

# Bonny Hills Progress Association News

## January 2014

### **Opening of the NC Holiday Park boardwalk**

The following briefing notes were prepared by BHPA for our local MP Leslie Williams to use as part of her address at the opening of this amazing walkway on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013:

**“Completion of this magnificent boardwalk is a great example of cooperation between ‘private enterprise’ and the community, and of local residents working tirelessly over a long period prior to that, to effect a terrific outcome for the Park and for the community and visitors alike.**

After being in abeyance for some time, BH Progress Association was reformed in 1999 by the local community in response to the erection of two cabins in the Caravan Park at the cliff edge, in the path of the coastal walk (note this is not the Googik track as was wrongly stated in the last newsletter). BHPA then pressed for the two cabins to be moved back from the cliff top to make way for the coastal walk, with a management plan for the Caravan Park being drawn-up by local resident John Kennedy showing the coastal walk as a high priority.

Landcare and two ‘Greencorp’ troupes of 10 young people, built the Spooney’s Creek bridge and walking track to lead into the Caravan Park section of the track. The North Coast Holiday Park group subsequently drew up a Masterplan for the Park which committed to moving the two cabins back from the cliff top and to completing their section of the coastal track.” Well done!!

### **Revegetating Rainbow Beach Reserve**

Revegetation of the frontal dune and the parkland on Rainbow Beach Reserve was given a high priority in the 2012 Masterplan for the three Bonny Hills Reserves. The recent efforts of the local volunteers and PMHC are to be commended and will have a positive impact on conserving and protecting this fragile environment. Bonny Hills Landcare and the BH Progress Association, together with community members have joined with Council to undertake this work – see separate article which provides more detail on this initiative.

### **Improving the Rainbow Beach Reserve Playground**

Mothers’ representative Tami Hickey and BHPA have been discussing options for upgrading this playground with PMHC. Surveys completed by many parents and friends of young children, suggest a real need for better shading, seating, a safety fence and improved play options with age- appropriate equipment. We met with Lucilla Marshall (PMHC) re Kidsafe NSW Resources, to discuss possible options and how they could be incorporated and funded. More community discussions and planning will be conducted before any final decisions are made and in addition to Council inputs it is likely that BHPA will be seeking grant funding for some items of equipment.

### **Hello Koalas Public Art Sculptures Project.**

Linda Hall, project manager, explained to BHPA the reasoning behind the launching of this event. The principal sponsor is the PMHC, lending strong support to the Koala Hospital, which is first of its kind in the world. The concept is based on previous highly successful public art ventures such as the Cows in Victoria, and the Toads in Hull UK, which delivered an amazing level of community involvement.

The idea of public Art, should not only raise awareness of koala care and conservation, but benefit the community through tourism, economic development and foster pride and sense of belonging. It is set to arrive from 2014/15 – and maybe the Bonny Hills area will be home to a Koala Sculpture or two.

### **Carols on the deck**

Congratulations to the Wauchope- Bonny Hills SLSC and all others involved in running this highly successful event for our community.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2014 and look forward to seeing you at our meetings or as a volunteer to improve our local area.

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 2014 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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