



Copacabana Community Association Inc.

# COPANEWS

Autumn 2020

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## Copa salutes our Fireys

Next  
CCA Meeting  
Thurs 2 April 7:30pm  
Copa Fire Station  
ALL WELCOME

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# WHAT'S ON

## MARCH 2020

### Sunday 1st

Clean Up Australia Day

### Friday 20th

Avoca Cinema Ocean Film Festival, 7pm

### Friday 20th

Mariners v Melbourne City, Central Coast Stadium

## APRIL 2020

### Thursday 2nd

CCA General Meeting  
7.30pm Copa Fire Station

### Sunday 5th

Live Well Festival, Central Coast Stadium

### Thursday 9th

Last day of school term

### Friday 10th – Monday 13th

Good Friday/Easter Monday  
Public Holidays

### Saturday 25th

Anzac Day  
5.30am Dawn Service Copa

### Monday 27th

School resumes

## MAY 2020

### Sunday 10th

Mothers' Day

### Saturday 30th

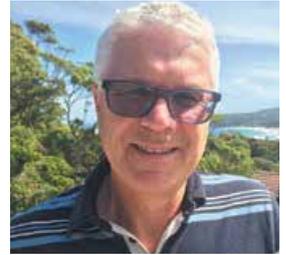
Central Coast Comicon  
Entertainment Grounds  
Gosford

### Cover photo:

Copa RFS new recruits recently qualified as Bush Fire Fighters.

# A word from the CCA President

Well what a Summer it was! Here in our beautiful coastal hideaway we've been very fortunate to have been spared the flames while enduring the smoke for weeks, along with just about the entire Eastern seaboard from Brisbane down. The torrential rainstorms last month created havoc with roads and traffic and the power outages were just another problem to deal with. All in all it's been a stressful Summer for many of us who also have had friends and family directly affected.



And as we all know, we could not have survived it without the amazing courage, tenacity and commitment of our fire and rescue people, many of whom are volunteers. In this issue we pay tribute to our local RFS, who have been called out to assist with emergencies all over the state over several months. We are so lucky to have the services of these selfless, hard-working people, who have done such incredible work to help their fellow citizens. We thank them on behalf of the entire community. And we know they appreciate the many gestures and messages of support and thanks they've received from Copa locals. You can donate to your local RFS here: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/support-your-local-brigade](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/support-your-local-brigade)

The CCA has been active over the last few months, and you'll find a report on our current activities and priorities in this issue. And although it seems like a long-ago memory, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Matt Francis, CCA Secretary (and RFS Secretary), who was the organiser of the Copa Carols in December, an event that brought a little joy and fun and an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the season.

Let's hope the cooler months bring some respite while the massive clean-up effort begins. Our next community event will be on Anzac Day, April 25. We hope you can join us at the flagpoles for the Dawn Service at 5.30am. Meanwhile, you are always welcome to drop us a line if you have any queries or comments at: [info@copanews.com.au](mailto:info@copanews.com.au)

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## SAVE OUR COAST.ORG.AU

### a grassroots community organisation fighting Seismic Testing

The group was founded in 2018 as the Stop Seismic Testing campaign and has since evolved into the not for profit community group Save Our Coast. Natasha Deen, Founder and Chair explains how the campaign began, after testing off Newcastle.

'When I started to search for information about seismic testing, I was horrified to learn that it uses intense and explosive underwater air gun blasts that fire continuously every 3-10 seconds, 24 hours a day for days, weeks or months to detect oil or gas reserves beneath the sea floor.

'To inflict this torment and harm that is seismic blasting, in the whale migration path, in an area of rich biodiversity that includes dolphins and endangered sea turtles, to search for fossil fuels in a climate emergency, that will not only exacerbate climate damage but risk devastating our beautiful coast forever, is simply unconscionable. I've lived in Newcastle for 40 years and I love coastal walks and the serenity and peace it brings me. Knowing whales and dolphins and turtles are nearby swimming freely in their domain brings us all a feeling of joy. I felt it was imperative to take action'.

