

MINUTES
CATHERINE HILL BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
FRIDAY, 27th February 2015
7.30 Bowling Club Community Hall

COMMUNITY MEETING:

Peter Mc Murray, Transport & Asset Planning Co Coordinator from Lake Macquarie Council spoke about the traffic calming measures to be implemented in town.

Presently discussing details with Council staff. Asked us which end to start for CHB improvements?

Meeting was in agreement that the traffic calming platforms be first installed along Flowers Dr - where speed builds up! Will surface increase noise? Expect 2 to 3 years of work but progress depends on Council continuing to allocate funds.

20mm stone surface treatment used in Victoria to stop burnouts. Will install at CHB hotel this Financial Year. Can be stones first week then settles and street sweeper comes thru.

Which treatments? Prefer slowing devices e.g. not chicanes; humps instead. Humps take 10m of area. Slope, platform, slope. Cobblestone look. Will be letterbox drop for comments. Will try to have heritage treatment e.g. stone. Do off road bikers love them? No - too gradual a slope.

Peter McMurray will provide names of areas where people can view the type of proposed platforms.

Next meeting Peter will bring maps showing where they will go. Association will also send out on the email system copies of the Local Area Traffic Management Study (LATM) which shows where the platforms are proposed to be placed.

Use of speed cameras raised. Peter: RMS not council. Cameras go in high crash sites.

Issue raised concerning heavy vehicles down Flowers Dr for Rose work!

Peter: There is a tonnage limit for Flowers Dr but buses exempt - Daracon aware. Can request a 5 tonne loading as well as have signs installed informing vehicles of this limitation. Also, Daracon need to be informed.

Issue of future speeding problems on Hale St raised however "legislative warrants" are required before speed calming measures can be allowed. Need to show that there are enough people who use the road before such measures will be approved. So speed reduction measures will not be built by the developers; cost will be borne by rate payers. The community would prefer to see RoseGroup have speed reduction devices (chicanes and humps) incorporated into their first build – the most practical and least impact on the LMCC (Lake

Macquarie City Council) ratepayers' pockets! Why wait until this road is built then rip it up again, makes no sense! LMCC / RoseGroup/ Daracon to consider.

Meeting in December 2014 between LMCC, State Gov Department of Planning and RoseGroup re; the closure of Montifiore St for 4 months.

LMCC maintained that it could not be closed as it was a 'road related area' and therefore the Council should be the consent authority for closure of the road.

1970s traffic infringement notices etc. so public use. However, was advised that the Dept. of Planning (DoP) last week over road Council decision of partial road closure because of a "directive" from above.

Issue of buses through town raised as many people are dependent on bus travel Council would have done all with traffic control procedures, no closure. DoP agreed to look at partial road closure but now saying approved full closure. LMCC requested reasons, as council will get the calls from an angry public. No reply from DoP.

School bus will run looping in from nth Flowers Dr. Are now people stranded? Daracon say will always allow emergency vehicles through. So why not all?

ASSOCIATION MEETING:

Attendance : S Whyte, D Hawcroft, L Goff, D Goff, C Johnson, C Norman, N Lambert, N Hudson, L Smith, C Brown, G Dousha, J Simpson, D Knock, P Myers.

Apologies: D Dearing, J Sommer, J Gartelmann, D &L Hale, J Hill, G O'Reilly, K Vanden Hengle, B Vanden Hengle, J Bowe, T Osborne, B Brown

Minutes of previous meeting. Already sent out ask that these minutes be accepted as a true coverage

Proposed: D Knock

Seconded by: N Lambert

Treasurers report.

General a/c, heritage a/c- total \$ 9891.

Expenses detailed \$4152.

Time to renew yearly memberships. Forms to be sent out with newsletter - PayPal too complicated for a donations tab on website but details there for transfers by internet banking.

Acceptance proposed by: N Lambert

Seconded By: D Hawcraft

Need to set the goals of the Association for the coming year.

NEW SURVEY

The town's residents and people who own property in the town have been surveyed since 1984. A current draft copy was given out at the Meeting with suggestions and feedback sought. To speak for CHB confidently need new survey. Original and previous questions to remain so changes can be tracked. Questions concerning current issues have been added.

Question posed as to why we need to self-identify in the survey Brought to the attention of the Association by a call from ABC TV Newcastle (before it was defunded) that RoseGroup (or related interest) owns freehold licence on the hotel. Sales promotions for the new residential development mention a private club.

If you own the licence for the freehold you have first option to buy the liquor licence. This licence can then be stripped out as can the poker machines and moved elsewhere.

The hotel building will remain but it can only be a restaurant or B & B it won't be a pub. Community needs to be aware of this before it becomes a fait accompli.

WATER SEWERAGE

Want to keep independence or connect and be beholden to private sewerage company and pay annually?

We have till 15th March for submissions on the Review of Environmental factors on the proposed Sewerage treatment Plant. The existence of the stream that runs into the main beach may possibly be affected from contaminated runoff from the spraying areas sited north of Montifiore St has been ignored.

Visually dominating treatment plant will be part way down Montifiore St - will be odour and environmental issues. The Association has put in a submission. If anyone is interested please contact S Whyte for a copy...

