

catherine hill bay

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

TOO BIG FOR THE BILLYCART!



The October 2013 bushfires at Catherine Hill Bay exposed thousands of bottles covering the beautiful headland. Wonderful regrowth is rapidly returning and this manmade disaster will be soon out of sight / out of mind. We made this disaster; it is time for us to fix it!

In November 2013 we had 28 remarkable volunteers including residents of Catho and Nords Wharf, and people from Gwandalan Scouts, Catho Surf Club, Catho Boardriders Club, Waratah Fire Brigade, Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association, Lake Macquarie City Council, Local State Member and others, collect along the headland approximately 3 tonne of bottles with thousands still to go!

The plan for the 2nd March 2014 Clean Up Australia Day is to collect as many bottles as possible. Making this task easier is offered assistance from local communities, Bay Surf Club, Bay Progress Association, Bay Boardriders Club, LakeCoal, Odyssey, Take 3, National Parks and Wildlife, Rose Group, Lake Macquarie City Council and the Local State Member, Mr Garry Edwards MP. The Mayor of Lake Macquarie City Council, Jodie Harrison will also be coming to help.

Having recently witnessed the thousands of bottles that litter the coastline there is no doubt that the Bay is only one of many areas along our coast that are coated in bottles. As a kid I use to pull my billycart around the streets competing with likeminded scavengers in search of bottles as this was our prized pocket money.

We need to re-establish a cash for bottle incentive scheme to stop tossers and encourage recycling.

The headland can't speak but we can so we welcome and need your help.

When – Sunday 2nd March 2014 commencing at 9.00am and finishing at 1.00pm.

Where – Start at “sign-in” station - eastern end of Montefiori St (car park / washery gates).

Volunteers – appropriate clothing please – no thongs / gloves / hat / sun screen / water.

Progress Association BBQ – at 5 Clarke St, commencing 1.00pm – food provided / BYO.

Register – you can register on-line via the Clean-Up Australia Day website OR sign up below.

Any questions please call Damien – M: 0419263380