

# EMPIRE BAY & DISTRICTS NEWS

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EBPS Sustainability Leaders Kobi, Charlie, Chloe and Lilah.

[Read about the School's sustainability program inside>>>>](#)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rain, rain, rain. The Executive Committee has been lobbying Council and the Federal and State Governments for funding to fix the disastrous state of our roads, but we need your help. Please join Lucy Wicks MP at the Empire Bay wharf on April 23 at 10am and show your concern.

The **AGM** is being held on May 18 to elect the Executive Committee. As previously stated, I would be honoured to continue as President for one more year as there is still work to complete. I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their tireless contribution to the local community including Peter Sinclair (Vice-President), Sharon Murry (Secretary and Hall Manager) and Genevieve Page (Treasurer), who volunteer many hours.

**ANZAC Day** commemoration will be held at the Empire Bay Cenotaph. Masks and QR code are not required this year. Hopefully there will be no changes to the Public Health Order at the time of the event. From 10.45am Sorrento Road will be closed from the boat ramp entry to the intersection of Shelly Beach Road and Kendall Road. Please plan ahead and obey road closures signs. Tony Thorrington will be leading the Service and we are fortunate that the National Service 1951-72 Re Enactment Unit will lead the procession again this year. I would like to thank Robert Thompson for helping me organise the event.

I would also like to thank Beach and Bay Vet for sponsoring the dog bags on the waterfront.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM. If you are not a member, you can join on the evening (\$5) to enable you to vote.

Cheers Carolen [empirebayprogress@gmail.com](mailto:empirebayprogress@gmail.com)

## ANZAC DAY

25 APRIL

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From our team to you  
Empire's D'Lite



## AGM

Annual General Meeting

**Election of Executive Committee**  
**EMPIRE BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday May 18 at 7.30pm**

**Empire Bay Hall**

**Everyone welcome**

**Stay for a chat**

**Further information please contact:**

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## LOCAL HISTORY

### 'Fairhurst' - Part of Empire Bay's Heritage

16 Shelly Beach Road is one of the early homes built in Empire Bay.

The property was part of the 152 acre subdivision created by the property developer Arthur Rickard in 1905. He advertised in the local and Sydney newspapers, promoting the area as 'Sorrento Estate' being "pristine waterfront blocks, nice sandy beaches, farm blocks with rich virgin soil for fishing, weekend pleasure parties, boat and boarding house proprietors, fruit growers, bee and poultry farmers."

A few months later, in 1906, Charles Fairhurst Baybut, a Master Mariner from Lancashire, England, purchased 5 blocks from Arthur Rickard. One of the blocks being what we now know as 16 Shelly Beach Road. There is no record of Charles's arrival in Australia, but he was still on the Lancashire electoral rolls in 1905. His purchase of the blocks of land in 'Sorrento Estate' must have been soon after his arrival in Australia.

The 1913 electoral rolls show Charles Baybut, Master Mariner, residing in Empire Bay. The next available electoral roll (1930) records Charles as retired.

Whilst there are no records when the house was built, the 1906 newspaper, discovered behind the mantle piece in 1985 when the Thompsons were renovating, and the 1913 electoral rolls would suggest the house was built around these dates.

Charles's middle name, Fairhurst, was the Christian name of his grandfather, and appears to be a family tradition, as Charles's uncle was also named Fairhurst Baybut. It is not surprising that the house Charles built in Empire Bay was named 'Fairhurst'. The original 'Fairhurst' plaque remains proudly mounted on the house today.

A search of the NSW BDM records suggest Charles Baybut was not married and had no children.

January 1937 Charles Fairhurst Baybut passed away and his estate was described as a "weatherboard furnished cottage



containing three bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, laundry, veranda on three sides with fruit trees and gardens. The property is in good order and condition and would make a fine private home or a letting proposition."

Between 1937 and 1954 the property was sold several times. In 1954, Ray Thomas purchased the

property and established it as his family home. Raising one son, David 'Tomo' and three daughters.

