

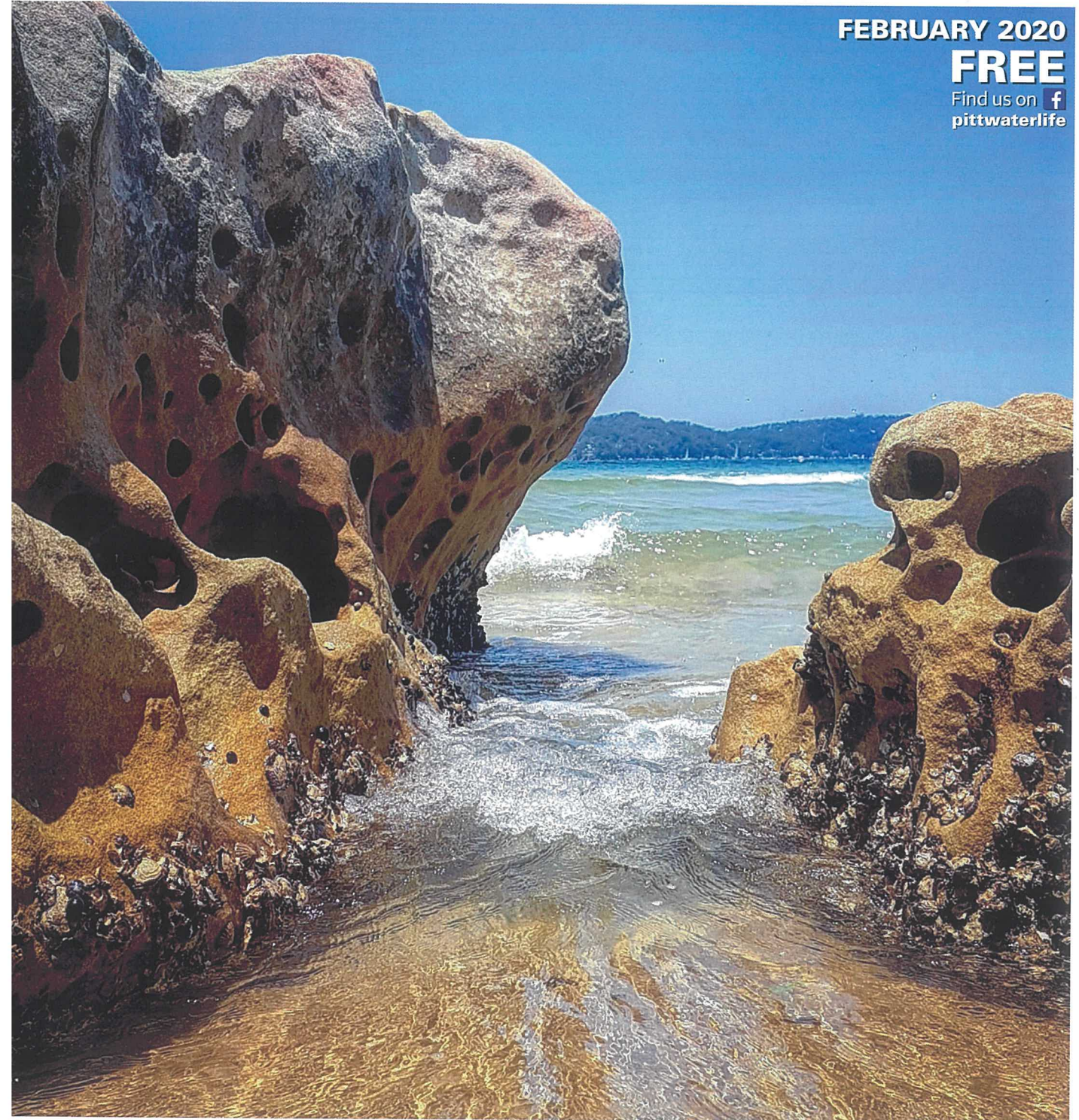
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Pittwater News

Prepare to float in charity boat

'Pumped' for one of Northern Beaches most fun and community races - the Manly Inflatable Race on Sunday 23rd February. This year's race sees more than 800 participants and spectators part, all for a wonderful cause. The race from Shelly Beach to Manly has raised over \$220,000 for charity in the past few years, with proceeds from the event going to Tour de Manly founder Denver. It says participants have been battling through the rain and swell dressed in their crazy, colourful gear. "And spectators have the excitement, vibrancy



and mayhem... it really is a great, fun day at the beach for young and old." Registration and pumping of floats will take place at the south end of Manly beach near the Surf Club and the race will commence at Shelly Beach. Race starts 10.30am; register from 9am. More info events.humanitix.com.au

Woman of the Year

Bookings are now open for the Pittwater International Women's Day Breakfast.

