is all about pouring some mulled wine and sitting by the fire place whilst soaking in the smooth jazz sounds of her and her piano. Whilst they're all the regular tunes you would expect from a Christmas compilation, the jazz vibes bring a welcome and relaxing change.



## Home Alone Soundtrack – Somewhere in My Memory

If you don't watch Home Alone at Christmas, do you even Christmas? This soundtrack was nominated for a Grammy AND an Academy Award for best original song for it's main theme, John Williams' Somewhere in My Memory. The track list includes all of the original score and choir songs performed in the movie but misses out one of the best tunes from the movie 'Rockin Around The Christmas Tree' by Brenda Lee so you'll have to dive into another compilation for that classic.

## Essential Singles

### Last Christmas Wham

The most played Christmas song of the 21st Century up until 2015. George Michael wrote, performed, produced, and played every single instrument on the track.

### Mariah Carey – All I Want for Christmas

Need I say more?

### The Darkness – Christmas Time

Long distance love, children singing and rocking guitar solos with the blistering vocals of Justin Hawkins is what Christmas is really all about.

## Dishonorable Mention

### Michael Buble – Christmas

A bland and uninspired mix of classic crooner Christmas songs and traditional carols. Pass on this.



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Painting by Frankie Morgan @frankiedigs

# Zen and the Art of... Stand Up Comedy

Careers By Julia Wilson

I never had any plans to be a comedian. I worked as a truck driver, pizza deliverer (thanks Mimmos), and as an accountant for a while, then I put myself through music school. The whole time I was doing those jobs I was a bouncer in local pubs. It was a rough job, but I loved it. I got to see live music most nights and I'm pretty handy, so breaking up brawls was second nature.

After work one night at The Fishos, necking staffies, spinning yarns, I was telling my mate a story about how I chucked some stupid punter out that night. I thought I was just chatting with my bud next to me, but realised the whole room was listening. The story got big laughs, even though I wasn't actually trying to be funny.

The Fishos crew were super supportive (unlike the nuns of the school which now occupies the location and constantly told me that no one had to hear my smart mouth, and that I'd never amount to anything. I've got

news for them, and a few eggs to suck and middle fingers to twirl on...) and encouraged me to do stand up. I loved watching stand up. It got me through some horrible times, but I was petrified if I tried it and I sucked that my one escape would be ruined and gone forever.

The Fishos' manager at the time (who is still one of my best mates and business partner in Desire Books & Records) and I were drinking at the Basement. There was a poster for RAW comedy on the wall - the competition that's launched a heap of Aussie comedians. He made me promise to sign up.

I agreed, drunkenly. The competition had already started, and I assumed I'd be in the following year, meaning enough time for him to forget about it. Nup...I woke up the next morning with a giant hangover to a phone call saying I'd be performing in a fortnight. What?! I made everybody who'd ever told me how bloody hilarious I was

and that I should do stand up freaking comedy to come to my house and demanded they tell me every single thing I'd ever said that was funny.

A fortnight later, I won my heat, made it through to the semi-finals, which was my 3rd ever gig. Strong start to the making people laugh career path, and looking back, thank God I didn't make it to Melbourne for the RAW Comedy National Finals. That would've meant performing my 4th gig in front of a 1000 people at Melbourne Town Hall and an ABC audience of the entire country - yeah, people used to watch TV back then. I reckon I might've choked like Greg Norman on Tiger's Big Bertha, but who knows.

People ask me if comedy's hard. My reply is always the same, I used to drive trucks and get punched in the face for a living. What's the worst that can happen doing stand up? They don't laugh. I'll take that every day of the week! And I have for 18 years now. Pretty funny.

## It's in the Genes

Izzy's Mumma Files **By Izzy Buda**

When I was a surly teenager there were many a time I spat "I'll never be like you when I'm a mum!" Flash forward fifteen years later my mother's words and voice expel themselves from my mouth without warning. I have become what I promised I wouldn't. It's an involuntary expulsion of irritation after your child draws all over the walls for a fifth time.

Many times we repeat our own lives. The words our mothers and fathers told us when we were children come back on the next generation. Being self aware, we have the power to select from what we learnt and decide what we want to pass on.

Sometimes I'm super mum. Kids are happy, I read to them daily, do the washing, cook great food and get them to bed on time.

Then there are other times I open the fridge and stare at the raw products with absolute boredom, totally uninspired at the prospect of turning them into an edible meal.

