

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Representatives of the Bonny Hills Progress Association met with the Lake Cathie Progress Association in August to discuss issues of common interest to the two communities. There are many issues of vital concern to the Bonny Hills community but those which we might tackle on a united front to have greatest impact include:

- Ocean Drive upgrade – dangerous state of Ocean Drive given the amount of traffic; and emergency services operating at speed on this road going right through the centre of both villages
- Integrity and management of native vegetation and wildlife corridors - under pressure from urban encroachment
- Community services, which include
 - Sports grounds – linked to Area 14
 - Parks and playgrounds incl skate parks in appropriate locations
 - Schools in Area 14
 - Googik walking track and integrated cycle and walking trails linking beach, bush and residential areas
 - Health and aged care
- Light industrial area – Council are adamant that we will need one [for things like fixing mowers etc] in the future, given projections for our combined population, in which event the issue will be its location
- Waste transfer facility – would it work as a solution to rubbish dumping? If considered a sufficiently high priority where would it be best located?
- Appropriate development and building heights
- Community safety – which includes crime, ambulance response times, fire management plans
- Public transport – likely to be linked more strongly to the younger and older sections of our community?

Colin Winter, Deputy Captain of the local Rural Fire Service, gave a presentation to the October Committee meeting about the RFS role versus that of other organisations like the police, and the likely risks of fire in Bonny Hills and measures in place to reduce them. A 'flyer' regarding fire safety is being placed in letterboxes by the RFS and a more detailed article will appear in a later Newsletter.

Congratulations to the BH Youth and Community Projects Group who raised just under \$4000 towards expansion the BH skate park facility at a trivia night on 14 November at the North Haven Bowling Club. Well done to all involved – and a good night was had by all!

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 overdue.

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