#### WHAT IS SEISMIC TESTING AND WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 allows for fossil fuel exploration over 4,500 square kilometres of ocean from Manly through the Central Coast to Newcastle, in some areas only 5.5 km from shore. Seismic blasts are known to be amongst the loudest human made sound in the ocean, between 200-257 decibels, which penetrate hundreds of metres into the ocean floor and have been detected thousands of kilometres away.

Peer-reviewed academic and scientific sources state the devastating impact of seismic blasts and underwater noise on marine life, including killing plankton and krill larvae over 1 km away (with impacts to our living ocean, atmospheric health and climate resilience) to causing stress, hearing damage, disruption of critical behaviour, and injury to marine life including fish, penguins, dolphins and whales.

#### WHERE IS THE CAMPAIGN AT NOW?

Save Our Coast has been in the news, after delivering a 60,000 strong petition opposing seismic testing to the federal parliament via Independent MP Zali Steggal. This was the culmination of two years hard work – 15 major events; dozens of film screenings & information evenings; over 14,000 conversations in the community. The campaign was nominated for the **Best Environmental Campaign of 2019**.



Subsequently, ADVENT Energy has cancelled plans for 1000 kilometres of seismic blasting off our coast but have now stated they are awaiting approval to apply for drilling. There will be a Senate Inquiry on the Impact of Seismic Testing, which will be heard in Gosford on March 17 with a community event planned for March 15. The battle is far from over.

# CCA Updates & Priorities



Photo: Central Coast Council

**The CCA management committee has been busy - here is a brief rundown on some of the issues we are currently working on:**

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## Central Coast Council Draft Consolidated Local Environment Plan/Development Control Plan



We continue to be concerned about new development controls and regulations proposed in R2 zones under the new (draft) LEP/DCP currently with Central Coast Council for consideration. We have made two submissions regarding this and continue to push Council Planning Staff and local Ward Councillors to ensure that the unique local character we enjoy in Copa is respected, valued and retained. We are hoping the Council will not adopt a 'one size fits all' approach to planning regulations across the Coast – we do not have the resources or infrastructure for increased population densities here.

We held a special meeting at the Surf Club to discuss this issue, well attended by many CCA members and residents. Deputy Mayor Jane Smith and Ward Councillor Jeff Sundstrom attended to answer questions and concerns from the floor. Locals made valuable contributions to the discussions and the Councillors provided suggestions as to how the community can make their concerns heard. The two Councillors appreciate the special character of Copacabana and were sympathetic to the group's concerns. Updates will be posted on our website and emailed to members, so stay tuned.

CCA Management Committee members attended a 3 hour workshop hosted by Councillor Smith to explain the Planning system with strategic documents presented by the Environmental Defenders Office which was very valuable.

## Meetings with Lucy Wicks, Adam Crouch and senior Council staff

We've attended several meetings over the past couple of months to further discuss issues relating to Copacabana. **Amongst the many agenda items were:**

- **Susan Fahey Park Upgrade**

Concept plans still have a way to go as far as we are concerned. Discussions were constructive and we are waiting on further advice before we come back to the community with news and progress. We thank Adam Richards, President of the Surf Club, for his major contributions to this project.



Susan Fahey Park

- **LEP/DCP**

We strongly argued that the local character of small seaside suburbs such as Copacabana must be protected and that new planning regulations must consider how the local environment will be affected by the introduction of new rules. Both elected representatives were sympathetic and agreed that these places are unique and must not be over-run by inappropriate development. Council advised that Local Character statements are factored into planning and development deliberations and undertook to consult with the community should there be any changes to existing Local Character statements.

We also made it clear to senior planning executives that we were not satisfied with the Draft LEP/DCP as it currently stands, and again raised our major objections to the proposed new rules under R2 zoning.

## • Water quality and lagoon management

We discussed the need for better communication between the Council and community regarding the management of Cochrone Lagoon, and particularly the need to monitor events such as fish and bird kills that can occur when the lagoon is opened to the sea (either manually by Council or from natural weather and tidal conditions). Council will communicate directly with Dr Margaret Platell (CCA Management Committee member) in order to ensure we are kept informed, and that there is a conduit for local reporting of issues about this and water issues generally.