In 1986, Ray Thomas passed away and the property was transferred to his son, David 'Tomo' and wife Margaret Thomas, where they still live today. David 'Tomo' grew up in the 'Fairhurst' house and clearly remembers the early days of Empire Bay, the local school and the isolated community until the 1974 Rip Bridge. His story will make interesting reading in a future newsletter.

Until 1962, the road along the fire station and tennis courts was part of Sorrento Road. In May 1962, Gosford Council rename part of Sorrento Road to Shelly Beach Road. The use of the name Shelly Beach Road would commence from the intersection of Kendall Road and Sorrento Road. The property known as 'Fairhurst', 98 Sorrento Road was re-numbered as 16 Shelly Beach Road. **By Robert Thompson**

*Photo of David "Tomo" and Margaret Thomas, living in 'Fairhurst' since 1954.*

### Woy Woy Soldier's Nightmare Existence

Donald Miller, S/N 279 of the 19TH Battalion, returned from WW1 in 1919. He attended the Repatriation Department to arrange for back pay and civilian documentation.

"You're dead," stated the clerk. "You committed suicide last year."

Don thought that he was joking, but when the clerk called him a scammer and threatened to call police, Donald contacted army officials.

"He's right," they confirmed. "We notified the widow and child. Mrs Miller sold the house and re-married. Miller's record is closed, deceased 1918."

Donald contacted the police. They confirmed investigating his 'suicide' on a Watson's Bay ferry the year before. A blood trail started in the gent's toilet, leading to the rails, where a blood-caked razor was found on the deck. "Mrs Miller identified the razor, but no body was found."

Despite Donald's mystified protests at being much alive and the real Miller, he was arrested and taken to Callan Park, branded a lunatic. Everyone believed that 'official' record's must be correct.

Months later, Don was released only on the proviso that he admitted he wasn't Miller. Desperate for freedom, he adopted an assumed name, wandering around NSW, taking odd jobs to survive.

Settling in Woy Woy, he contracted Spanish Influenza, and was taken to Lidcombe hospital. Still trying to establish his real identity, he was again put into the asylum. He was in despair, but fate took a hand.

Later, the returning 19th Battalion chaplain visited another soldier in Callan Park. He spotted Donald, who had been a faithful attendee at the chaplain's services during wartime. The ward doctor was summoned.

When local researcher Trish Skehan tried to find Don's date of death, army records still stated: 'deceased 1918.'

How could anyone survive, losing your home, your family, your identity, Trish wondered.

**By Trish Skehan**

#### About Trish Skehan

Trish and her husband, Ray, moved to Empire Bay in 2005. Family members also live in the Bay. She was a founding member of Concord Heritage Society in 1994 and has served as Publicity Officer and Guest Speaker since then.

Trish has published 20 books or manuscripts about a variety of topics.

She talks to Rotary, Probus, U3A, and other groups about historical stories, using PowerPoint presentations to illustrate these fascinating tales from the past.

Ghost-writing *I Forget*, for one Rotary group, she chronicled the history of the 93rd Beaufighter Squadron Green Ghosts, interviewing the surviving pilots about their missions over Sandakan.

Trish has several manuscripts with a Sydney publisher, using the previously unpublished diary of the last surviving Central Coast WW1 soldier, Jim Armitage. His exploits in Flanders resulted in several proposed books. Fluent in French, Jim was tasked with selling the horses from his artillery division after the war.

Rotary clubs from Woy Woy and Umina have invited Trish to speak on the subject of local soldiers from WW1 at their next combined meeting.



*Photo of Trish holding some of Donald Miller's war records.*

## OUR SCHOOLS

### Empire Bay Public School - Sustainability Leaders

We are the Sustainability Leaders at Empire Bay Public School. We go to meetings and talk about how we can do better things for our environment. And then we go out into the school and talk to kids and teachers about what we are doing and why we are doing it.

We do a lot of recycling and sorting rubbish at our school. Kids have different jobs to help. We have a Green Representative Council. Kids come from each class to meetings and help with jobs. Last week we had Clean Up Australia and this week we will audit the rubbish. This term we were handing out tokens for waste-free lunch boxes. Because Zero Waste is even better.

