

# Bonny Hills Progress Association News

May 2013

The Annual General Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, where President Roger presented a most interesting power point presentation about achievements in 2012 and the challenges ahead for the BHPA. We warmly welcome our new committee member Bernadette. And a special thank you is extended to our CWA ladies who provided a delicious supper.

## **Progress on Master Plans for Bonny Hills Reserves.**

**Grant for public amenities.** A very exciting development has been receipt of a **grant** to the tune of **\$35,233** from the *Community Building Partnership Program* for installation of public toilets adjacent to the skate-park and playground in the Hall Reserve. See <http://www.portnews.com.au/story/1452011/funding-a-real-boost-for-community-projects/?cs=257> .

This forms about half the expected cost, and together with a similar contribution from PMHC, we look forward to the planning and provision of this facility. **You can assist us by writing to Council** and indicating that you support provision for this in their 2013/14 Operational Plan [link provided on the BHPA website - see below].

**Bicycle racks.** As you have no doubt noticed bicycle racks have been installed on Rainbow beach reserve, and they are serving an additional function as exercise bars for more agile members of our community! This was all made possible by a grant of \$2600 from the *Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal* and support from Council.

**Signage.** The BHPA has met on site with PMHC at Rainbow Beach Reserve to highlight and improve the signage in regard to dogs accessing the leash free area, and in relation to informing the public about parking arrangements for the grassed area adjacent to the Surf Club.

Be aware that dogs should be leashed at all times unless on the beach north of Saltwater Creek and are not permitted on the beach south of this Creek full stop.

**Replanting of aging native trees** needs to be undertaken on Rainbow Beach Reserve in particular, and we will be hoping to get you involved in a few working bees to make this happen. Watch this space.

## **Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for Grant's Head Quarry**

The draft VPA proposes a contribution of \$0.54/tonne, to be paid to Council for the maintenance and upgrade of public roads where the amount of extracted material exceeds 120,000 tonnes per year. This VPA, which is associated with the proposed increase in the Quarry Extraction Limit, has been placed on public exhibition until 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and can be found at

[http://www.hastings.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/Grants\\_Head\\_Quarry\\_Planning\\_Agreement.pdf](http://www.hastings.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/Grants_Head_Quarry_Planning_Agreement.pdf)

Following acceptance or otherwise of the VPA, Council will consider the Development Application for the increase in extraction rate. **Have your say by informing Council in writing on or before the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 regarding your response to this VPA.**

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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