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Lake Innes Study – Will anybody carry out recommended works?

The Lake Innes Environmental Assessment carried out by Jennifer Hale, Aquatic Ecology Consultant, is now complete and a summary of its findings is as under.

The main purpose was to determine if the Lake should be reverted to fresh water as recommended in past studies.

The assessment was made on the environmental, social and economic effects of such a change.

The assessment conclusion was risks in reverting to fresh water were too great and it should stay open to the sea.

The economic downsides was the loss of commercial fishing and use for recreational fishing activities.

Recommendations of the study

The Assessment, funded by a Federal Government Grant of almost \$1 million, (it is believed only about half of this amount was expended), recommended the following actions for the entire estuary:

- A review of the estuary management plan for holistic management of the entire Lake Innes-Lake Cathie system.
- The estuary management plan is now over two decades old and a review and update of this plan is recommended as a mechanism to ensure adequate management of the system and continued health of the ecosystem.
- Review of the Plan could consider other recommendations of this Assessment and issues raised by the local community.

The Report states:

“THIS RECOMMENDATION IS CONSIDERED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR FUTURE ACTION.”

Unfortunately the Assessment and its recommendations are not binding on any party for implementation. From enquiries made, parties who can implement the recommendations include Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, Office of Environment & Heritage and National Parks & Wildlife.

Let's hope the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on this Assessment are not wasted as occurred with 10 other Estuary Studies conducted since 1983.



Carols by the Lake



Saturday 14th December

Lake Cathie & Bonny Hills Lions Club will again present the event of the year for our village, Carols by the Lake. Program for the evening is:

- 5.00pm LCBH Lions Club BBQ van operates
- 6.00 Young Guns Youth Concert Band
Pat Franks & the F-Sharps
- 6.30 Official Opening
- 7.00 Santa arrives – lollies for the kiddies
- 7.30 Young Guns Concert Band
Pat Franks & the F-Sharps

Ever popular Lynn Lelean will MC the night's activities and the official opening will be conducted by David Gillespie MP, Member for Lyne.

Mr Whippy will be on site and Lions will be selling Glowsticks and Candles. Raffles will be conducted.

The highlight of night for the young ones will be at 7.00pm with Santa arriving on one of Lake Cathie's Fire trucks. Santa will have plenty of lollies for the kiddies.

Just bring your chairs and ground sheets and enjoy the night.

Progress Association membership fees now due

Annual membership fees are due 1st January 2014.

New members are most welcome.

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Dispute with Council staff disrupts Lake Cathie Landcare volunteer work



2006 Bitou Bush in total control of the area at southern end of Jonathon Dickson Reserve. Bitou was up to 8 metres high and killed fully grown trees.



2011 A few of Landcare's volunteers standing in front of the area shown in the image at left with native vegetation replacing the Bitou Bush.



2011 Native vegetation along the hind dune in Jonathon Dickson Reserve. Revegetation closed off many unauthorised beach access points where people had damaged the dunes clambering down to the beach.

Council adopts Lake Cathie Coastal erosion plan

At its November meeting Council resolved to:

1. Adopt the Lake Cathie Coastal Zone Management Plan (2013).
2. Seek funding for the total cost of a revetment wall construction from both NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

To the extreme disappointment of the 17 home owners said to be at risk from erosion the option of calling for contributions from those owners remains in the funding options.

Council has not adopted the resolution from its Estuary Management Committee that funding from residents be as a last resort only.

Council also appears to have disregarded the results of community petitions where 98% of respondents opposed funding from home owners.

Additionally the Progress Association totally supports the fact that protection of public assets, which includes Illaroo Road and Jonathon Dickson Reserve, is the role of Government both Local and State, not home owners.



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Testing of Coffee Rock core samples almost complete

Testing of core samples obtained by Geotechnical drilling should be complete by end of November. The tests are to determine the extent to which coffee rock extends inland and the hardness factor of the samples.

Currently properties on the eastern side of Chepana Street have their property titles endorsed with S149 Certificates stating they may be at risk of erosion prior to the year 2100.

The endorsement of the titles has led to reduced property values and in some cases caused loss of sales.

It is hoped the results of the testing will enable removal of endorsements from property titles and return to owners the value of their assets and the peace on mind denied them over the past five years.

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Council's Community Meeting at Lake Cathie – Report

Held on September 30 at LC Community Hall the meeting was one of Council's program to communicate directly with local communities.