We are writing a proposal to the P&C for the canteen to stop buying juice boxes. Juice boxes are recycled, but straws go to landfill. We would like to see juice boxes replaced with something that does not have straws.

Coming up in Week 10 is Green Week. Last year the whole school made Beeswax Wraps. We talked about single-use plastic and why it is bad. This year we will be learning about Food Sustainability and planting a seed in a homemade biodegradable pot.

And this is only Term 1!

Kobi, Lilah, Chloe and Charlie

For more information about sustainability at Empire Bay - <https://www.sustainabilityatebps.com/>

### Coast Christian School

The good news is that Coast Christian hasn't flooded away or slid into Brisbane Water. However, in recent weeks our large hall has definitely been used many more times than normal to accommodate kids for wet lunch times or PE lessons that would otherwise have been missed. We are looking forward to the sun shining in coming weeks when we will join with the local community to celebrate Easter and honour the Anzacs. In the meantime, we are commencing our enrolment interviews for Prep and Kinder in 2023.

Already we have many applications so contact the office on 4368 3377 if interested.

**Contact Melanie 4368 3377 for a personal tour**  
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### Exciting news at Empire Bay Tennis Club

With a new committee and a new lease of life after Covid, the Empire Bay Tennis Club are looking for local players and serve up some action on the recently refurbished courts. We may only have one life, but in tennis you get to serve twice, so why not give it a go.

**45min FREE assessment** with our coach Mark Rawlingson (Tennis Australia Certified). He will be able to work out which one of our regular social tennis groups you would be best suited to. Doesn't matter if you've never played and want to give it a go, or you're a former hot shot, but the last time you played you were using a wooden racquet, Mark will find a place for you in one of our friendly social groups of tennis lovers.

**Children's lessons are also available.** Tennis is an excellent sport for children to start playing as it has physical benefits and develops social confidence, as well as being lots of fun.

Research has shown that people who play tennis live longer and are happier, so come along to Empire Bay Tennis Club and exercise your body and mind, and have a good laugh playing this great game.

The courts have recently been professionally cleaned and now court hire can be done online at -

<https://play.tennis.com.au/empirebayTC>

If you don't have a racquet you can hire one from Empire's D'Lite (02 4363 1341).

**Contact: Mark 0412 834 336**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Troubadour Club Night at Empire Bay Hall

The Troubadour Club comes to Empire Bay every month, presenting a list of talented performers amongst its membership. The Club night is an opportunity for local people to perform too.

Members book in advance to get a 15 minute spot on the concert program. From 9pm new performers and 'walk-ups' can also perform a song.

Most performers sing/play guitar. There will be duos and trios playing songs and instruments. Poets and storytellers are an important part of the folk scene so we expect they will be there too. It's common for poets to recite funny poems or stories (think *The Loaded Dog* by Henry Lawson). Comedians are welcome too.

Please consider that the Troubadour is a Folk and Acoustic Music Club when you are thinking about applying for a performance spot.

So come along on April 9 from 7pm, put your name on the board or ask for Maryanne if you would like to perform. Be quick as only 6 people will have the chance to participate. All technical including sound and lights will be provided.

Some basic snacks and tea and coffee will be served, but bring your own food and drinks too. Sit outside the hall in the garden area for talking and catching up or listen to the performers while seated inside. It will be a great night and fun for everyone.

**When: Saturday April 9 at 7 pm**

**Entry fee:** \$10 for everyone (including performers)

**Bookings:** [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) (search Troubadour) or payment at the door will be accepted.

**Book your spot:** MaryAnne on 0407917117 or Hugh 0402 529 474; [hughworrall@yahoo.com](mailto:hughworrall@yahoo.com)

**Email:** [troubadourfolkclub@gmail.com](mailto:troubadourfolkclub@gmail.com)

[www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au)

PS The Club also presents a highly professional concert program of international and national acts throughout the year at the Everglades Club.



