

## **Bonny Hills Progress Association News**

### **Engaging with Council**

You would be pleasantly aware that Council has been in a more consultative frame of mind, particularly over the last 12 months or so. In part this is due to a change in mindset and attitude toward engaging with the community and listening to our views, brought about by the Administrator; but also because there is a State Government requirement for Councils to engage with the community as part of 'Integrated Planning'.

To this end there has been a number of initiatives including holding Council meetings and consultative forums in 'local' venues, as well as setting up a Community Reference Group and various working groups, with interested people invited to participate.

There have also been surveys conducted on our attitudes to a number of issues. If you would like to keep abreast of what is happening, as we do as part of our Progress Association modus operandi, take the time to log-in to their website, [www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au). It is very well laid out and you can access computers through your local library if needed.

The proposed Urban Growth Management Strategy has been on public display. Core services that Council should provide and allocate sufficient resources to is a major focus at present with service levels and expectations being canvassed. There is an on-line budget-allocator for this; and keep an eye out for the draft Delivery Program in due course. There's a Listening Spot with an online discussion, with a range of issues being canvassed like a parking strategy currently, and topics from councillor numbers to unleashed areas for dogs have been up for comment. As well you will find media releases, copies of business papers and Council minutes and a wealth of local information. Well worth a look if you have not been there.

### **RTA action**

The RTA has been active in changing the road speed signs and their location along Ocean Drive. The traffic calming devices at either end of Bonny Hills became redundant as a consequence. BHPA has been talking with Council to make sure that the associated road markings have been properly executed – for example across the exit from the Bonny Hills nursery. You may not realise that you have entered the main traffic lane as you leave, so take care until it is addressed.

### **Clean Up Australia - every day in our area**

As we walk or drive about beautiful Bonny Hills and North Haven areas, most of us realise that this beauty is being constantly enhanced and maintained by the generous efforts of volunteer refuse collectors and Landcare people who regularly patrol a number of venues and routes. We say a special thank you to these energetic and thoughtful citizens – we know who you are. And to reduce their task surely it wouldn't take much of an effort for all of us to dispose of food wrappers, drink bottles and plastic bags in our own garbage bins or those provided at the parks. We wish.

### **Bonny Hills Reserves**

BHPA has been talking to Council about longer term plans to maintain and enhance the facility provided by Rainbow Beach, Barlett's Beach and Community Hall Reserves. It is early days yet so watch this space.

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