

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association Newsletter

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

REPORT ON TRAFFIC MEETING held last Friday 8th April 2011

Peter Mc Murray, Transportation & Asset Planning Co-ordinator with the Lake Macquarie City Council, attended our last CHBPA meeting on the 8th April. It was an informative and productive meeting which identified clear actions.

Mr McMurray outlined Council's position stating that they were awaiting the outcome of current development applications in order to ascertain the potential traffic volumes and to propose solutions. He noted that Council would engage an expert traffic consultant at an appropriate future time to work with the community to manage the traffic generated by the developments and regional growth.

Lively discussion about current and potential traffic issues at the Bay ensued and it quickly became obvious that there are significant existing problems in relation to traffic speed, noise and safety in the township. It was demonstrated that these problems exist now, and that they need to be addressed now irrespective of whether or not additional residential development occurs in the future. Methods for calming traffic in the short term and other medium/long term strategies such as by-pass roads and car parking were also discussed.

Mr Mc Murray responded sympathetically and has asked that the Progress Association put in a submission to Lake Macquarie City Council outlining these problems. It is important that everyone write their own letter, indicating specific concerns and if possible providing photographs with a short statement attached to each photo.

Your letters (with or without photos) should be emailed or sent to me and these will be attached to the larger CHBPA submission. Your personal letters or emails should be sent to Sue Whyte by the end of April.

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If you wish to make a personal submission direct to Lake Macquarie Council, this is also encouraged and it should be addressed to Mr Peter McMurray at Lake Macquarie City Council.