

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

November 2014

Meeting with the General Manager and Mayor

Members of BHPA Committee met with the Mayor and General Manager of PMH Council in Bonny Hills on 22 September to go through the outstanding issues and opportunities for Bonny Hills. On the issues side, the state of Ocean Drive, pedestrian safety, and the need for footpaths and cycle-ways loomed large. On the opportunity front, we focused on upgrading the playground, and re-vegetating the frontal dune at Rainbow Beach Reserve. For the full background briefing paper we provided go to <http://www.bonnyhills.org.au/text/Briefing%20paper%20for%20GM%20Sept%202014.pdf>.

To his credit the General Manager responded in writing detailing the issues we raised and the actions he has asked Council staff to follow up. Watch this space.

Council Restructure – what's in it for us?

At the October BHPA Committee meeting, we welcomed Ms Angela Hughes who, under Council's new structure, is the newly created Place- Making Facilitation Officer. Importantly, she has been nominated as Bonny Hills' 'champion' within PMHC and as such is our 'go-to-person' when we need that extra push to make things happen. Time will tell how it works but it looks promising. Angela has considerable prior experience and many interesting ideas, with a special interest in youth.

Rainbow Beach Playground

BHPA has had ongoing liaison with Rebecca Doblo (PMHC Landscape Architect), and Liam Bulley (PMHC, Group Manager, Recreation & Buildings) regarding rejuvenation of the Rainbow Beach Playground. Council funds will go toward stage 1 works which we hope will begin in March 2015. To stretch the available dollars, BHPA will be seeking in-kind support and the assistance of local volunteers. Stage 2 elements - which include a fence, water feature and bike loop - will depend on BHPA being able to obtain grant funds.

The draft plan for this upgrade is on display until 28th November, with an on-site meeting scheduled for 2-4pm 11th November. Notices have been put up around Bonny Hills and publicity has been widespread. But if you are still in the dark, and want to know more, or to make suggestions, visit <http://pmhclisting.com.au/the-play-space>, or contact BHPA (see details below)

Resident action re Council Plans

The PMHC Listening website (pmhclisting.com.au) has two important documents ready for residents to have their say:

1. *Urban Growth Strategy - Our Place, Our Future* (open until December 12)
2. *Recreation Plan* (open until November 28)

These are important planning documents as they map out the way we want our village and the wider region to be, look and feel – going ahead. While BHPA will be making submissions, we encourage you to make a submission as well, or if you prefer, to provide your thoughts to BHPA. There is greater impact in numbers!

BHPA wishes all residents and friends a very happy and healthy Christmas and a happening 2015.

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. Annual membership is only \$10 per household and can be paid at any meeting or c/- the Bonny Hills PO.

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