

# Bonny Hills Progress Association News

We trust you enjoyed a safe and happy festive season with plenty of get-up-and go for 2012.

Hearty congratulations to organisers, volunteers and musicians ( who kept performing despite the weather conditions), and the many wonderful supporters of the Carols on the Deck in December 2011.

Further congratulations to all those dedicated eco warriors who seek and dispose of the many bits and pieces of trash that appear each day on our roadsides and parks and beaches. Let's all lend a hand in this valuable service and improve our fitness into the bargain.

## Reserves' Draft Master Plans

We are looking forward to seeing the final version of the Master Plans in 2012, which of course means sourcing funds and grants to allow the implementation.

## Water Quality in Duchess Creek

The \$17m augmentation to the Sewerage Treatment Plant has reduced emissions of pollutants over the last 18 months to very low levels from the STP itself. Now weekly testing of water samples has turned to finding out why occasional spikes occur in counts of pollutant indicators and to determining their likely source.

There seems to be no clear association of the occurrence of these occasional spikes in counts with rainfall events – the problem here is that depending on the amount of rain, dilution can be at work as well as the flushing effect off adjacent land surfaces. So predicting when these spikes might occur is likely to be difficult.

But what does seem to be emerging with the introduction of more sophisticated analyses is that the pollutants are mainly of an animal source rather than human. What animals and where they are likely to be 'located' are the next questions. The detective work continues – watch this space.

## Approvals for Developments in the NE corner of Area 14

The Government's Planning Assessment Committee approved the concept plan, and the project application involving mainly the adjacent littoral rainforest, in November 2011, subject to some conditions. Please take the opportunity to view the detail at

<http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au//page/determination/> and type 07\_0010 in the public submission box.

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 2012 are now due.

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