

# Guerilla Bay Association Newsletter

## March 2023

### Local News

#### Events for your Diary

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**Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm**



**AGM Guerilla Bay Association**

**Location: Car park at end of lane between 50 and 48 Beach Parade.**

In the event of rain meeting will be at 50 Beach Parade.

**Nominations for the executive committee** are now being called for. *A nomination form has been emailed with this newsletter.*

Your current Committee is: President- Chris Eccles; Vice President- Tess Snowball; Secretary- Wendy Simes; Treasurer- Doug Tinney; Committee- John Angus, Jane Green and Annie Lane.

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**Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**Mark Ward has an exhibition** at the BAS and would like to invite you all to come along.

**Where:** Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan Street and Campbell Street, Moruya

**Opening hours:** Daily, 10am – 4pm

This exhibition presents the work of two artists, Mark Ward and Gillian Wilde, responding to their passionate interest in birds. Mark's work compromises of oil painting, assemblage, linocut print and free-standing sculpture. Gillian Wilde's bold engaging images on paper are an exploration of birds through hand-dyed ink paper collage and watercolour.

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## Congratulations to John Angus for his award of an AM



John who is a member of our Committee is a former CSIRO chief research scientist in the plant industry division.

“**Dr John Angus** has been named a member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the agricultural sector through research roles, and to education.

His research career involved experimental and simulation studies about phasic development and the nitrogen and water productivity of dryland crops, the effects of crop and pasture sequences and the agronomy of irrigated rice.”

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## Landcare Activities

### Annie Lane, Guerilla Bay Landcare Coordinator

*This article appeared in the Guerilla Bay newsletter in March 2019 but it's worth repeating now that Easter Cassia is in full bloom.*

Easter is approaching and that means we are starting to see the distinctive and colourful blooms of Easter Cassia. This plant is native to South America but is a declared problem plant in NSW and Queensland. While it looks pretty, it is highly invasive.

Easter Cassia (*Senna pendula* var. *glabrata*) is a popular garden plant in NSW, especially in coastal and near-coastal districts. It is an adaptable plant that can live for 15-20 years. It invades a variety of ecosystems outcompeting native species through its rapid growth rate and prolific seed production. Some seed will remain viable in the soil for at



least five years, so it makes good sense to control plants before they reach maturity and set seed. Summer to Autumn is peak flowering period for this species.

**Management of Easter Cassia** Source: <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Cassia>

Control plants before they flower and set seed.

### 1. Physical removal

Pull or dig out small plants when soil is damp or soft. Dig out the roots so the plants do not reshoot. Mulching can suppress new growth.

### 2. Chemical control

#### Spot spray

Spot spraying is effective on seedlings and plants less than 2 m tall in dense infestations.

#### Cut stem

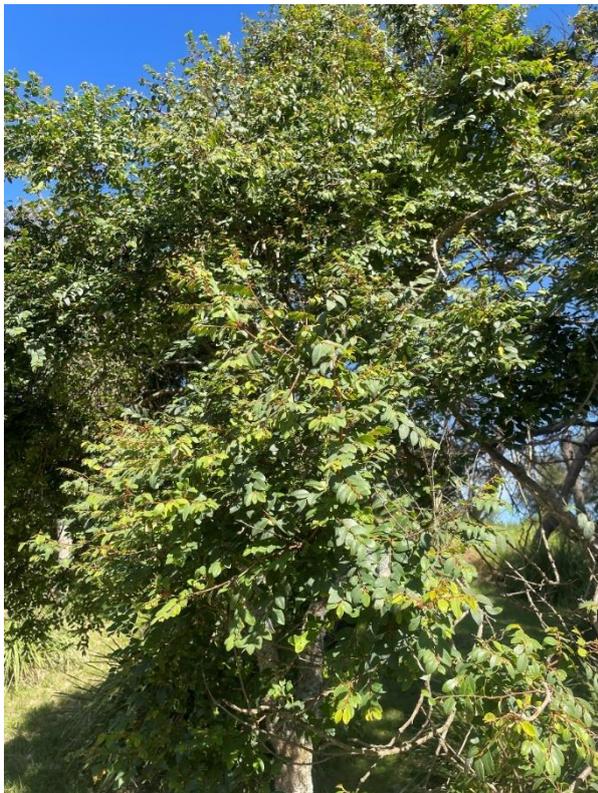
Taller or individual plants amongst other desirable plants can be cut and herbicide applied to the cut stem. If herbicide is not applied the cut stems it will regrow. If plants have seed pods collect and dispose of the pods.

#### Disposal

Dried seed pods can be burnt in a hot fire. Contact Eurobodalla Shire Council weeds officer for further advice on how to dispose of seed pods.

#### Similar plants

Cassia can sometimes be confused with Breynia (*Breynia oblongifolia*). Both have dull green ovate leaves. Breynia also likes disturbed areas.



The table below lists distinct differences between the two species.

