

## Spring at the Bay!



### Next Meeting

All are welcome to the Association. Our next meeting will be Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30 pm, at the CHB Bowling and Community Club

### Jetty Masters Cottage

Coastal Hamlets Pty Ltd has submitted to LMCC a Development Application for “**Reconstruction of existing dwelling damaged by fire**”, i.e. the Jetty Master’s cottage. The “**Reconstruction**” proposed has a gross floor area of 504m<sup>2</sup>, approx. 4 times the size of the original cottage!



If approved, this development will severely detract from the heritage values of the Bay. So significant are the heritage values considered that the town has been placed on the NSW Heritage Register; only the second town in NSW to be given this recognition.

The development is located in a highly sensitive position and the proposed building is of such a large scale that it is totally out of keeping with the modest cottages that characterise the Bay.

We need your help and ask you to submit objections to this proposal by either writing to:

Brian Gibson, Heritage Planner

Lake Macquarie City Council at Box 1906, Hunter Region Mail Centre NSW 2310

Re: Development Proposal, Integrated Development

DP 1194707 Jetty Masters Cottage - 15 Hale St, Catherine Hill Bay, NSW 2281

OR

Email to: [council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)

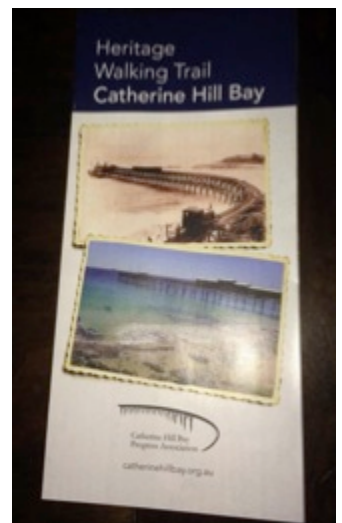
Attached to this email are some points that you may wish to use in your submission or just fill in your details and send.

**The deadline for your submission is 27th September 2014, so don't be late!**

### Heritage Walk Brochure

Our new Heritage Walk Brochure was launched by the Federal Member Jill Hall MP and LMCC Mayor Jodie Harrison. We had a glorious sunny afternoon with great speeches by Jill Hall, Jody Harrison and Garry Edwards MP. Fabulous wines were provided by

Gartelmann's Winery and the food provided by Nell Hudson and Narelle Lambert was gourmet! Our local artists, Clarita Norman and Lindsey Goff displayed their work and everyone stayed to watch our documentary *The History of Catherine Hill Bay* after the event (thank you, Dan)



In addition, a Visitor Information Board (as part of the grant) supporting the Heritage Walk Brochure is soon to be installed at the Bay.

Congratulations to all people involved in this project for their ongoing commitment in producing such a wonderful brochure. (Download your copy from our website.)



## Smoking / Burning Chitter

As of Sunday 31 August 2014 the smell of coal burning was present adjacent to the proposed development. If you need to report a coal heating or fire, please call Chris Ellis at LakeCoal or Barry Toepfer, Ph: 0407783791.

## Report - Coal & Allied's Middle Camp Development

C&A have been busy finalizing their DAs for Gwandalan and Nords Wharf and on completion, C&A will then turn their attention to Catherine Hill Bay.

## Report - Rose Group's Development

Meeting held at the Surf Club, 7th July 2014 - Committee Attendees were Sue Whyte, Damien Hawcroft, Nick Jackman (Senior Development Manager – Rose Group), Ian McNicol (AWDJohnson – Chairperson and facilitator), Ben Read (Daracon construction contractors), as well as Kay Fraser (Councillor) from LMCC.

This Committee was set up as part of the Approval given to Rose Group to build 550 houses at the southern end of the Bay. A Committee meeting is to take place every 1 to 2 months.

Nick Jackman advised that clearing of Project stages 1, 2, 4 and 5 was underway. Bulk earthworks would not commence until sign off from the site auditor was received and this was anticipated to be sometime in July 2014. Design of lead in works (e.g. Montefiore St) is underway.

Daracon stated that emergency vehicle access would be provided, should the need arise, during the works requiring the closure of Montefiore St, planned 4th Quarter 2014.

Daracon confirmed that during the closure of Montefiori St their employee and subcontractor vehicles would be required to arrive and leave the development project via Montefiori St and that no project traffic would be using Clarke St.

PLEASE NOTE: Rose Group confirmed that the South Catherine Hill Bay DCP identified plantings, a pathway, a detention basin, a playground and a picnic area for the village green, i.e. eastern side of Clarke St. Community representatives expressed their concern regarding these “identified works” being not in keeping with the Heritage footprint of the village. Rose Group advised community representatives that if there were any concerns regarding these “identified works” then they needed to be addressed by the Community at Council level.

## Traffic Management Plan (TMP)

Peter McMurray (Transportation & Asset Planning Co-Coordinator Lake Macquarie City Council) attended the meeting and told us that the funding set aside to implement the TMP for this financial year had had to be re-allocated to the Children's Games at Speers Point Park in December 2014.

Detailed design plans for the Bay's speed reduction measures would be made after January 2015 and money allocated in the next budget would be put towards the implementation of the traffic plan for Catherine Hill Bay.

**If you are annoyed by speeding cars and bikes, ring or write to Area Command at Boolaroo. 95 Main Road Boolaroo 2284 or 02 4922 4699.**

## Fire Control and Documentary

Residents of the Bay, please note: From August 2014 NSW residents in fireprone regions are allowed to cut trees within 10 metres of their homes and clear lower level vegetation out to 50 metres without a permit, to help mitigate fire threats.

Progress on the October 2013 Fire documentary ("**Catho: Rising from the Flames**") is ongoing and will hopefully be shown at our next Film Event, 2014.

**PLEASE NOTE:** we request that anyone who has footage relating to the October 2013 fire to send it to Sue Whyte by email ([suewhyte80@bigpond.com](mailto:suewhyte80@bigpond.com)) so that it can form part of this wonderful documentary.

## Landcare

A Landcare work bee with the wonderful LMCC's Landcare Green Team Volunteers was held Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July followed by a yummy lunchtime BBQ. We are allocated 3 sessions each year so our time is up. A special thanks to the LMCC and their volunteers in making a challenging task so much easier and we look forward to working with you in 2015.

National Tree Day was a great success with volunteers (photo opposite) from around our area, Morisset and Merewether! A special thanks to Carmel Brown and Damien Hawcroft for their Landcare work carried out throughout the year.



**Volunteers are always welcome – now first Saturdays of the month, 10 - noon!**

## Keep the Bay Clean

Remember – when walking the beach or land, please take a bag with you for collecting rubbish and Take 3 - it all helps! LMCC EcoAngel have contacted us for another clean up day, soon. Will advise day and time when known.

## News Flash

- Phone coverage - Garry Edwards (our local MP) wrote to Minister Turnbull on our behalf and we “have been added to the database”.
- Tennis court - behind the houses on the eastern side of Flowers Drive owned by C&A, the court is so neglected that trees were growing through the court surface.

A number of residents are keen to bring the court back to its original playable state and if you wish to help please contact David Knock 0413 712 712.

The Association has spoken to C&A and they are happy for us to be involved in the resurrection of the court. We need to set up a committee to raise funds, as a new tank needs to be purchased, solar panels and batteries for lighting of the clubhouse and security. Also some new fencing is needed.

- Regarding Lake Macquarie City Council has yet to accept from Crown Land the transfer of the constructed part of Lindsley Street as road which is at the Council’s discretion. Yet to be advised, watch this space!

Check out our website or Facebook pages for the latest news and great photos.

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