

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association Newsletter

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association and Dune Care Inc

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2012 7:30 PM AT THE SURFCLUB

2011 HAS BEEN AN EVENTFULL YEAR FOR CATHERINE HILL BAY:

The Association has prepared numerous submissions about the jetty; Coal & Allied's draft Voluntary Planning Agreement; Rose group residential subdivision proposal to name a few. We also entered into a legal challenge against the approval given to the Rose group subdivision proposal

As a result of our continuous efforts to influence planning decisions that will impact on this beautiful, historic town, we are in **urgent need of funds**. We ask you if possible to add a donation to your membership fees that are now due. A membership form is attached.

Unfortunately our last fund raising event had to be cancelled due the rain but in 2012 we plan to again run our **Back to the Bay Festival**

SUMMARY OF WHERE WE ARE AT THE CLOSE OF 2011:

- The Coal & Allied residential proposal is currently under consideration by the Planning Assessment Commission. A community consultation with the PAC members was held in November.
- As a result of the approval of the Rose group proposed subdivision last May by the Planning Assessment Commission the Association began legal action which resulted in mediation. Some excellent outcomes resulted. The visual impact of the new development will be significantly reduced by the removal of the Exempt and Complying Building Codes State Environmental Planning Policy. This building code had been developed to fast track project housing in western Sydney and the Association successfully argued that this was inappropriate for an area adjoining a heritage village, National Park and the coast.
- Early next year a Development Control Plan will be put on exhibition and the community will be given the opportunity to comment. This is as much information about the mediation that we can put in the newsletter due to the deed of confidentiality that was a requirement of the process. However we are able to talk about this more fully at the next Association meeting.
- The Lake Macquarie City Council has completed the first half of their traffic survey at the Bay. The second part will be carried out in the summer months. The Association is working hard to make sure the cumulative effects of any proposed residential developments are taken into account and that an effective solution is found.
- The Minister for Heritage, Robyn Parker, has undertaken to set up a meeting with the Heritage Branch and our local member Garry Edwards, to organise a heritage funding timetable.