<b>Cassia</b>	<b>Breynia</b>
Compound leaf in an opposite arrangement	Simple alternate leaf
Leaves usually edged with yellow	Leaves green with red and purple tinge
Young stems are bright green	Young stems are red
Large head of golden, yellow cup-like flowers	Tiny green pendulous flowers
Fruit is long green pod	Fruit is a tiny, reddish berry turning black

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## Close Encounters

### Tess Snowball

This summer our household has noticed an abundance of wildlife at Guerilla Bay. Out and about walking around the tracks, compared to the last two summers, we've seen more snakes, wallabies, echidnas and well as so many birds and insects. We got the chance to get a bit closer with some critters than we liked when we had some uninvited visitors to our home.



In January a beautiful male Diamond Python decided that the rail on our back deck was a great place to set up shop. He went off over night to forage for food but found a nice box to curl up under during the day. After a week, I decided to check in with the local snake wrangler who informed me he received many calls from Guerilla Bay! He assured me that the best thing was to leave the python alone and he would likely move on in a week or two. He advised that it would be quite safe for me to move him myself if I was really concerned. Much as I know they are not harmful, I was a little squeamish about doing that! Thankfully he moved on of his own accord after 10 days. It was reassuring to get the expert advice.

Only a week or so later, in a presumably unrelated event, some baby Feather Gliders decided to join us. First one appeared – much to Sally the dog's delight! Thankfully she was mostly barking and jumping to let us all know that an intruder had arrived, so we were able to hand it over to WIRES relatively unscathed. (Despite its comatosed appearance we were assured that it survived!) Two nights later another appeared. Again, a WIRES volunteer arrived within half an hour. Unfortunately, they had only just got down the road when yet another appeared. WIRES were



amazing to come out three times to our house and took the time to teach us all about Feather Gliders.

It's wonderful to see all this beautiful wildlife at our doorstep and great to have such great services to provide advice and support. I have also found the fauna reference document compiled by Jill Whiter to be an invaluable resource in identifying and learning about the animals in Guerilla Bay.

[Eurobodalla Snake Catcher](#) 0404110368

[WIRES](#) 1300 094 737

[The birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, moths and butterflies of Guerilla Bay, Burrewarra Point and clifftop reserves](#), by Jill Whiter

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## History Corner

### Arthur and Lyn Smith

**99 Burri Point Road**

**told by Lyn in 2009**

During the 1950s and 60s, Arthur and his fishing mates travelled from Sydney as far south as Merimbula, camping at out of the way bays and headlands. Somehow, they ended up at Burri, camped by the large tree near the track down to Eel Alley. He said the headland was quite clear and with very little undergrowth in those days. And he mentioned the aboriginals who wandered through the camp but there were never any problems because everyone was a fisherman and life was easy going and casual.

Arthur met Harry Lidden and spoke to him about buying some land and in January 1964 he paid a deposit on a £450 block at the end of what is now Burri Point Road, indeed the last block before the reserve of Burrewarra Point. Apparently a syndicate of buyers was very interested in the last six blocks at the end of the road and tried to pressure Harry for their cause, but he remained true to Arthur and the deposit. The weekender was built by Arthur and his mates in 1964, a simple and basic fisherman's cottage, and so it has remained. Harry was very helpful, even allowing Arthur to use his accounts in town during the construction. Little did Arthur know then, in his bachelor state, that the humble cottage would become a family holiday home.

Arthur often spoke of 'the boys' and their exploits and daring on fishing trips over all the tracks and trails on any way that led to the water. And of great times in the small 'tinny'. They were once stranded on Jimmy's Island by one of those southerlies that arrive suddenly and seemingly out of the blue. They walked round the island, carrying the 'tinny' and finally found a suitable place from which to launch it, and the eventually made landfall at Rosedale. It was a long trek home.

I came into Arthur's life in 1965 and have had wonderful times at Burri Point. I well remember the first time and the drive on that narrow dirt from from Mogo, through Sun Patch to what seemed the end of nowhere. And how we loved Freds' Burra whose occupants were the happiest

of fishermen, celebrating their catches with verve and not a little alcohol. We loved visiting and talking with Rene and Harry and became firm friends over the years.

Our children were born in 1972 and 1975 and have spent many holidays in the cottage, fishing and swimming and roaming the countryside. Warwick proposed to his wife on Guerilla Rock at the north end of the beach. Vikki spent most of her first pregnancy in the little cottage and her daughter was born at Moruya Hospital in 1999.

Members of the family and friends have enjoyed great times at Burri. There are memories of men in gumboots racing up the cliffs; socks drying over the open campfire; and corned beef cooked in the pressure cooker, with mash, peas and carrots — delicious. And the homemade fish-frying dish that was so big it took oil by the gallon. Trying to fit eleven people into two bedrooms after a bike ride from Sydney, the leftovers slept on the front verandah. The toilet conga line at night, men to the right, ladies to the left, on the edge of the encroaching bush — no fence in those days. Banging saucepan lids on New Year's Eve when there wasn't a soul about. The English couple who came for a week and we found that a flagon of wine lasted just one night. The night of the 1986 bushfire when Arthur gashed his leg and was taken by motorbike to the doctor at Malua Bay to be stitched up, and how embarrassed I was that the house was empty of supplies (we were leaving the following day) and there were no refreshments to offer the fire fighters. We thought it fitting to cast Arthur's ashes off Burrewarra Point where he so loved to fish.



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Fungi image from the compost bin.

I have a feeling I am not doing something right with my composting.

*[Wendy Simes](#), Secretary*



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