

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

December 2012

“Carols on the Deck”

Congratulations to all of those involved, and Trevor Hart for his behind-the-scenes organisation on the 16th December. And a special thanks to all those who participated and helped set up the food stalls, stage and marquees.

What a beautiful setting for such a special celebration and how great was that weather!!

More than 400 people took the opportunity to come and listen to the amazing North Haven School and Camden Haven/ Wauchope Concert Bands that performed at Rainbow Beach. The Community Church Musical Group led the singing of many beautiful Christmas Carols. And Santa took time out from his busy schedule to pop in with goodies for the children.

A Look-See for New Mayor and General Manager

On Monday, 10th December, Mr Peter Besselling and Mr Tony Hayward came down to Bonny Hills for a drive and walk around our village with members of the BHPA executive, noting the points highlighted in a previously prepared briefing paper, posted on the BHPA website - <http://www.bonnyhills.org.au/bhpa%20actions.html>.

On the day we focussed their attention on 1) progress on the Master Plan for Rainbow Beach Reserve; 2) the state of Ocean Drive and the associated safety issues with lack of footpaths and crossings; and 3) our submission for funding for public toilets in the Hall Reserve.

They gave us a great hearing, so we can say that now they are well aware of the issues and opportunities facing Bonny Hills. The challenge from here will be to keep these before them and to ensure we get our fair share of what we all know is a limited pie. With careful planning, and a good working relationship with the new council, we are confident that real progress can be made.

Improvements in time for many visitors

The grassed parking area and driveway on the western side of the Surf Club have been greatly improved following the PMHC work detail leading up to Christmas. Many locals and visitors have used the area to park and enjoy the local amenities. Appropriate signage regarding to this area should be in place in the new year.

Area 14 Submission from the BHPA.

BHPA lodged a submission on 18 December 2102 regarding the Draft Amendment: *Port Macquarie-Hastings Development Control Plan 2011, Part 5*, area-based planning provisions for Area 14, and the accompanying draft Koala Plan of Management (KPoM). This can be found in full on <http://www.bonnyhills.org.au/bhpa%20actions.html>.

The main concerns centre around the impacts of this large development on existing infrastructure and services, as well as impacts on ecological corridors.

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. Fees for 2013 are now due. Annual membership is only \$10 per household and can be paid at any meeting or c/- the Bonny Hills PO.

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