

## **CATHERINE HILL BAY PUBLIC MEETING 11 Dec 2015**

Welcome by David Knock, Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association Secretary

Wade Covey, Environmental and Community Coordinator, spoke to the group  
He has replaced Chris Ellis in this role.

Lake Coal is responsible for the remediation of the former mining lands now owned by Coastal Hamlets (Rose group) This includes the headland, Bin Building, Hale Street, Possum Gully, Snake Gully and the Jetty.

Aerial photo shown of the area to be remediated. Delays but will finish Feb. Then start Headland civils. GANT chart - timeline. Apr/ March next year.

Enviro Pacific main contractor.

Finalising plan for old coal bin. Need to fill in. Will reuse materials. Large project mid year. Rehab in Snake and Possum gullies - talking to National Parks & Wildlife Service. Trying to minimise truck movements and use Montefiore St.

Jetty –it has been agreed that the Department of Planning (DoP) will be final approving body so now revising plan.

If demolition is the outcome it will take time - 12-18 mths for approval. First an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will be prepared to go on public exhibition.

Vandalism ongoing problem.

### **Q&A**

Q.demolition of jetty?

Will go through approval process – a third party needed to be willing to take on liability for it.

Need to keep safe - \$3500.00 pa to maintain, \$3.5m to restore.

Jennifer Hill would like to see next process include the EIS and this time with plans. Need to know how big it is and what can be put on it.

Wade Covey agreed to give us feedback at a meeting in 2016. Lake Coal wants consultation with us in the process of preparing the EIS.

Q. walk around possible?

- yes...after remediation work about Feb.

Q.Hale Street?

Needs to be redesigned with removal of the embankment.

Power lines - Ausgrid out last week re options. Also talking to Surf club and Rose Group

Q. Bin building?

Needs to be made a safe and stable landform again. Front of the bin will be filled with concrete, rear filled with crushed building materials and fly ash.

Wade Covey thanked for coming to the meeting.

Further questions can be directed to Damien Hawcroft.

## **CATHERINE HILL BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING 11 Dec 2015**

**Attendance-** T Osborne, J Bourke, J Gartelmann, D Hawcroft, N Hudson, L Goff, D Goff, J Hill, C Winning, N Lambert, C Norman, S Whyte, M James, S Winning, P Myors, P Young, D Knock, A McGuffierk, J Piggot, D Hodgson

**Apologies** - Ben Brown, B &K Vanden Hengle, C Johnson

**Minutes** of last CHBPA meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 are on the website  
Moved by David Knock that these be accepted; seconded by Carmel Brown

### **Treasurer's report 2015**

#### **Auditors report**

Auditor's Report:-           Income: \$2,405.00  
Plus Balance Brought Fwd: \$17,444.24   Less Expenses: \$8,199.85  
Bal. \$11,649.39

Overall balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 :           General A/c   \$3,179.25  
Heritage A/c   \$6,753.79 =   \$9,933.04

Centenary  
Celebration:                   Income: \$2,619.10           Expenses: \$2,556.50  
Profit \$62.60

The cost of the Audio Equipment:                   \$818.95.

Moved that this report be accepted Narelle Lambert; seconded by Clarita Norman

#### **Traffic report**

After many years of surveys and promises we are finally at the implementation stage. This FY year budget includes 2 devices for the north end of Flowers Dr and tyre shredding surfacing in Clarke St. to counter burnouts. Peter McMurray is coming to our next meeting re Flowers Dr devices- end of Feb. yes, 2016.

**Coal & Allied Development** - no changes. Concept plan approved but no actual subdivision plan.

#### **Rose Group Development**

Community Liaison Committee meeting in December attended by 2 community representatives. Report given by D Hawcroft:  
It will be May/ June 2016 before Montefiore St reopens. RMS also needs to do work. Stage 1 works to be completed by Apr 2016 for Sept buildings to start.

There is still no IPART approval for Rose's sewerage plant.

Concern was expressed about erosion and run off from new development onto National Parks and Wildlife land at Moonee. Damien Hawcroft is taking photos at the base where the area meets NP. Any concerns, please call Rose or NPWS. Discharge into ocean? Department of Planning is the responsible authority.

David Knock urged people to raise concerns with local and State govt. too; Rose responds to these complaints!  
Jan Gartelmann asked if contact details could be put into the next newsletter.

### **Tennis Club** – report by Clarita Norman, Sec.

April storm knocked down fence. White ants in fence. Paid for inspection and now need more for pest control. The large amount of rain made the court too wet to play for a lot of the year!

Need more members and use of the club house, so on **Australia Day weekend** 'Short films for tall fences! ', weather permitting, of course.

Presently the court is playable with some running after balls.

### **Landcare**

Some quiet months of planting and clearing walkways at Graveyard beach. Annual report at end of AGM minutes.

### **General Business -**

Problem of people camping at Graveyard Beach as there are no toilets or bins. Coal & Allied own this land (but will be transferring it to Lake Macquarie City Council). LMCC owns cemetery land and oval already.

Need for a public toilet. PA has written to LMCC and will do so again. Response was to wait until sewer goes through.

Motion: PA write and request council and land owners to start dialogue to solve problem of sanitation at Graveyard Beach area. Ideas to consider include putting in bollards and/or gate at south side car park.

Discussed and not put – concern that the beach area needs early morning access by surfboard riders.

Motion instead: To have a document for next meeting prepared by Steve of Flowers Dr, with maps and plan. Passed by meeting.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11 Dec 2015**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The biggest event for the year was the celebration of the Bay School Centenary. The Bay School was the perfect venue, as everything had a context. We started planning in 2014. Funding was obtained from the Lake Macquarie City Council, enough to hire the necessary equipment.

