

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

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Eco Warriors -special mention.

Hats off and great big clap, to those vigilant and very energetic people who maintain and set the standard of litter-free parks, beaches and roadways in the Bonny Hills area. It has not been an easy task over the last few months, with the steamy heat and the many holiday makers in the region. Let's see if we can make the continual need to monitor this problem, much easier, by putting our litter in the bins provided, and setting a good example to youngsters.

Canvassing Youth Opinion- re the Bonny Hills Reserves.

Young families and youth were under represented at the Community Forum on Master Planning for our Reserves, (Rainbow Beach, Community Hall and Bartlett's), held in November 2010,. We need their views.

As a follow up, BHPA and Christine Bannister, PMHC Crime Prevention Officer, have developed a survey form, with two key questions:

- What is good about the reserves?
- What could be done to improve these reserves in the future?

Forms and boxes for collection are available at the Top Shop, BH Tavern, Garden Centre, Post Office and Surf club. In addition, BHPA has made the forms available at venues like the Nipper's and Board Rider's gathering on 13th February at Rainbow Beach, and at the Bands on the Deck on 19th February.

Please have your say and put forward your ideas.

Public Meeting about Surf Club Liquor Licence Application.

This meeting was called after community members expressed concerns about the likelihood of increased anti-social behaviour in the reserve and adjoining streets.

An estimated 100 people attended the forum where John Lawrie, Licencing Coordinator for the Local Command, provided a detailed explanation of what an "on premises" licence allows and what safeguards are in place. Richard McGovern, President of the Club, as well as Liam Bulley, Council's Manager Recreation and Buildings and Christine Bannister from PMHC, fielded many questions from the audience.

Mr McGovern said "the only regular opening hours for the bar will be on Friday evenings for the public and a get-together for members and guests late on Sunday afternoons. Otherwise it will be primarily function based - which is really what we have been doing in the past".

"The primary reason the Club has applied for this licence, like a number of other local SLS Club's, is to eliminate the burden of applying for separate licences every time a function or event is held on the premises" said Mr McGovern. "We are very conscious of our social responsibilities. Our club is part of the Bonny Hills community and it is in our own interests to ensure we don't cause anti-social behaviour".

He reinforced his commitment to the community by saying 'my door is open to anyone who wants to raise an issue about the conduct of the Club'

Congratulations to the many industrious volunteers and "tradies" on the progress in the upgrade of the Skate Park - a very hot and sticky task at the present time.

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 2011 are now due.

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