

**MINUTES OF
CATHERINE HILL BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Friday, 23rd May 2014
7.30 at Bowling Club/ Community Hall**

Barry Toepfer from Toepfer's Earthmoving addressed the meeting over the issue of smoking/burning chitter on the headland.

The method employed, whilst slow (6 months), has finally resulted in the extinguishment of all burning coal and chitters in Catherine Hill Bay. Burning coal smell now is from the National Park area at Crangan Bay Barry explained the process as basically digging a bath and filling with water and then the burning coal/chitter is placed into the bath to extinguish the fire. This load was then replaced by the next and so on until all affected coal was dealt with. Logs pulled out from the ramp to jetty were part of the treatment. Barry will remove the Norfolk Pines that were planted near the jetty and replant with natives, and reuse them in another job.

Reduced quality in CHB tank water? Could be bark from gum trees that burnt, and breaking down.

The Association thanked Barry and Dave Mc Connell from Lake Coal who also came to the meeting to answer questions from the community.

- 1 Attendance: C Graham, D Graham, N Lambert, C Norman, S Winning, C Winning, T Osborne, D Goff, L Goff, G Dousha, P Townsend, M Townsend, D Hawcroft, S Whyte ,D King, V King, C Brown, D Knock, J Gartelmann, B Garry.
- 2 Apologies: Nell Hudson, B Norman, J Bowe, A Mehra, M Cannon, K Hodgkinson, T Dupree, B Brown.
- 3 Minutes of the last CHBPA held 14th March 2014. Moved that these be accepted by D Knock seconded by C Brown
- 4 Treasurer's report: balance of Accounts as of April 2014

General Account: \$3,761.80
Heritage Account: \$13,592.44
Total Funds held: \$17,354.24

A special thanks to D Knock who has donated \$329.40 to pay for our website.

5. Report on Coal & Allied proposed residential development Middle Camp.

C & A had agreed to attend this meeting. However, they “are still pulling together the DA documents together and it is unlikely that we will have this work completed prior to the end of this month.”

So the PA will invite them to attend the next meeting.

C&A want to get the DAs in and tidy up some loose ends. In Sawmill Camp they have bought one of the properties, have offered Joey Warren the opportunity to buy, and Mrs Bridges has moved to a nursing home. C & A are then seeking a buyer to develop the land.

C&A have been emailed twice about the matter of the PA taking over management of the tennis court. The Association has provided evidence that the Association is Incorporated and has appropriate insurance, as requested, but C & A have not yet replied.

6. Traffic Report

Phone conversation with P McMurray 12th May 2014

Peter stated that the Council will do the detailed design work in the Financial Year 14/15 but cannot commit to building anything.

In the Financial Year 15/16 LMCC will roll out as much as possible.

LATM for Charlestown already has design details done and will be a more expensive project than that of CHB.

Both of the above projects have been forced back due to lack of funds.

As CHB was defined by the Council’s Traffic Mgt Consultant as the highest danger area in NSW in terms of the speed at which vehicles travel through the town, this is not considered by the community as a satisfactory situation. The Association will write a letter to LMCC about our concerns. Moved D Knock, seconded D Graham.

Mr McMurray was hoping to come off the back of C & A who under their DAs would be required to put in 4 road humps and works at the intersection but this is looking unlikely as C&A are behind expected timeframe.

LMCC does not reseal roads in winter, as heat is needed for the process to be optimal. Will start again in August

The intention is to resurface Clarke St to Montifiore Street with a very coarse seal (this will also be noisier for the inhabitants.) The Association needs to raise this matter with LMCC.

D Hawcroft said that Montifiore and Hale Sts are going to be rebuilt late 2014 or early 2015, and will become racetracks if no speed reduction devices are put in place. This matter should be raised with LMCC by letter, also.

The developer, Rose group, is proposing to close Montifiore St for 4/5 months over this coming summer. Letter to be written by the Association to LMCC saying that a total closure would be a safety risk to the community as two entrances are needed in case of accident or fire (also traffic diversions from the Pacific H'way through the Bay are sometimes required.) Surely only one lane at a time needs to be closed for roadworks.

Mr McMurray has offered to come to our next meeting to talk about ways and opportunities for us to help get external funding (absolutely necessary).

There are community concerns over increased truck movements along Flowers Drive and Clarke Street now. This is another reason why Montifiore St has to remain open as otherwise **all** vehicles will be on town roads. In the event of an emergency, a second road out of Catho is necessary.

If you are annoyed by speeding cars and bikes, ring or write to Area Command at Boolaroo.

95 Main Road Boolaroo 2284

02 4922 4699

7. Report on Rose group

D Hawcroft reported on the Rose group Catherine Hill Bay Community Liaison Committee.

This committee was set up as part of the Approval given to Rose group to build 550 houses at the southern end of CHB. Consists of 2 community

members, representative from National Parks, LMCC, Daracon, Rose group, Ian McNicol of ADW. Johnson is the Chair. Meetings to take place every 1-2 months. Minutes are taken.

