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Carols by the Lake Saturday 13th December

The 2104 Carols by the Lake will be held at the Lake Cathie Foreshore Reserve on December 13 and the program for the night is as follows:

- 5.00pm Lions Club Food Van operating
 - 6.00pm Young Guns Youth Concert Band & Choir
 - 6.30pm Official opening by Leslie Williams MP
 - 7.00pm Santa arrives – lollies for the kiddies
- Young Guns Youth Concert Band
Pizza Dragon

Lion's food van will be serving steak & sausage sandwiches, bacon & egg rolls, & cold drinks.

MC for the night will again be the ever popular Lynn Lelean.

Also available on the night will be: Mr. Whippy, Glowstix, Rainbow Candles, Bracelets, and Necklaces.

The monster wheelbarrow raffle (well worth winning) will also be conducted.

The night is again run by the Lake Cathie-Bonny Hills Lions Club who offer their thanks to the following organizations for assistance:

Lions Club of Port Macquarie Tacking Point

Young Guns Youth Concert Band

Pizza Haven

Lake Cathie Rural Fire Brigade

Lake Cathie Progress Association

Just bring your ground sheets and chairs and your voice to join in the singing.

Come and enjoy the best setting in the Hastings with the Lagoon and Ocean backdrop for a night of Carols.

We are lucky to have Coffee Rock along our beach

In our September Newsletter we included an image of the Coffee Rock along the Cathie beach exposed by recent heavy seas, and noted the protection its presence provides for our beach behind Chepana Street.

In October, a geologist issued a warning to homeowners not to rely on the Coffee Rock for protection, claiming that coffee rock softens on exposure to air. In fact the reverse is true – it hardens.

We are well aware that Coffee Rock can erode when sand covering it is washed away. However, we also know that the rate at which it erodes is far less than an ordinary sand dune. The proof? Occasionally, lumps of Coffee Rock come free and are seen to remain in the swash for months. The same sized lump of sand would wash away in the next high tide.

Long time residents confirm that sand always returns to cover the Coffee Rock. "This action is cyclic and has been happening for a long, long time", one resident stated.

So we know from experience, we are lucky to have the Coffee Rock along our beach.



Image of Lake Cathie Coffee Rock from our September Newsletter

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Council rejuvenates our roads.

As promised to rate payers, the council is spending more money on our roads to prolong their life, reduce potholing and eliminate rough sections. All the local streets of Lake Cathie will be resealed or asphalt rejuvenated this financial year. This excludes Ocean Drive which is beyond the scope of this project.

Reseal preparations were completed over the last 3 months and the reseals commenced in October and will run into the New Year. Asphalt rejuvenations will occur after Christmas and are targeted for completion in March, pending weather and resourcing.

Works completed so far includes all reseals north of the Lake Cathie Bridge and all reseals west of Ocean Drive, excluding Cathie Circuit. Works to be completed include Dec-Jan reseals east of Ocean Drive; Jan.-Mar, asphalt rejuvenations Lakeside Way and Abel Tasman Drive and surrounding streets

The council is doing a great job on this project with minimal disruption to residents; it is good to see preparation works have included rebuilding and sealing the base road structure where required. A good example still visible is the junction of Kenwood Drive and Lakeside Way.

Well done Council



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
To our members & readers*



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PROGRESS OF WALKWAY FROM JONATHAN DICKSON RESERVE TO MIDDLE ROCK ROAD

In December last year Port Macquarie-Hastings Council resolved to seek the necessary approvals for the construction of the walkway, and this year adopted a budget of \$20,000 for the design and approvals process. Council's landscape architect, Rebecca Doblo, has the carriage of the walkway project. Last month Rebecca provided to Lake Cathie Landcare Group's walkway sub-committee a draft of the Request for Quotation design and approvals specification document that will ultimately be put out to tender, and she asked for our comments.

Lake Cathie Landcare Group has worked in this littoral rainforest area for more than eight years – clearing rubbish, weeding, regenerating, replanting, watering, etc. – and we have learned a lot about caring for this environmentally sensitive area. Rebecca has indicated that, in relation to the draft Request for Quotation, our comments are valued.