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## • Traffic and parking issues



We received an update from Council about the upgrade to **Del Monte Place**: Preparation works will commence before the end of the financial year and will include drainage works and a new footpath. Construction works will be spread over four stages and will take a couple of years to complete. We also presented our **Parking and Traffic survey** and discussed the best methods for making the area adjacent to the shops safer for motorists and pedestrians. The Council is working on solutions and we will update the community as more information comes to hand.

There are a number of other projects in progress such as early stage planning for an upgrade to the foreshores around the surf club and Bonnie Lookout; planning and preparations for our annual Anzac Day Dawn Service; preparations for local Clean Up Australia Day activities; liaison with the Save Our Coast organisation regarding seismic testing as well as regular meetings and communications with members and residents.

# Welcome Ocean Bar-Cantina!

A warm welcome to Jerome Dekker's Ocean Bar-Cantina, which has just opened. Jerome is serving up some fantastic food including tapas, bar nibbles and share plates, as well as the beachside classics we all love, like fish and chips. Beer lovers rejoice as Ocean Bar will have their own beer on tap as well as Coopers and a third tap for a changing variety of beers. And they also offer traditional Sangria!

The decor is casual and cool and a perfect gathering place for hungry beach-goers, groups of friends, or special occasions.

Ocean Bar is open 10am till 11pm 7 days a week (closes 10pm on Sundays), so why wait for the weekend? Get on down and support this great new local eatery.

Check out [facebook.com/oceanbarcantina](https://facebook.com/oceanbarcantina) for more info.





# Callum Sutton

INTERNATIONAL ALL-ROUNDER

Callum is 18 years old and Copa born and bred. He'll be familiar to some of you as he regularly surfs Copa point in his 'down time'. We're not sure how he even has any spare time, considering his achievements competing on the state, national and world stage. Here are just a few highlights:

## Paddleboarding

### Molokai 2 Oahu World Championships, Hawaii

In 2017, at just 16 years and 88 days old, Callum became the *youngest ever* to compete in the World Men's 18-29 years old Solo Prone Stock Board Category. This iconic race is known around the world as one of the toughest races in any sport. It is a paddleboard race across hazardous waters from the island of Molokai to the island of Oahu in Hawaii through the Kaiwi Channel (also known as the Channel of Bones). The race is 52 Kilometres long and Callum achieved 5th place, taking 6 hours and 32 minutes to complete the event.

### 2018/19 Australian Ocean Racing Series Champion – Open Men's Prone Paddleboard category

Callum competed in 6 races in the series for 4 wins:

Pacifica Downwind (Woolgoolga to Coffs Harbour); Charles Stewart Memorial Classic (Mona Vale to Fisherman's Beach, Long Reef); Moon Island Ocean Race (Catherine Hill Bay to Blacksmiths Beach); Manly Wharf-Bridge to Beach (Harbour Bridge to Manly Wharf). Callum finished 2nd

at the 20 Beaches Ocean Classic and won a 3rd place podium position at the Gold Coast Classic. *The results secured the Australian Championship win for Callum in March 2019* with an impressive 4443 points.

## Athletics

### Gold Medal 2019 Oceania U20 Men's Discus Champion

Callum was selected to represent Australia in the 2019 Oceania Athletics Championships, Townsville QLD, June 2019. After a terrific series of personal best throws (his best being 43.47 metres with the 1.75kg discus) Callum went on to *win the Gold medal for Australia*.



Callum has been crowned *New South Wales Discus Champion* 3 times:

- 2019 NSW All Schools Athletics Championships, Sept – 1st place.
- 2017 NSW All Schools Athletics Championships, 1st place.
- 2017 NSW Junior & Youth Athletics Championships, 1st place.

## Callum's achievements 'off the field' are just as impressive

Callum's work ethic and willingness to give his best have been recognised in many other special awards including 2020 'Youth of the Year' winner, Central Coast Australia Day Awards and 2019 'Youth Sportsman of the Year', Central Coast Sports Awards. Callum completed his HSC last year and achieved fantastic results. He's now working as an apprentice carpenter for a local builder.

