

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

March AGM

It was most pleasing to have many new members join the BHPA at the Annual General Meeting held on March 20th, 2012. The following office bearers were elected: President, Roger Barlow; Vice President, Bill Howell; Secretary, Phil Hafey; Treasurer, Florence Williams; Publicity Officer, Pam Barlow.

The President's address, emphasised the reason and purpose for the existence of the BHPA; viz, '**to champion and protect the community's Vision for Bonny Hills into the future**', and demonstrated how focusing on an annual workplan, gives structure to the direction of the Association in a transparent way. Please take the opportunity to view the address, which details the efforts on your behalf made during 2011/12, on our website www.bonnyhills.org.au.

Speakers at the AGM included representatives from the North Coast Holiday Parks, **Brad Shields** and **Neville Green**, outlined the role and operation of the organisation, and the concept plan for the upgrade of the Bonny Hills Caravan Park, which include provision of a public cliff top walkway. The BHPA will be included in the consultation process and details will be made available..

Dr Maree Smith and **Clayton Miechel** from Port Macquarie Hastings Council outlined the history of the Sewerage Treatment Plant and gave a very detailed analysis of the water testing programme and results in Duchess Creek and adjacent Ocean. PMHC will continue to involve the BHPA in this programme which is due for a review given that the source of the occasional blips in faecal coliforms appears to be 'animal'.

Melinda Losh from Port Macquarie Hastings Council outlined the PMHC Bushfire Strategy with specific reference to Community Hall Reserve. And **Liam Bulley** provided an update on the Draft Final Masterplan for our Reserves which went on public display for another 28 days following the AGM. A tasty supper was provided by CWA and an informal chat was enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Public Meeting with Hy-Tec

Over 70 people attended a public meeting convened by BHPA at the Bonny Hills Community Hall on Tuesday 17th April to hear details of Hy-Tec's proposal to increase rate of output from the Bonny Hills quarry by 60% over the next 5 years. Mr Trent Alexander, a resident of Bonny Hills, and General Manager of Hy-Tec Concrete & Aggregates Northern NSW, led the presentation by the Hy-Tec team and their consultants, in explaining the proposal for an increase in rate of output to 200,000 tonnes per annum over the next five years.

Questions and concerns from those attending centred around the impacts of noise, dust and vibration on both people and property, as well as impacts on traffic flows, pedestrian safety and the deteriorating quality of roads. The development application will go on public display for 28 days after submission to Council.

Bands on the Deck: The next event is planned for 23rd June so make it a date.

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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