



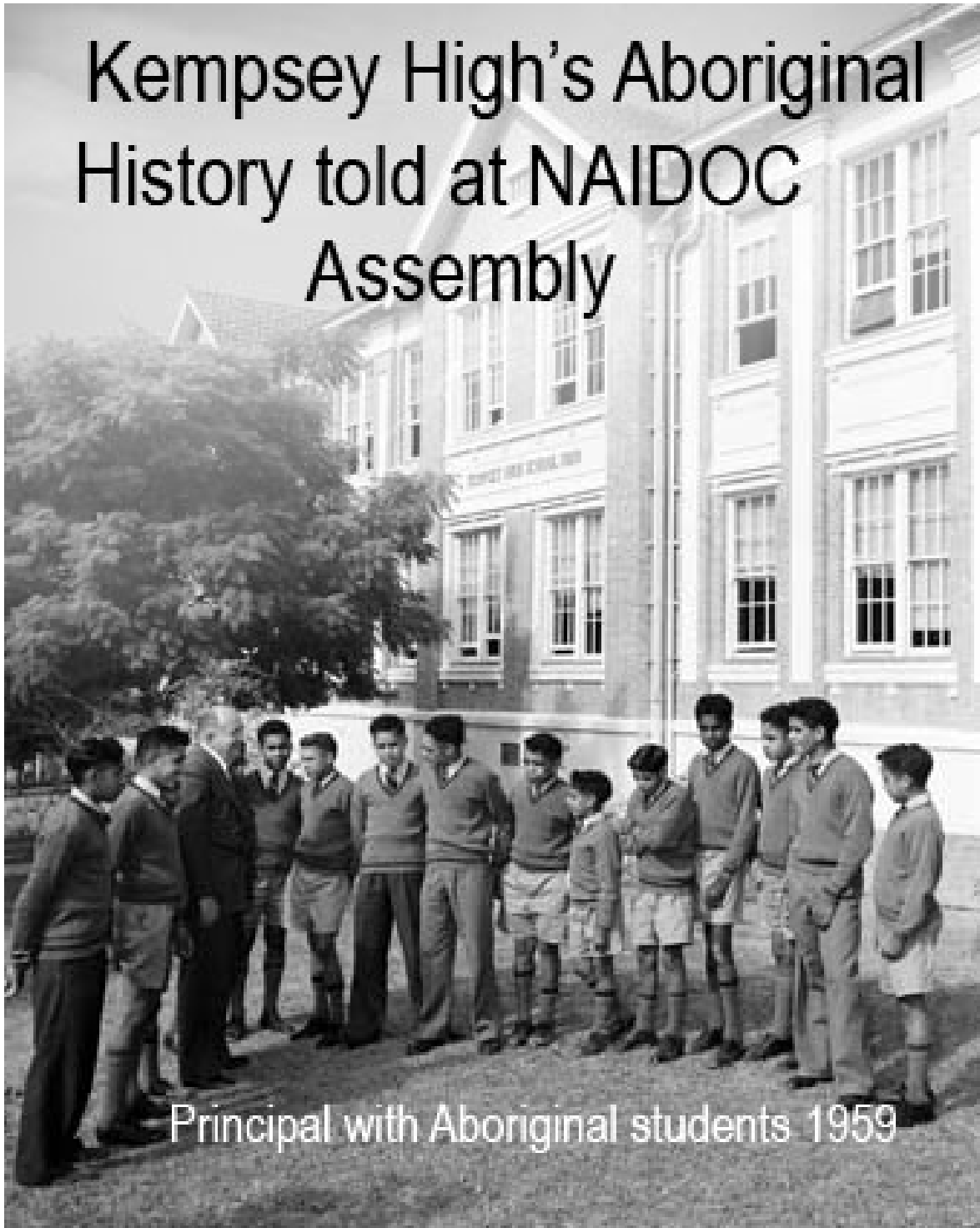
KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kempsey High's Aboriginal History told at NAIDOC Assembly



Principal with Aboriginal students 1959

Excerpt from Power Point images shown at NAIDOC ceremony at KHS

Dates to Remember:

Friday 21st August – Collection of Subject selection forms Year 10 into 11

Science Show with Years 7 & 8.

