

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

March 2015

Michelle McLennan, Environmental Health Officer, PMH Council will be our key note speaker at the **BHPA Annual General Meeting 7:00pm on Tuesday 17th March.**

Ms McLennan will talk about how the status of **Blue Green Algae** is assessed in Saltwater and Duchess Creeks, public health implications, and how residents and visitors using the beach are to be made aware. She will also provide an update on a project that has been attempting to pin down the source(s) of **occasional spikes in faecal coliform counts** in Duchess Creek.

Our President will provide an overview of what has been achieved in 2014 and as importantly what we aim to achieve in 2015. Invitations have been extended to the Mayor and General Manager of PMHC so that they are on hand to answer questions from the floor.

Rainbow Beach Reserve

Some work will begin on rejuvenating the playground in March, but it is likely that the bulk of the work will be delayed until after the school holidays in April, so that the playground can remain functional throughout that period.

Council has allocated just over \$60,000 for stage 1 of this project and BHPA is chasing grants to supplement this amount, particularly for stage 2 elements, as the cost of playground equipment is quite high, largely because of the safety standards required.

An additional way to stretch the budget is through volunteer labour and local business people donating their services. We will have more to say on this in the next Newsletter but suffice to say that there has been a terrific response from our local community and local businesses to date for which we are extremely grateful.

Recent rain has favoured the plantings along the northern section of the frontal dune, so as long as we can keep the weeds and people traffic to a minimum, the success rate should be reasonable.

Roads and Paths

BHPA met recently with John Hanlon, Transport and Traffic Engineer, PMHC, on site in Bonny Hills to 'walk through' the many issues that we all know exist with the state of our roads and pathways, particularly along Ocean Drive. Based on this meeting and our submissions to Council on infrastructure needs, we will be working towards a priority list and defined funding allocations in Council's workplan. More on this at the AGM and as we progress.

A date for your diary.....The AGM 7:00pm on Tuesday 17th March 2015. You are most welcome and if you would like to come onto the Committee please let us know.

BHPA articles in this newsletter aim to highlight the planning and the efforts of the Bonny Hills Community and we look forward to meeting and welcoming new members to the Progress Association. We strive to represent your views and concerns, thereby enhancing and preserving what we value about the area in which we live and promote the wellbeing of our community. Please take the time to view the website - details below.

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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