Clearing of Stages' 1,2,4 and 5 commenced in April and earthworks, bulk excavations should begin shortly. Subdivision Released / Sold Certificate for Stages' 1 and 2 is planned for mid 2015. Montefiore St and Pacific Hwy intersection upgrades are planned for 4th Quarter 2014 with possible road closure for 4 to 5 months.

Infrastructure not yet in place, roads, water, sewerage etc. not yet sorted.

Also, A new Hale Street is planned for construction possibly commencing 4th Quarter 2014, and including the closure of Montefiore St for months. Hale Street will be moved further east and the embankment demolished to allow access. Designs are progressing for the Village Park and shopping centre and it was confirmed that there was no intention of putting in a walkway or BBQ and playground area in this Park. However as this is to be done to specifications for LMCC (who will then take ownership) of the Park; it will depend on what LMCC wants in consultation with the community.

Issues raised by the community members:

- that the ridgeline “the entire length of Montifiore” is to be a GREENED ridgeline (presently ALL vegetation has been removed). This is part of the Approval Conditions.
- the need to maintain access to the jetty.(There will be a new Environmental Impact Study on the jetty with expressions of Interest for adaptive reuse)
- concerns about the proposed sewerage plant.

The Association has written to the Department of Planning regarding the dropping of the South Wallarah Peninsula SEPP into LMCC LEP.

- Whilst doing this, DoP changed the zonings to allow residential land so that a Sewerage Treatment Plant can be built. The Association has **great** concerns about the environmental impacts of the treated sewerage, which will destroy the wetlands and affect pristine Moonee beach.
- Once there is a sewerage plant the entire town will be told to lock on? This may well suit residents who have pump out but not those

with efficient biocycle systems. They will be asked to pay a private company to provide water and sewerage when they already have tank water (at no cost) and their own efficient sewerage systems.

- C &A have already asked to be part of this which will mean the town will be dug up to lay pipes. The holding capacity of the tank is sufficient for 1000 residences. So a very large, unattractive tank is to be built on Montifiore Street: Visual impact? Noise? Odour?? These matters are yet to be considered in the next phase of the application to build a sewerage plant.
- Letter has been sent to DoPlanning requesting an assurance that the site specific Development Control Plan (achieved by mediation) would still apply. We have been assured that this will be addressed by the Department of Planning.

8. Report on Mobile Phone Coverage

Money was allocated in the budget and we are on the waiting list. Garry Edwards MP wrote to Minister Turnbull on our behalf and we 'have been added to the database'. We have also been supplied with contact details for the carriers and we will contact them as well.

9. Report on Walking Trails of Catherine Hill Bay Brochure.

We are about 2/3 into the year allowed to complete this process. Brochure is up to the final edit stage. Lake Mac Print estimate \$2442.00 for 2000 brochures. The Council is keen to publicly promote this brochure.

Motion moved by S Whyte that the treasurer pay the account for Lake Mac Print for the graphic art work and printing of 2000 brochures; seconded C Norman.

After this a large sign giving a synopsis of the history of the Bay will need to be designed, made and erected. Lisa Wrightson, Heritage Support Officer with Lake Macquarie Council has already organized for the sign to be erected underneath cover in the new shelter area to be built in the Pat Slaven Reserve.

10. Landcare report

C Brown, reported that Helen Jarvis and Allan Myers joined in at the April session.

BJ Felton and his Green Team weeded with us on April 29, and the Swansea Landcare Coordinator gave us Lomandras and advice on erosion. The Landcare Office then advised that landscaping the dune along the BBQ area would be put to the Council for the Lifeguards winter program. Considering the low attendance on Thursdays at 1pm, Carmel suggested moving back to Saturdays -agreed. Carmel acknowledged the contribution of Ireen Wong who is leaving the town to head north. Ireen was the Landcare coordinator along with David Knock for many years, and much of the Graveyard Beach dune restoration and Catherine Hill Bay Ck work was achieved then. The Association is very grateful for her commitment to Catho over the years.

11. Website and Facebook

C Brown reported on Facebook: followers up from 82 to 110, with some items having higher views (jetty wood re-use 236, coal still burning 139). Our website averages 100-200 views per day...but some days its 1000. 150 newsletters were sent out from the website, and the opening rate is up to 40-60% now.

12. General Business

- D Hawcroft had a meeting with Garry Edwards MP concerning the paper roads in town that are still designated a Crown land. Representatives from Crown Lands advised that regarding Lindsley St they will approach LMCC to have this Street returned and made their responsibility.
- Tennis Court, behind the houses on the eastern side of Flowers Drive, and owned by C&A, is so neglected that trees are growing through the court surface. C &A had told us that they would poison these but as this has not been done. A number of residents are keen to form a committee with the purpose of bringing the court back to its original playable state (until 6 months ago Mr Knowles had undertaken this responsibility)
If you wish to help please contact David Knock 0413 712 712
C Norman asked the Association to write a letter to Coal & Allied regarding the status of the Tennis Court.

12. Close of Meeting 8:49PM