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Progress Association Annual General Meeting

The LCPA Annual General Meeting will be held at the Lake Cathie Community Hall on Sunday 10th February 2013. The meeting will commence at 10.30AM.

Agenda items include:

- Optus phone tower
- Lake Cathie Education land – future use
- Coastal Study & Plan
- Additional Sporting fields
- Clean up Australia Day
- Dredging east of Ocean Dr. Bridge
- Heavy siltation west of Bridge – Solutions – Recommendations.
- Questions from the floor & recommendations to committee
- Election of Committee for the following twelve (12) months. (If you wish to nominate for a Committee position application forms can be obtained from the Secretary)

Guest speaker on Lake Innes reversion to fresh water

We are pleased to have Jennifer Hale, the Lead Consultant on the Investigation into the potential to revert Lake Innes to fresh water, speaking at the meeting. Also attending will be Peter Box, an Associate of Jennifer Hale, and David Pensini Manager of the Lake Innes project.

Jennifer will address the meeting on work done to date on the project. This will include the current condition of Lake Innes, Hydrological Modelling, Potential Reversion, Risk Assessment and other significant issues.

The report is in its final stages and at the point of release for community comment. Copies of the document will be forwarded to our members for their input and copies will also be available at the AGM.

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Steering Committee rejected inclusion of current Estuary data in the Innes investigation

Jennifer Hale and her team put a proposal to the Steering Committee to include depth & hydrological surveys of the Estuary at a cost of around \$40,000.

The Council representative told the Committee the latest estuary data was in its 2009 Hydrodynamic Modelling. The Progress Association has determined this Modelling was based on data gathered by NSW Public Works Dept. in 1991 & 1993.

This data was 18 years old and long outdated.

The Steering Committee rejected Jennifer Hale's offer to provide current Estuary data.

That decision ignores the need for current data to compare with data in studies undertaken between 1983 & 1993. Those studies called for the closure of Lake Innes to correct the damage done to the Estuary when Lake Innes was opened to the sea in 1933. Findings of the past studies bought about the current Lake Innes investigation by Jennifer Hale.

The result, if Estuary issues are excluded, is that the decision on reversion will be based solely on negative impacts to Lake Innes (e.g. on Professional & Recreational Fishers). Consideration of positive offsets of substantial improvements to the Estuary as clearly outlined in all earlier studies should be included in the current study.

If this is not done it will not be possible to reach a balanced decision on the reversion of Lake Innes and implementation of actions to improve the Estuary which is now subject to extreme siltation.

We are sure this issue will be addressed at our AGM.

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POOR ROAD CONDITIONS IN 2013?
Just have a look at what your Progress Association was dealing with
FIFTY (50) YEARS AGO

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Lake Cathie.

15 January 1963

The Shire Clerk,
Hastings Shire Council
WAUCHOPE

Dear Sir,

I have been directed to write to you requesting a grant from either Tourist, Commonwealth Aid, or Council funds towards tar-sealing from the Lake Cathie bridge to Bundeena Ave. via Acqua Crescand that immediate relief be given by gravelling the bad portions. My Assoc is prepared to donate £20 if Council will subsidise £1 for £1 or better.

The Assoc also wishes to bring to Council's notice the fact that the roads in the village are passed the stage of grading and now urgently require gravelling.

Yours faithfully

Ian A Martin
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Clean up Australia Day
Sunday 3rd March

It's Clean Up in Lake Cathie time again! As usual the meeting place will be the picnic shelter at the Foreshore Reserve where you will be allocated an area to clean and issued with collection bags. More details later in February.

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Port Macquarie Table Tennis Club

We apologise for the incomplete phone number for Neil Cossey in our December edition. Neil's number is 6582 5571 and their website address is:

<http://www.sites.google.com/site/portmacquariett>

New players will be made most welcome.



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Lake Cathie Education Dept. Land

Our Progress Association along with other groups and the local community has been pressing for many years to have this land set aside for its environmental values.

Now that the location of the school has been confirmed for the new Area 14 residential development, the Education Department has stated the Lake Cathie site will be sold in accordance with its policy.

A Botanical Report in 2005 by the late Royal Pullen clearly identified Koala food trees in the eastern section and a diverse range of Rainforest plant species in the western section of the property.

LCPA wrote to the current Minister for Education in September 2011 advising him of the wide community support to have the land maintained as Koala Habitat and as a Wildlife Corridor linking the village to the Lake Innes Nature Reserve. We have not received a response to that letter.