The times the kids won't sit still and you

have to basically straight-jacket them and repeat over and over and over again "open your mouth" while you try to feed them.

The times when they're in the shower and keep opening the screen door, running through the house dripping and laughing. You're not laughing though. Get the F back in the shower you think. You are mentally tired and pissed off.

It's the endless repetition of parenthood that grinds me down. The endless nagging and screaming thinking to myself 'why won't you just do what I ask?'

I do anxiously await the teen years. I recently complained to mum about the rigmarole of mothering. She smirked and said 'little kids, little problems!' and my mind flashed back to my teenage self. Yikes. My kids have my genes. It's very likely that history will repeat itself and I'll have Ruby sneaking out to Dee Why parties at night with a Mt Franklin bottle filled with 'rocket fuel' too.

Do I have the power to change the future with my parenting or is my child gonna be the way they're gonna be regardless of my style?

The apple does not drop far. Mum, me, Ruby. Let's see shall we.



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King Louis XIV, 1673



Birthing Chair

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## Who's to blame for birthing on our backs?

By Natalie Andrew, Hypnobirth Practitioner

France's King Louis XIV is responsible for millions of women adopting a birthing position that goes completely against every ounce of anatomical sense.

Known for his womanising, Louis fathered 22 children with his wives and a swathe of mistresses. At the time it was normal for women to birth using a birthing stool - a type of chair which allowed the woman to maintain an upright position and take advantage of gravity to help move the baby down the birth canal. For King Louis, this just wouldn't do. He became increasingly frustrated by the obstructed view posed by the birthing stool. If history is to be believed he wanted to see his offspring being born, quite literally!

Being the King meant his demands were quickly met for the stool to be abolished and replaced by a 'birthing table' replete with stirrups to yank the woman's pesky legs out of

the way and make for much better viewing.

The King's new birthing method made childbirth far more painful because lying on a table reduces the space available in the pelvis by an incredible 28-30%. That space is crucial. Lying on your back to give birth essentially means the mother is pushing uphill against gravity while the stirrups lock the lumbopelvic girdle as tight as a chastity belt at a point in time where mobility is king, not the perve watching on.

Despite this being the worst position for a woman to give birth in, it became popular as lower classes began to hear of the upper class adopting it and assumed it was a sign of nobility and prestige.

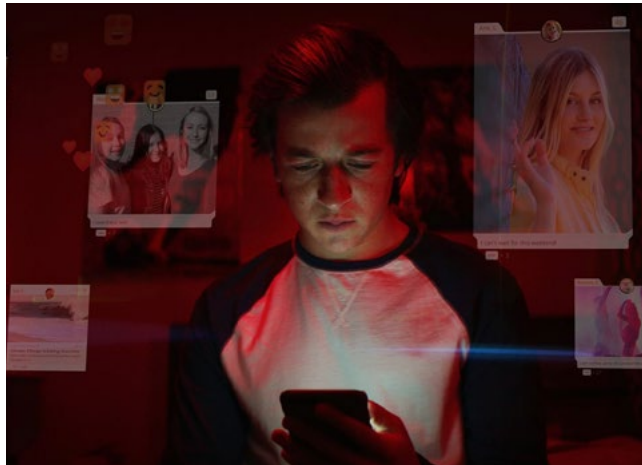
It's no surprise that it was around this time that instrumental delivery began, with the invention of forceps. Pain relief also became more widely used. When Louis threw out the birthing stool he also threw out the role that gravity and movement play in helping the baby move effectively through the birth canal.

Many women who are likely to be new grandparents today will be reading this and possibly grimacing at the memory of having to birth on their backs. They may have had pain relief, but epidurals were not in wide use so they had little choice, but to assume this position despite it possibly being against all of their natural instincts.

Today many hospitals and birthing parents recognise the importance of movement, gravity and positioning for labour and birth. When birthing in an upright position the baby is 54% less likely to become distressed, emergency c-sections are reduced by 29%, episiotomy rates are reduced by 29% and there is a reduced need for pain relief such as epidurals. Many women who choose to have epidurals are also being encouraged to use side-lying positions to create more space in the pelvis.

If you're likely to be birthing soon, remember to work with your baby, your body and gravity. And if Prince Charles invents a new birthing apparatus - tell him to stick to his royal duties and leave the birthing to the women.

