

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association

COMMUNITY SURVEY 2013

This survey is to help the Progress Association understand what the people of the Bay want for their town. It is not a VOTE. We are asking for your opinions to help guide the Progress Association. The survey is VOLUNTARY, and you do not have to complete it if you do not want to, but please take time to complete the survey because all opinions are welcome and will be respected.

The Community Survey has been conducted every 4 years since 1994 and the results help the Progress Association make decisions to advance the interests of the Bay.

TO RETURN THIS SURVEY

Mail or deliver to:

The President, Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association
PO Box 72, Swansea 2281 OR
5 Clarke Street Catherine Hill Bay 2281

PLEASE RETURN BEFORE TUESDAY 6TH MAY, 2013

Question 1

Catherine Hill Bay has a mixed population of permanent residents who own or rent property, and people who own property but do not live here full time.

Do you:

- Own property*
- Rent*
- Live here full time*

How long have you owned in the Bay?

How long have you lived in the Bay?

Question 2

What do you think makes the Bay such a "special place"?

Tick as many categories as you wish.

- Environment*
- Beach*
- Neighbours*
- Bushland*
- Quiet*
- History*
- Sense of community*
- Jetty*

Other:

Question 3

What do you think would improve your lifestyle in the Bay?

e.g.

- Better bus service*
- Mains Sewerage*
- Mains Water supply*
- Better traffic management*
- Some Shops*
- Others:*

Question 4

Would you be willing to pay connection fees (approximately \$6 000) and annual water rates?

For Sewer	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
For Water supply	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>

Question 5

If the Bay was to become more popular with visitors, what do you think should be done to maintain its attraction and to minimize unwanted effects? Please tick as many as you wish.

- Rubbish collection*
- Better signage*
- Brochure (history, environment)*
- Visits by Council Ranger*
- Control on motor bikes through the bush*
- Better streetscape, roads, parking*
- Signposted heritage walkways*
- Better beach parking and picnic area facilities and cleaning*
- Toilet and garbage bins at the Graveyard Beach*
- Better management and maintenance of the coastal weed problem*
- Better push bike / cycling facilities*
- Reduce the impact of traffic speed*
- Reduce excessive hotel noise and reduce unacceptable behaviour of hotel patrons.*
- Other:*

Question 6

Are you in favour of protecting the style of the village much as it is today, in keeping with the Lake Macquarie DCP heritage guidelines developed by Lake Macquarie Council?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Unsure</i>
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Question 7

Are you in favour of more housing in the Bay?

Yes

No

Unsure

Question 8

If development does occur, what sort of additional facilities do you believe would be required to support a larger village?

List

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Question 9

If development takes place within the village, what style of dwellings would you like to see?

Consistent with existing miners' cottages in the village

Yes

No

Unsure

Different styles of dwellings including two storey buildings

Yes

No

Unsure

Question 9a

Given the many pressures for people to increase the sizes of their houses do you support additions to the rear, which still contain the low scale miners cottage character to the front?

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Question 9b

Only answer this question if you have put in a Development Application with LMCC

What has been your experience of the Lake Macquarie Council Development Approval process in terms of:

- *Certainty*
- *Consistency*
- *Pre DA comments prior to DA submissions*
- *Council DA fees*
- *Required Consultant reports*
- *Assessment time*

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Question 10

Is there a problem with speeding traffic in the town?

- strongly agree*
- agree*
- disagree*

Question 11

How can we best achieve the slowing of traffic through the town?

- raised soft platforms every 80-100m throughout the town*
- a narrowing of the road to a single lane every 80-100m with a raised platform*
- reforming the straight road so that the road is narrowed and curved*
- other*

Question 12

Do you receive and read the Progress Association's Newsletter?

Yes

No

What additional information would you like to see in the Newsletter?

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Question 13

Do you support the Progress Association's efforts to protect the Bay's sense of place, heritage, community and environment?

Yes

No

Question 14

How often would you like to see a return of the *Back to the Bay Festival town* celebration?

- every year,*
- two years*
- more than three years*

Question 14

The answers to the above questions represent the views of how many people who reside in your house?

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Question 15

What other matters would you like the Association to address?

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This community survey is directed only to members of the Progress Association, residents, and residential property owners of CHB. To ensure accuracy and to avoid any attempt to manipulate the results we ask you to provide your name and contact details.

See Privacy Notice below.

Names

Mailing Address

Address in the Bay.....

Phone nos.....

Mobile.....

Fax.....

Email.....

Date.....

PRIVACY NOTICE:

1. This community survey is issued by, and any such personal information will be received by, The Catherine Hill Bay Progress Assoc and Dune Care Inc. You can contact the CHBPA President Sue Whyte. 49762310 Alternatively you can email any questions or concerns about privacy to the following email address: 5 Clarke St Catherine Hill Bay 2281.

2. We collect personal information only for the purpose of contacting you in order to fulfil our obligations to pursue the needs of the Association. We may also record your personal information on our data base so that we can inform you of the CHBPA activities which we reasonably believe you may be interested in.

3. If we have requested personal information from you and you do not provide it, we may not be able to contact you for the purposes referred to in paragraph 2 and we may not be able to fulfil any other specific purpose of which you have been advised.