

MAY 2008

*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”*



ANZAC DAY ...

A day of deep thoughts and special memories for many of our regular passengers. We applaud those who gave their lives, their stories are inspirational.

We also applaud those that carry on the spirit that is ANZAC- and we are proud of our youth that are embracing this.

Thank you to the staff at the DAVO who worked hard to ensure that this day is not forgotten- hats off to you all!

MOTHER'S DAY INFO...



Sunday 11th May is Mothers Day – full of love & laughter!

If you are looking for some ideas- that are not too expensive or commercialised:

♥ Catch the ferry for a scenic relaxing cruise and then have lunch at the Davistown RSL. There are lots of activities for kids – and adults – in their open areas

♥ OR have a picnic at Pine Ave Reserve –lots of play equipment for the kids PLUS a great swimming spot that is safe to swim in.

♥ Catch the ferry to Lintern St wharf and do the “Iloura Reserve Walk” – details on our web page

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TIMETABLE UPDATE

We have extended the afternoon service departing from Woy Woy – Lintern St at 3:30 pm (previously it was departure 3:40 pm to Veterans Hall, Saratoga only). This applies Monday – Friday. There are no other timetable changes.

FARES UPDATE

- **Woy Woy- Empire Bay:**

As per the IPART determination, which sets fares for public transport, there will be a slight increase in fares as from 1st JUNE 2008.

Woy Woy to Empire Bay

Adult: \$6.20 One Way / \$12.40 Return

Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$3.10 One Way / \$6.20 Return

Empire Bay to Davistown

Adult: \$3 One Way / \$6 Return

Child, Student, Concession, Pensioners & Seniors: \$2 One Way / \$4 Return

There is NO increase in Ferry 10 passes.



LINTERN St Wharf ...

For those folks who are familiar with this area, you would have noticed activity around the wharf due to reconstruction of the adjacent boat ramp. Council notified us last year that this would be a priority due to the deterioration of the boat ramp and subsequent problems that we all have experienced when trying to launch boats at this ramp.

After lengthy discussions with Council, the work has started to an agreed standard that, in the long term, won't affect ferry travelers. In the short term, however, there MAY be some situations due to barges etc in the local vicinity, that we will have approach the wharf cautiously, and this MAY impact on timetables.

Our skippers will do their best, and have already have meetings with the workers constructing the ramp, requesting that the barges are kept within an area that doesn't obstruct our access to the wharf to pick up/drop off passengers.

We are fully aware of timetables and the need to meet trains etc, and are asking our passengers to be mindful that there could be issues at Lintern St for the next 10-12 weeks.

Your patience will be appreciated; our skippers will continue to do their best to get you to and from work/meetings/social gatherings etc.

Thank You!!

BOATING SAFETY

It really is an oxymoron this term – as boats and safety are often not a term that is used together- *especially in light of recent tragic events*. We are constantly confronted by some members of the public who are boat owners, and as such, have the impression “we know boats” – they don't!

These weekend warriors are a threat to any who travel with them, and also to the boating fraternity who do actually “know boats” and who, funnily enough, abide by the rules which are there to keep us all safe!

Please help us, and others, to keep our waterways safe- observe the rules, dob in the idiots who don't, and get you or your skipper trained in boating safety.

Check out this web site:

<https://online.maritime.nsw.gov.au/OnlineBSC/>



THINGS TO DO...

National Park & Wildlife Service – guided tours & 4WD tag alongs- lots of fun! Here's a few ideas- for more info go to:

<http://www2.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/parks.nsf/DiscoveryByArea?OpenView&Region=Central+Coast&Count=2000>

Coastal Walking Series - Patonga to Catherine Hill Bay

Expressions of interest are invited for participation in the 2008 Coastal Walking Series held each Sunday (for six weeks), from 21 Sep to 2 Nov 08. This 120km, 6 day walk traces the full length of this coastline, commencing at the village of Patonga and concluding at the township of Catherine Hill Bay, The route passes through Brisbane Water, Bouddi and Wyrabalong National Parks; Munmorah State Recreation Area; Wamberal Nature Reserve; numerous public foreshore reserves and, where unavoidable, suburban streets. There are a maximum number of walkers each day so bookings & pre-payment is essential.

When: Each Sunday from 21 September to 2 November 2008

Duration: 9 hours

Level of difficulty: [hard](#)

Meeting point: On inquiry

Cost: On inquiry

Booking requirements: Priority is given to those booking in for the whole 6 days of the Coastal Walk.

More information: Phone for details and to book: 4320 4205.

Great North Walk 2008

Expressions of interest are invited for participation in the 2008 Great North Walk starting late May through to the end of August. A very popular 260+km trek, a challenging walk with lots of hills, walking 15-25kms each Saturday (over 13 weeks) with early starts. We pause at points of interest along the way as you wind along & across valleys, over mountain tops & rivers, along beaches, creeks, roads, fire trails & foot tracks through suburbs, farmland, state forests & national parks. A minimum number of participants is required for the walk to proceed, with a maximum number for each day, bookings & pre-payment are essential. The guides request that you have done some preparation bushwalking.