Natalie is passionate about preparing women and their birth partners for their birth no matter what turn it takes. More info at [www.preparedtobirth.com.au](http://www.preparedtobirth.com.au)



A still from docudrama *The Social Dilemma*. Photograph: Netflix

## The Social Dilemma

Movie Review By Madeline Jackson

### Editor's Note

I asked Tawny delivery walker, 16-year-old Madeline, to review *The Social Dilemma* and share her insights on growing up in a digital-obsessed world, where the screens we're all glued to are being manipulated to transform our personalities, viewpoints and behaviours.

The internet has seeped into our lives so deeply that it's usually impossible for many people to live their lives without it. It's used for everything from schoolwork, to online gaming, you can even pay your taxes over the internet. If you went outside and asked a stranger on the street if they'd ever used the internet, they would most likely look up from their phone and say that of course they have. Technology is ingrained into our lives as the social norm, so at this

point not many people see anything wrong with it.

This is where *The Social Dilemma* comes in. *The Social Dilemma* is a 94-minute eye-opening documentary on Netflix. Directed by Jeff Orlowski, it gives an inside look at what goes on in the tech industry behind the scenes, and often, in front of our very faces. Candid interviews from developers and CEOs from some of the most famous technology and social media companies; including Twitter, Instagram, Google, Apple and Facebook.

*The Social Dilemma* focuses on the rabbit hole that is social media and their creators, their ulterior motives and predatory business models. The most successful apps utilise how your brain works in order to properly design how a notification will look, to tweak your interest and then set an algorithm that keeps you scrolling. Your device remembers everything you search, even sometimes

things you say out loud in conversation, and then tailors advertisements and articles that are exactly what you are looking for before you even realise. Creepy right? Your phone is a spy in your pocket. The documentary speaks at length about how companies like Apple and Microsoft have used these strategies to grow their empires to the US\$2 trillion they are worth today.

Not only is social media a monopoly that preys on your attention, *The Social Dilemma* documentary also highlights the disturbing effects that it has on its users, its youngest ones in particular. The co-creator of the Facebook 'Like' Button, Justin Rosenstein, comments on how he is saddened that the feature he created to spread positivity on the site is now an epitome of self-worth for some. It's hard not to be discouraged by getting 10 likes on a post when Kylie Jenner is getting 250,000 and sadly young people's mental health is suffering due to these unrealistic expectations. The increased rate in which young people are self-harming, and even committing suicide has a direct correlation to the introduction of social media. A fact that has not escaped the people interviewed on this doco, which is why their ethical concerns have resulted in them not only leaving these corporate powerhouses but also stipulating that their own children don't sign up for social media.

This documentary is worth a watch. It's truly mortifying to see how much technology controls us like puppets. Judgment Day is here, and the enemy is not the Terminator like you thought it was.... it's in your pocket!

## Raise the Spit, Keep the Eastern Bloc Out!

Danger, Satire! By Johnny Baylis @billysclicks

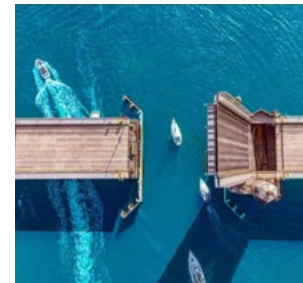


Photo: @visualsofstef

Pan-Spit tensions are red raw after a border dispute showcased the deep-seated animosity between Sydney's North and East photographers.

On a recent pristine morning with Instagram snappers

desperate to nail the perfect shots of beachside rockpools, TEBS (The Eastern Bloc Sunrise Crowd) claim they were illegally refused entry 'roadblock' style to the Insular Peninsula.

Professional photographer and saboteur Stef told *The Shutter Priority*, "Someone ripped into the Spit's fuse box, made sure she didn't come down till cloud cover rolled in and turned a primo morning into a grey and glum photographer's nightmare. It wasn't me."

It's no secret TEBS are bored beyond belief, as too are their dwindling Instagram

followers, with posting pics of their 'one famous beach' at Bondi and that 'one famous pool' at Bronte.

"It's all they've got," laughed Stef, cackling a little too gleefully for his earlier declaration of innocence to be taken with anything but 10,000 Alanis Morissette ironic spoons of salt.

"The Northern Beaches is the focal point of the Sydney photography scene. We don't need Bronte wannabes swanning over here to steal precious Instagram likes that rightfully belong to locals."

