

# Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association Newsletter

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association and Dune Care Inc

August 2008

[www.catherinehillbay.org.au](http://www.catherinehillbay.org.au)

*For Association members, Friends of Catherine Hill Bay, residents and supporters everywhere*

## PROPOSED STATE HERITAGE LISTING

The State Government is considering acknowledging the significance of the town of Catherine Hill Bay by placing it on the State Heritage List.

The previous time a town was listed was four years ago when Braidwood in southern NSW was placed on the State heritage register. This protected the special qualities of the town and ensured that the amenity, the character and the economic opportunities were enhanced. It has allowed heritage to underpin the town's prosperity and contribution to the local economy.

The government recognises that Catherine Hill Bay is of special significance because the two villages:

- Have historical value, due to the key role they played in the development of Australian natural resources in the 19<sup>th</sup> century;
- Have strong associations with coal mining, organised labour and early maritime industry in NSW;
- Are aesthetically significant as highly intact late 19<sup>th</sup> century company villages characterised by a varied range of finishes and scale typified by simple, mostly one-storey buildings;
- Are a rare, largely intact example of a coastal coal mining community in NSW; and
- Are representative of the era of company towns in the development of Australia's natural resources.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU

- Is this going to place any restriction on the sale of my property? NO
- Does this mean that if I wish to make any alterations to my house, I can't? NO
- Will I be expected to undertake any restoration work? NO
- Will it affect the value of my house? NO
- Would I be able to get funding from the NSW Heritage Grants program? YES

Already, the Lake Macquarie City Council has in place heritage guidelines for additions or changes that you might wish to make to your home. These same guidelines will still apply. It is only when the additions or renovations don't comply with the existing controls that they would be referred to State Heritage Office for decision.

All of the recent additions and alterations that you see in town have been approved by Council. This type of renovation will still be encouraged.

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August** at **7pm** a **Public Meeting** will be held in the **Surf Club** to talk about how the State Heritage Listing of Catherine Hill Bay will impact on your property.

Bill Nethery from the **Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning** is coming to talk about and answer any concerns that anyone may have **concerning the possible State Heritage Listing of Catherine Hill Bay.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**