



# September 2009 Newsletter



Bennetts Beach Hawks Nest

## Did you know ...

*The singing bridge was named after the harp like melody that is created in the strong south westerly breezes. The bridge was constructed in 1974 to connect Tea Gardens to Hawks Nest, prior to this the only way between the two areas was by punt service.*



## Message from the Managers

We would love to thank everyone for all the support and encouragement we have received over the last few weeks as we have settled into our new role as managers.

It was great to see everyone out at the meet and greet BBQ held at the end of August, we had some really positive feedback and hope this is something that we can do regularly so keep reading our monthly newsletters to check for any events that may be coming up in the park.

With the warmer weather already beginning we are pleased to see so many people visiting the park and look forward to hearing all of your feedback.

## What's On in September

### Coming Up



Pink Ribbon Day is held on Monday the 26th of October this year and we will be selling the pink ribbon merchandise from reception throughout October to raise money for research and education about breast cancer.



Talk a walk on the wildside and visit Hawks Nest for the Wildside Festival held from Friday 25th September through to Sunday 27th September. The weekend will include kid's art, golf, helicopter rides and a variety of street stalls set up along Tuloa ave and Booner Street. In the night time you can enjoy spotting koalas and possums by torchlight and a fireworks display over the Myall River at 7pm on Saturday.

Put yourself to the test and paddle the Myall River for the Paddle for Life, Myall River Classic Kayak Race. The race begins from the Tea Gardens and helps to raise money for the Cure for Life Foundation. The event starts at 8am on Saturday the 26th September next to the NSW Maritime Office, Marine Drive Tea Gardens.



Please remember . . .

For the safety of all residents and guests the speed limit within the park is 10 km/h or walking pace.



## Koalas in Hawks Nest

While you're in Hawks Nest make a visit to the Jean Shaw Koala Reserve on Kingfisher Avenue and try spotting some of the local Koalas.



The koala is a large tree dwelling leaf eater and in the Hawks Nest region they primarily rely on Swamp Mahogany and Tallowwood trees.

The Hawks Nest and Tea Gardens koala population is listed as an endangered species so please be aware of these beautiful animals when driving and if you see any injured koalas please contact the Koala Hotline on 4997 0878 or Great Lakes Wildlife Rescue on 4997 6388.

## Beach Safety

With the start of spring and the warmer weather here are a few tips from the surf life saving beach safety guide. You can find more information by visiting [www.surflifesaving.com.au](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au)



Tips for swimming safely at the beach:

- Never swim alone—always ask a friend to swim with you.
- If you're unsure ask a lifeguard for advice.
- Always swim between the flags.
- Always read the safety signs as they are used to warn people about dangerous currents, strong surf and bluebottles.
- Raise your hand if you need help.



## Local Markets

### Myall Quays Village Market

Held in the Tea Gardens Shopping Centre from 8am to 2pm on the third Saturday of every month and on long weekends.

### Bulahdelah Markets

Held at the corner of Pacific Highway and Crawford Street, Bulahdelah. They are held on the 1st Saturday of every month from 8am to 1pm.

