

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

May 2017

Special thanks to Councillor Lee Dixon who gave a spirited and very positive address on the way forward for Bonny Hills at our AGM. President Roger Barlow, spoke about a number of grants making possible improvements at Rainbow Beach Reserve including a cycle track for youngsters, additional seating, and a new public amenity to be installed by the end of June this year. For the full report visit <http://www.bonnyhills.org.au/newsletters.html>



The new shape, but with timber cladding and eucalyptus coloured roofing and doors.

BHPA has worked with Council and concerned residents regarding public safety concerns and vegetation damage at Bartlett's Reserve during para- and hang- gliding activities. A review will follow the current trial of new licencing conditions which has been extended until 31st May 2017. For information go to www.bonnyhills.org.au and click on the link provided in the Stop Press section.

The **Big Challenges** for us this year are to revisit the Community Vision for Bonny Hills, remembering the last time we did this was 10 years ago; to attract at least 10% of the households as members, so we are truly representative of the community – no small challenge; to hold a Bonny Hills history day with residents sharing their photos and experiences; and pursuing road and pathway priorities.

A sad time

You would have witnessed the recent removal of a large number of old-growth trees on Lot 2 Beach Street, with associated fencing and introduction of goats. Despite residents' protests, including the Koala Hospital, we have been advised that it was quite legal under current planning laws given that it is zoned rural. What makes it unbelievable is that it was known to be Environmentally Endangered Community and koala habitat.

However at their last meeting Council refused a rezoning request by the developer, and supported a recommendation that a planning proposal be prepared to rezone Lot 2 to part residential and part environmental protection.



The community Koala watch group has been keeping records since May 2005 to try to get a clearer picture of the size, range and health of our local koala population. Anyone who would like to report seeing or hearing a koala in Bonny Hills is asked to contact the Koala Hospital on 6584 1522 or email sightings@koalahospital.org.au

**** Remember you can direct deposit your membership now!!!**** Annual membership of \$10 per household and can be paid at any meeting or c/- the Bonny Hills PO. Renewals can be paid via Direct **Deposit: Holiday coast Credit Union BSB 721-000, Acc. No. 000034194**. Please use your surname as the reference.

Monthly committee meetings of BHPA on the second Tuesday, 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, Top Shop and Supermarket.
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