

Vincentia Village Produce Markets - Organised for the Community, By the Community

On a sunny winter's afternoon on Thursday 6 July, something very exciting happened in the court yard at the Vincentia Village shops – stalls went up, crowds gathered, the smell of delicious hot food wafted, live music played, and the place buzzed. It was the launch of our very own produce market. There were stalls selling local fruit and vegetables, fresh from the farm; beautiful boutiques of flowers; bulk dried wholefoods; arts and crafts – wonderful gifts and home decorative pieces; delicious things to eat, both hot and cold.



In addition, at the Market stall itself, locals were able to swap excess produce from their garden in exchange for excess from those of others – citrus, bunches of herbs, tamarillos, eggs (to name a few) were all happily exchanged.

Many local businesses joined in, putting their own wares and promotions outside their premises. And the locals and visitors came, with hundreds shopping and enjoying the atmosphere. A successful second market followed two weeks later, despite the glacial winds!



The Markets came into being after eight months of planning by a dedicated team under the auspices of the Vincentia Chamber of Commerce. The idea initiated with a closure of Greenbox, a food cooperative in Gerringong with which a number of locals had been involved, and from the need to revitalise an important community asset.



The Council initially approved a trial for the Markets to run on a fortnightly basis over a two month period, with a review after that. Subject to Council agreement the organising committee is looking at the feasibility of running weekly once the trial is over. The committee is seeking more volunteers join the fun and has plans for market days with particular themes, such as trash 'n treasure and Christmas gifts in the lead up to the festive season. Further information can be had by contacting info@vvpm.org or 02 444 15522.

Next market - Thursday 3 August from 2pm.



Draft Worrowing Heights Precinct Plan

Council has recently adopted the draft Worrowing Heights Precinct Plan and Strategic Directions Report for the purposes of community consultation. The draft Report and Plan will be available for public review and comment from Wednesday 26 July until Friday 25 August 2017. It can be viewed at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Council/Public-exhibition/Documents-on-exhibition.

The draft Plan provides a potential strategic planning framework for future land uses within the precinct at Worrowing Heights. The precinct covers approximately 67 hectares of land to the South of Bayswood Estate and Vincentia Marketplace Shopping Centre on the corner of The Wool Road and Naval College Road, Worrowing Heights.

A landowner briefing will be held on Wednesday 2 August 2017 from 4.30-5.00pm at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre located on The Wool Road in Vincentia. A broader community drop-in session will be held immediately after from 5.00-6.30pm to provide an opportunity to discuss the draft Report and Plan.

Update on Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan (CBDVMP)

Readers may be aware that a draft Council CBDVMP was developed over 2015 and 2016 after extensive community consultation and was placed on public exhibition in late 2016. Council did not adopt that draft plan but decided in response to the submissions received and position of relevant government agencies, to engage consultants NGH Environmental and a coastal expert to revise the approach and work with key government agencies to gain their endorsement.

The revised approach would reflect the new Coastal Management Act 2016 management objectives. As part of the review, the consultant would assess and consider a reasonable balance between appropriate vegetation and the vista of Jervis Bay from the cycleway. A revegetation plan for the dune and a strong policy that responds to vandalism would also be considered.

We have been recently advised that Shoalhaven Council staff are striving to put the revised CBDVMP to the August Council meeting for resolution to put on public exhibition.

Shared Path along the Wool Road

Readers may recall that in the VRRRA's first Newsletter (May 2016) it was reported that our then President, Peter Gaffey, met with Council staff to discuss problems of water run-off, slime build-up and vegetation overgrowth impeding the pathway along the Wool Road.



At the time it was recognised that no easy solution to the problem as was available due to the proximity of fibre optic cables, water mains and other services. However, we are pleased to report that following significant recent work by Council, the drainage along the path has been substantially improved. Well done Council.



Vincentia Fitness Station - Thank you Bendigo Bank and others

In our last Newsletter (May 2017) we indicated that the new exercise equipment at Plantation Point Reserve had just opened to the public. This equipment is now being well utilised by both locals and tourists. Many thanks to the Bendigo Bank Sanctuary Point for instigating this project and also to Shoalhaven City Council and NSW Sport and Recreation for co-funding.

Chloe McCardle Returns with Her Team of English Channel Swimmers

In our July 2016 Newsletter we reported on the visit to Jervis Bay by Chloe McCardle and the team of swimmers that she trains to conquer the English Channel. Chloe is an ultra-marathon swimmer, motivational speaker, ambassador, fundraiser and a renowned marathon swimming coach. To date, Chloe has swum the Channel 21 times, two times more than Australia's other great English Channel swimmer, Des Renford.



On Friday 14 July 2017, Chloe and a team of 28 swimmers from all over the world were back in the 'Bay training to swim the Channel. Jervis Bay at this time of year is ideal for their training as they need water temperature between 14-16 degrees Celsius, approximately the water temperature the swimmers will face in the English Channel. Water in the 'Bay on that day was 15.4 degrees.

If you dream of one day attempting the English Channel, either as a solo swimmer or as part of a relay team, contact Chloe as she would love to hear from you. Contact: chloe@chloemccardle.com, www.chloemccardle.com

We hope to see Chloe and her team of hopefuls again in future years.

