

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

Dogs on beaches

This has definitely been a hot topic, irrespective of your stance on the issue! BHPA wrote to Council supporting the need for a review of the Dogs on Beaches Policy relating to Bonny Hills in line with the Community Participation framework. We also met with the Head Ranger to point out problems with existing signage on our beaches in relation to current dog rules - this has been partially remedied.

You will be aware that a survey is being conducted by Council on this issue. We have pointed out to Council that their survey seems to be directed mainly at gaining the views of dog owners. While they have a strong case for having a readily accessible area where dogs can run unleashed, we also need to hear from non dog owners in the community who may have other perspectives. Please have your say.

Roadside sale of cars

PMHCC has banned the selling of cars on roadsides except on private property, because of concerns about public safety among other things. They have indicated that warnings will be issued to offenders for a while but eventually fines will be imposed, so be warned. We understand that Council may be considering alternative arrangements for private sale of cars similar to that conducted in some other towns. Watch this space.

Official opening of Lake Cathie-Bonny Hills STP

In early June, the Minister for Local Government, Barbara Perry, the Administrator and senior council staff attended the official opening of augmentations to the Sewerage Treatment Plant, to which the President of BHPA was also invited. The plant is now 'state of the art' and will accommodate projected residential development in the area. And with the addition of 'purple pipes' for waste water recycling, we should see greatly reduced flows to the absorption trenches which are located adjacent to the coastal dune.

Ocean Drive speed changes

The speed zone changes that should come into effect over the coming months on Ocean Drive have resulted from a review conducted by the Roads and Traffic Authority, together with Council. BHPA and others provided input to the process, particularly in relation to the current state of the road, reducing the number of different zones and to anomalies in our immediate vicinity. An example of the latter was Bonny View Estate which had a higher speed limit than that proposed for the adjacent Ocean Drive.

Rainbow Beach Reserve

The opening of the long-awaited Wauchope-Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving club is drawing near and what an attractive and great addition to the sporting and recreational demands of the local and visitor population it should be. Well done to all involved.

Skate park

Grants have been obtained by the industrious community group working on the enhancement of the skate park and they are now waiting on official confirmation of these before commissioning stage one. And the playground has been completely rejuvenated courtesy of a separate grant obtained by Council. Again well done to all.

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 2010 are now due.

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