Our sub-committee gave the eight-page draft document a lot of thought, and consulted with ecologist Daintry Gerrand, whose Report, adopted by Council in 2004, proposed the walkway. A fortnight ago we provided to Rebecca our detailed page-by-page comments. We suggested that Rebecca may wish to have a face-to-face meeting with us to discuss our comments, but she has not yet indicated whether she considers this desirable. A draft timetable proposes that the time taken from issuing the Request for Quotation, to receipt from the chosen consultant of the final Environmental Impact Statement, should be about four months.

Assuming any necessary approvals are subsequently given, Council's Director Infrastructure and Asset Management has previously stated that construction delivery options as to who will physically do the work include Lake Cathie Landcare, Council workers, an outside contractor, Green Army, and Work for the Dole.

At this point in time, Council has not allocated funds for the track establishment within the 2014/15 Operational Plan, but the Director has stated that there are a number of options available to Council to allow for the construction of the track to be achieved.

The walkway sub-committee of Lake Cathie Landcare Group

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Come see Ben & the team



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Houston Mitchell Roadwork deferred for a year

The planned 2014-2015 upgrade of the first 900 metres from the Pacific Highway eastwards and the provision of the plans and technical data for upgrading the entire length of Houston Mitchell Drive was deferred until the 2015-16 operation year at the Council's November Meeting.

The funds budgeted for the work, \$1.91 million have been transferred to the construction of a Roundabout at corner of Ocean Drive and Houston Mitchell.

The Roundabout will service the new Lake Cathie School, the long awaited Area 14 development, and planned new sports fields.

Public Meeting re "Draft Urban Growth Strategy"

The Council held a public Urban Growth Strategy meeting at the community centre on 20th November. Despite the short notice there were 15 locals attending which is significantly more than the number that attended at Wauchope (6) and Port Macquarie (3).

Some key points about growth were made. These included the development of the estuary (Cathie Creek entrance area east of the bridge); the impact of traffic on Ocean Drive and Houston Mitchell Drive because of new housing; developing parklands and walkways, and the potential of eco-tourism. The draft growth strategy will be available for review for 6 months from January 2015 so residents will have ample opportunity to comment on it.

A lot of issues were raised that the council officers advised were Recreation Plan matters. They strongly advised that participants formally comment on this plan. An example of issues raised include youth facilities, such as a skate board park, and various ideas for development of our recreation areas. Criticism of the dog policy was another major topic. This is being handled by direct dialogue between LCPA, the Mayor and GM.

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Cathie gets a local driver



Kerry Newman with his car

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Kerry, a proud local who knows the area well, will be driving the company's hire car. This is a great resource for the area; a premium service that costs no more and is ideal for those trips into Port, down to Laurieton or even just locally to Woolworths. Kerry will happily service your transport needs.

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**LC Landcare says
Thanks for use of a trailer**

In our September issue we included a request from our Landcare Group for any residents who had a box trailer which is not or rarely used to be donated to the group.

Landcare now has a trailer handed over by a resident with little or no further use for the unit.

We extend our sincere thanks to that resident.



Lake Cathie Tavern Raffles

The Committee and Volunteers of Lake Cathie Landcare extend their thanks for funding received from Community Raffle each Friday night at the Tavern.

These funds will greatly assist the group in maintaining the established and new plantings along Jonathon Dickson Reserve.

Articles for our next edition

Do you have an article or suggested subject we could include in our next edition?

If so please email to: r3packag@bigpond.com

Our History

Lake Cathie speed limits

26/8/1975

From the Department of Motor Transport, Sydney, enclosing a ministerial document relative to the reduction of the speed limit from 80 km/h to 60 km/h on Orana and Ocean Drives (Tourist Road 4030) at Lake Cathie and advising arrangements are in hand for the despatch to Council of the signs, posts and fittings for erection by Council at the positions indicated and when completed the Northern Regional Branch at Armidale is to be advised.

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APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

FEES \$10.00 PER FAMILY PER YEAR – NO JOINING FEE

Name:

Address:

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Signature: Date: / / 201

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