The meeting was attended by Mayor Peter Besseling, five Councillors, 16 local residents and 3 Council staff. A summary of questions and Councillors' responses follow.

QUESTION: A resident asked if it was Council's intention to dredge the estuary east of the bridge as soon as the entrance closes.

ANSWER: The dredging of the entrance lagoon will be undertaken as soon as practicable following the entrance closure taking into account the need to avoid undertaking the work in peak holiday time.

QUESTION: Are the current Councillors prepared to review the Lake Cathie Estuary Opening Policy to ensure the entrance is open for Christmas & Easter Holiday periods?

ANSWER: The current strategy was developed to provide a balanced approach to accommodate conflicting environmental and social impacts.

AUDIENCE COMMENT: The Lake Innes Environmental Assessment Report was brought to Councillors' attention. A high priority recommendation of that report was a review of the Estuary Management Plan – see page one of this newsletter for detail.

QUESTION: The Lake Cathie Village Master Plan compiled in 2000 & revised in 2010 includes 20 to 25 high priority recommendations many of which were raised at this meeting. How do we progress these issues?

ANSWER: Council is happy to formalise regular meetings again with Lake Cathie Progress Association.

See page 4 for examples of the Plan's recommendations.

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QUESTION: Does Council intend to construct a pedestrian island on Ocean Drive for pedestrians crossing between Foreshore Reserve and the shops?

ANSWER: A pedestrian crossing at this location has been identified as a priority due to safety concerns for pedestrians in the area.

Based on priority due to safety concerns the project is not included in the 2013-2014 works program. It is anticipated these works will be provided in the next 3 years subject to funding.

QUESTION: What is happening with the new sporting fields in Area 14?

ANSWER: The Mayor said the key players in the field development are Council and St Vincent's Foundation.

Stage one works will include one field operating.

Council financial allocations for this facility are:

2014/15 Pre-construction works	\$150,000
2014/15 Embellishment	\$950,000
2016/17 Amenities	\$500,000
2018/19 Floodlighting Stage 2	\$300,000
2019/20 Car Park	\$250,000

QUESTION: Lake Cathie Landcare won a Keep Australia Beautiful Award for work in revegetating the Jonathon Dickson Reserve and at rear of Chepana St houses, yet Council staff have halted further progress. Dissolutioned Landcare volunteer numbers dropped from 12 working once a week to 3 working once a month instead of weekly. (See page 2 for results of Landcare work)

ANSWER (In brief): It was agreed that Councillors, Council Staff and Landcare volunteers would meet on site to further investigate the matter.

A Notice of Motion carried at Council's November Meeting states:

"That Council request the General Manager report to the December 2013 Council Meeting on the implications of extending the existing walking track from Jonathon Dickson Reserve to Middle Rock"

It is hoped the answer will resolve the matter

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Lake Cathie Village Master Plan examples of findings

Corrective recommendations are also included in the Plan

- Ocean Drive, from Lake Cathie to Port Macquarie, requires the completion of the designated cycle lanes.
- Ocean Drive, passing through the village area, requires the planned upgrades completed within a reasonable timeframe.
- Pedestrian Crossings to various parts of the village are required. (Includes crossing at Foreshore Reserve.)
- A permanent site for Lifeguards needs to be planned for.
- Past modifications to the waterways are impacting on the health of the estuary.
- Recommendations from previous lake studies have all but been ignored by Council
- Despite the current Lake Opening Policy sediment build up (accretion) in the lake is increasing
- The existing sporting field is inadequate to cater for the increased demand.
- Better policing should be pursued with planning now for a future Police Station to be established in the region.

- Proposals which will enhance tourist opportunities should focus on the natural values of the area.
- A shared walking track and bush regeneration are required for the Tallong Drive area.
- Erection of a locked barrier to control beach access is required. (Middle Rock Reserve)

The Master Plan and its recommendations were collated from results of a community survey to which more than 600 responses were received.

The entire Village Master Plan 2010 with its recommendations can be accessed on the LCPA website www.lakecathiepa.com and go to Village Master Plan.

Lake Cathie Community Hall activities

MONDAY NIGHT: La Vive Classique Dance Class

TUESDAY AM: Craft

WEDNESDAY AM: Kathie Kids

WEDNESDAY PM: La Vive Classique Dance Class

THURSDAY PM: Yoga

FRIDAY AM: Heart Moves

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