Monday 24th August – HSC Textiles and IT prac work due.

Tuesday 25th August – Formal assembly. Induction for student leaders.

Thursday 27th August- Step into the future day. Year 10 and 12. Year 9 Marine studies excursion to Crescent Head.

Collection of subject selection forms year 8 into 9.

Friday 28th August- Immunization. HSC English 2 project work.

Monday 31st August - HSC Drama project work due

Tuesday 1st September- Astronomy Australia Visit Years 9&10

Weds 2nd September- School council meeting

Thursday 3rd September- P&C Meeting Mr. Johnson and Mr. Sinclair. 'Deadly days' in Port. (2 days). CHS Athletics Sydney (2 days)

Monday 7th September – HSC Vis Art 'BOW' due. Trial HSC and Preliminary exams begin

Tuesday 8th September-

Kempsey High School P&C MEETING

Thursday 3rd September, 2009

7.15 pm in School Library

Talks by Mr. Johnson and

Mr. Sinclair

Everyone Welcome

**Our Canteen
Desperately needs helpers!
Can you spare one day a
month?**

Phone Leanne 65 624811



**Registration: THURSDAY September 3rd
@**

**Kempsey Supa IGA Café (Clyde Street)
– 3.30pm to 6pm**

**Caters to children of all ages from Tiny
Tots (3-4 year olds) up to Under 17 year
olds.**

TEEN DENTAL REMINDER

**Parent/Students if you have received a
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have a preventive dental check please make
arrangements to use this voucher with
either the Oral Health Service by calling
1300 651 625 or by making an appointment
with a private dental practitioner of your
choice, as these vouchers will expire on the
31st December 2009.**

**Recycle reuse
Please send in empty
plastic ice cream
containers to Science.
Thank you.**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mrs. Roberts congratulates Mr. Eller on the NAIDOC Week presentation and new Aboriginal resource room plans.

Spring into Art

Parents, students and community members are invited to see artworks by students in the seventeen public schools that make up the Macleay Educational Community this week. The exhibition will be held at the Macleay Valley Community Gallery in Gladstone. Viewing times are from 10am to 4pm from Thursday 27th. August to Sunday 30th. August 2009.

Prefect Elections

Over the last fortnight students and staff have elected the Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2009-2010. Those students who met the behaviour, participation and uniform criteria in the nomination process delivered a speech at a formal school assembly on voting day. Thank you to all the fourteen students who were prepared to seek election. Congratulations the following students on their election to these positions:

Captains: Emma and Jimmy

Vice Captains: April and Patrick

Prefects: Mitchell, Kyan, Kimberly and Rebecca.

These students will be inducted into their positions at a formal assembly to be held from 12.15pm on Tuesday 25th. August 2009. Parents have been invited to this assembly and are welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards.

School Leaving Age

On 30 January 2008, the Premier of NSW announced the government's plans to raise the school leaving age. Community consultation during 2008 identified strong support for increasing young people's engagement in education and training. The government enacted legislation to take effect from January 2010. The new law requires a young person to remain at school or in home schooling until they have completed Year 10 at school or TAFE or turned 17. A young person who has completed Year 10 and is below the age of 17 years must continue in school, a vocational course, apprenticeship, traineeship, paid work or a combination of these of at least 25 hours per week until they reach 17 years of age. To be eligible for Youth Allowance, young people need to complete 25 hours in a combination of paid employment, training, schooling or approved activities.