We relied heavily on the knowledge, expertise, and connections that have been generated within the community. Our celebrity gardeners Linnie Ross and Angus Stewart, wine maker Jan Gartemann, fabulous scone maker Joyce Bourke, artist Lindsey Goff and all our wonderful volunteers who created brochures, contacted media, set up historical displays and helped on the stalls.

Our Federal member Jill Hall attended as did Yasmin Catley our State member. LMCC was represented by Kay Fraser.

The presence of the excellent school band from Nords Wharf PS and their dancers maintained the thread between past and present. Mr Sedgman, the last Principal, reflected on his time here and families cheered at their mention!

This was not a fundraising event (as you will gather from our Treasurer's report) rather it was a community event honoring our past and the men women and children who have made our town such a special place.

In this same vein the Visitor's Information Board has been installed on the northern wall of the Surf Club. If you haven't yet checked it out please do so. Also a new shelter shed, which is wheelchair friendly with minimal blocking of ocean views, has been erected by LMCC.

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#### **LANDCARE REPORT: Site leader, Carmel Brown**

A successful year with work and new signs on the slopes near the Pat Slaven Reserve and the cemetery. National Tree Day plantings were near the cemetery. (Full report attached.)

**ELECTIONS** Tony Osborne - Public officer.

Sue Whyte elected President  
Nominated- Narelle Lambert  
Seconded Jan Gartelmann

Damien Hawcroft elected Vice President.  
Nominated Sue Whyte  
Seconded David Knock

Paul Myors elected Treasurer  
Nominated Sue Whyte  
Seconded Narelle Lambert

Narelle Lambert elected Assistant Treasurer  
Nominated Nell Hudson  
Seconded Sue Whyte

Jan Gartelmann elected Social Secretary  
Nominated Sue Whyte  
Seconded Nell Hudson

Carmel Brown elected Landcare Coordinator  
Nominated D Knock  
Seconded D Hawcroft

Webmaster- Thanks to Ben Brown for his years of work. Elected Dan Wheatley  
Nominated Carmel Brown  
Seconded David Knock

Mail out - Thanks to Ben Brown for his years of work. Elected David Knock  
Nominated Carmel Brown  
Seconded Sue Whyte

Publicity – online, elected Carmel Brown (posts to CHB Community Facebook page; CHB Landcare Page)  
Nominated Sue Whyte  
Seconded Nell Hudson

Thanks to all.

## Landcare report for AGM: Site leader, Carmel Brown

### Achievements in 2015:

Small but dedicated team worked each month on the Graveyard Beach site: thanks to Dave and Linsey Goff, Clarita Norman, Nell Hudson, Damien Hawcroft, Greg Dousha and Sue Whyte of CHB, along with Garry Stewart (Swansea) Don Roach (Windale) and Wendy Heys (Shortland) supporting from other Landcare groups.

There was some April storm damage – erosion in the Pat Slaven Reserve area and small trees fell in the north site.

The LRC provided signs that were erected by the Green Team mid year at the Surf Club site and the walkway behind the cemetery. The latter was removed and dumped nearby, replaced, removed again and missing, so it was replaced and placed at the top of the path to the beach where it was not affecting the view from parked cars

The Green Team from the LRC visited 3 times and cleared the larger weeds around the Graveyard Beach car park and slopes – mainly Bitou bush, Lantana, Blackberry. On National Tree Day in July plants provided by the LRC were planted there and more along the walkway.

In Spring, Garry, Don, Greg, Wendy and Carmel walked in the ridge area near the former churches, and found a few dozen species of orchids and other wildflowers. No Christmas bells this year (were some in 2014). Later, Greg found native raspberries along the fire trail further west.

We held educational display tables at the CHB School Building Centenary Festival and the CHB Surfboard Swap Meet.

Council replaced the small shelter over the barbecues in the Pat Slaven Reserve with a larger shelter to cover the tables and seating, too, and angled so as to least block residents beach views.

### 2015 Objectives not met:

No significant *increase in participants*

Area behind *CHB Tennis Court* - permission of the landowner (Coal & Allied) was sought for weed control and replacement planting; requested removal of coral trees. No response received and issue referred to the PA Exec, which already liaises with C&A. No results.

*Middle Camp Ck* weed control and replacement planting – no interest from residents nearby.

### Plan for 2016:

- Control of weeds
- Plant endemic plant species in areas where weeds are removed
- Meet first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Graveyard Beach car park, except Dec and Jan.
- CHB Landcare to continue supporting EcoAngel and Tree Day activities

- CHB Landcare to continue to act to preserve the habitat in the Wallarah Peninsula. There has been an approach to the Rose group to use endemic plants in much of their regeneration and park areas.
- CHB Landcare to promote activities on the PA website [www.catherinehillbay.org.au](http://www.catherinehillbay.org.au), the CHB community “CathHillBay” and “Cathhilbay Landcare” Facebook pages and Landcare Gateway site, and in the LRC communications.
- CHB Landcare to continue efforts to engage local residents and visitors; liaise with Surf Club, schools and other community service groups to gain support and resources.
- Site leader is again Chair of Lake Macquarie Landcare Network Committee.

### ***Priorities as at February 2016:***

#### **1. Dunal areas of Graveyard Beach, and between car park and CHB cemetery**

Replacement planting on beach front with low growing endemic species. Maintain weed control.

#### **2. *Access paths to Graveyard beach and the walkway from car park heading north***

Weed control and pruning to keep walkways and historic graves accessible.

#### **3. *Access paths to CHB beach, just north of CHB Ck coming from car park.***

Weed control and replacement planting on beach front.

#### **4. Surf Club and Pat Slaven Reserve dunal areas**

Maintain weed control with Green Team

#### **5. *CHB Ck***

Maintain weed control and replacement planting along creek and rear of clearing.