

# OUT'N'ABOUT

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Keeping you updated and informed

### Message from the GTV Board

During 2008 GTV focused on strategies that had been identified by the community at the 2007 Community Strategy Planning Workshop. Some achievements during 2008 include:

**Events in Toukley:** The Food & Fun festival was successfully held for the first time in the Village Green over the June long weekend. With over 5,000 visitors, many of the businesses in the Toukley CBD benefited directly from the event. The crowds enjoyed live entertainment, browsing the market stalls, wine tasting and great food. Food & Fun in the Village Green 2009 will be held Sat 6 June.

**TLC for Toukley:** During 2008, GTV engaged a contractor to provide additional cleaning and maintenance services for the Toukley CBD. This service includes rubbish pickup, garden maintenance and graffiti removal. The service has proved so successful we have now extended it to the East Toukley and Norah Head retail precincts.

**Welcome to Toukley:** Many of you may already have noticed our new 'Welcome to Greater Toukley' flags which feature a lighthouse and a water scene. These arrived just in time to welcome our many holiday visitors to the area. During 2009 we will investigate new flag poles for Noraville and Norah Head.

**Draft Toukley Planning Strategy:** During 2008, GTV in conjunction with Toukley & Districts Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Toukley, lobbied Wyong Shire Council to ensure work continued on the Toukley Planning Strategy. In November the Council advised they will be moving forward with the planning framework to revitalise the Toukley peninsula. The Council's intention is that a final Toukley Planning Strategy will be ready for their consideration by mid 2009. GTV will continue to provide input in 2009.

**2009: Strategies identified in the Community Strategy Plan for Toukley will form the focus for GTV's resources in 2009. Some of the strategies identified for attention this year include:** A Community & Visitor Info Guide, a community mural, clean and safe retail precincts, input to Wyong Shire Council regarding the Planning Strategy for Toukley and a continued focus of events to directly benefit our local businesses.

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### GTV BOARD MEMBERS

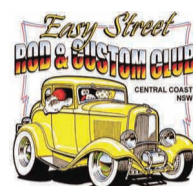
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## EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2009

### Easy Street Hot Rods - Show & Shine

VILLAGE GREEN ..... Sunday 8 March

The Easy Street Rod & Custom Club will celebrate their 27th Annual Rod Run with a Show & Shine display of their cars on Canton Beach Road, Toukley from 9am-12pm.



### Soldiers Beach Body Boarding Pro

SOLDIERS BEACH ..... 26, 27, 28 & 29 March

This 3 star event is made up of a round of the National Professional circuit and runs in conjunction with a round of the Amateur State Titles. The Pro is expected to attract over 250 competitors and caters for all ages from grommets (Under 13) to Grand Masters (Over 45). The event's major sponsor is Wyong Shire Council.

### Food & Fun in the Village Green

VILLAGE GREEN ..... Saturday 6 June

Bring the family along for a day of fun activities, including a farmyard nursery, reptile displays, amusements, face painting, great food, wine tasting, market stalls and live entertainment on the Village Green Stage.



### Whaledreamers Festival

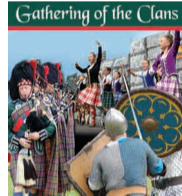
NORAH HEAD LIGHTHOUSE ..... Sunday 5 July

Created by a passionate group of locals this festival brings people together to raise awareness of the plight of our local whales. Join in from 10am - 2pm!

### 13th Annual Gathering of the Clans

HARRY MOORE OVAL ..... Saturday 29 August

The 'Parade of the Tartans' will kick off the celebrations at 10:30am on Saturday. Mass pipe band displays, live entertainment, craft and clans stalls and lots of food and fun for the kids makes this gathering a great event every year.



### Carols at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree

VILLAGE GREEN ..... Sunday 29 November

Like last year, a Laser Light display will precede the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights. There will be entertainment from local groups and schools and a visit from Santa, Mrs Claus and the Christmas Fairy.

