

REDHEAD VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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ART TO WALK ABOUT

WORDS BY BEC HEATH

Ever walked the Fernleigh Track, and despite the beautiful surroundings of nature and its ever changing cycles, found it a bit monotonous? Well fear the monotony no more! The Fernleigh Track is about to get a glow up through the upcoming ON TRACK art project.

ON TRACK is a project to create a series of fifteen sculptures along the Fernleigh Track and along the western side of the lake, with a proposed launch date of May 2025. The project is in partnership with the Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance, local schools & community groups and the ten Sustainable Neighbourhood Groups.

The starting point for the creation of the sculptures will be the themes of 'The Environment' and 'Our First Nations Heritage'. Sculptures will mainly be made from natural or found materials such as waste.

The Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group would like to combine the ON TRACK project and the Lake Macquarie Waste to Art Competition, in the creation of our sculptural masterpiece. We plan to conduct some clean ups of the Redhead area and use the waste in the construction of a sculpture that represents Redhead's wonderful legacy.

We are looking for around five local Redhead residents and artists who would like to be involved in this creative endeavour. If this is you, please email sustainableredhead@gmail.com to express your interest.

RSNG would like to acknowledge the Awabakal peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of Redhead where this newsletter was made. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

RID OF RUBBISH FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Clean Up Australia Day

WORDS BY LINDSAY BLACK



Our annual Redhead Cleanup Australia Day event this year was in the morning on Sunday 3rd March. Over 30 volunteers came along, including families with young children, beach users from Newcastle, Gateshead and Belmont North who are keen to keep the area pristine, some new Redhead residents and local regulars who come along every year.

Dave Doggett and his sons brought their Ute and starred again this year, collecting a huge quantity of rubbish, a truck tyre and other large items, mostly the result of illegal dumping into Redhead's easily accessible bushland. Further large waste contributions were collected by others from kids' informal 'party' areas and surrounding rubbish in the dunes while the families with kids concentrated on picking up plastics etc. along the beach.

By midday we had a huge pile of garbage in Webb Park. The LMCC waste trucks arrived promptly at 12:30pm and took it all away, hopefully leaving Redhead sparkling from our joint efforts. Thanks to everyone who came, helped and made that possible.

Also a special thanks to those unsung heroes in Redhead who consistently pick up litter and cigarette butts at the beach and in the carparks, plus the person who regularly collects rubbish along Redhead Road all year round.

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO VIEW THE
VIRTUAL MAP WITH
DETAILED STORIES



Redhead Train Station Platform

Opened in 1925 to transport miners, the station also won the railway garden competition three years in a row. It was sadly engulfed in flames in 1988



Quinn (9)



The Men's Shed Fan Room

Take a visit to learn about the Lambton B mine, view a model and some mining tools.



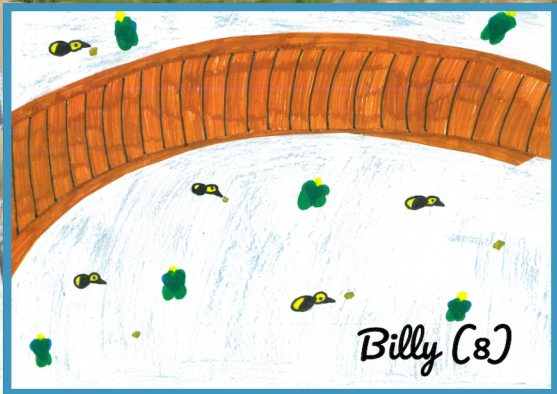
Redhead Community Library (Bunjibanal)

From a bookmobile in the early 50s to the building today, the library is the only one run by the community in Lake Macquarie.



War Memorial

Find the names of locals who fought in WWI & II, Malaysian Emergency, Vietnam & Iraq.



Billy (8)

Redhead Public School's Anzac Mural

Worth a look this coming ANZAC day!



Amity & Mia (10)

The Duckpond Ken & Audrey Owens Boardwalk

Built in 2000 and situated at one end of the boardwalk, it is part of the Cain St Wetlands, an area used by the Awabakal for water, food and shelter.



Emmy (10)

George Stanton Lookout

Tucked away, this boardwalk/viewing platform was named after a councillor and headmaster.



TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Lambton B Mine Manager's House

Known as The Gables,
this heritage listed
building was also once a
convent for nuns, but
has since become a
family home.

In case you didn't know, our little coastal village of Redhead has some serious stories to tell! From train station fires, World War II Forts, hide away beaches where you'll feel like the only person on earth, and home to the last standing Shark Tower of its kind on the East Coast. Redhead's history is a rich tapestry woven from residents both past and present.

These pages are just a snapshot of RSNG's virtual map of Redhead which was put together to capture some of the locations around the village which boast interesting yarns. We thank the children of Redhead Primary school who have drawn accompanying illustrations, giving us a glimpse of history through their eyes.

WWII Fort & Trig Station

Awabakal Coastal Walk



Shelly Beach Trail

A fisherman's path
which descends the
cliff to the Dudley-
Redhead rock
platform.

WWII Fortress Observation Post

Redhead Beach Shark Tower

Built in 1920s and
restored in 2017, this
icon is considered the
last of its kind on the
East Coast.

Minka (10)



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COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

A group of green thumbs from Redhead have recently met with the Sustainable Neighbourhood Group to discuss plans for a community garden!

If you'd like to be involved in planning and creating a community garden in Redhead please register your interest via email to:

redheadcommunitygarden@gmail.com

This newsletter was proudly brought to you by the Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood whose vision is

"To celebrate and sustain our coastal village community, its assets, and our beautiful natural environment for all to enjoy."

New members are always welcome! You can find us via email:

sustainablethead@gmail.com

GREAT READS @ REDHEAD COMMUNITY LIBRARY



ALSO OFFERS:

- **Nespresso Coffee Capsule Recycling.** Just bring in your capsules in a sealed plastic bag and place in the recycling box in the foyer.
- **Green compost bag pick up**
- A **Justice of the Peace**, who is onsite the first Saturday of each month.
- **Room hire.**
- **Disabled parking** and **wheelchair and pram friendly.**

LOCALS LOOKING AFTER LOCALS

VISIT EVOLUTIONADVISERS.COM.AU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN ENJOY POSITIVE ADVICE TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK PH: 49 031111



Introducing Jason Barr and Scott Faraday-Bensley, two dedicated Redhead locals deeply entrenched in community life. Known for their active involvement in local sports and surf life-saving, they embody the spirit of camaraderie and service. When they're not by the waves, Jason and Scott are diligently providing expert financial guidance to their clients.

Welcome to Evolution Advisers, where community values meet professional expertise. Committed to serving locals, Evolution Advisers offers a comprehensive range of tailored services in accounting, tax advice, and financial planning. Whether you're a business owner seeking strategic financial insights or an individual aiming to achieve your short-term and long-term financial goals, our team is here to support you every step of the way.



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