

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

May 2014

******NOTE Committee Meeting date changes to May 6th and June 10th******

The Annual General Meeting of BHPA was held on the 18th March 2014 and the following office bearers were elected: President - Roger Barlow, Vice President – Bill Howell, Secretary – Phil Hafey, Treasurer - Florence Williams, Publicity Officer - Pam Barlow. We warmly welcome two new committee members, Tami Hickey and David Rogers who will bring fresh ideas and experience.

The President's power - point address to the well-attended AGM reported on the activities and achievements of BHPA, along with other community organisations during 2013-14. He pointed out the mutual benefits of working with other groups toward common goals e.g. young mothers' groups, Landcare and the staff of PMHC. For full details go to <http://www.bonnyhills.org.au/text/AGM%20Pres14.pdf>

The guest speakers:

- **John Hanlon** (*Transport and Traffic Engineer*), outlined Council's position in regard to footpath, cycleways and pedestrian crossings.
- **Lucilla Marshall** (Group Manager Community Development), regarding Kidsafe NSW Resources, suggested plans and options to rejuvenate RB Playground, along with inputs from local residents and the community.
- Mayor **Peter Besseling** gave a wide ranging and informative address, and answered questions regarding changes in waste services, the Ironman event, and management issues with roads and reserves.

There are many exciting challenges to be worked towards this year, an audit of the Bonny Hills Local Area Traffic Management Plan, upgrading the RB playground area, and the imminent completion of the public toilet amenity adjacent to the Skate Park, with a pleasing slant towards the younger members of our community. BHPA intends working closely with the local community, interested groups and Council to develop a high priority traffic and pathway plan for Bonny Hills.

The BHPA wish to sincerely thank Mr Ken Smith, for his highly valued contribution as honorary auditor and a committed committee member since 1998. We welcome his ongoing interest and wish him and his family the very best.

Funding Applications. Grant funding will be essential if we are to obtain all the equipment required to complete the RB playground upgrade. The BHPA have made a number of applications for grant funding, with more in the pipeline to supplement Council's allocation of \$60,000 in the 2014/15 Operational Plan.

Actions for all concerned citizens to consider.

1. Council's 2014/15 Operational Plan is now on public display – please write to Council regarding your support for the \$60,000 allocation for the RBR allocation mentioned above.
2. Be involved in shaping the bike path strategy for our area by making a submission in to Draft Port Macquarie-Hastings Bike Plan 2014 by 19th May (a copy to the BHPA if possible).
<http://pmhclisting.com.au/bike-plan-2014>.
3. All residents are encouraged to register with pmhclisting at:
http://pmhclisting.com.au/users/sign_up and keep informed about Council's activities and plans.
4. Look out for mulch-spreading and planting activity in the Rainbow Beach Reserve if you would like to join the Landcare and willing helpers to help preserve and beautify this special place.

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 2014 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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