

## The Bay – It's Still Got It!



### Membership and Next Meeting

All welcome to the Association; please complete the Association Membership Form attached at end of this Newsletter.

Another successful Progress Association meeting was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the Bowlo. Minutes are posted on the website. **Next Meeting is planned for August 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

### Smoking / Burning Chitter

Barry Toepfer from Toepfer's Earthmoving addressed the meeting over the issue of smoking / burning chitter on the headland and the good news is that these chitter fires are now out – yipppeee! Remnants of a burning coal smell are now coming from the National Park area at Crangan Bay which is being dealt with, a difficult and slow process. If you need to report a coal heating or fire, please call Chris Ellis at LakeCoal or Barry Toepfer, Ph 0407783791.

## Report - Coal & Allied's Middle Camp Development

Coal & Allied (C&A) are still pulling together their Development Application documents so the Progress Association (PA) will invite them to attend the next meeting to present to the community.

In Sawmill Camp they have bought one of the properties, they have offered Joey Warren the opportunity to buy and Mrs Bridges has moved to a nursing home.

## Report - Rose Group's Development



### Clearing of Site - Looking South / West

Meeting held at the Surf Club, 19<sup>th</sup> May. Committee Attendees were Sue Whyte, Damien Hawcroft, Nick Jackman (Senior Development Manager – Rose Group), Ian McNicol (AWDJohnson – Chairperson and facilitator), Glenn Gifford from National Parks, Daracon (construction contractors), as well as Kay Fraser (Councillor) from LMCC.

This Committee was set up as part of the Approval given to Rose Group to build 550 houses at the southern end of the Bay. A Committee meeting is to take place every 1 to 2 months.

Clearing work commenced April 2014 and continues over project stages 1, 2, 4 and 5, all south of Montefiore St. Bulk earthworks for Stages 1 and 2 should commence around the end of June 2014 and the anticipated commencement of Montefiore St upgrade works is end of August 2014. Works are expected to last 4 months and the road is planned to be closed for this time with public notice of the closure will be provided when dates can be confirmed.

Community Representatives raised concern of this road closure as from an emergency perspective both ends of the Bay have always been accessible from the Pacific Hwy. The Association is writing a letter to LMCC as to our objection about this proposed closure.

The Montefiore St / Pacific Hwy intersection works are anticipated to start in October 2014.

Other issues raised by Community representatives during the meeting:

- That the ridgeline “the entire length of Montefiore” is to be a “greened” ridgeline as this is part of the Approval Conditions.
- the need to maintain access to the jetty.(There will be a new Environmental Impact Study on the jetty with Expressions of Interest for adaptive reuse)
- Concerns about the proposed sewerage plant.
- The excessive speeding and burn outs of vehicles along Montefiore St, and what design was being built into this new Street to ensure that traffic speed was not going to be excessive and illegal, and an ongoing nightmare for the community.

## Traffic Management

As per a phone conversation on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 with Peter McMurray from LMCC re; progress of implementation of the traffic calming measures – the project has been delayed due to funds being directed to other areas within the Council. As the Bay is the highest danger area in NSW in terms of speed (LMCC’s traffic management consultant’s words) at which vehicles travel through the town we believe that this delay is unsatisfactory. Association is to write to LMCC about our concerns.

Peter McMurray has offered to come to our next meeting.

**If you are annoyed by speeding cars and bikes, ring or write to Area Command at Boolaroo. 95 Main Road Boolaroo 2284 or 02 4922 4699.**

## Documentary of the Fire at Catherine Hill Bay

The October 2013 Fire documentary (“**Catho: Rising from the Flames**”) is progressing and will be shown at our next Film Event, 2014.

**PLEASE NOTE:** we request that anyone who has footage relating to the October 2013 fire to send it to Sue Whyte by email ([suewhyte80@bigpond.com](mailto:suewhyte80@bigpond.com)) so that it can form part of this wonderful documentary.