### Won Buddhism

#### Celebration Day on 1 May 2022

Living in uncertain and troubled times has taken a toll on our mental health and spiritual wellbeing. We need to maintain a healthy and peaceful mind, therefore, we would like to invite you to Celebration Day on 1 May.

On 28 April 1916 in the first light of dawn, Master Sotaesan was enlightened to the Truth of the Universe. Won Buddhism was founded on that day and we celebrate this day as our spiritual birthday.

We would also like to extend a welcome invitation to those born on April 28, to connect with their spirituality on their day of birth. Please notify us if you will be attending, so that we can prepare a gift for you.

The program includes chanting, prayer, meditation, Head Dharma Master's message, dharma talk, and music.

Lunch will be served with Korean food.

Everybody is welcome. We hope that you can join us.

Date : 1 May 2022 (Sunday) at 10am

Place: Gosford Meditation Temple, 20 Bundaleer Crescent, Bensville, 2251

RSVP : 28th April 2022

Donations are welcome

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## OUR COMMUNITY

### Davistown Progress Hall Centenary A roaring 1920's Community Party



There will be many activities with refreshments.

- ◇ Local produce art and craft
- ◇ Vintage cars on show
- ◇ Dragon Boat Tug O'War Putt Putt Parade and Ferry tours at 11am
- ◇ For the kids: Saratoga Fire Engine, 3-legged races, face painting and more

Come in your best 1920s outfit

**Date:** Sunday, 24th April

**Time:** Stalls and music 10am-3pm

**Where:** Davistown foreshore near Central Wharf

**Contact:** Davistown Progress Association—0414 484 115

### Empire Bay/Bensville Rural Fire Brigade

What a wet fire season we have had. Our brigade has put in many days bolstering the mud army in clean up after the devastating floods both locally and in Greater Sydney as well as continued efforts in the Northern Rivers. With covid lingering on it has been very trying for our team of volunteers assisting our communities.

From April 1 rural property owners do not require a fire permit to carry out their hazard reductions and pile burns. They must have a hazard reduction certificate and notify fire control as well as neighbouring properties before carrying out any burning. When the weather permits the planned hazard reductions will recommence throughout our district.

With the change of the clocks from daylight savings it is also the time to change the battery and test your smoke alarms. The cooler weather is approaching and it's time to check and clean your gas or wood heating flues. Electric Blankets and portable heaters need to be inspected and cleaned before use as well.

Your brigade has continued training and up dating skills and qualifications to serve our community. We hope you prepare, act and survive.

**Cheers Rex Parker, Brigade Community Engagement Rep  
Central Coast District Office on 1300 060 807**

### Empire Bay Fishing Club

We hope everyone weathered the storms and didn't get submerged.

The March weigh-in was a great success despite all the fresh water & floating debris in the system. Some great fish were weighed in. George Foster topped the points tally for the day (and also for the season so far) with his full esky of fish and presented a great Bream @ 1.1kg. Young Ruby Powell is leading the Juniors and weighed in the biggest Flatie of the day @ 1.18kg. Congratulations both.

We raised well over \$800 from the raffle and BBQ money which was donated to the Flood relief fund in Lismore. Thanks to everyone's generous donations.

Our weigh-in is always the second full weekend of the month starting at 3pm on the Sunday with the allowed catch days from 3pm Friday prior.

The Empire Bay Tavern is our home turf and usually puts on music for the afternoon. It's a great afternoon and all are welcome. The courtesy bus is usually on and members will receive a text as usual with a reminder.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next weigh-in on April 10th and May 15th.

Until then, as always, stay safe in and around our beautiful waters. **By Scott Draper**

**empirebayfishingclub@gmail.com**

**<https://empirebayfishingclub.wixsite.com/nsw-central-coast>**

### Card games—All ages welcome

Empire Bay Hall

Monday: 1.30—3.30pm

There will be a variety of card games available and lots of fun, friendships and laughs.

Please contact **Shirley on 4369 2034 or Jan 0402 246 427**



### Probus welcomes new President

After 2 years as President, Ian McIntosh steps down by Probus rules and well known Empire Bay resident Mary Gray takes over for 2022/23.

