

# Bonny Hills Progress Association News

## Master Planning for our Reserves

Just over 100 people attended the community forum held on the evening of 17 November at the surf club to provide their ideas about the look and feel of our three reserves looking ahead. This was a fantastic roll up by any measure and shows the value we place on these amenities. And congratulations to Council staff for their great organisation and consultative manner.

Council has provided a preliminary collation of the feedback from the forum as follows.

In answer to the question "what do we value that we currently have?" the general themes were: native bushland; community facilities; great beaches and coastline; good open space; and a sense of community.

And "what do we want?" Here the general views were: maintained and preserved bushland areas; provision of new and/or improved maintenance of walkways, cycleways and walking trails; well planned development; community infrastructure improvements; and improvements to roads.

From these responses it can be seen that people took the opportunity to canvass wider issues which was great. And behind these 'themes' there are many great individual ideas.

Where to next? We want to make sure we have gathered a sound cross section of views from our community. Young people and families were thin on the ground at the evening forum and we do need to hear their views. A golden opportunity will be at Bands on the Deck on 19<sup>th</sup> February so we hope to make use of this. Additional options might be tried as well. Please have your say – it is all about our future in Bonny Hills. Watch this space.

## Area 14 development proposal

A public meeting was held at the Lake Cathie Bowling Club on 13<sup>th</sup> December, convened by King & Campbell on behalf of the owners, Milland P/L and Seaside P/L, to present a Part 3A Concept Plan and a Project Application (for stage 1 environmental works) for Area 14 Stage 1B of Lake Cathie (MP07\_0010). The two lots involved are in the NE corner of the proposed Area 14 subdivision, running south from Middle Rock and inside the strip of littoral rainforest adjacent to the beach.

Following this meeting BHPA made a submission to the Department of Planning and PMHC which focused on the likely 'unintended' consequences of an increase in population, drawing on the comments and concerns expressed by community members at the meeting. Our submission was somewhat similar to the one we made previously in relation to the St Vincents Part 3A proposal (reported in the last newsletter). The main differences were in relation to the fragility of the littoral rainforest, the proposed heights of housing in close proximity to the village square, (which will be on top of the ridge, looking south from the motel). There was also a suggestion that there could be up to four sets of traffic lights on Ocean Drive between Houston Mitchell and Lake Cathie which took us by surprise.

## Dates to Remember

Bands on the Deck 19<sup>th</sup> February at Rainbow Beach Reserve.

AGM for BHPA at Bonny Hills Community Hall, 7pm. 15<sup>th</sup> March.

May 2011 be kind to you.

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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