

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

In June representatives from the BHPA met with Tom Angus and Clayton Miechel from PMHC to discuss water quality in Duchess Creek and Rainbow Beach in association with the upgrade of the Sewerage Treatment Plant at Bonny Hills. At this meeting test results were tabled and discussed – with no particular pattern obvious - and it was agreed that future test results would be made available to the BH community. This was a very productive meeting and consultation is ongoing. An open day for the ‘new’ STP is planned for 5th August.

BHPA also had the opportunity to meet with the PMHC General Manager, Andrew Roach, and Administrator, Garry Payne. Many of the issues on the agenda were well known to them and we were able to talk about possible solutions rather than brief them on the issues (for example Ocean Drive which the Administrator drives every week). Other issues discussed at this meeting included the preservation of habitat corridors through Bonny Hills, Saltwater Creek, Bonny View Drive and McGilvray Road intersections, Rainbow Beach Reserve and the Surf Club development, as well as Area 14 and the possible future need for a light industrial development in the Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills area.

The General Manager and Administrator have agreed to meet BHPA representatives in Bonny Hills in late August to further examine the issues raised.

In July the BHPA Committee met with representatives from the Astoria Group who are the developers of Lots 1 & 2 Beach Street. At this meeting the Astoria Group outlined their proposals and the BHPA restated its position on maintenance of a village atmosphere, pedestrian safety and the preservation of Saltwater Creek and wildlife corridors, amongst other issues. Public meetings are proposed to gauge the community’s views on these issues.

The Geographical Names Board has advised that the proposal to name Area 14 “Ngamba” has been withdrawn by PMHC. The BHPA and LCPA had objected to the naming proposal and both organisations are very pleased with the outcome.

Grant applications have been submitted to fund the enhancement of the BHPA Web Site. It is proposed to make this site available for Community Groups, Local Organisations and Businesses as a broad based Bonny Hills web site for use by the community and visitors.

Monthly committee meetings of BHPA are open to all residents and minutes and important notices are emailed to all on our database. If you are not on email, minutes are on display at the BH Post Office. Annual membership is only \$10 per household and can be paid at any meeting or c/- the PO. Fees for 2009 are now due.

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