Mary and husband Hugh are no strangers to Probus. Mary was a foundation member and previously on the executive for five years.

The Club is growing month by month and regularly hosts many visitors who ultimately join. The March Hawkesbury River cruise will be rescheduled later.

April—Alison Homestead at Wyong

May —Lunch at the Preview Restaurant at Ourimbah TAFE in June — Ken Duncan's Gallery at Erina Heights and a visit to Firescreek Botanical Winery.

Visitors are always welcome to our monthly meetings at Umina Club first Thursday of every month.

**Contact Mary Gray on 0413 017 678**

## PET CORNER

### Command Language

Did you know that while you are observing your dog's behaviour, your dog is also observing the subtle non-verbal body language cues that you may not even be aware that you are transmitting?

Non-verbal cues can be very important, often they are the first cue for your dog even before you say anything, It's like your dog is reading your mind! That's why it's vital that you choose and remember your training commands carefully.

Because consistency is so important its helpful to have this command language written down and in a visible place that the whole family can see. It ensures that your dog will follow instructions consistently from all family members.

Sometimes we can confuse our dogs by using the same command in a different context. The result? Your dog waits for another clue about what you're after.

Here's an example -

Scenario 1: You're with your dog, perhaps stopping for a rest, you'd like your dog to lie at your feet, you say "get down." Your dog lies down and stays put resting calmly. Good dog!

Scenario 2: Your dog is lying on the couch, you have visitors so need the seating, you ask your dog to "get down."

Your dog doesn't get off the couch, instead perhaps he rests his head on his paws, letting you know he has heard your instruction and yes, I'm down but just to be sure I'll now put my head down? Hmm, now as an owner you're frustrated and perhaps a little embarrassed that your dog doesn't seem to get it. This is simply a matter of unclear command language, sometimes humans and dogs manage to confuse each other.

Perhaps a better solution would be to have two completely different commands, to get your dog to remove himself from the couch get off, would be a better choice.

Have a think about the different commands and movements you ask your dog to perform in a day. Could they potentially be conflicting?

Help your dog understand the household rules to be a happy and co-operative member of your family. Make it easy for your dog, keep your instructions clear and consistent.



**Louise Harding - Author & Canine Behaviour**

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### Coffee catch-up with Lucy Wicks MP at Empire Bay

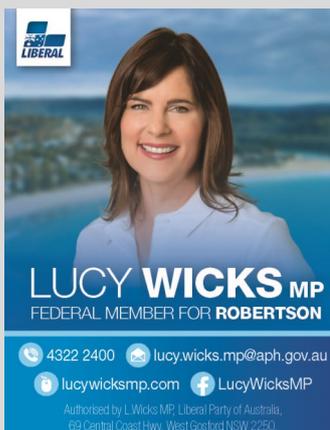
Please join me for an outdoor coffee and a chat so I can hear what is important to you, your family and the Empire Bay community.

**When:** 10:00am, Saturday 23 April 2022

**Where:** Empire Bay foreshore, near the boat ramp

The coffee catch-up will be socially distanced and comply with all COVID-19 protocols.

**(02) 4322 2400 or [lucy.wicks.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:lucy.wicks.mp@aph.gov.au)**



**If you can help one person, it is worth it!**

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**Membership \$5**

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## VALE

### Jean Gillard

Late of Ettalong, with strong association with Empire Bay. Grandmother of eleven, great grandmother of nine. Sadly missed by sons Bruce, Jeff and daughters Joanne and Lynne, family, friends and the Empire Bay Community.

### Gary Breen

Late of Kendall Road. Sadly missed by wife Carol, son Matthew, sister Denise and family, friends and the Empire Bay Community.

### Craig McClean

Late of Gordon Road. Age 57. Will be sadly missed by brothers Chris and Rodney and family, friends and the Empire Bay Community.

