



The Ferry News

FEBRUARY 2010

FARES UPDATE

- **SSTS** – If any new parents or existing parents of Green Point Christian College have been or are excluded from the SSTS scheme due to boundary restrictions, please note that there are appeal processes if you have been rejected. Visit the SSTS web page for details. In the interim CCF are assisting by providing free transport until the process has been sorted
- **PET (Pensioner Excursion Travel)**– Both the previous operator, Jon Kirk, and ourselves have tried to obtain this discounted pensioner fare for the service. However, neither of us have been successful – even though Busways have it. The local residents have now started a petition to support this fare, and it can be signed on the ferry or at the DAVO. We are lobbying for PET to be available for our local community (Empire Bay, Davistown, Saratoga, Woy Woy areas)
- **MYZONE** –as per the MYZone web page “private ferries are NOT subsidised” – news to us are we have a contract with the NSW Government to supply a passenger service see http://myzone.nsw.gov.au/faq.html#b9_q2!! Also the article in last Fridays' Express stated that the reporter had contacted the Ministry of Transport and was given the same response! Folks this is a Government working against us!! We are campaigning to be included in the MYZone system- however judging by IPARTS response (https://www.nsw.liberal.org.au/public_news_and_events/media_releases/keneallys_myzone_mess_set_to_continue_with_dire_warning_from_ipart_boss.html) MyZone may be a misnomer – maybe it should have been MYSpace???

Watch this space– we are fighting to keep this service AFLOAT!

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FARES UPDATE

- **Woy Woy to Empire Bay:** IPART have set the fares as follows:

Adult: \$6.70 One Way / \$13.40 Return

Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$3.40 One Way / \$6.70 Return
- **COCKATOO FERRY:**
\$12 Adults \$10 concessions

TIMETABLE UPDATE:

- **WOY WOY- EMPIRE BAY:**
Normal Services- BUT the weekend of 19-22nd FEB has the CODOCK II on the run as the SARATOGA is playing at Wisemans Ferry Festival
- **COCKATOO FERRY:**
Now available for group bookings

COAST CHARTER BOAT PTY LTD T/A Central Coast Ferries ABN 30 053 187 367

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CRUISE to PATONGA

Sunday 7th MAR 2010

**\$ 25 per person –
LIMITED seats.**

*Please bring a drink and join in the fun!
You will need to make your own lunch reservations.
This is the Pub's busiest day – so book now so you
don't miss out*

Patonga Hotel Ph 43791111

info@patongahotel.com

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**To book call the Skippers
on 0418631313- bookings
confirmed only when
tickets are paid for.**

Departure Times:

From wharves: Empire Bay 10.10, Pine Ave 10.10, Central 10.15, Lintern St 10.25 and Veterans 10.30. Woy Woy passengers– pick up Guyra St on Request.

**ARRIVE PATONGA 12.00PM plan
to DEPART at 3:00 PM (ish)**

**NB: This cruise will only be cancelled
in the case of severe weather**

Catch the Ferry to the footy: Double Header

**Saturday 27th Feb,
Bluetongue Stadium**

Tigers v Sharks –

5:15pm

Roosters v Eels –

7:30pm

Ferry times:

Empire Bay - 3:55pm

Pine Av - 3:55pm

Central - 4:00pm

Lintern St - 4:10pm

Veterans Hall - 4:15pm

Arrive at Gosford 4:45pm

Depart 30 minutes after final
siren

Pre Booked Tickets only-

See skipper for details

Adults - \$15 Kids - \$8



GO THE TIGERS!!

Captain Cook Cruises 40th Birthday Sale

Captain Cook Cruises is celebrating its 40th Birthday in 2010 with a massive sale offering up to 40% off Sydney Harbour, Murray River and Fiji Islands discovery cruises. The sale is valid to 28 February 2010 and valid for travel to 31 March 2011.

Cruising is the fastest growing form of travel in Australia and the 2 night Sydney Weekender Cruise is a great way for passengers to try out their sea legs and experience a side of Sydney they've never seen before. The Captain Cook's Explorer sails every Friday night, for a leisurely weekend packed full of fine food and wine, spectacular views, sightseeing, excellent service, exciting shore excursions, music, dancing and relaxation.

The 2 night Sydney Weekender Cruise starts from only \$399 per person, normally \$470 and includes \$40 onboard bar credit per adult. The cruise departs every Friday at 6.00pm from Wharf 1, King Street Wharf and returns on Sunday at 3.00pm.

