

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

March 2013

Welcome to our first news segment for 2013. On your behalf BHPA attempts to be on the front foot and to work constructively with Council to achieve our agreed "Community Vision" for Bonny Hills – generally with positive results.

We would welcome your inputs and suggestions at our monthly meetings and at our up and coming **AGM on 19 March at 7:00pm. The main topic for discussion will be planning to improve our village roads, footpaths and cycle ways - and addressing the associated safety issues.**

Progress on Master Plans for Bonny Hills (BH) Reserves.

The action plan is being worked through systematically. The Rainbow Beach parking problems were a high priority and good progress has been made on fixing the access, erosion and drainage issues on the grassed area to the north of the SLSC. A start on stage two depends on when additional funding becomes available.

Rain permitting, installation of secure bicycle racks at Rainbow Beach Reserve will be undertaken any day now. This has been made possible by a grant of \$2600, from the Foundation for *Rural and Regional Renewal*.

We are now awaiting – with fingers crossed - the result of our Grant application submitted to the *Community Building Partnership Program* for installation of public toilet amenities adjacent to the skate park and playground in the Hall Reserve.

Replacement plantings of native species in the Reserves are in the early stages with the willing assistance of our local Landcare group and Council. Some plantings have been undertaken at Bartletts Reserve along the 'cliff edge' already. We will be looking for "friends of the reserves" to assist when we get to the working bee stage.

And you will have noticed that the two cabins on the eastern side of the BH Holiday Park have been moved back to make space for the coastal walking track.

Conservation of the natural environment and wildlife

Mr Matt Rogers (Director, Development and Environmental Services, PMHC) has advised that the Vegetation mapping and Koala Habitat mapping has now been completed for the LGA Area. The whole community will be invited to comment on the reports with the ultimate aim of producing a biodiversity strategy and comprehensive koala management plan. **This will be highly relevant to Bonny Hills, so get involved.**

Water quality in Duchess Creek and Rainbow Beach

BHPA has been working with Council staff to identify the source of occasional spikes in contamination in Duchess Creek. This has proven to be quite elusive based on weekly water testing alone. Consequently Dr Maree Smith (Laboratory Manager) PMHC has advised that Council proposes to seek additional funding for a project to determine the reasons for these events.

Progress on Grant's Head Quarry Application

We have been advised by council that a draft Voluntary Planning Agreement should be on public exhibition soon. Following this Council will then be able to determine the Development Application.

The Annual General Meeting will held on the Tuesday 19th March at 7pm with a light supper afterwards provided by our CWA at The Bonny Hills Community Hall.

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. Fees for 2013 are now due. Annual membership is only \$10 per household and can be paid at any meeting or c/- the Bonny Hills PO.

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