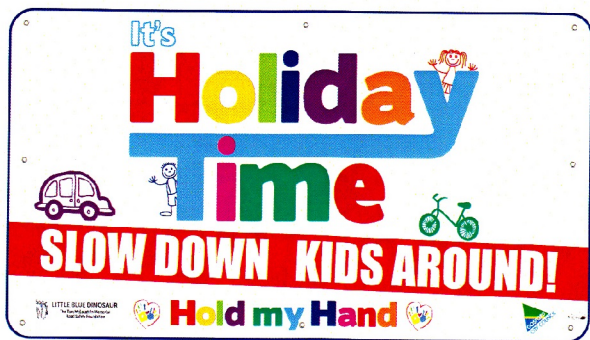


The National Broadband Network (NBN) is Almost Here

Contractors are continuing with the rollout of fibre optic cables around Vincentia in advance of the NBN. Planned availability of the NBN in Vincentia is expected around November 2017. You can check the planned availability for your residence or business at nbn.com.au/connect-home-or-business/check-your-address.html.

The picture shows of 'Phil and boys' from Natzel installing the preliminary works for pulling the cable. It was great to see the passion of Phil and his team applying their safe work practices, sharing their knowledge and prepared to be part of our VRRRA newsletter. Most of all, it is great to see a local firm from Ulladulla employing local people and bringing updated technology to Vincentia.





School holidays make up about 3-4 months of the year and at this time the playground shifts. This campaign aims to educate children, their parents and the wider community about the need to maintain a focus on road safety when in holiday zones.

The roadways in holiday zones are often very different to children's home environments and often lack the usual visual cues like gutters, footpaths that may help a child to "recognise it as a road".

Remember... children have limited cognitive abilities such as:

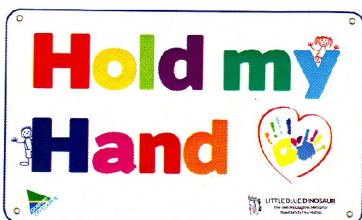
- Inability to critically analyse a vehicles distance & speed.
- Limitations of peripheral vision
- Inability to STOP immediately on request or command. *The message is heard then processed by a child's brain & they may have still taken those extra few steps into the pathway of an oncoming vehicle.*
- Slower physical reflexes

If you want to make your holiday town or holiday destination safer we have information and resources available to help.

If you want to know more email us at info@littlebluedinosaur.org

More ways to help

- Like and Share our [Facebook.com/littlebluedinosaur](https://www.facebook.com/littlebluedinosaur)
- Donate and or Fundraise at [mycause.com.au](https://www.mycase.com.au) ...
click on charities & type Little Blue Dinosaur
- Talk to your local MP re: Infrastructure improvement Funding



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Crime Prevention Officer to Address Next VRRRA Meeting

Following reports of recent break and enters in properties in the Bay and Basin region, the NSW Police Force has agreed for their Crime Prevention Officer, Tony Jory, to address the next VRRRA meeting on Thursday 17 August.

Tony will give advice on how to reduce the risk of break-ins at your property as well as how to prevent falling victim to frauds and other scams. Make sure you come along to the meeting to hear this interesting and informative presentation.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 17 August 2017 at 7.30pm at the Vincentia Community Hall in the Coles car park.

Not a VRRRA member? It doesn't matter for the consideration of local Council related issues. Everyone is welcome and if you are a ratepayer or resident of Vincentia, come and have your say.

Why not join the VRRRA? It is only \$10 per person per year. Membership application is quick and easy. It can be done on the night or online by going to our website www.vrrra.org.au. For information contact the secretary: vrra.ccb@gmail.com.

Input for Future Newsletters/Community Notices

Do you have any issues/news or community notices that you want circulated in the Vincentia community in future Newsletters?

Do you want to respond to something in a previous Newsletter?

If so, please send your contributions to vrra.ccb@gmail.com and we will consider its inclusion in future publications. Articles of no more than one page including photos are preferred. You do not need to be a VRRRA member to contribute, but the VRRRA reserves the right to determine whether an article will be included.



Sally Says, 'Every Day is a Bonus to Enjoy!'

I hear kookaburras calling and noisy lorrikeets in the trees as I make my way to Collingwood Beach for my early morning daily walk and swim.

There are beautiful colours, pinks, orange, deep yellow, above me as the sun slowly lifts above the horizon. Bands of gold glimmer over the waters of the Bay - wonderful sight!

Apart from a small flock of seagulls and three oyster pickers on the beach, there is only me to see a school of fish break the surface of the water - perhaps I will be fortunate enough to see dolphins. The air is so fresh and clear - feels good to fill my lungs!

A lone fisherman arrives to try his luck and two or three others are out for their walk - I wave to Bob - he is having a swim. Joining three or four other friends on my return we all go for a 'dip' in the Bay - lots of laughs and noise!

We all agree our 'constitutional' makes us very healthy and ready for each day. Its very invigorating!

We invite others to join us.

When its high tide and the sand is too soft for me to walk on, I use the shared pathway - we are so lucky to have this path - Council are commended for it - so many use it. Walking dogs, riding bikes, running, as well as walking. Lots to see. Full of birdlife and rabbits! Even a black one.

This is a wonderful place to live with a pleasant lifestyle. I think it helps to keep one healthy and happy. Works for me.

Sally

I've been doing this walk, swim for 25 years. All weathers. Every day is a bonus to enjoy!