Discover the secrets of the South Australian outback aboard the Murray River's only paddlewheeler, the PS Murray Princess with special 4, 5 and 8 night cruise and accommodation packages.

Passengers will cruise past towering limestone cliffs, through picturesque gorges, go on guided nature walks and eco-tours, learn about the ecology of the river and visit historic ports, sacred Aboriginal sites, a sheep station and woolshed and a native wildlife shelter, while enjoying all the delicious food and wine the region has to offer.

The 4 night package starts from \$699 per person, normally \$855, the 5 night package from \$899 per person, normally from \$1113 and the 8 night package from \$1359, normally \$1676 per person. All prices include one night's accommodation in Adelaide before or after your cruise.

Visit the remote villages of the 'real' Fiji, secluded tropical islands and pristine beaches on Captain Cook Cruises 4, 5 and 8 night Fiji cruise and accommodation packages.

Offering a truly cultural experience passenger will visit unspoilt Fijian villages, churches, schools and handicraft markets, take part in a traditional village sevusevu ceremony and Meke and Lovo feast, discover secluded islands, snorkel over amazing coral reefs, laze on warm white sandy beaches and swim in crystal clear waters.

The 4 night package starts from \$769 per person, normally \$1270, the 5-night package from \$969 per person, normally from \$1670 and the 8-night package from \$1569 per person, normally \$2730. All prices include one night's accommodation in Nadi pre or post cruise.

The seven night Northern Fijian Dateline Cruise is an amazing cruise that reveals the unique history, art and culture of the Northern Fiji Islands and allows passengers the ultimate experience of standing' on the International Dateline.

2010 departure dates are: 4th May, 1st June, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October and 2nd November.

The 8-night Northern Fijian Dateline Cruise package including one night's accommodation in Nadi pre or post cruise is priced from \$1569 per person, normally \$2730.

All cruises include meals, accommodation, most tours and all onboard facilities and entertainment.

For further information and bookings, please contact Captain Cook Cruises toll free from Australia on 1800 804 843; Int +61-2-9206 1111, Email: cruise@captaincook.com.au or visit www.captaincook.com.au



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MARCH 2010

**BON JOVI
TRIBUTE SHOW**

Saturday 13th March 2010
8:00 PM

Chris Ninni has spent over 20 years learning all of the guitar parts to the music he heard at his first Bon Jovi Concert at age 16. He now lives the dream as lead vocalist in the 'Keep the Faith' Bon Jovi Tribute Show and is quite possibly Australasia's greatest rock impersonator.



**PLAY FREE POKER
WEEKLY PRIZES**



Thursdays 7.30pm
(registration 6.30pm)
Saturdays 2.00pm
(registration 1.00pm)
Mondays 12.00 noon
(registration 11.00am)

Fairhaven Services Ltd
Davistown RSL proudly supports Fairhaven Services—a local charity providing residential and vocational services to local people with a disability.

Davo's Sunday Markets
9.30am—2pm.

Heaps of stalls selling a HUGE variety of goods. Stall holders welcome - \$20 for the day (bookings essential). Conditions apply. Sign-in requirements apply.

Contact Sue Chidgey Ph 4323 3566 Email: sue.chidgey@fairhavenservices.org.au

December 20 | January 17 | February 21
March 21 | April 18

THINGS YOU STILL CAN'T DO:



Play with your dogs at DOG POINT!

Due to the misrepresentation of a local person, who has claimed that the BUSH STONE CURLEW is at risk in this VERY popular area at Davistown, the Council has been forced to close this to off leash dog activities. However, the area HASN'T been closed to:

- Council lawn mowing
- Picnickers
- Boaties
- Partying youths
- Joggers
- Wandering cats

FEBRUARY UPDATE: Nothing – there is no conversation going on between GCC & dog owners – all requests for info have not been addressed. So sad that such a great area has been closed due to the misrepresentations of a few. GCC – show us the PROOF that this area is a BSC habitat!!

Editors Notes:

Sorry we missed January and Feb is late !! Busy Busy Busy – weddings, broken legs and holidays!!

January was extremely busy with both boats working. The CODOCK II carried over 1,200 passengers in our annual January tourist run. What a great vessel she is – has even taken part in towing a yacht off the mud at Saratoga (these 40' work boats are exactly that – a work boat)

Coming up is a trial run to Patonga- if interested, jump in early as there are limited seats.

Also Ferry to the Double Header – and it is Bluetongue Stadium's 10th Anniversary (I still remember it as Graeme Park when I played hockey there!!)

Bets