Police were called to the scene to investigate an alleged burnout by one of the Eastern Bloc. "The skid marks were pretty underexposed", said the Constable, "very common for photographers from Bronte-teeeee". Police are looking into those leading lines.



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The flagship South Steyne (1,781 passenger capacity) Credit: Manly Warringah Pittwater Historical Society

## The North Remembers... Manly Ferry, King in the North!

History in the Making By Richard Michell

Barney Kearns started a Manly ferry service in 1830, operating an on-demand transfer by sailing boat between Balmoral and Manly, but the operation we know today, with ferries between Circular Quay and Manly, was started in 1853 by Henry Gilbert Smith. He sought to encourage land purchasers and day trippers to his newly laid out Brighton village and was wildly successful. Both the village and the ferry prospered. By the late 1850s half a dozen vessels operated on the route.

Brighton and Manly Steam Ferry Company formed in 1865, operating a 63ton, purpose built, double-ended steel paddle steamer, the Phantom. Its funnel was painted white with a black top. The colour scheme and double ended design became synonymous with Manly ferries. In 1877 the company re-organised as the Port Jackson Steam Boat Company and commissioned a vessel from Scotland, the pad-

dle steamer Fairlight, starting on the Manly run in 1879 with a top speed of 12 knots. Its appearance and layout set the template for future ferries.

In the 1890s, passengers enjoyed cheap food, orchestras and, on the Brighton, access to a wine bar complete with an aviary of canaries. In 1907, the Port Jackson and Manly Steamship Company Ltd. was formed and ran the service for the next 70 years. With the 1903 introduction of a tram network radiating out from Manly Wharf, residential settlement grew, the transport network expanded rapidly up the Peninsula. Commuter traffic rivalled holiday.

From 1910 to 1952 eight ferries were purpose built or modernised to service the demand. The flagship was the South Steyne. Built in Scotland in 1938 it was 1,203 tons and could carry 1,781 passengers! In 1971 the operation attracted a takeover bid by Brambles Industries Limited.

but the new owners had little interest in the ferry service, attracted by other activities of the company which included servicing offshore oil rigs.

At the time of the takeover there were four ferries in operation – South Steyne, North Head, Bellubera and Baragoola. In 1973 the Baragoola was withdrawn and in early 1974 Brambles announced that the Bellubera was also to go, causing public outrage and a Save the Manly Ferries campaign. Petitions containing tens of thousands of signatures were delivered to state parliament and, after various twists and turns, the State Government took over operations, but would operate only two ferries – North Head and Baragoola.

This didn't work and in 1976 the government announced it would build three new ferries – the Freshwater class. The first, the Freshwater, was commissioned in 1982 and was followed by the Queenscliff in 1983 and the Narrabeen in 1984. A fourth, the Collaroy, was added in 1988. The style of these ferries was in the tradition of the old ferries and they have proved popular with passengers.



## Cheeseburger Spring Rolls

Recipe by **J.B&SONS**

One of our most popular and delicious snacks are perfect for a party with mates or a really, really sad night home all alone. Inspired by the delicious version at Ms. Gs in Potts Point.

### Ingredients (makes 20 Spring rolls)

700g beef mince, cooked  
14 slices of burger cheese, cut into three strips  
200g pickles, diced  
1/2 small brown onion, diced  
200g burger sauce  
1 packet of spring roll paper  
1 egg, beaten

### Method

1. Take your spring roll packet out of the freezer to thaw
2. Season, then cook your beef (bbq or frypan), constantly mixing and chopping as you go
3. Place cooked beef (and all the delicious juices) into a large mixing bowl
4. Add the onion, pickle and 100g of burger sauce to the bowl, mix well and chill
5. Take one spring roll paper and wrap the rest in a damp cloth to stop them drying out.
6. Place the paper in a diamond shape and put one slice of the cheese horizontally at the lower end of the diamond (halfway between the midpoint and the bottom)
7. Place one heaped tablespoon of your beef mixture on top of the cheese, then place another piece of cheese on top of the beef to create a little stack
8. Take the bottom corner of the paper and roll it up and over the stack, tucking it tight against the other side

9. With some downward pressure, roll the stack forward until just past the midpoint
10. Fold in the edges and then roll the remainder up to the top corner, trying to manipulate it into a cylinder shape as you go
11. Seal the top corner with a brush of egg wash, set aside and repeat
12. Cook until the spring roll paper is crispy and the cheese is ready to ooze!
13. Serve immediately with remaining burger sauce for dipping

