

CATHO CHRONICLE

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OUR PRISTINE BEACH HAS BEEN SAVED!

Solo Water has withdrawn the application to vary their licence to allow for discharge into the Catherine Hill Bay Creek.

Locals alerted IPART, the EPA and our local member Yasmin Catley MP to the attempt by Solo Water to slip this through without the appropriate studies of public health and environmental impacts, or any public consultation whatsoever.

This is a fantastic outcome for Catherine Hill Bay. Thanks to everyone who wrote submissions, came to the Rally (organised by the Catho Boardriders) and prepared such great signs of protest.



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NEXT MEETING & AGM

5pm Sat 6th July 2019
at Catho SLSC Club

2019 Community Survey Results

The results of the Progress Association's 2019 community survey are in after a marvellous response. A third of the surveys returned came from the Beaches Estate. These results have been given to Lake Mac Council and will underpin our future meetings with them. The graph of the results is attached. The most outstanding results were:

- 100% ticked "Beach" as being the most important aspect of The Bay
- 95% ticked "Environment"
- 91% ticked "Bushland"
- 71% would like to maintain the rural village style
- 93% support a Coastal Walkway
- 75% would like better access to Moonee Beach
- 91% were against recycled effluent being discharged into the creek and sea
- 71% would like the Catho Pub to be renovated and become more of a family pub
- 76% would like Heritage Walks
- 59% prefer highest priority given to the building of new sporting & community facilities in the LMCC Belmont Contributions Plan.
- 87% agree that the intersection of Flowers Drive and Pacific Highway is dangerous.

There were so many more interesting results and the Progress Association will endeavour to letter box drop our Newsletter to all areas of Catherine Hill Bay in the future.

PA Meetings with LMCC

The PA has had meetings with Council regarding the development of community facilities. Council acknowledges the concerns of the community which is now without any community centre following the closure of the Bowling Club. However, before a Master Plan can be drawn up the Catherine Hill Bay Heritage Development Control Plan and the Catherine Hill Bay Conservation Area Management Plan need to be finalised and approved by the Heritage Office. When the Master Plan is being prepared members of the community will have input.

"Save our Jetty" Campaign

The PA's Interim Heritage Order (IHO) application has been submitted to Heritage NSW. If approved, this will protect the jetty from demolition for a period of twelve months. The aim is to identify a sustainable funding model for the jetty during the IHO period.

The iconic jetty has been getting a lot of attention lately and is fast becoming Lake Mac's most recognisable tourist attraction. Not only is it one of the most featured images on instagram under the #ourlakemac hashtag, but it's also a popular stop for the CoastXP Hunter adventure boat experience (refer main photo).

The jetty also starred in the opening sequence of the new ABC TV show *Escape From The City*, in an episode featuring Lake Macquarie house hunters. <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/escape-from-the-city>

The Association is making plans for a future Photographic Competition focused on our jetty. It will be entitled "Sunrise to Sunset", and will include the east facing Catho Jetty and also the west facing jetty at Waverton in Sydney. These two landmarks are connected by the coal that was mined at the Bay and transported to Balls Head at Waverton where it was stored and used by small businesses and for ship bunkering. All are welcome to contribute and details on how to submit photos will be available soon.

Landcare Update

CHB Landcare received the Longstanding Group Award at the recent Environmental Excellence in Landcare Annual Awards at the Resource Centre in Booragul.

Also Local Legend Awards of a certificate and a name tag were bestowed upon David Goff, Jann Kinsela, Wendy Heys, Lindsey Goff and Clarita Norman. Congratulations to you all!



Join us on the first Mondays of each month at 3-5pm at the Graveyard Beach site. We're now just maintaining the area south of the walkway to the beach, and have attacked the north side! Shall we plant on Tree Day this year? The Landcare Resource Centre nursery needs to start propagating our local species now ...

Full Time Ranger appointed to Wallarah National Park

This is great news and the new Ranger hopes to make progress in keeping 4WDs out of the area. However it is a difficult task because of the different landowners and the ease with which vehicles can push past gates and barriers.

NPWS have assured us that they remain committed to this challenge and they greatly appreciate any help from members of the community. You can raise any concerns by contacting:

Andrew.Hampstead@environment.nsw.gov.au

ANZAC Day dawn service

There was no rain this year, and breakfast before and after was provided by Nords Wharf P&C! Thanks to Wing Commander Andrew Gillespie and Dawn Gillespie of the CHB RSL chapter, Catho Boardriders and to all who attended.



Star Power!

Did you know that Catho has nurtured a star of a new drama on ABC TV? Mitchell Bourke (son of Grant and Sandy, grandson of Joyce) has a lead role in the drama The Heights. He plays Ryan, the hipster. It resumes on Friday nights soon. <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/heights>



Yoga at Catho SLSC

There is a regular beginners-orientated Hatha yoga class held in the surf club on Monday mornings at 9am. Further details can be found at Yoga on the Move here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601489383402359/>

New improved website!

Check out the PA's new website (refer link details below). Ben Brown has given it new life and a super makeover; Thanks Ben!

A hint for the technically challenged: don't click menu options, just hover. When you hover over a part of the menu, a new menu will open. Our gallery of photos is three layers down. Enjoy!

Membership renewals due on 1st July

A reminder that membership fees are due from the 1st July each year. The membership renewal form is attached to this newsletter email. Please email membership forms to:

accounts@catherinehillbay.org.au

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

www.catherinehillbay.org.au

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

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