

Bonny Hills Progress Association News

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Safety Audit of local roads.

The Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) which was finalised in 2006, is presently being re-examined by BHPA Committee with important issues being prioritised for inclusion in a Council Safety Audit. This will require careful consideration given the financial restrictions and the safety issues involved and the need to have the Plan meet current and future needs of our village.

Public toilets for Community Hall Reserve

PMHC allocated **\$50,000** in the **2013/14 Operational Plan** to combine with the **\$35,233** obtained by BHPA from the Community Building Partnership Program to enable installation of public toilets adjacent to the skate-park and playground in the Hall Reserve.

BHPA met with PMHC staff recently to discuss installation and the location of this facility. Issues to consider include: access for all including those with disabilities, minimum disruption to existing flora and fauna, distance from nearby residents, not too prominent but reducing opportunities for vandalism, and access to water, sewerage and electricity. Taking all this on board narrows the options considerably.

Update on water quality in Duchess Creek

Having eliminated leaks from the various pipelines into and out of the Sewerage Treatment Plant as a possible source of the occasional spikes in contamination in Duchess Creek, Council's focus moved up stream of the plant. But testing conducted via microbial source tracking has found no human contamination coming from that source either.

Council's efforts are now focusing on another possibility - sub-surface water transmission

"Council is currently in the process of dewatering several earthen sludge lagoons at the northern end of the Bonny Hills Plant. Whilst the sludge lagoons are empty a geotechnical consultant will be engaged to make an assessment of the structural integrity of the lagoon's earthen base. Should any concerns be raised over the integrity of the lagoon's earthen base, prompt action will be taken to rectify any identified issues.

As part of the geotechnical assessment, information will be gathered to make an informed decision on where best to sink bore holes. Once installed, the bore holes would be utilised to conduct sampling of sub-surface water for the purpose of bacteriological analysis. Additional microbial source tracking and Rhodamine dye tracing may also be implemented to assess sub-surface water."

Rainbow Beach Reserve Playground

A representation of concerned young mothers attended the recent BHPA committee meeting and spoke of their aspirations for improving the suitability of this playground for children of varying ages and abilities and those supervising. Points made included the lack of a safety fence given the road proximity, suitable seating for parents, removing the sharp grasses, installing more varied and exciting activities and if possible shade protection for the summer months - all this to be achieved within the existing 'footprint'.

Members of BHPA have discussed these ideas with Council staff. Clearly some things are easy and cheap to achieve, while others will require funding and possibly grant money to be sourced by BHPA.

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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