

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

Briefing for the New Mayor and Councillors

A briefing paper has been sent to the newly elected Council to highlight the special features of Bonny Hills and the issues and opportunities facing us. These include progress on the MasterPlan for our three reserves, conservation of wildlife and our native fauna and flora, maintaining our village atmosphere, water quality in Duchess Creek, the proposed quarry expansion, and the state of our roads and paths.

The full briefing notes are on the website www.bonnyhills.org.au in the 'BHPA Action' Page.

A Work in Progress. The PMHC is presently replacing the badly eroded driveway and access to the grassed parking area on the western side of the Surf Club, and has planted Lomandra plants, for safety reasons, along areas of the cliff edge in Bartlett's Reserve. These were two of the high priority actions identified in the Reserves Master Plan.

Update on the proposed quarry expansion

Council has advised that a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) has been offered by the applicant (which we understand involves some form of financial contribution toward the impact on the road network). It forms part of the development application put forward and will be considered by Council in its determination of the development application. It is important to note that a planning agreement does not guarantee a development approval outcome and it is acknowledged that the impact on the road network is only one matter requiring assessment. All matters including those raised within the objections will be considered in the assessment report.

At this stage (and this may be subject to change) the assessment report to DAP is likely to occur towards the end of November or early December 2012. The number of objections received and issues raised within these objections will be outlined and considered within the assessment report. The public exhibition period of 28 days for the VPA is the avenue for expressing any concerns relating to the VPA. The following link to Councils Planning Agreements Policy which may assist in helping to understand the VPA process:

[http://www.hastings.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/PMHC Planning Agreements Policy and Procedures 2006 .pdf](http://www.hastings.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/PMHC_Planning_Agreements_Policy_and_Procedures_2006.pdf)

Community Hall Reserve Toilet Facilities

BHPA has submitted a grant application to the Community Building Partnership Program (CBPP) to obtain funding for this much needed facility in the skate park and playground area. This will be a community partnership, with the BH Youth and Community Projects Group Inc offering in-kind support and PMHC allocating funds in their forward estimates. Fingers crossed for a win here.

"Carols on the Deck": Come and join the festive music and carol singing on the **Sunday, 16 December**, Rainbow Beach from 5pm. North Haven School Band and choir, the Community Church Musical Group and the Camden Haven/ Wauchope Concert Band will lead the festivities. Enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle and treats courtesy of the CWA. Special guest Santa Claus has a scheduled stop-over at 7pm.

Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all our Bonny Hill residents.

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 2012 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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