The groups supporting preservation of the site are:

- Koala Preservation Society
- National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)
- Bonny Hills Progress Association
- Lake Cathie Landcare Group
- Lake Cathie Progress Association

Possible future uses for the site

Both NPWS and Koala Society suggested that with sensitive management the site could be utilized for environmental education. In addition inclusion of minimally intrusive pathways through the core habitat would provide a great attraction for tourists as well as allowing local residents to enjoy nature at its best.

In January 2013 LCPA wrote to Mayor, Peter Besseling, seeking Council support and asking him to arrange a meeting of all interested parties. Our Mayor suggested we refer to matter to the State Government.

In our local Member's Newsletter of January 29 Leslie Williams stated the Lake Cathie land was to be sold.

Renew / Join our Progress Association

Your membership will give the Association additional impact when negotiating with Council, Government and other bodies.

You can download a membership form from our website-address at top of newsletter or call the Secretary. Forms will also be available at our AGM.

Mobile Phone Tower

Optus has confirmed that planning for the long awaited Lake Cathie Mobile Phone and Wireless Tower is now in place. Funding has been signed off and the order placed for the Tower and the operating shelter.

On site work should commence during April with a completion date being end of June.

Location of the Tower is on the southern side of the Woolworths complex.

Optus also advised towers at Jolly Nose and Laurieton would be upgraded in the next few months.

Lake Cathie Tennis Club

The Lake Cathie Tennis Club has openings for new members to play evening or morning tennis.

For more information please call Mal Revell 6585 5295.

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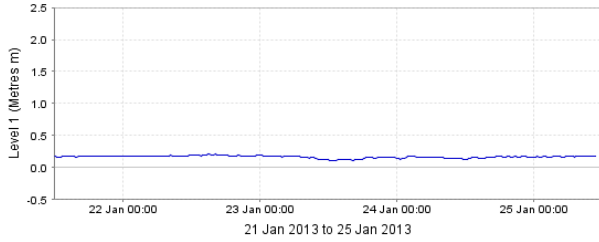
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Lake Cathie Medical Centre
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Dietician
Psychologist
Hearing Care

Lake Cathie at Lake Cathie

- Level 1 to : 25 Jan 11:00 (0.18 Metres m)
Maximum recording : 0.207 (22 Jan 15:00)
Minimum recording : 0.108 (23 Jan 12:30)



MHL Plot generated @ 25 Jan 11:47

Sand filled Estuary depth rises quickly with a couple of day’s rainfall

The graph above is Council’s electronic depth measuring system for Lake Cathie Estuary. Following are samples of data recorded over the past twelve months:

Date	Depth in Metres
6 March 2012	0.2
28 August 2012	0.12
11 September 2012	0.1
23 October 2012	0.4
4 December 2012	0.35
22 January 2013	0.21 (graph above)
31/January 2013	1.19



The increase in depth from 0.21 metres on January 22 to 1.19 metres on January 31 was a direct result of the rainfall & some input from the high seas during that period. It won’t take much more rain to reach the 1.6 metre opening height for the entrance.

It is well past time for dredging west of Ocean Dr Bridae.

Portfolios allocated to Councillors

Council members have been allocated Portfolios for each of the following activities

- a) **Communication, Government & Community Relations.**
MAYOR Peter Besseling
- b) **Future Planning**
COUNCILLOR: Trevor Sergeant
- c) **Commerce Industry & Higher Education**
COUNCILLOR: Rob Turner
- d) **Events & Tourism**
COUNCILLOR: Mike Cusato
- e) **Glasshouse**
COUNCILLOR: Adam Roberts
- f) **Major Projects**
COUNCILLOR: Justin Livido
- g) **Roads & Infrastructure**
COUNCILLOR: Lisa Intemann
- h) **Organisational Efficiency &IT**
COUNCILLOR Sharon Griffiths
- i) **Finance & Governance**
COUNCILLOR: Geoff Hawkins



Environmental portfolio not allocated

We are unable to understand why a Councillor was not appointed to this segment as it has impacts on all areas of the LGA.

Perhaps Council could explain?

Storm water outlet re-built in November 2012 causes severe erosion



Re-built water outlet at 68 Chepana on 29/01/2013



Outlet design included in 2003 Coastal Plan

The storm water outlet re-built by Council in November 2012 is causing severe erosion from the outlet across the width of the beach. We understand the work was done with grant funding from the NSW Government.

The design of the new outlet ignores the recommended design included in the Coastal Foreshore Management Plan commissioned by Council & adopted by Council in 2004. The Plan recommended reducing the velocity of outflows to avoid the scouring and erosion. It included design of an outlet (photo at right above) to reduce the velocity.

Seems Council have ignored the advice they paid for.