

# Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association

(Established 1901)

## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2018



**Next meeting:** 5.00 pm Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the CHB Surf Club.

### Belmont Catchment Development Contributions Plan

Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) has issued their draft Belmont Catchment Development Contributions Plan for public comment. This Plan, which covers an area from Belmont North down to Moonee Beach in the south, proposes a number of **important investments in community facilities in Catherine Hill Bay** over the next 15 years. The draft Plan can be found on LMCC's website at the following link:

*<http://shape.lakemac.com.au/belmont-contributions>*

Comments are invited from the public with a deadline of 14 March 2018. The PA supports the Plan and has drafted a submission to Council (refer attached).

**We also strongly encourage you to make your own submissions to Council at [council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au) prior to 14 March 2018.**

A summary of the main proposals in the Plan for Catherine Hill Bay as follows:

- Demolish and rebuild the Surf Club (\$5.5m) further back from the beach than the current location. Council plans to acquire land from Rose Group to enable this relocation.
- Creation of an expanded Coastal Park around the new Surf Club.
- Build a new 400m<sup>2</sup> community use facility/building (\$2m), either at the Bowling Club site or incorporated into a new larger Surf Club.
- A new playground (\$1.4m) and expanded sports fields/facilities (\$8m) in the area adjacent to the Bowling Club.
- The plan includes a coastal walk spanning the length of Catherine Hill Bay connecting Main Camp and Middle Camp, but proposes that it will be built as part of the DA obligations of developers.
- Council plans to acquire land owned by Wallalong Lands P/L around the bowling club and sports oval area. This will enable them to provide the expanded sports fields and other facilities, and would also give Council ownership of the access road to Graveyard beach.

## Traffic safety

Traffic calming speed humps have finally been installed over summer by LMCC. This is a great step forward in managing the dangerous driving problem in our town. More are planned in future stages. Please do not mistake these humps for pedestrian crossings.

If you observe any dangerous driving in Catho, please report it immediately to the Police Local Area Command on Ph 4922 8899.



We've recently had Council trimming the sides of trees and then Ausgrid pruning the tops on powerline sides! Now the Flowers Dr entry into Catho has roadworks and resurfacing underway. Very much appreciated!

## New Constitution

All proposed amendments to our new Constitution based on Department of Fair Trading Model were adopted at the previous meeting.

## Landcare

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

We've started back on the dunes of Graveyard Beach - much easier work, weeding in sand!

Saturdays weren't that well attended so we're going to try first Mondays - 3-5 pm. See you on Monday 5th March!

Clarita and Carmel attended the official opening of the Lake Mac Landcare Resource Centre's fabulous nursery and covered learning area (brick circular wall and seats). The nursery sells to the public at very reasonable prices, on Tuesdays 8am – 1pm, at the Centre on the corner of Toronto and Five Islands Roads, Booragul. Cash sales only.

For more information, please call them on 4921 0392.



## Tennis Club

The AGM was held last year and Clarita, Carmel, Linnie and Jann were thanked for their years of volunteering. Dan, Phil, Sandy and Linnie have taken over.

The court and clubhouse are on land now owned by Wallalong Developments, and negotiations are underway to enable the community to continue enjoying our tennis and BBQs.

## Membership

Have you renewed your Association membership for 2017/18?

Your membership fees provide important funding support for the activities of the Progress Association. Please be aware that only financial members of the Association can vote on important matters raised at general meetings.

Still only \$10:00 and \$5:00 for pensioners - a bargain!

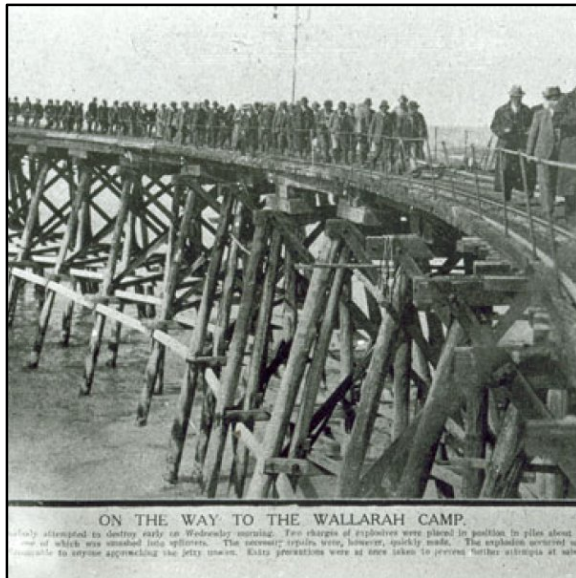
Please see attached a membership form. Monies can be paid by direct debit.



## Did you know?

... that in 1929 strike breaking workers were brought to Catherine Hill Bay by ship from Newcastle and, due to the threats and animosity from local striking miners, had to be transported to Wallarah Mine in coal hoppers under Police guard.

Miners across NSW had been locked out when they refused to accept a reduction in the hewing rate.



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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