

Bonny Hills Progress Association
Annual General Meeting, March 2010
President's Address

Part A – Report on 2009.

- **Brief introduction to BHPA**
- **What did we do in 2010?** In a nutshell:
- Meetings with Administrator, CEO, Council staff on a range of issues:
 - BH Community Vision and what underpins it
 - Ocean Drive and safety issues including Speed limits, Bonny View Drive, Ocean Drive near Nursery, McGilvary Road intersection
 - integrity of wildlife corridors
 - the status of proposed Beach St developments on lots 1 and 2, Area 14 and Carnegie Cove
 - erosion in Saltwater Creek
 - Sewerage TP augmentation and water quality in Duchess Creek
 - planning the future of BH and Rainbow Beach Reserve in particular
 - Surf Club development
 - Council's view that BH/LC will eventually need a light industrial site
 - footpaths along Ocean Drive
 - removal of bus stop south of Panorama Drive
 - southern entrance to BH
- Identified and agreed to work with Lake Cathie PA on issues in common
- Provided support to Bonny Hills Community Strength Group - **“Bands on the Deck”** and **“Carols on the Deck”**; and supported the Bonny Hills Youth and Community Projects Group in its bid to raise funds to extend and enhance the BH skate park.
- Meeting with Beach Street developers, Astoria. Recently the DA for residential cluster housing was refused by the Development Assessment Panel, primarily on the grounds of potential environmental impacts.
- Two special public meetings were held
 - one convened by BHPA Committee to canvas community views on a number of planning issues.
 - And another convened by a community group regarding additions to BHPA's rules in relation to potential conflicts of interest. The changes suggested at that meeting have since been incorporated into the rules.
- Two funding applications to develop a BH community web site were unsuccessful.
- Consultation meeting with rural fire service regarding BH bush fire preparedness.

- Represented BH at
 - PMHC Towards 2030 vision and strategic planning meetings
 - Country Energy presentation regarding an enhanced power sub station for BH and LC.

What did we achieve and was it useful is the bottom line.

And based on this how do we improve going forward.

A special thanks to my committee – Theo, Phil, Dennice, Bill, David, Joyce, Penny, Greg, Paul, Liz. Also to Jenny Daniels, Alison Kennedy, Ken Smith and Scott Williams.

Part B – Future challenges and opportunities for Bonny Hills

Starting point:

- What makes Bonny Hills ‘unique’ or so attractive?
 - Location and physical aspects.
 - Community and demographics.
 - Facilities
 - But we are not an island – there are many interdependencies.

End point

- What should the BH of the future look like?
 - We have a Community Vision and the big issues have been identified
 - But this picture is fairly ‘broad brush’
 - And there will always be a diversity of views – eg village character

We can let this future happen or we can help to shape it

- For example PMHC is currently challenging us to for come up with a Master Plan for Rainbow Beach Reserve – the BH “centre piece”.
- What else should we be ‘planning for’ as part of BH’s future?
- And there are also issues of growing concern to the BH community – for example law and order, roads and traffic, facilities for our younger community members, to name a few.
- We will need to recognise there will be some things we will not be able to control.

Do we have the capacity to deliver?

- How well equipped are we to take on these significant challenges?
- Engagement with the community will be of paramount importance.
- This issue is long term in nature and not exactly ‘attention grabbing’.

But - can we afford not to give it a go?