### Together for Toukley

In August 2008 the first 'Together for Toukley' meeting was held. The aims of the group are to identify potential projects and partnerships in the Toukley area and to develop and promote a safe and connected community in Toukley.

The group is coordinated by staff from the Community Development Department at Wyong Shire Council and include the Crime Prevention Officer from the Tuggerah Lakes Area Command, the Community Workers from the Benevolent Society's Bridge to Beach Project, the Coordinator from GTV, representatives from the Toukley & District Chamber of Commerce, Toukley Senior Citizens Centre, the Bungaree Aboriginal Association and the Ministry of Transport.

In November 2008 the group conducted a Community Safety Audit in the Toukley CBD under the guidance of Senior Constable Bethany Gaudin - the Crime Prevention Officer from the Tuggerah Lakes Area Command. The audit involved groups of community members walking around Toukley identifying ways we can make the Toukley CBD a safer place for everyone.

The results of the audit have been collated into a report by Senior Constable Gaudin and is currently with the Policy and Programs Command at Police Headquarters in Parramatta for approval. Once the report is approved the results will be released and recommendations made to the appropriate stakeholders.



### In focus Bridge to Beach Project

The Benevolent Society is Australia's oldest charity. In 2008 they began a new project in the Toukley, Noraville, Canton Beach and Norah Head area called 'Bridge to Beach'.

There are three parts to the Bridge to Beach Project:

#### Community Work

Community worker, Hellen Dib is available to assist the whole community in identifying and resourcing community ideas, activities and events that the community believes would build on the existing strengths of the Bridge to Beach area.

#### Research

As part of this long term project, The University of Western Sydney will be conducting surveys that will tell them and the local community about how well the Bridge to Beach area is doing in the way people connect with each other and how well people feel they are able to determine their own choices in life. The researchers will be able to track changes over the years and eventually have evidence that shows what builds great communities.

#### Advocacy

Through the combination of community work and the results of the research the Benevolent Society and its partners will be in a good position to encourage all levels of government to make changes that will benefit the Bridge to Beach community.

GTV has been working closely with the community workers from the Bridge to Beach Project to help them identify projects that they may be able to assist with in the Greater Toukley area. In the Town Improvements section of this newsletter we outline some of the exciting projects we will be working on together in 2009.

For further information on the Bridge to Beach Project contact Hellen Dib on 4322 1600.



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## TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

### Community Mural Project

GTV has requested assistance from the Benevolent Society's Bridge to Beach Project for a Community Mural in Toukley. Late in 2008 we held an initial meeting and a project brief was submitted to Wyong Shire Council.

A Community Mural will benefit social cohesion and beautify the Toukley CBD for both residents and visitors. It will be constructed on 5 panels which will allow the mural to be portable and easier to work on. Each panel will be constructed by different sections of the community eg youth, seniors, aboriginal community and will represent what 'Lifestyle in Toukley' means to each group. A mentor artist will assist each of the groups. Just before Christmas, Wyong Shire Council announced that they will contribute \$4,000 to the project.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting project as a participant or mentor artist please contact the GTV office.

### Upgrade for Canton Beach

Late in 2008 Wyong Shire Council announced funding for new recreational facilities at Canton Beach. The \$520,000 allocated has come from the Federal Government funding given to local councils for community infrastructure. The upgrade will include equipment for all ability children. The Council has spent February gathering input from the local community and the project is scheduled for completion by September 2009.



### New Supermarket for Toukley

For many years only one supermarket has catered for the needs of the Toukley community and residents have been forced to shop outside their local area for supermarket alternatives. This may all be a thing of the past. At the time of publication a Development Application has been lodged with Wyong Shire Council for an Aldi Supermarket on the Noraville Hardware site. If the application is approved local residents will have greater choice with their grocery shopping and will bring shoppers from outside the area.

Having two major supermarket outlets in the Greater Toukley area will compliment the already great range of retail shopping and services the area boasts including surf shops, fashion boutiques, furniture, giftware, financial services, beauty and health services.