Callum will again represent New South Wales at the 2020 Australian Athletics Championships this month in the U20 Men's Discus Final. We wish him the very best of luck and look forward to an update on his goals and wins over the coming year. *Another Copa local we can all be proud of.*

# Copacabana SLSC



Copa Surf Club and our valued volunteers are finally catching our collective breath after a super-busy holiday period. On Feb 2 we hosted the **Central Coast Branch Carnival** welcoming approximately 900 nippers from all over the coast. It was great seeing so many kids having a red hot go and giving the numerous events their best. What was also rewarding for our club was the large group of parents who joined the age managers and committee to set up and pack down the beach. It was a huge effort by many and showed the kind of community spirit we need to build and strengthen the club. Another recent highlight was **Australia Day** with great weather, awesome crowds and no dramas. It was a perfect patrolling day.

The stronger we can make Copacabana SLSC, the safer the beach will be and the more ways we can support the community. An example of this is our **Community Yoga** on Wednesdays at 8am. We have partnered with local

Yoga instructors who offer the classes free of charge. Community Yoga is an opportunity to thank those who support us as a club.

**The Jaws Bistro** was a wonderful success with good numbers of diners most Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and its likely we will look to do the same again next season. Our volunteer Bar Crew flew the flag for us over this busy summer.

As always, **Week Enders** will continue each Friday and the first Friday each month we will run Week Enders - Live and Local. If we can build a decent following we will consider continuing through the winter months. Meanwhile, the season continues and patrols are at their post.

Finally, it is appropriate to acknowledge the hard work and subsequent losses to a fellow volunteer movement. The **RFS** provided many volunteer hours over the summer period, many more than would usually be required. For that we

acknowledge their commitment and their efforts, as well as the sacrifices of their families as they give up their time with loved ones. Sadly, some of those loved ones were lost whilst performing their duties, and for that no words are sufficient. To all who volunteer to support their communities, we salute you all.

**Stay safe... Adam Richards**  
[president@copacabanaslsc.org.au](mailto:president@copacabanaslsc.org.au)



**Join us on Friday afternoons from 5pm - 9pm at the Surf Club.**

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## LATEST IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Total this fire season  
as at 27 January 2020

<b>2,399</b>	Homes Destroyed
<b>945</b>	Homes Damaged
<b>14,337</b>	Homes Saved
<b>263</b>	Facilities Destroyed
<b>194</b>	Facilities Damaged
<b>1,461</b>	Facilities Saved
<b>5,263</b>	Outbuildings Destroyed
<b>1,915</b>	Outbuildings Damaged
<b>13,617</b>	Outbuildings Saved

**Assessments since  
24 January have confirmed a  
further 25 homes destroyed  
however 295 have been saved**



**This summer, coming on top of prolonged periods of drought, produced an unprecedented, challenging season for firefighters and emergency workers around the country, and the NSW fires were amongst the worst and most dangerous.**

# Fire, floods, all in a day's work

Our Copa RFS was up to the task as usual and were deployed to many fire grounds locally and across the state over months, putting in countless hours and unstinting effort to help save lives and properties.

It was an extraordinary effort by an extraordinary team and there has been an outpouring of gratitude and support from the community. We know how very fortunate we are to have such a committed and hard-working brigade here in Copa and we thank them for their incredible service.

### **Matt Francis, Copa RFS Secretary, has provided the following report.**

This fire season has been called many things – let's just say it was a big one - and we threw everything we had at it. The RFS reports that over the season thus far fires have destroyed almost 2500 homes across the state and damaged more than 1000, with more than 5.4 million hectares burnt. We had crews sent to almost every corner of the state, and our truck stayed up at Dorrigo, and had some great adventures first with our own crew rotating in, then with many others. She is now being repaired and we have a spare truck so we still have full capabilities.

### **And then there were the storms and flooding**

To everyone's great relief, the wettest days since the 1990s arrived in late January and all fires are now contained, though some are still burning. This didn't mean a rest for our brigade right away. We responded to over 35 different jobs in the local area for storm damage in the first 48 hours and had crews put their hands up for strike teams in the days following, though we weren't tasked. I think I can safely say this Brigade is one of the hardest working in the service - its members are indefatigable and their commitment over and above the norm. We made areas safe where power lines were down, cleared trees using chainsaws so roads could re-open, provided traffic control to allow single lane traffic and ensure residents were able to access and leave Copa and Avoca.

