

Secondary entry #7: Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College



# THE BISHOP TYRRELL BUGLE



Bar Beach is still a popular destination for tourists and locals.  
Picture: Dana Ohmenzetter

## Jaws caught in the beach net debate

By DANA OHMENZETTER

IN January 2015, lifeguards investigated yet another shark sighting off Newcastle.

Just days after beaches reopened following the sighting of a 5-metre Great White, paddlers off Bar Beach reported a 3.5-metre shark.

Since the NSW shark meshing program was put in place in 1937, there has only been one fatal attack on a netted beach which occurred at Merewether, in 1951.

"In over 50 years, there has not been a fatal shark attack on a meshed beach," Primary Industries Minister, Stephen Whan said.

While this reduces the risks for humans, sharks and other sea life caught in the net cannot move and water is unable to move through their gills, so they often die.

In the last two decades, approximately 4000 marine animals have been caught in shark nets in NSW. Fewer than 150 of them were Great White or Tiger sharks, while over 1000 were either stingrays, dolphins, turtles, whales or seals.

Public opinion is divided about whether we should net beaches to protect swimmers or remove the nets to safeguard marine life.

To reduce the risk of attack surf lifesavers recommend swimming between the flags, avoiding swimming at dawn and dusk, and not swimming in river mouths where sharks feed.

By GERAN DUNLOP

THE Newcastle Youth Orchestra Kids (NYO Kids) are striking a chord within the community. In their inaugural year they have already thrilled audiences at the Farmers Night Markets and Charlestown Square Shopping Centre. They hope to continue with further concerts later in the year.

The NYO Kids are a new musical group in the Newcastle Region for musicians aged 10-16. Conducted by Shannon Laundon, the NYO Kids co-ordinate open rehearsals on most Sundays with the Newcastle Youth Orchestra (NYO) in the Newcastle Museum.

The NYO Kids was an idea first formulated by the team behind the Newcastle Youth Orchestra. Their aim was to provide an ensemble to give an opportunity for junior musicians in the Newcastle community to gain invaluable music experiences. They aim to provide musical experiences, education and guidance for children from age 10 and then ultimately continue to develop their musical talents through the Senior Orchestra until the age of 25.

Mrs Laundon was approached to be a part of the Winter Workshops, conducted in July 2014. This initiative became the trial run for a new junior orchestra which Mrs Laundon was overjoyed to be involved in.



NYO Kids entertain shoppers at Charlestown Square.  
Picture: Aleria Dunlop

"Having worked with a lot of the students interested in the ensemble, through the Winter Workshop, I jumped at the opportunity to develop young musicians in a fun and interactive setting," Mrs Laundon said.

"The kids are now achieving amazing things, and performing quite difficult repertoire, which is fantastic to see."

Co-ordinating and conducting a

group of children can pose its own challenges however, keeping them engaged and interested is a major challenge.

"Kids are honest, which I love, so I know when they are enjoying the rehearsal, and they certainly tell me when they're not. All the students are also at different skill levels which is challenging when choosing repertoire. It's great to see though, that the more advanced students

assist the newer students and are really positive and supportive."

The ultimate dream for the NYO Kids is to perform their own large concert and an international tour, "But most of all, I want to instil a sense of professionalism, but most importantly enjoyment for music, that they can take away into their further musical studies, and hopefully remember NYO Kids when they are famous."



The Sanctuary is a popular place for people to live, but some are complaining.  
Picture: Emma Cunard

## Settling into life at the Sanctuary

By EMMA CUNARD

THE Sanctuary is a housing community in Fletcher that started off small but over the past few years has grown substantially to accommodate the growing population of Newcastle by providing residents a peaceful and relaxing place to live.

The Sanctuary has multiple facilities such as a tennis court, basketball

court, playing fields, medical centre and even a function space, making life for the residents as enjoyable and convenient as possible.

For some locals, however, the estate is rather inconveniently placed. The recent expansion has pushed its way to the door step of Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College.

This growth has caused complaints from both residents

and some in the school community. These re-occurring complaints are causing discomfort for many involved - with concerns over the noise, traffic congestion and people parking in or near their driveways. According to Fletcher residents, some changes and sacrifices must be made by residents, planning and development committees and community members.



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