

DECEMBER 2011

What's on....

Carols by the Bay

13th December 2011
7pm - Fly Point Amphitheatre

Christmas in the Port!

Book now to enjoy a yummy Christmas lunch or dinner in the Bay. The following restaurants are all available for bookings on Christmas Day -

- ⇒ **Shoal Bay Resort & Spa** - Promenade Room 4981 1555,
- ⇒ **Oaks Pacific Blue** Azure Restaurant - 4916 1200,
- ⇒ **Nelson Bay Diggers** bistro & buffet - 4984 8300,
- ⇒ **Marina Resort** - 4981 4400,
- ⇒ **All Seasons** Salamander Shores - 4982 7210,
- ⇒ **Peppers Anchorage** -
- ⇒ Merretts—4984 2555

New Years Eve

31st December 2011
Nelson Bay Foreshore

Australia Day

26th January 2012

Nelson Bay Craft Markets

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday
Neil Carroll Park Fly Point

Tomaree Markets

2nd and 4th Sunday
Tomaree Sports Complex

From the Managers Desk

As 2011 rapidly slips away with school holidays and Christmas approaching its time to momentarily pause and reflect on the year so far. It has been an interesting year to say the least, particularly given the uncertainty around Council's ongoing management of the Crown Holiday Parks. During this time I have seen our staff remain focused on our customers and the operations, I want to thank holiday van owners for their patience particularly those wanting to sell. I would also like to acknowledge the input and support we have received from the PSCCA executive. Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone that is part of our holiday van community a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Phil Buchan

Port Stephens Council retains management of Crown Holiday Parks

The review of Port Stephens Council's management of the Crown Holiday Parks by the Crown Lands Division (previously LPMA) has now reached a conclusion. Council is pleased to advise that it will continue to manage the operations through our Beachside Holiday Parks enterprise. The staff and management of Halifax, Shoal Bay and Fingal Bay Holiday Parks are looking forward to our ongoing relationship with our holiday van community and guests.



Plans of Management Status

The draft Plans of Management have not yet been approved by the Minister for Primary Industries. Council has raised concern with Crown Lands over the time taken since their final draft Plans of Management were adopted by Council in June 2010. Council believes the development proposals contained in the draft plans and supported by business plans should now be revisited considering the prolonged process and more recent economic and tourism data. This approach has also been welcomed by the Port Stephens Caravan and Campers Association (PSCCA). More information will be provided as discussions continue between Council and Crown Lands.

Holiday Van Sales

As a result of ongoing discussions with Crown Lands, Council has been granted restricted approval to progress a limited holiday van sale period. The Crown Lands Division has determined it will only consent to the sale of holiday vans that are located on sites not previously identified for development in the draft Plans of Management. This approach is not supported by Council or the PSCCA who will endeavor to progress this matter to achieve a more acceptable outcome. In the meantime a site restricted sale period will commence in the new year however until further progress can be made with Crown Lands the approved sales can only take place on limited holiday van sites as directed. To minimise confusion about affected sites Council will write to all van owners who currently occupy sites identified for development.

A sale period with interviews and agreement preparation will commence on 1st February and will conclude on the 31 March 2012. The management of Beachside Holiday Parks with the support of the PSCCA will continue to work with Crown Lands to find a satisfactory resolution to provide all van owners with the opportunity to sell now and in the future.



Winners!

There were smiles all round at the 2011 North Coast Tourism Awards at Grafton in August where our own Marketing and Activities Officer Sweeby Bryan won the Mick Crawley Young Achiever award for her contributions to the holiday parks and promotion of Port Stephens Tourism. Also winners on the night were Halifax Holiday Park which won the bronze award for best Tourist and Caravan Park and were finalists at the NSW Tourism Awards!! Well done to Sweeby and Halifax.

Electrical Safety

As the parks start to get busier leading up to the summer holiday season it is a timely reminder for holiday van owners to ensure their electrical appliances, power leads and power boards are in good working order. Many vans are well equipped with all modern conveniences including air conditioning, microwaves, flat screen TVs etc as a result there is a significant load on the power supplied to each power head. The power heads have circuit breakers that will be activated to prevent overloaded circuits and electrocution. Each power head connects multiple vans with only one circuit breaker at each power head. With this in mind if your van is overloaded you will cause the circuit breaker to switch off the power to not only your van but also to your neighbors'. The power heads are designed to accommodate 15 amp power leads however during recent audits of power heads some leads were found to be 10 amp leads which have resulted in burnt out power sockets in the power head. Holiday van owners are reminded that 15 amp leads are required in accordance with your occupancy agreement and power should be turned off with the power cord removed when the van is not occupied. Exemptions to this requirement are considered in particular circumstances upon request to Park reception and subsequent approval by Park management.

Fingal Bay Holiday Park

52 Marine Drive

Fingal Bay NSW 2315

FREECALL 1800 600 203

Shoal Bay Holiday Park

Shoal Bay Road

Shoal Bay NSW 2315

FREECALL 1800 600 200

Halifax Holiday Park

Beach Road, Little Beach

Nelson Bay NSW 2315

FREECALL 1800 600 201

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PSCCA MEETING

The Port Stephens Caravan and Campers Association annual meeting is to be held at:

Fingal Bay Bowls, Sports & Recreation Club
100 Rocky Point Road, Fingal Bay on
Sunday 8 January 2012 at 9.30 am



BEACHSIDE BONUS V.I.P CLUB

New Scheme starts Nov 2011 till Nov 2013

Join our Beachside Bonus VIP Membership Club now for only \$10 and receive your VIP members booklet that entitles you to savings of up to \$500 at various local cafe's, restaurants and attractions.

For more details see: www.beachsideholidays.com.au/vip.phtml