**Overall the Brigade has put in a huge effort, with well over 60 shifts and 2000 hours** (that's a full-time job for a year!) just in relation to out of area deployments. The stats here don't include the number of times we have been on call, where we've had crew ensuring they

aren't more than 15 minutes from the station, stood up, where we have had crews stay in station at the ready, or on standby strike teams, where crews were staged in a team at strategic locations across the coast. I am humbled by the efforts of these folk who have welcomed me as one of their own.





# mayhem for Copa RFS



**And we continue to work to strengthen our brigade.** Along with all that the season brought, the brigade has been working hard to train our new recruits (a good mix of ages and genders - four of whom have already qualified as Bush Fire Fighters); keep training going for members, and ensure members skills are up to date with district run courses. These activities continue to strengthen the Copa brigade and our response capabilities overall.

## **Now is not the time to be complacent**

Whilst we are stoked to see the rain, we must remind ourselves the season is not over yet, and there is still a lot of green space across the state, especially here on the coast. It may only take a week or two of dry weather, and a decent hot day, to start some new threat here, so we must all be vigilant. Be careful around the house too, make sure you have smoke alarms working, ensure everyone in the house knows how they'll get out and where they should head. A recent local tragedy has highlighted how quickly houses can become very dangerous. If you want any advice on preparedness,

reach out to the brigade and we'll provide advice and support.

## **Thank you Copa for all the support**

Finally, we couldn't do what we do without community support, and this season that support has flooded us all, from direct donations to the brigade to help us out with new or upgraded gear, to food flowing in for our members, constant offers of support and questions about what we needed and generous donations of clothing and non-perishable food items which the brigade organised to be sent on to those affected by the disastrous season. Thank you Copa and the wider community for your generous support and wonderful, encouraging responses on Social Media.

Stay safe.

**Matt Francis**

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# Neighbourhood Watch

*Be Aware  
Take Care  
Keep 'Neighbourhood Watching'*

## ***Hello Friends and Neighbours***

Happy New Year to you all; may 2020 bring good health and much happiness to everyone. Crime in Copa has been low, even over the busy Summer season with its usual influx of tourists and visitors. Obviously, Copa is a favourite holiday destination as well as being popular for day outings.

It's a good idea to also remember to 'lock before you leave' - that means your house and your car. There have been reported thefts from cars over the summer.

***Josi Fudge***



***Always remember to report  
crime to Crime Stoppers***

## **'Our Josi' nominated for Australia Day Awards**

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for twenty-five years and long-time CCA Committee member Josi Fudge said she was honoured and proud to attend the Australia Day Awards Ceremony at the Laycock Theatre, for which she was nominated in the 'Volunteer of the Year' award. She received a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of voluntary service to our community, including nine years at the East Gosford Regional Art Gallery. For many years Josi produced the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, keeping the community informed about crime and other issues of interest to local residents. Josi said *'I want to thank all involved for my nomination and award. I look forward to continuing my voluntary service to the Copa community and the Gallery for as long as I am able.'*

The CCA joins the rest of the community in thanking Josi for her many years of service and warmly congratulates her on this well-deserved recognition.



# Move your home up the wanted list.

## McGrath

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# Infection Prevention

## starts at home

The headlines about Coronavirus have been alarming and we're sure there is a degree of concern and confusion about the risks for many people so here's a simple Q & A for your information.

### WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CORONAVIRUS?

You can look at the World Health Organisation & the Australian Department of Health websites, which post **daily updates** on the disease:

[www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses](http://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses)

[www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert](http://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert)

### WHAT IS THE RISK?

Whilst people of all ages can be infected, older people and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

As at February 17, 2020 there were 15 cases of Coronavirus confirmed in Australia: 5 in Queensland; 4 in New South Wales; 4 in Victoria; 2 in South Australia. Eight of the earlier cases are reported to have recovered. The other seven are in a stable condition. All of the cases in Australia have come from Wuhan except one in NSW who had contact in China with a confirmed case in Wuhan.<sup>1</sup>

### SHOULD I WEAR A MASK?

Current advice (6 Feb 2020), according to the AMA, is:

*Face masks are **not currently recommended for use by healthy members of the public** for the prevention of infections like Novel Coronavirus. Persons with a suspected or confirmed case of novel coronavirus should wear a surgical face mask when in contact with others.<sup>2</sup>*

