

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

November 2013

Googlik Track

An impressive boardwalk and viewing platform are being constructed currently along the coastal escarpment of the Bonny Hills Holiday Park. This was part of the North Coast Holiday Parks Master Plan for the Park and will allow continuation of the coastal walk to the south to North Haven and to the north, eventually to Lake Cathie and beyond. This was made possible after the earlier removal of two cabins from the escarpment.

Revegetation of Rainbow Beach Reserve

BHPA is planning to meet with the PMHC staff and committed community members in November to develop an implementation plan to replace and nurture appropriate native vegetation for this much loved and used area.

We talked in broad terms about this with Council some time back but now we need to agree the approach down to a level of detail that all involved can understand and appreciate, including those people 'on the ground' who will be doing the hard yards.

Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)

PMHC intends to reline the existing earthen sludge lagoon as part of an ongoing maintenance and renewal program at the Lake Cathie-Bonny Hills STP.

- Step one - namely pumping down the earthen sludge lagoon in the north-east corner of the Bonny Hills STP, using a mobile dewatering unit - has been done.
- Step two involves extracting the lagoons existing clay liner. However, this is dependent upon the availability of a long-reach excavator, currently being used in Southern QLD. After the old liner has been removed and the walls reshaped, a new one will be installed.

Rainbow Beach Reserve Playground

Passionate mothers are continuing to discuss options and priorities with BHPA about how to improve this playground for our range of kids and parents alike within the existing footprint. Armed with a concept plan the next step will be to talk to Council about the ideas, implementation and funding – with the latter no doubt requiring submissions for grant funds.

Koala and Vegetation Mapping

BHPA provided a submission on Council's Koala and Vegetative mapping studies which were on public display until 18 October 2013. These have been a long time in the making largely due to the need for rigorous 'ground-truthing' to ensure accuracy. The main thrust of our submission was that it has been a very worthwhile effort and certainly a much needed prerequisite for making planning decisions.

Traffic and Safety

BHPA is having 'ongoing discussions' with PMHC about traffic and safety issues in the village. The main points of interest are:

- Pedestrian safety on Ocean Drive, particularly between Rodley Street and the 'Top Shop'/Holiday Park.
- Update on the status of footpath works in the Bonny Hills area.
- Update on the Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM).

Watch this space.

Christmas Message

Here's wishing all our members and readers a safe and very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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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