Northern Notes

Sarah Xxxxxx, Krystal Xxxxxx and Emileigh Xxxxxxx were part of a group of accomplished musicians who spent two days at Northern Notes at Woolgoolga a couple of weekends ago. Students from several North Coast public schools came together for the weekend to work with accomplished Sydney conductor, Steve Williams. Over 40 primary and secondary students attended the program for continued practice and music workshops. The highlight of the weekend was the concert on the Sunday afternoon.

CSIRO visit

Chemistry came to life last Friday when Year 7 and 8 students were involved in the CSIRO Cool Chemistry program. Students participated in activities that showed them lots of interesting things about chemistry that happen in daily life both inside and outside the body. A popular activity involved the use of luminal, the material used to detect blood under ultra-violet light. A number of other activities were seen including coloured flames, edible plastics, the foaming column, the beaker race and the magic jug. Thanks to the CSIRO for taking the time to visit us.

NAIDOC at Kempsey High School

School NAIDOC assembly.



Aboriginal students spoke at the assembly to a Power Point of photos of Kempsey High School's Aboriginal history. The following are excerpts from the speeches.

'Many organizations and officials wanted separate schools, especially where there were large numbers of Aboriginal people, such as along the coast of NSW.

These pictures in 1899 and 1907 show the Kempsey schools sports day of the time'



In the Macleay, five separate Aboriginal schools were established -

Pelican Island 1892,

Fattorini Island,

Nulla Creek school at Bellbrook 1903,

Burnt Bridge 1905, and

Kinchella in 1923.

After 1909, things got even worse.

The Aboriginal Protection Board took even more control of Aboriginal peoples' lives, with terrible results including being able to take their children from them.

This did not start to change until the 1950's and 1960's.

Aboriginal parents complained and campaigned about the exclusion of their children from school.

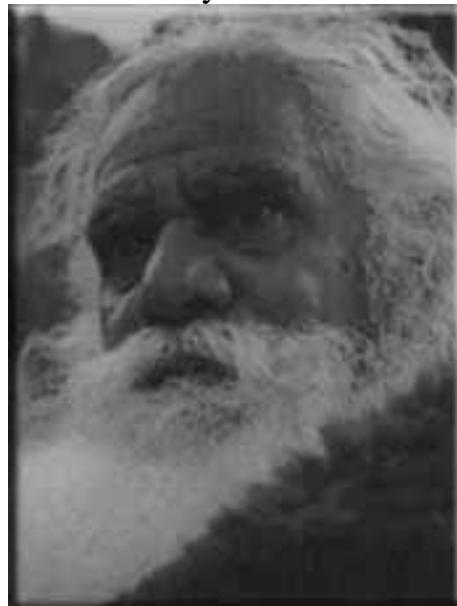


Our school opened in 1930.
 The first Aboriginal student we see clearly
 in our School Anniversary book
 is Harry Penrith in 1950.
 Below: Harry Penrith on the cover of
 DAWN magazine 1953, later as activist
 Burnum Burnum.



Harry was a Stolen Child, who was sent to
 Kinchella Boys Home when he was ten,
 after spending his childhood at Bomaderry
 children's home.

He describes being in Kinchella for 8 years
 as like being in a prison – he was called by
 number not by his name.





Ms Roslyn Mosely (better known Auntie Lotie) guest speaker was inspirational with her personal comments for students.

Uncle Bob Smith said that he went to Burnt Bridge School but in 1962 they were allowed to go to integrated schools. He went to West Kempsey Primary in sixth class. He went on to finish his School Certificate at Kempsey High and get his Leaving Certificate in Sydney. Uncle Bob said he enjoyed school here at Kempsey High. He experienced no racial issues and he made many friends – many he still sees today.



After the 1967 Referendum, things slowly began to change and by 1980, Gerald Bradshaw was voted in as School Captain – the first Aboriginal School Captain of Kempsey High.

