

## **THE SEASON 'TIS CREEPING UP**

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? All the stores are certainly starting Christmas early, not only offering Christmas food and decorations, but in one store even Father Christmas had arrived and was doing a brisk business!

I do realize that December starts at the end of this week, but shouldn't December mark the start of all things Christmas? I'm sure that is what used to happen in "the old days"! But then this is the modern age where everything is faster, and it would seem earlier than ever before.

However, our traditional Christmas Carols here in Sandy Point will be happening on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Once again, the Sandy Point Music Club will be running the event and they have also managed to persuade Greg Champion to participate once more. Naturally, our own very Aussie Father Christmas will be putting in an appearance and bringing his own special brand of Christmas cheer.

Another date not to forget is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December when, beginning at 10am, everyone is invited to discuss ideas of what artistic identity theme they think would best suit Sandy Point.

On that same day Saturday, there will also be "The Raising of the Flags" at the Waratah Beach Lifesaving Club. This will happen at 2pm and it marks the start of the surf lifesaving patrol season at Waratah Beach. Three flags will be raised, the Australian, Club and Aboriginal flags. This is to celebrate the club values of community engagement and inclusiveness which they are very proud of. As far as they know, they are the only club which has these values of community inclusiveness. So if you want to view this spectacle head down to the beach at 2pm.

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