

catherine hill bay

progress association

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2016

(Established 1901)

REMINDER: Next Meeting 4:30pm Saturday, 23rd April

- CHB Community Hall and Bowling Club.



Come at 2pm on Saturday 23rd April for a National Trust Walk on the jetty!

Come at 6pm on the the 23rd April at the CH&B Club, for Heritage Films and the performance of the work by our Artist In Residence composer, Catherine Le Brun!

Catherine Hill Bay 'Artist in Residence' initiative ran a community workshop on Saturday March 5. The intention of the workshop was to involve the community in identifying aspects of the Catherine Hill Bay jetty which would inspire a short musical work. The Nords Wharf Primary School musical ensemble, which recently performed so well at the CHB Public School Centenary Heritage Festival, will perform the completed work, and Caves Beach PS band will also be taking part.

This event will be at the Community Hall and Bowling Club and as Catherine composed the music for the remastered silent movie *A Sentimental Bloke* for the National Archives, it is proposed that this be one of the movies shown on the night.

This should be a very interesting evening!

If you are interested in the jetty walk please contact Sue Whyte on 49762310 or 0409344253 asap as numbers are limited.

Traffic

Marc Desmond, Acting Transportation Planning Co-ordinator Lake Macquarie City Council, attended the last Progress Association meeting.

Marc informed us that a Traffic Committee Report dealing with the traffic problems of Catherine Hill Bay was finally in existence.

“The Committee discussed the Catherine Hill Bay traffic calming scheme at length. The issues raised were:

1. Flowers Drive is a bus route, so speed cushions are preferred. Speed cushions allow buses to straddle the hump and cause the least discomfort to bus passengers. They slow other traffic down to approximately 40km/h. These would also have to be installed with kerb extensions / kerb blisters to stop people from driving around the hump.
2. Relocation of the first hump to the creek that crosses the road, just north of Colliery Rd. This would place 120 metres between the two humps which is within standard. The reason is that the Police representative was concerned that those in 4WDs would drive around the hump as there was no kerb installed on both sides of the proposed hump. At the creek there is an existing constraint (the creek and the fencing) which would not allow anyone to drive around the hump.

The recommendation of the Committee to be approved by Council was for the installation of speed cushions with kerb extensions.”



“The speed cushions are designed to provide the same impact on passenger vehicle motorists as a standard style speed hump, as the width of a car cannot straddle the hump and must still go over it.

The benefits it provides are:

1. Bus passengers feel less impact as the bus width is greater and they run over the hump where it tapers back to the ground (the speed cushions were requested by the

local Busways service instead of the standard speed humps to minimise impact on their service).

2. There should be less noise than generated by speed cushions. Speed humps can create a lot of noise as every vehicle slows, hits the hump (suspension and tyre noises), and accelerates. The houses in CHB are relatively close to the road and will probably notice the noise more than most.

3. If cars try to run only one wheel over the cushion, the impact is more severe on the people in the car and they soon learn to try and go over the cushion straddling it.

4. If there are concerns that trucks will be able to travel at speed over the humps, a 5 tonne Light Traffic Thoroughfare (LTT) could be considered for CHB on Flowers Drive, Lindsey Street, Hale Street and Clarke Street. This will restrict trucks that do not have a destination within the area designated as light traffic to enter and exit only via Montefiore Street. If a truck is, for example, travelling to the pub on Clarke Street, it will have to use Montefiore Street to enter. When it leaves it has to use the shortest route out of the light traffic area which therefore requires it to leave via Montefiore Street. “

There was unanimous agreement to this suggestion by Marc Desmond and a formal request from the Association has been sent to LMCC.

Marc Desmond in his own time visited the Bay on the following Sunday and was astounded by the number of cars and bikes. He does have an understanding of our concerns.

The special *anti-doughnut* surface suggested by Peter McMurray for the area near the hotel will not be laid as it is considered too noisy and spits out rocks and stones. Marc is confident that the proposed cushions will be effective.

The Association requested further changes and amendments, however at a Council meeting a report from the Traffic Committee can only be either accepted or rejected. It was understood that further changes could be negotiated before the next financial year ,when a further set of speed calming devices will be installed, in the first half of the next financial year. These changes would then need to be presented to a full Council meeting.

The recommendation of the Committee was then approved by Council, for the “installation of speed cushions with kerb extensions.”



NBN's Tyson Cottrill and crew came out after a late night speeding car took out the power pole near the RFS. NBN have asked for footage of speeding cars. Thank you to the locals who came at very short notice!

<http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2016/02/11/calls-for-road-improvements-at-catherine-hill-bay/>

Tennis Club

The Australia Day tennis and BBQ was a great social day and thanks to all who helped and came! The AGM was held and the executive re-elected. The committee is amazed by the fundraising thanks to local cooks, Gartelman wines, Wollombi Valley honey, Black Treacle bakery. These funds and your memberships will go to urgent needs e.g. fencing, connecting the tank to the sink. We're hoping to have Anzac and Mothers Day events. Contact Eleanor on 49762368 or email chbtennisclub@gmail.com.

Landcare

2016 plan available - continue as is! Landcare sessions are the first Saturday's 10-12 noon, meeting in the carpark at Graveyards Beach. Green Team dates for this year are Monday 2 May on Pat Slaven Reserve slopes, then at Graveyards, Monday 18 July and Monday 12 Sept.

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 6 March - Steve and Cate Winning coordinated the day and Flowers Dr is fast food packaging and bottle free!

LM Council waste pick up days for Catherine Hill Bay are 11 April 2016 and 26 September 2016. See



<http://www.lakemac.com.au/waste/bulk-pick-up>

Membership

Please make sure that you are a financial member of the Progress Association. You can pay online - only \$10 a year and \$5 concession. Why not pay a few years in advance? At the last Progress Association meeting quite a few who voted should not have done so as they were not financial! If anyone wants a copy of our constitution please email Sue Whyte at suewhyte80@bigpond.com.

For more details and PA meeting minutes, check out our website

<http://catherinehillbay.org.au>

and the various Facebook pages for the latest news and great photos.

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