



catherine hill bay progress association

(Established 1901)

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2016

**The Progress Association
wishes everyone a happy and
safe holiday season!
Santa will drive thru Catho
on the RFS trucks on Christmas
Eve!**(Donations welcome)

**Next meeting: 5.00 pm Saturday 28th January 2017 at the
Community Hall and Bowling Club**

Traffic Calming

We have worked for many years to have speed calming devices installed throughout the town. The process has been inclusive, transparent and robust with Council sending all residents letters on numerous occasions about what was proposed and asking for feedback.

The Association has regularly informed the community about how we are trying to deal with the problems of speed, reckless driving and hoonish behaviour in Catherine Hill Bay.

Finally, the installation of the speed calming devices began, then STOPPED.
The reason from Council:

For your information, a complaint was lodged with Office of the Environment and Heritage regarding the visual impact of the speed humps and gardens. Council has been directed to stop construction (the hold up to date was the availability of asphalt) until a heritage impact statement has been completed. I'm not sure how this and subsequent OEH approval will take, however anticipate construction to recommence in early 2017.

So, the humps will not be in place for the Christmas or school holidays and we can only hope that there are no more accidents during this busy time.
Police have been asked to have a more overt presence during this waiting period.

Another Development – DA and EIS

Notice of Exhibition re; Frazer Park Quarry Resource Recovery Facility (SSD 6518) within the existing quarry. The facility could have the capacity to process up to 200,000 tonnes per year of building and construction waste. If this proceeds, land holders in Stages 4 and 5 of the new subdivision will be sandwiched between the noise and smell of the soon to be completed sewerage plant and the noise and dust of the new quarry facility. Also, there is potential to impact on the ancient wetlands. Submissions must reach the Department of Planning and Environment by Friday 16th December 2016.

Progress Association Meeting

19th October saw the final Progress Association meeting for 2016 and the minutes of this meeting will be posted on our website.

Representatives on the Community Liaison Committee expressed concern regarding what appears to be inadequate and inappropriate plantings along Montefiore Street.

Visual landscaping buffers need to be effective - deep soil plantings and tall tree corridors along Montefiore Street and the ridge west of the hotel blocking any view of the new estates from the heritage township. This development condition was put in place by the State Government to maintain the heritage values of Catho's bushland setting.

Please let the PA know of any concerns or observations you have.

Committee Executive for 2017 voted in by the members, follows:

President: Sue Whyte

Vice President: Damien Hawcroft

Secretary: Paul Myers

Treasurer: Narelle Lambert

Web Master: Phillip & Mel Townsend

Social Media: Carmel Brown

Landcare Co-Ordinator: Carmel Brown

Public Officer: Tony Osborne

A Big Thank You

The Association would like to thank the Association's Executive for their dedicated work during 2016. We would also like to thank our wonderful members and friends for your support. Thankyou.

Tennis Club

We held social tennis days on the Sundays of the Australia Day, Anzac Day, June and October long weekends with BBQs, great home cooked food and even some tennis.

Our Treasurer Eleanor and family have moved to Victoria, and we thank her for her work. Jann Kinsela has taken over as Treasurer - much appreciated. As there was little use of the court otherwise, we reduced membership to \$10 pa with free use by members.

Next Tennis / Social Day is Sunday 29th January 2017 – please lock this day into your calendars – all welcome!

Landcare

Fantastic news - after several years we have achieved weed control in the area between the Cemetery and Graveyard Beach.

Thanks to Carmel, Greg, Linsey, David, Clarita, Wendy, Ann, Michael, Jann and Damien for their efforts, as well as great help from Lake Macquarie Landcare's Green Team! Council responded within a few weeks clearing dumped rubbish and replacing short posts to keep cars off the new plantings of Lomandra, Acacia sophorae and Pigface. With locals helping, we can now weed creeks near their place; otherwise, we'll keep the foredunes weed free.



Membership

Progress Association - The New Year is the time to renew your Association membership. Still only \$10:00 and \$5:00 for pensioners, a bargain!

Please see attached a membership form. Monies can be paid by direct debit.

Bowling Club - the Bowling Club needs the support of the community. You don't need to be a bowler to join. In the coming year we hope to run a number of events at the Bowling Club and Community Hall.

Anyone interested in a Catho Trivia Night? Barefoot Bowls? Movie Night?

News Flash – be aware: rock fall signs adjacent to jetty are down and this rock face is slowly deteriorating so the risk is increasing.

National Park

It's also a time to get out and see what the fabulous National Parks of the Central Coast have to offer. The Summer Discovery program is packed full of walks and tours and include:

- Kayak tours
- Walks exploring Awabakal and Tuggerah Nature Reserves
- An amazing coastal walk in Wallarah National Park
- and a whole lot more!

Note: Booking and prepayment is essential by calling 02 4320 4205 or emailing discoverycentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/CatherineHillBayTennisCourt?ref=hl>

<https://www.facebook.com/CathHillBay>

<https://www.facebook.com/CathHillBayLandcare?ref=hl>

<https://www.facebook.com/cathoboardriders?fref=ts>

<https://www.facebook.com/cathobowlo?fref=ts>