Hosted by The Zonta Club of Northern Beaches, the breakfast also serves as the setting for local member Rob Stokes' annual announcement of the 2020 Pittwater Woman of the Year. Guest speaker will be Lucy Brogden AM. Lucy, who will talk about her life, has a strong commitment to helping others. Her primary areas of focus are issues facing Women and Girls, and Mental Health and Wellbeing, particularly in the workplace. The IWD Breakfast will be held at The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club from 7am till 9am on Wednesday 4 March; cost is \$50pp. More info pittwateriwdbreakfast@gmail.com or Susie 0413 623 392.

Help out RMYC's Firies fundraiser

Save the date: head down to RMYC on Sunday February 16 for their 'Massive Garage Sale' to benefit our local RFS brigades. It's on from 10am to 2pm. But first they need locals' help to provide stuff to sell - do you have any goods you'd like to donate that can be sold on the day? Anything that will fetch \$2 or more? They are after donations of furniture (small), games, toys, bicycles, clothing, power tools, hand tools, sporting and exercise equipment, electrical goods, kitchenware, shoes, handbags, costume jewellery, books, gardening and boating

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Relief at last for Barrenjoey visitors

Visitor facilities at Barrenjoey Headland have been boosted by the installation of temporary portable toilets, ahead of the introduction of permanent facilities. New sewer and water lines have been installed and will service the temporary and permanent facilities. New amenities will be added in with the natural surroundings and respect the heritage characteristics of the headland precinct, in work on the permanent toilets to be completed following the busy summer period.

Local MP Rob Stokes noted: "The introduction of toilets has become necessary - but it's being done in a careful way that respects the area's unique environmental and heritage features. Their introduction follows requests from local residents and community groups - including the Palm Beach and Whale Beach Association."

The facilities include a fresh water tap for drinking water and for hand washing.

Barrenjoey volunteer guide Rohan Walter said the result was an excellent

outcome for visitors.

"This has been a drawn-out project due to the complexities of running sewerage and water lines up the rocky headland," he said.

"The availability of drinkable water is also most welcome, as the climb up the headland is a physically dehydrating activity.

"The team who designed and built the temporary facility are to be complimented on a visually excellent design awaiting the heritage-oriented permanent design and location." - *Nigel Wall*



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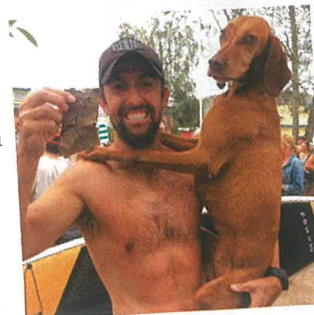
The Bollinger Champagne was flowing all afternoon as invited guests helped Jonah's at Whale Beach celebrate its 91st birthday, feasting on fresh Australian seafood and Aussie-themed canapés including Jonah's take on Chiko Rolls and Vegemite Scrolls. Celebrities included rugby league legend Cooper Cronk (pictured with wife Tara Rushton) and multiple Paralympic champion Kurt Fearnley, along with the likes of Kerri



Anne Kennerley, Peter Phelps and Ky Hurst. Opera singer Lorenzo Rositano and chanteuse/actress Ashleigh Rubenach serenaded the crowd with their musical talents, entertaining the gathered throng and leading in an inspired version of Waltzing Matilda - dedicated in part to long-time Australia Day at Jonah's attendee, former PM Bob Hawke, who passed away last year.

HEARD...

A lot of commotion in the water on Christmas Eve with more than 50 dogs and one feisty feline competing in the iconic Australian swimming race for dogs from Scotland Island to Church Point. A very proud Sydney Animal Hospitals vet Dr Ben Brown and his adorable Hungarian Vizsla Noosh took out first prize, while the event's first ever feline entrant Gus the 11-month



Tonkinese cat took away gold in its category. Who said cats are afraid of water?

ABSURD..?

During past periods of water restrictions, Council used to turn off the taps on incidental/discretionary water supplies by its beaches - outdoor showers and rinsing nozzles along beachfronts, etc. So how come has this not occurred for current restrictions, given Sydney's dams have "plunged to levels far below the previous worst drought..." (SMH 13/1/20)? Council replied: "We are in the process of replacing all shower taps with push-button timers to restrict the amount of water used along our beaches. We will also do this at boat ramps and such facilities to limit water use in these locations. Otherwise, Council is using water in accordance with the Level 2 Restrictions or our exemption permit where appropriate. Additional measures may be considered if the level of restrictions change."

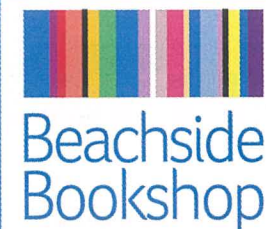
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