

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015.

Rainbow Beach Playground: Already the climbing net has been replaced as a first step in stage 1 of Council's \$60,000 upgrade of this playground. The main works should begin in February following feedback via the community consultation phase of the project. BHPA has been successful in obtaining a \$4,500 grant from NSW Government's Community Building Partnerships Program [CBPP] to include a water bubbler as part of the rejuvenation. More grant funds will be sought in 2015 to obtain other items of equipment – stage 2.

A FAQ Fact Sheet on blue-green algae has been developed by Council for the Bonny Hills' creeks flowing onto Rainbow Beach. It should be very useful for the local community and visitors and was the result of a collaborative effort with Michelle McLennan, Environmental Health Officer. The fact sheets will be located at all main venues around BH and also on our website.

Vegetation Mapping and Koala Assessment in our LGA: Council resolved at their December meeting to accept the huge amount of work that Council staff and their advisors have put into producing maps for our entire Local Government Area of vegetation types and koala distribution. BHPA has strongly supported this project as it provides the foundation for developing our region's biodiversity strategy and an evidence-based balance to the environmental side of the ledger when considering future development options. It is intended that the maps will be publicly available.

Vandalism: On the down side we have been saddened by the recent spate of vandalism and graffiti around our village.. The cost of fixing the repeated damage to keep our village looking 'first world' is significant. To a large extent the appropriate response depends on identifying the culprits, and where they come from – local or outsiders? BHPA will be working on this with Council in the New Year.

Highlights for 2014

New public toilets at the Hall Reserve - with Council and a CBPP Grant -----**Revegetation of the Rainbow Beach frontal dune** by community members and Council -----**RB Reserve playground consultation and planning** - with Council-----**Boardwalk at the Holiday Park - championed by BHPA over many** years-----**A Start on Prioritising expenditure for improved roads and pathways** through Bonny Hills-----**Improvements to the Community Hall** - members from BHPA work with BH Hall committee to improve this great asset.

A date for your diary.....The AGM on Tuesday 17th March 2015. You would all be most welcome.

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 Bonny Hills PO.

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