### Notes

- Good beef from your local butcher will need only salt and pepper. Chuck/brisket blend should give you the perfect fat and flavour ratio
- We make our own pickles (and it's easy, you can too) but any Bread & Butter pickle is fine
- Grab any supermarket burger sauce or make your own. Ours is a mixture of American Mustard, Tomato Sauce, Aioli, and Secrets
- For best results fry in oil at 170-180 degrees. Alternatively cook in an oven at 180 for 12-15 minutes, checking and turning halfway
- If you want to be very 2020, you could cook them in your air fryer too, just don't forget to tell all your friends about it!
- Will keep for a day or so in the fridge, but can be made ahead and frozen before cooking
- If you can master rolling these things, we have a guaranteed job for you at JB & Sons!





**Subject** Indigenous closing ceremony, QBC  
**Photographer** Mel Koeman, @mel\_koeman



**Subject** Sunset over North Narrabeen Lakes  
**Photographer** Steve Whoosh



**Subject** Water Dragon  
**Photographer** Rob Edgren, @robedgren



**Location** Newport reef  
**Photographer** Heidi Hamster - @hjh.aerials



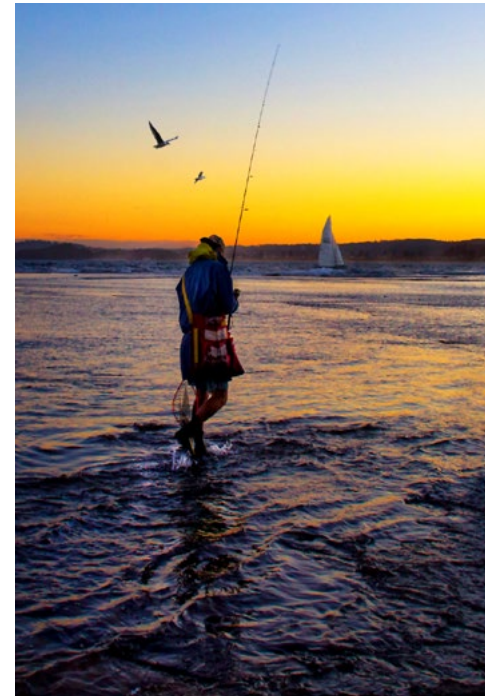
**Subject** Fire NSW teaching the Ability Options  
Community how to hose **Location** Cromer



**Subject** Dee Why Surf Carnival, U15s Boys **Location** Dee Why Beach, 28 November  
**Photographer** Vic Boase, Manly Camera Club member



**Subject** Tawny Delivery Foot Soldier  
**Photographer** Pete Derrin



**Subject** Heading Out  
**Photographer** Margo Lucas, Manly Camera Club

# A Year of Reading

Tawny's Bathtub Bookclub by Paige Turner

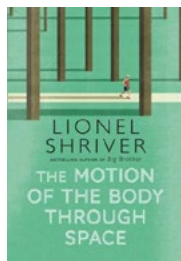
Even by my extreme standards 2020 will go down as the year I binge read in the bath, and later in bed, more than ever before. I became addicted to a daily habit of drawing a bubble bath at around 4.30pm and never lifting my wrinkled body from it before 7.30pm.

Here are some of the books I discovered in 2020. They are not recently published. They may already be familiar to you but these are the books I read in 2020 that will stay with me. Certain books are like friends, I read the cherished ones over and over, especially when I'm awake at 2am. A familiar and loved book is just what I need to read myself back to sleep.



## The Cazalet Chronicles, Elizabeth Jane Howard

Five novels spanning 1937 to 1956 in the UK and published between 1990 and 1995. I never wanted this gripping family story to end. Living through World War II in London made the pandemic look quite tolerable especially from this end of the world. Beautifully written. A writer who is up there with Hilary Mantel and Anita Brookner but never got their recognition in her life time.



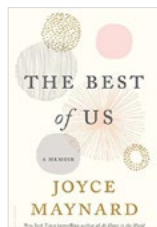
## The Motion of the Body Through Space, Lionel Shriver

It's about so many things – obsession, searching for relevance, jealousy, parenting, marriage, cultural appropriation, body image, manipulation and so much more. If you're in a relationship with someone recently obsessed with CrossFit or similar then you'll get a real kick out of it.