Go to the following IPART website for more information:

www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water/Private_Sector_Licensing_WICA/License_Applicants

Size. 550 houses in RoseGroup's residential development but capacity is 1000 houses so could handle Rose, C&A and locals. Wyong water being used, not Hunter Water. Not compulsory now to connect but in future can cancel our licences and we are forced to connect.

BUILDING APPROVALS

Need to involve Heritage office? Just Council for usual heritage restrictions, need to see OE&H for plans beyond that. Fees would be \$1400-1500

OLD BAY SCHOOL CENTENARY – 100 YEARS!

(School opened in 1915)

There will be a **Back to the Bay Festival** held 26th September 2015 to celebrate 100 years since the school opened.

Festival Committee needed.

Narelle, Nell, Sue, David, Lindsey, Joyce have volunteered. If anyone else is interested please let us know.

Status of development plans and proposals by RoseGroup and Coal & Allied.

- **RoseGroup**

Thank you everyone for the number of submissions put into LMCC objecting to the DAs for the Jetty Masters House and Wallarah House.

The Heritage Office told the proponents that the applications would not be supported and so new plans are to be prepared and presented.

New plans for Wallarah House are on the LMCC website but LMCC have not put these on exhibition as they have requested further changes.

So we can expect this to be a drawn out process.

Members of the Association are meeting with the Heritage Office (9th March) over concerns with the proposed Landscape Plans for the “Village Green” and the impact that the proposed Sewerage treatment plant will have on the historic village.

- **The new Mine Closure Plan**

Plan is with the Department of Resources and Energy for Approval.

The Mining Company responsibility for implementing this rehabilitation plan at CHB, Lake Coal (LDO Coal) has on sold to Lake Macquarie Coal, a Chinese backed Company.

If you are interested in this Google LDO Coal for more details

- **Coal & Allied**

No movement on their proposed development.

TENNIS COURT – Clarita, Carmel, Lyn

Australia Day Tennis and BBQ tried out the restored court and clubhouse. First meeting of CHB Tennis Club and Rules drafted. Carmel emailed Geoffrey Rock, Coal & Allied re fence repairs, removing coral tree and Landcare working along creek. As yet have not heard back from Coal & Allied!

Meeting 21 Feb revised rules, David Knock to chase up C&A. Bank account opened 23 Feb. If you wish to book this fabulous court please contact Eleanor on 49762368; Lyn will assume this when Eleanor is on maternity leave! Carmel is back up.

David - solar panels -Colleen can help? Batteries - Dan – for Movie nights, night tennis.

Anzac Day is next tennis day – fundraising then, too.

LANDCARE – Carmel (brief points in meeting)

February 2015 session – 3 people: welcome Lindsey and Dave Goff. Cleared start of walkway going north from cemetery crossing.

Lake Mac Landcare Network C'tee – Carmel Chair for 2015, attended Plant Identification workshop, and Super Saturday Session on Living Landscapes under Threat, Total Environment Centre, and 'Peas and Cues' to identify 'egg and bacon' types. Organised day for Regional C'tee at Redhead- venue, catering.

Bushtucker Day - Recommend next SSS March 21 at Garry's site, Osmond Reserve, Swansea- growing, cooking and eating bushtucker! Call 49210084 to book in.

NP&WS walks Call 4320 4205 (Mon - Wed & Fri 8.30am - 3pm)

Sun 8 March Pt Wollstonecraft in LMSCA 8km Medium

Sun 15 March Snapper Pt to Ghosties in LMSCA Medium. See bushfire recovery in the bush.

Tues 24 March Shark Hole, following fishermen's track, gorge, rock platform, cave. Hard

Publicity - Carmel (brief points in meeting)

Website is fine; docs added then emailed to members (Ben)

Facebook

CHB – 245 followers. Last week 21 Likes, 3 comments, 18 shares, 607 post clicks. IPART link re sewerage reached 199; rock fishing deaths NH articles over 200 for one. People like the local RFS pics and a recent batch of old pics on the Swansea – Belmont – Catho Page. The posters have been messaged and asked to contact Sue: John Fibbens, Hector Price, Steve Lonsdale, Charlie Kennedy. Friends of Catho – 1,257 followers. 303 saw the Gwandalan development aerial map showing bush near lake to be removed; 665 saw Plans to close Snapper Pt NH article.

CHB Landcare – 81 followers. 500 saw the NP&WS walk postings; 67 the Landcare session post because of the old grave photo, no doubt; 72 the 2015 plan to move back to Middle Camp because of the 2007 Ecotour map!

CHB Tennis Court – 47 followers. 131 views for first post with launch photos

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

9-12 Surf Club (Damien coordinating) or Graveyards Beach (Paul Kelman, Murrays Beach coordinating)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Suggestion: **monthly community market**. This would be a gathering occasion for CHB, Paul Myers will follow up.

Idea of creating an open air **sculpture town** for the Bay was mentioned at the meeting with an initial positive response from the meeting's attendees. Walcha has done this very successfully, check out on Google – "Walcha open air sculptures".

Suggestion that Christo wrap jetty!
Need grants to attract sculptors to town.

NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY, 24th April 2015 at 730 pm
Bowling Club Community Hall

Everyone is welcome!