### Bookmobile

April 7, 12; May 5, 19; June 2, 16, 30

**Bensville**—near Kallarook Road park, 12.45-1.30pm

**Empire Bay**—Kendall Rd near the wharf, 1.45-2.30pm

### EMPIRE BAY TENNIS COURTS

BOOKINGS: Empire's D'Lite 4363 1341

COACHING: Mark Rawlison (Tennis Australia Level 2 Coach)

Mobile: 0412 834 336 Email: markrawl@iinet.net.au

Note: only one on one lessons during lockdown

### SCRABBLE: Everyone is welcome from beginners to experts

Come for 1 game or play for 3 hours, it's up to you.

Tuesday's 9.00am to 12.00pm at Empire Bay Progress Hall (after COVID)

### BUSH CARE: Ring Nicola Booth— 0436 685 155

Back of Tennis Courts – 2nd Sunday of month from 9.00am

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

**Robert Madden** 0417 291 641; **Hart Peters** 0417 674 687

## AGM

### EMPIRE BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

**Wednesday May 18, 7.30pm**

**Election of new committee**

**Stay for coffee**

**Everyone welcome**

The Hall, 1-3 Gordon Rd,  
Empire Bay

Note: meetings now changed to quarterly,  
third Wednesday night—Aug 17, Nov 16

Further information

email: [empirebayprogress@gmail.com](mailto:empirebayprogress@gmail.com)

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## HALL TIMETABLE

### MONDAY

8.15am-9.15am, Gentle Yoga with Julie

9.30am-10.30am, Morning Yoga with Julie

1:30pm-3:30pm Social games for everyone

6.00pm-7.00pm, Yoga with Julie

7.00pm-8.00pm, PT Group Fitness Training with Tony

### TUESDAY

9.00am-12.00pm, Scrabble, all levels

3:30pm - 5:15pm MH Dance Academy with Mikayla

5.30pm-7.00pm, Tae Kwon Do Academy with Jo

### WEDNESDAY

9.15am-10.15am, Tai Chi with Alain

3:30pm-5pm, MH Dance Academy with Mikayla

7.30pm-9.00pm, Empire Bay Progress Association (EBPA)

3rd Wednesday in February, May, August, November (meetings now held quarterly)

7.00pm—8.00pm, PT Group Fitness Training with Tony  
*(on the night of the Progress meeting please contact Tony for details)*

### THURSDAY

3.30pm-4.30pm, MH Dance Academy with Mikayla

### FRIDAY

9.30am-10.30am, MH Dance Academy with Mikayla

7.00pm-8.00pm, PT Group Fitness Training with Tony

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**Yoga** with Julie on 0438 228 372: build core strength, become more aware of your body and mind and be calm.

**MH Dance Academy** with Mikayla Holt on 0404 824 775: RAD ballet, Jazz, Cheer, Acrobatics, Lyrical, hip hop, etc for 18 months- 25+.

**Social card games** for all members of the community. Many games to be played. Contact Shirley on 4369 2034 or Jan 0402 246 427.

**PT Group Fitness Training** with Tony on 0466 303 700: for all fitness levels, over 16. Great social atmosphere while you get fit, burn fat.

**Scrabble** contact Shirley on 4369 2034: caters for all levels. Everyone is welcome.

**Tae Kwon Do** with Jo Brannighan on 0422 278 081: increase your fitness, confidence, improve concentration and learn self defence.

**EBPA**, contact [empirebayprogress@gmail.com](mailto:empirebayprogress@gmail.com)

**Tai Chi & Qigong** with Alain on 0422 795 365: gentle form of exercise, described as meditation in motion.

### BOOK OUR AIR CONDITIONED HALL?

**Weddings Anniversaries Birthdays Farewells Wakes**—Ducted air-conditioning, kitchen facilities including fridge, oven, microwave, tea & coffee making facilities, accessible bathroom inside and outside, enclosed secure garden area, plenty of chairs and tables for both inside and outside, BBQ, TV & DVD player with overhead monitor.

**Hall hire information available on our website - [empirebayprogress.org.au/hall-hire](http://empirebayprogress.org.au/hall-hire)**

Check the hall booking calendar on the website to check date is available and then contact Sharon, Hall Booking Officer on [EBHallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:EBHallbookings@gmail.com) or 0457 650 955 9am to 5pm weekdays only.