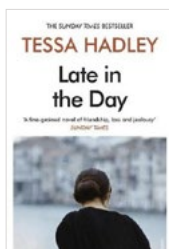
## The Great Believers, Rebecca Makkai

This is an absolute page-turner (no pun intended). Set in Chicago just as AIDS is taking off and gay rights is only just gaining traction. So many wonderful characters, so much love, jealousy, insecurity, twists and turns – even accusations of art forgery and skulduggery. It's got the lot and you can feel the bitter cold and fierce winds off Lake Michigan seep into your bones too as you read it.



## The Best of Us, Joyce Maynard

I don't care if Joyce is accused of being the queen of over-sharing because what she's sharing is utterly fascinating and the woman can't write. Most over sharers can't. This story broke my heart for her. I don't know where the memoir stops and the novel starts and I don't care.



## Late in the Day, Tessa Hadley

Ageing and adultery. Does it get any better than this?



## The Neapolitan Novels, Elena Ferrante

Yeah, yeah they've been out for years but I'm a late adaptor. This Italian family saga could not be more different to the Cazalet's but equally fascinating. I felt like a voyeur consuming all four of these books. What a bizarre bunch of people but then what bunch of people isn't?

# Razzle's Trivia

1. What colour lid is the plastic recycling bin on the Northern Beaches - Blue or Yellow?
2. In reference to the Spit Bridge, what is the suburb called if you turn immediately right at the top of the hill headed into the city at Medusa St?
3. What is the northern most Surf Lifesaving Club on the Northern Beaches?
4. According to their website, what is the average time it takes for the Manly Fast Ferry to get to Circular Quay?
5. In Summer, how many times does the Spit Bridge open on a weekday?
6. Who had the hit song – "Who Let the Dogs Out"?
7. As you look at the Australian Coat of Arms – which animal is on the righthand side?
8. The ad campaign involving the famous "Not Happy Jan" was advertising which company?
9. How many runs did each team score in the Super Over of the 2019 ODI Cricket World Cup Final that England won on a countback vs New Zealand?
10. In which decade was Hawaii given official state status in the US?
11. Has there ever been a Winter Olympics in the Southern Hemisphere?
12. In which decade did McDonald's first come to Australia?
13. Who is currently the oldest living US President?
14. The movie "The Castle" is set in which Australian city?
15. The Strait of Gibraltar separates Spain & which African country?
16. What is the approximate population of Greenland - 56,000, 560,000 or 5.6 Million?
17. The Coleman Medal is awarded in which sport?
18. What breed of dog is Snoopy?
19. Which date of the year is recognized as Star Wars day?
20. To the nearest litre, how many litres in a gallon?

# Sudoku

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# Star Signs

by Krystal Bawl

## Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

You can't please everyone. People are silly, especially you, trying to please them all. Please yourself, much better.

## Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Nothing screams passive aggression like gifting a "friend" a self-help-money-making-love-finding-diet book.

## Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

A leopard can't change its spots but thanks to the harsh Aussie sun, you can. Go for a skin check, freckles.

## Aries Mar 21 - Apr 19

Too many cooks spoil the broth. Ensure a good meal for all. Nobly refuse to help out in the kitchen, hero.

## Taurus Apr 20 - May 21

Honesty is the best policy for losing friends, employment and freedom. Be smart. Learn to lie. Become successful.

## Gemini May 22 - Jun 21

Fighting fire with fire creates an out of control inferno. Try instead bringing some water to the fire fight next time.

## Cancer Jun 22 - Jul 22

Cheats never prosper, unless we're talking about the Melbourne Storm. It seems to serve them pretty well.

## Leo Jul 23 - Aug 22

It is what it is, obviously, unless it's not. In which case, it is what it isn't, isn't it? Yes! No...maybe?

## Virgo Aug 23 - Sep 23

Nature abhors a vacuum, just like your better half. Love them both in all their vacuum-abhorring lazy glory.

## Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

Talk is cheap, unless it's a former U.S. President doing the chin-wagging, then it costs a devil's ransom.

## Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Yes, you're amazing. You're the best thing since sliced bread! Yes, everyone who doesn't see this is an idiot!

## Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

There is no time like the present. Make the most of it now. No, now! I really mean it, NOW!



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**Trivia Answers**

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