



catherine hill bay progress association

(Established 1901)

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017

**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, 13th January 2018 at the
Community Hall and Bowling Club**

Events of the last few months have meant that the Association needs to consider the following significant changes.

1. A new developer in our town
2. The potential increase in our membership of hundreds of new residents.
3. The adoption of a new constitution.

The Association is facing new problems:

The proposals by the developer, Wallalong Lands Pty Ltd, are such that if successful it would in all likelihood lead to the de-listing of Catherine Hill Bay as a State Heritage listed town. This listing, achieved after many years of work, is one of our greatest defences in stopping further overdevelopment within our town.

The executive consists of a small group of volunteers. If we have hundreds of new members then we simply could not deal with all that this entails without employing someone to take the increased workload on full time. The Association does not have the financial resources to do so.

Importantly, we could also be outnumbered in a vote to support changes in the town that do not align with our policy position. Whilst it is true that a motion cannot proceed if it does not align with our policy position there is nothing to stop this policy position being altered in the future by a majority vote.

Following legal advice the executive is proposing the following motions to be considered at the next Association meeting in January:

- 1) That the objects of the CHB PA Constitution be reworded to:

*The objects of the Association are to work for the protection and advancement of the Catherine Hill Bay **Heritage Precinct** community and environment.*

- 2) That item 2(b) of the CHB PA Constitution outlining eligibility for membership be reworded to:

The person is a property owner in Catherine Hill Bay Heritage Precinct, or who is a resident of the Precinct who is not a property owner but has residence for longer than three months.

Our Christmas Gift. The earliest photo of Catherine Hill Bay



Committee Executive for 2018 voted in by the members, follows:

President: Sue Whyte

Vice President: David Goff

Secretary: Paul Myers

Treasurer: Narelle Lambert

Web Master: Phillip 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 2017. We would also like to thank our wonderful members and friends for your support. Thankyou.

Our *Back to the Bay Heritage Festival* last June, commemorating 100 years since the wreck of the schooner *Catherine Hill*, was a very successful event.

Finally, the work of many years has come to fruition with the installation of the traffic calming humps just in time for Christmas.

Shortland Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to Sue Whyte for her award, recognising her many years of volunteering for Catherine Hill Bay!



Tennis Club

The Catherine Hill Bay Bowling Club has kindly donated a pump for the Tennis Club. Thankyou. We have now a pump and a tank all we need now is electricity!



The great news is that the tennis club courts have been weeded and repaired by Dan Wheatley with help from Darren Bryant and Les Hopkinson. More work is underway! And Les is mowing around the outside of the court. Special thanks to Scott Dunsford for the new steps in the tennis court clubhouse.

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.

The next Tennis / Social Day is Sunday 28th January 2017 – please lock this day into your calendars – all welcome! In the meantime, you're all encouraged to join and play a game of tennis soon. Call Clarita on 4976 3148 to book.

Landcare

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

This year sessions were held monthly, with two Green Team visits, continuing in the area between the Graveyard Beach carpark and the cemetery. The area is now relatively free of bitou bush, lantana and blackberry, and we are now maintaining this and working on sand dune areas. Thanks to Greg, Wendy, and the Goffs for their efforts.

Updates of CHB Dunecare Plan and Reports will be available from the CHB PA website soon. There are no December or January sessions (ticks, sandflies) so see you 10 am February 3rd!



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?

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>

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