Since then we have seen gradual but constant change in the opportunities available in education. This is mirrored in the more recent history of Kempsey High. The change in attitude can be seen clearly in the 1990 Reconciliation Mural. Ngaku artist Robert Campbell Jnr and Dave Fernando worked with students to celebrate Aboriginal history and culture with pride.

A big part of this change revolves around the AEA – working between students, teachers and parents.

Aunt Helen Archibald was here for many years and won a North Coast Award for Excellence in Education.

Since then our AEA's and AEW's have continued to help make our school a better place.

We have had many different events and excursions which have helped people get to know, accept and respect each other.

Some of these include

- Excursions, including trips to Broome, Lightning Ridge, Sydney and the Festival of the Dreaming
- Challenges and adventures – including Bindi and James at Outward Bound
- Murals inside the school and around town
- Dance events
- Fashion events
- “Living the Dreaming” Community festival in memory of Robert Campbell Jnr and a major event for Reconciliation in Kempsey
- Competition wins
- HSC success - but we need more!
- Cultural education with Dunghutti Elders
- Community events
- Crocfest festivals
- Corangula Inter-Cultural Camps and many other events and celebrations



The Kooris on the Job Course started in 1990. Community members as well as individual artists or respected Elders.

In the 19 years since then, students and staff have interviewed 124 different Community members as well as individual artists or respected Elders.

Science staff have worked with Elders to develop programs involving study at the beach and trips to Clybucca Midden.

Maths staff have developed programs involving work at Crescent Head, Bellbrook and at Booroongen Djugun, often working with Elders.



As a result of all this, Kempsey High is now a place where all students are able to develop their skills and abilities, where people can accept and respect their similarities and their differences and where we can work together in a spirit of friendship.

In seventy five years, it has become a much fairer place. Together, we are a part of a change that is making Australian history





Above: A highlight of the NAIDOC assembly was a dance performance with Goori girls from years 7 to 12. Go Jayarni and Benita!

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Port Macquarie Dance Festival

By Louise Hopkins

On Wednesday June 17th 2009, the Kempsey High School Year 9 and 10 Dance Elective group performed at the Port Macquarie Dance Festival. This year the festival was held at Melville High School. The girls performed two routines, the first one was to a Chicago Medley and the second routine was to Star Struck. The Chicago dance contained the twenty-one students and Star Struck consisted of six students.

Both groups performed twice, first for the matinee show and then the evening show. The matinee performances were a little scratchy due to minor changes that were made just days before but the evening performances were very polished items with no problems and most of the girls

commenting that they didn't make a mistake which was fantastic.

There has been much positive feedback from the dance groups about their experience of performing in front of about 700 people. The girls should be commended on their effort for the performance and how they conducted themselves throughout the day as they did themselves and Kempsey High School proud. They all looked fantastic on the night and their performance was worth all the repeating, yelling and the many tantrums that occurred during the lead up. I would like to thank the girls for the experience and believe me it was an experience.

Also a special thanks to Rebecca Xxxxx, Sarah Xxxxxx and Alison Xxxxx for the many lunch times that they spent with me cutting, tacking and darting the costumes and to Annette Mayhew for sewing some of the costumes. It was greatly appreciated and things would not have turned out as well as they did without their help.



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Above: Hayden 'puts the shot' into first place.

NORTH COAST CHS ATHLETICS

The following six students from Kempsey High School were selected to represent the lower north coast zone at the north coast CHS trials for Athletics. Hayden Xxxxxx, Lachlan Xxxxx, Blade Xxx, Alisha Xxxx, Nicole Xxxxx and Kieran Xxxx. The students travelled to Lismore to compete. Some of our students were billeted by Lismore High school for the night.

Congratulations to Hayden Xxxxxxxx who came first in shot put and is now representing the North Coast CHS at state level. He will travel to Sydney to compete. Well done, Hayden!

Book Week 2009 activities @ your library

Reader's Theatre

When: After school on Weds August 26th, 2009

Where: Kempsey Library in Elbow Street

Cost: Absolutely FREE. Bookings not necessary.