### REFERENCES:

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2. <https://ama.com.au/gp-network-news/gp-access-face-masks-%E2%80%93-coronavirus-update>
3. <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

### WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY FAMILY?

The World Health Organisation says:

*WHO advises people of all ages to take steps to protect themselves from the virus, for example by following good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene.<sup>3</sup>*

### WHAT DOES 'GOOD HAND AND RESPIRATORY HYGIENE' MEAN?

We at Copacabana Medical Centre recommend practising **habitual** good hand and respiratory hygiene as it can help protect against infection generally. That means washing your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based handwash and when you are coughing or sneezing, covering your mouth and nose, either with a tissue (carry a good supply) or by flexing your elbow and sneezing or coughing into it. Dispose of the tissue immediately into a closed bin and wash your hands thoroughly.

### TALK TO US IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS

If you have concerns about any symptoms or if you believe you may be at risk of contracting the Coronavirus, please call the friendly staff at Copacabana Medical Centre before making an appointment.

### OTHER VACCINATIONS

Currently there is no vaccine for Coronavirus, however, this is a good time to check that all your immunisations are up to date. The government funds several vaccinations for children. The flu vaccine is free for adults with certain chronic conditions. People 65+ are eligible for a free pneumococcal and annual flu vaccine. Those aged 70-79 should take advantage of the free vaccine against shingles.

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**COPACABANA  
MEDICAL CENTRE**

# Men's Shed Makes Progress

In September 2019, it was announced that the Copacabana Community Men's Shed Incorporated had been awarded a My Community Project grant of \$130,000 to enable a new shed to be erected. CCMSI received the grant because it was the most popular community project in the Terrigal electorate. The group thanks all who voted for them.

As you will see from the artist's impression, the building has been designed to look more aesthetically pleasing than a regular shed. The design employs a novel roof structure that follows the slope of the land

(behind the RFS station). Construction of the shed will commence as soon as possible after the Development Application - which was submitted in August 2019 - is approved by Council. It is hoped that the shed can be erected by July.

Members will be recruited as soon as the shed is built. Their first job will be to help fit out the shed to create a pleasant social area as well as a mezzanine area to store materials. An application will shortly be submitted to Council for a Community Infrastructure Grant to cover this extra work.

If you would like further information, please contact **Mike Mitchelmore** on **0435 609 606** or email him at [coordinator@copamensshed.org.au](mailto:coordinator@copamensshed.org.au)



 Copacabana Community Association Inc.

## Clean up Copa Day

**Sunday 01 March 10.00am – 11.30am**

Join us at the "lookout" opposite the shops to

### Help Keep Copa Beautiful

Every bit of help is needed – even if you can just do a little bit

**Bring**  
GLOVES  
SMART THINKING!

**Wear**  
APPROPRIATE SHOES & CLOTHES



## Dawn Memorial Service

# ANZAC DAY

**SATURDAY**  
**25 APRIL 2020**  
**5:30am**  
at the Flag Poles



# \$1,000

donated to our local RFS from every sale this summer

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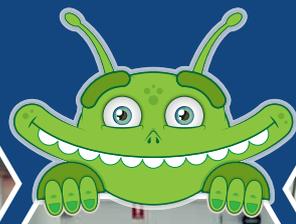
# Copacabana Public School

## Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the Copacabana PS Swimming Carnival on Friday at Woy Woy Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The level of participation was fantastic to see, as was the enormous talent displayed by our students. The day saw three records broken!

A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers, who gave up their time to be our lifeguards and assist in ensuring the safety of all swimmers. The carnival would not have been possible without you! Also, thank you to carnival convenor, Mr Smyth, for all of his hard work behind the scenes getting the day organised. Lastly, thank you to the students, you made it such a great, fun day!



## Kindergarten 2020

Welcome to all of our new Kindergarten students and their families. Thank you, to Mrs Bryson, Mrs Walters, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Price for all your hard work in the lead up to this very special event and for keeping a caring, nurturing and watchful eye over our shooting stars to ensure they all left with a smile and eager to start the next school day.

**Mary Hunt** – Principal

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