When: Each Saturday over 13 weeks from late May to the end of August

Duration: 9 hours

Level of difficulty: [hard](#)

Meeting point: On inquiry

Cost: On inquiry

Booking requirements: Priority is given to those booking in for the whole 13 days of the Great North Walk.

More information: Phone for details an to book: 4320 4205.

4wd Discovery Explorer Series: "Valley, Creek and Ranges"

[Popran National Park](#)

Join with your guide to discover and explore - behind locked gates, commencing in the beautiful and serene Glenworth Valley on Popran Creek within the lower slopes of Popran NP. This tour will continue to negotiate areas of Lower/Upper Mangrove Creek and ascend into Dharug NP via The Simpson Track to 10 Mile Hollow and beyond. Take in the considerable interesting history of a variety of locations with the tour finalising at the Mangrove Mountain store. Bring low range/high clearance 4wd, water, snacks and lunch, sun/weather protection

When: 03/05/2008 08:00 AM

Duration: 9 hours

Level of difficulty: [easy](#)

Meeting point: Meeting place given on booking

Cost: \$20 adult, \$10 child

Booking requirements: Bookings required.

More information: Phone 4320 4205 by 12 noon Friday prior.

Explore Colongra Swamp

[Colongra Swamp Nature Reserve](#)

Join your guide on a 6 km flat round trip walk through this beautiful unspoiled unique environment. The wide variety of different ecosystem will amaze you as we wander between them. Plentiful bird life and stunning scenes will keep you fascinated throughout. Bring closed in shoes, camera, binoculars, water, snacks & insect / weather protection

When: 04/05/2008 08:00 AM

Duration: 4 hours

Level of difficulty: [medium](#)

Meeting point: Meeting place given on booking

Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 child (suit 10 years +)

Booking requirements: Bookings required

More information: Phone 4320 4205 by 12 noon Friday prior.

Dillon's Farm & Van Dahls Track Walk

[Brisbane Water National Park](#)

Come and experience a different place in Brisbane Waters NP. Walk along the Van Dahls experiencing great views over Brisbane Waters, the Pacific Ocean and west to the before walking down to Dillon's Farm. Wear sturdy footwear, sun/weather protection, snacks and plenty of water.

When: 04/05/2008 09:30 AM

Duration: 3.5 hours

Level of difficulty: [hard](#)

Meeting point: Meeting place given on booking.

Cost: \$7 Adults, *\$5 Senior Special*

Booking requirements: Bookings required

More information: Phone 4320 4205 by 12 noon Friday prior.

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WHAT'S ON...?

www.davistownrsl.com.au

MAY 2008

Mothers Day Luncheon

Sunday 11th May 2008

12:00 PM

2 Course lunch and entertainment by "GOOD OLD DAYS"

[More Details](#)

DAVO MARKETS

Sunday 18th May 2008

10:00 AM

SUNDAY MARKETS ON THE GREEN breakfast ON THE TERRACE FROM 9AM

[More Details](#)

MONDAY CABERET

Monday 19th May
2008

11:00 AM

SPECIAL GUEST ADAM SCICLUNA

[More Details](#)

TONY REMEDIOS

Sunday 25th
May 2008

12:30 PM

Solo Entertainer

[More Details](#)

JUNE 2008

DRAGON ELECTRIC



Saturday 7th June 2008

8:00 PM

Since 1973 there have been many different versions of the band DRAGON to the Dragon story. Mark Williams, Todd Hunter, Bruce Reid and Pete Drur

[More Details](#)

JULY 2008

ACDC SHOW



Saturday 5th
July 2008

8:30 PM



This is it - a bucket list moment (things to do before you kick it) - sail on the JAMES CRAIG- awesome!!

Editors Notes:

External to ferries- we also have expert boat builders!

George has many years of experience building "Super Yachts" - and, for those who are new to this area, he also purpose built the luxury charter catamaran "MAGIC of GOSFORD" that we proudly operated on the coast for 8 years before she was sold to a group in Melbourne.

This was a family venture- involving all our sons- much to their chagrin when they had to work on the boat on Saturday nights!

We were recently approached to do a 'fit out' on a luxury "Super Yacht" in Newcastle, and as Toby is still OS, Mark has joined George to carry out this very specialised project. Tim has stepped up to the mark, and is now our acting "operational manager", and we have a few new (and old- as in previous- not age!) skippers on the deck to assist us during this period.

So - next time you catch the ferries- say Hi to Jon, Timothy & Russell- and no - you don't get a discount from them cause you know the owners- the boys have given them a VERY thorough run down on what is what!

Bets