Who: Everyone is welcome, Participants 8 to 12 years on a book safari. Party food available.

For enquiries please phone the Library on 6566 3210 or email us at ksclibrary@kempsey.nsw.gov.au

New edition of Click online now!

Cyber bullying – what can you do? This month's *Click- Technology Guide for Parents*, looks at why cyber bullying can be more devastating than face-to-face bullying, and why kids often keep quiet about it. Click also has vodcasts, podcast and blogs – and an interesting article echoing every parent's concern: "How can you study with that on?" Find it all online now at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Education tax refund

Eligible parents and carers can now claim the Education Tax Refund for certain education expenses incurred from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. This means you could get 50 percent back on a range of primary and secondary school education expenses. The maximum refund is \$375 per primary school student and \$750 per secondary school student. Go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/home/ for all the details.

NRMA have great prizes for any student wanting to clock up 500 km riding their bike between now and April 2010. For more information on Ride2School or the NRMA 500km Gold Medal Challenge please visit our website at www.bicyclensw.org.au/category/news/ride2school

Leadership assembly.

Mr. Eller opened the Leadership Assembly and made reference to our unique process of election of prefects and school captains. He pledged that the election would be transparent and congratulated candidates on taking on the challenge of leadership. All staff and students from year 7 to 12 have been given the responsibility to make a decision of who will be our leaders in term 4, 2009 and in 2010

The following is a summary of the speeches made by the applicants for school leaders.

Rebecca XXXXX is keen to represent KHS in and out of school. She is serious in her application to work. She has good reports and shows respect. "I am a good listener." And "I like to be involved in all school life such as the ANZAC march, carnivals and peer reading". Rebecca is keen to do the job.

Dylan XXXX wants positive change. He has been involved with peer reading, mock trial and the Anzac ceremony. "I am quiet but a good listener and pride myself on being outgoing, friendly and approachable".

Elijah XXXXX-XXXX is 'the red head kid'! 'I'm a typical "A" grade student. I admire Obama as a leader he has brought hope to people'

Kiera XXXXXX said she is an average student who always does her best. 'I

want to stop bullying at KHS and provide opportunities for students to relax in their breaks by having a room to go to where they can read or play a board game'.

Kyan XXXXX wants to make a significant change by serving her school at Anzac and other events such as sporting carnivals. "I aim to take a positive role in leading our school. I have participated in Outward bound and I am a creative thinker, active and supporting".

Tahlia XXXXX wants to make school better for everyone. I am a proud KHS student and our uniform is better than Melville's and St Paul's. 'I always dress up and participate in school carnivals'.

Cassie XXXXXX said she is not always an angel, but aims to improve. School has become a valuable factor in Cassie's life and she now wants to give something back to her school. Cassie's states that it would be her 'honour' to be a leader at K.H.S. "we attend the best school in town," said Cassie. She wants to make a positive difference for the school.

Jimmy XXXXX. 'I am a dedicated student who has achieved good results in all of my subjects. To do this I have been determined, listened in class and focused. I believe in being polite and having good behaviour. I was School Captain at Willawarrin Public School and I would be happy to relive that

experience at Kempsey High.’ Jimmy also has been involved with Outward bound, cross country and marched at ANZAC day. His true hero is Nelson Mandela who fought for what he believed in.

Patrick Xxxx. ‘I was Dux of year 10 and believe in extra curricula activities as I have participated in the Mock trial, swimming and athletics carnivals and Outward bound. All of these activities help create independence and self direction. Patrick attained a Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award and his hero is Liam Trotsky.

Emma Xxxxx has a good attitude that she has acquired from representing KHS in many sporting teams. Emma has learned leadership skills through peer mentoring and peer reading. Emma promises to try her best and she is a great listener.

Toby Xxx has previously represented the school in sporting and academic events. He has volunteered as reader writer. Toby wishes to raise money for new materials such as turf on the oval. Toby feels he is a respectable candidate, and he is “...cool and stuff.”