## Landcare

Carmel Brown reported on April and May Landcare activities, and the erosion of the dunes near the Surf Club and Pat Slaven Reserve BBQ area. Landcare is requesting that landscaping

be put to the Council for the Lifeguards winter program.

Considering the low Landcare attendance on Thursdays, Carmel suggested we move back to Saturdays.

**Please note in your diary, the first Saturday will be at 10.00am to midday, 5th July 2014.**

Carmel acknowledged the contribution of Ireen Wong who is leaving the Bay. Ireen was the Landcare coordinator along with David Knock for many years and much of the Graveyard Beach dune restoration and Catherine Hill Bay Creek cleanup work was done during her tenure. The Association is very grateful for her commitment to Catho over the years. Thanks Ireen, we will miss you!

Next Landcare work bee with the wonderful LMCC's Landcare Green Team Volunteers is planned for **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July followed by a yummy lunchtime BBQ. Please note in your diaries.**

### Web Site and Facebook

Carmel reported on Facebook: followers up from 82 to 110, with some items having higher views (jetty wood re-use 236, coal still burning 139).

Our website averages 100 to 200 views per day and some days its 1000!

WOW - 150 newsletters were sent out from the website, and the opening rate is up to 40-60%!

### Update Clean-Up Australia Day

Having recently cleaned the Bay's headland of 15 tonne of glass and bottles, our wonderful volunteers and visitors to the Bay would be happy to know that not a single glass bottle was seen on a recent walk along this headland. Again, such a credit to all involved, thank you.

**Remember – take a bag with you for collecting rubbish and Take 3 - it all helps!**

### News Flash

- **Phone coverage** - Garry Edwards (our local MP) wrote to Minister Turnbull on our behalf and we “have been added to the database”. We have also been supplied with contact details for the carriers and will contact as well.
- **Tennis court** - behind the houses on the eastern side of Flowers Drive owned by C&A, is so neglected that trees are growing through the court surface.

A number of residents are keen to bring the court back to its original playable state and if you wish to help please contact David Knock 0413 712 712.

The Association has emailed C&A re; the PA taking over management of the tennis court and are awaiting C&A's reply.

- Email received from Crown Land 30th May 2014 stated "I have made contact with Lake Macquarie Council regarding the transfer of the constructed part of **Lindsley Street** and am advised that internal processes may take a number of months before a decision can be made on whether the Council will accept the land as road. As stated in our recent meeting, acceptance of the land as road is at the Council's discretion."

We have asked Crown Land for the LMCC's contact re; this transfer and are awaiting a reply.

- **Super Saturday Session (Fire control)** Come along and hear about:
  - Hazard reduction burnings with Craig Holland - LMCC Natural Areas and Bush Fire Mitigation Officer
  - The effects of fire on flora and fauna with Chris McLean
  - Vegetation recovery after bushfire at a site visit to Catherine Hill Bay

**Date:** Saturday 14 June 2014  
**Time:** 9:30am – 2:30pm  
**Location:** Ocean Room 1 at Swansea Library, 228 Pacific Highway, Swansea.  
Morning tea and lunch will be provided. **Bookings are essential - call the LRO on 4921 0392 or email [lro@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lro@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)**
- **Tree Day.** Planet Ark's National Tree Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to do something positive for the environment and reconnect with nature. **Join in on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, anytime from 9.30 to noon.** Sign on and collect plants near the Pat Slaven Reserve BBQ.

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YOUR \$10 MEMBERSHIP PER ADULT (\$5 FOR PENSIONERS) IS AN INVESTMENT IN RETAINING THE CHARACTER OF CATHERINE HILL BAY

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Mailing Address: .....

Mailing Postcode: .....

Address in the Bay or contact, if any: .....

Work Phone: .....

Home Phone: .....

Mobile: .....

E-mail (Please write clearly): .....

E-mail, 2<sup>nd</sup> account: .....

Membership amount: .....

Date: .....

## **DONATION**

Donation amount: .....

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