

catherine hill bay progress association

(Established 1901)

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2015



Scaevola calendulacea Fanflower

Well done, Landcare - native plants are protecting our dunes

Next Meeting

Everyone is welcome to our meetings – you don't have to be a member to attend, and just being present is important!

Our next meeting is at 7:30pm on Friday, 8th May 2015 at the Bowling Club and Community Hall.

At this meeting there will be an update by LMCC on Traffic Management in the Bay followed by our normal meeting.

On Saturday 25th April, Anzac Day the Tennis Club is having a fundraising Tennis Day with a BBQ at the partly restored Tennis Court and clubhouse; again, all welcome!

New Community Survey

Residents and people who own property in the town have been surveyed since 1994 so the PA can speak for the Bay confidently eg on the Rose group community consultation committee. Previous questions remain so opinion changes can be tracked; questions concerning current issues have been added.

Please return the latest survey by 15th April so we can prepare results and present them at our next Progress Association meeting.

Tennis Court

The Australia Day tennis and BBQ tried out the partly restored court and clubhouse - a success!

Anzac Day 25th April is a tennis and BBQ fundraising day – ALL WELCOME!

If you wish to join and then book our unique court please contact Eleanor on 49762368; next month Lyn on 49761770.

Carmel is backup – SMS 0438 499636

Email chbtennisclub@gmail.com



Old Bay School Centenary – 100 Years!

The School opened in 1915 and there will be a **Back to the Bay Festival** planned for 26th September 2015 to celebrate 100 years.

A Festival Committee and Volunteers are needed so if you would like to lend a hand, please contact Sue Whyte.

Development(s) Report

The Jetty Masters House and Wallarah House - the Heritage Office told the proponents that the applications would not be supported so new plans are to be prepared and presented.

Rose group – on 9th March 2015 members of the Association met with the Heritage Office over concerns with the proposed Landscape Plans for the “Village Green” (eastern side of Clarke St houses) as well as the proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant.

LakeCoal has developed a new **Mine Closure Plan** for the Bay and this Plan is with the Department of Resources and Energy for Approval. LakeCoal is responsible for implementing this Plan, but it is being sold to Lake Macquarie Coal, a Chinese backed Company. If you are interested in this, Google ‘LDO Coal’ for more details.

Coal & Allied’s development at the northern end of the Bay - there is no movement on their proposed development.

History signage funding

The large history information board as well as 4 plaques are ready to go up and we are awaiting Council's consent for the final locations.

Traffic Management Plan (TMP)

At the 27th February Progress Association Meeting, Peter Mc Murray - Transport & Asset Planning Co Coordinator from Lake Macquarie City Council - advised that we should expect a phased installation over 2 to 3 years but progress depends on the Council continuing to allocate funds. The meeting was in agreement that the traffic calming platforms be first installed along Flowers Drive – 'where speed builds up!' 'where lots of children are.'

At the May 2015 meeting, Peter will bring maps showing where the calming platforms are planned. The Association can also send out via email a copy of the Local Area Traffic Management Study (LATM), which shows where the platforms are proposed.

Hale St - the meeting would prefer to see Rose group have speed reduction devices (chicanes and humps) incorporated into their first build of Hale St – the most practical way with least impact on the LMCC ratepayers' pockets! 'Why wait until this road is built then rip it up again?' – 'makes no sense!' LMCC / Rose group/ Daracon to consider.

Advised that the Dept. of Planning (DoP) has approved a Montefiori St full closure commencing 2nd Quarter 2015. Community and support services will be advised by the Rose group / Daracon. There will be school buses only looping in to the Bay.

If you are annoyed by speeding cars and bikes, ring Charlestown Police Sat/Sun and public hols on 4942 9999 or Cardiff Police M-F on 4956 9875.

LANDCARE - Lock these times in!

Our Landcare Green Team visits are approved and the first is **Monday 20.04.2015**. Planting (*Acacia Sophorae*, *Lomandra* and Pigface) on the slopes from the Pat Slaven Reserve southwards to the beach stairway. These plants seem best able to cope with water repelling sand and coal chitter slopes! Craig leads the team of mainly retired guys, who consider CHB one of their best locations! They usually arrive around 8.30am, have morning tea around 10am and finish at noon with a BBQ. So people who are around on weekdays are very much welcome to join in - come for as much of that time as you wish.

Also our regular Landcare, **first Saturdays of the month between** 10.00am and noon, needs new volunteers. We meet at the Graveyard Beach car park this year. Text Carmel on 0438499636. As requested by Middle Camp folk, Carmel emailed Geoffrey Rock at Coal & Allied about working on the creek behind the tennis court and the removal of the overhanging coral tree; we're awaiting their response

NP&WS walks

Call 4320 4205 (Mon - Wed & Fri 8.30am - 3pm)

Sun 15 March Snapper Pt to Ghosties in LMSCA. Medium. See bushfire recovery in the bush.

Tues 24 March Shark Hole, following fishermen's track, gorge, rock platform, cave. Hard.

Keep the Bay Clean and Safe

The Bay thanks all volunteers who helped on Clean Up Australia Day 1st March 2015, a great result!

Especially:

- Paul Kelman and Murrays Beach residents for their clean up around the Graveyard Beach and cemetery area.



- Damien Hawcroft and his gang for their clean up around the Pat Slaven Reserve / Surf Club / car park / road to Jetty. In 3 hrs 300kg of rubbish including 60 kg of fast food and other rubbish, 216 plastic bottles, 77 glass bottles, 87 cans were collected.



Before

After

- Hang glider group for cleaning around their “take off” pad

The Bay’s next Council pick up for general waste is Monday 30th March.

PLEASE remember when walking on the beach or tracks, take a bag with you for collecting rubbish and 'Take 3 for the Sea'- it all helps!



If you see something that looks out of place, this may be what the Police need to know!

If you can, record the details of vehicles nearby such as the make, model and registration. Also take note of the appearance of anyone acting suspiciously.

Then report to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

To report a fire emergency call Triple Zero (000).

<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/prevent-bush-fire-arson>

For more details and PA meeting minutes, check out our website
<http://catherinehillbay.org.au/>,

and the various Facebook pages for the latest news and great photos.

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