Kimberly Xxxxx promises to show respect and to have a comfortable and approachable attitude. She will make sure students and teachers can come to her with ideas and issues. Kim is

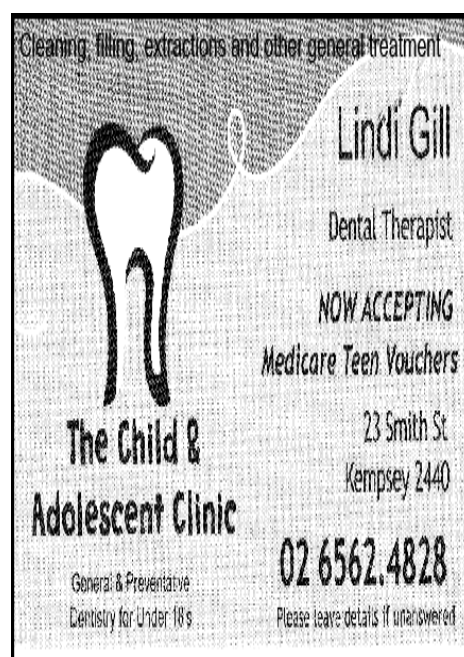
confident and proud to be a KHS student and hopes to lead the school. She has already represented KHS in mock trial and tutoring.

April Xxxxx ‘I am an ordinary good student and I want to give back something to Kempsey High as I have made good friends and appreciate my teachers. I have represented the school at ANZAC and NAIDOC. Vote for someone.

Mitchell Xxxxx. ‘I am punctual and approachable and I realize the job is more than a title. You need to be effective and have ability. We are the best school. We need football posts on the oval. Everyone needs a dream and it starts at KHS.

Now that the votes are counted .The results are in and are recorded in **‘From the Principal’.**

*Compiled by Tiana and Brienna. **Photos:** Ryan and Manbir. Journalism and digital media class.*





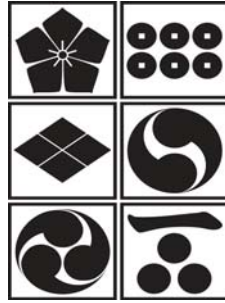
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Jimmy, Eli, Kiera, Patrick, Emma, Toby, Kyan, Kim.



Top left to right down the page:
Rebecca, Mitchell, Dylan, April, Cassie and Tahlia.

Macleay Educational Community of Schools

"SPRING INTO ART 2009"



*MACLEAY EDUCATION COMMUNITY
OF SCHOOLS*

K-12 ART EXHIBITION

*Featuring outstanding artworks from the talented
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THURS 27th - SUN 30th AUGUST 2009

10am - 4pm

*All parents and visitors are most welcome to come
and view this Exhibition.*

Kempsey Relay For Life

Plans are well underway for Kempsey's Relay For Life to be held on October 17 and 18 commencing at 2.00pm at Kempsey Showground. The Showground offers a secure venue with onsite parking and fencing around the entire site.

The enthusiastic group of local community members who make up the planning committee are already hard at work planning an event filled with fun, festivities and celebrating the fact so many people survive cancer.

The amount raised at the 2008 Macleay Valley Relay for Life exceeded \$71,000. Funds raised from the Relay benefit the local community in many ways including a transport service where cancer patients have access to transport to attend cancer treatment. This service is funded by the NSW Cancer Council. Nulla Cricket Club (Kempsey) was funded for three portable shade structures and the Macleay Valley Home Hospice was funded to assist in the delivery and collection of equipment to home hospice patients through the Community Grants scheme also run by the NSW Cancer Council.

If you would like to register your team in this worthwhile event you can contact Fiona at the Cancer Council on 6659 8402 or go online at www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au or contact our local Teams Coordinator Jane Walsh on 6566 8530 after 6pm.

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