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### Contradictory signs ill-inform dog owners on leash free areas



This sign is at the north end of Jonathon Dickson Reserve  
Left sign shows dog with a tick (dogs can run without leash)  
Right sign has dog with tick painted out  
Bottom signs on both say "leashed dogs only – Fine \$550"

The contradictory signs have led to widespread confusion as to which sections of the village allow dogs to run leash free. The top part of sign at left has been in place for about three years and the lower contradictory sign (leashed dogs only) was added about Tuesday Jan 21st 2014.

Following correspondence from a resident to Council in January Council painted out the dog with a tick (top right corner of sign at right) to correct their mistake (see arrows)

Further confusion is bought on by the fact that there is no sign at the adjacent steps to the beach meaning dog owners have every reason to believe the beach running parallel to the Reserve is also leash free. Added to this confusion is that Council's own tourist brochure indicates Lake Cathie is dog friendly.

Owners who enter this Reserve from the southern end never see the sign and remain unaware of the rules.

Three local women and one male have said they were followed home by a Council Ranger after walking their dogs. All state they had notice of a fine placed in their letter boxes. All say the Ranger did not speak to them.

Lake Cathie Progress Association will request Council review the policy as a matter of urgency and ensure public consultation is part of the review process. If you have other issues regarding this matter to include in the Association's submission to Council send them to the address above.

Another issue raised by many residents has been the number of dogs running free around the Foreshore Reserve and swimming in the lagoon during the holiday period.

It is obvious the owners are unaware of the restrictions and are not being fined by Council Rangers.

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### Progress Association Annual General Meeting

Lake Cathie Progress Association will hold its AGM on

SUNDAY: 16th February 2014  
TIME 10.00am  
AT: Lake Cathie Community Hall

Business of the meeting will include:

- Reports by President and Treasurer
- Election of Officers and Committee:  
President (1)  
Vice President (1)  
Secretary (1)  
Treasurer (1)  
Committee (5)
- Reports on issues of interest including:  
Optus phone tower  
Need for footpath Miala St to Medical Centre  
Recommendations from Lake Innes Report  
Progress Assn. Executive meeting with Council  
Coast & Estuary Committee – new community member needed  
Missing BBQ – Jonathon Dickson Reserve  
Holiday traffic issues Aqua/Bundella/Illaroo  
Dog owners – confusion re restrictions  
Red Bins – fortnightly collection  
Coastal erosion issues – P Flemming to report

Please note nominations for Officers and Committee members close at start of the meeting.

The meeting is open to members and visitors.

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## Need for footpath Miala St to Medical Centre

The need for footpaths from Abel Tasman Dr. north to the Medical Centre and southwards from Miala St. was highlighted in the 2010 Lake Cathie Village Master Plan.

The path from Abel Tasman was completed some time ago. However the path from Miala remains undone.

This means patients walking to the Centre must walk from Miala along the very narrow edge of Ocean Drive which is one of the busiest roads in the LGA

While this presents risks to pedestrians and parents with prams, those using motorised scooters or wheelchairs must rely on Community Transport.

The Association has written to Council asking for detail of when the footpath will be installed.

Council responded on January 15 advising existing budget allocations made no provision for the footpath works from Miala in this current financial year or within Council's short to medium term agenda.

### Hope for Pedestrian Access Mobility Paths

Another option has arisen with Council advising it is updating the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan "Footpaths" in the next 6 months. The review is to include key routes around Medical Centres, Schools, Retirement Villages and Local Shops. LCPA's request has been sent to the relevant Council Officer.

LCPA will gather information on the number of people who need to have the pathway installed – if you, or members of your family, require this footpath please email information to [lcpa@live.com.au](mailto:lcpa@live.com.au) or write to the Association at PO box 247 Lake Cathie NSW 2445.



Ocean Dr. viewed from Miala St.  
looking towards the Medical Centre

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## Lady Bowlers' polished performance at three concerts

Each year Lake Cathie Women's Bowling Club presents a concert for its members and visitors. The three performances of "Its Time" this year drew full houses and high praise from the audiences.

The high class performances followed many months of selecting the best acts to perform followed by endless rehearsals. Additionally cast members and other club members designed and made the stunning costumes & scenery used in the shows.

Adding to the night a few performances by male Club members and Secretary Manager, Dean Noble, bought much laughter with their hilarious acts.



All members of the cast  
perform the final act of the concert

If you would like to view videos of some of the concert acts go to the "BLOG" section on the Bowling Club's Website:

[www.lakecathiebowlingclub.com.au](http://www.lakecathiebowlingclub.com.au)

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## Unusual Guest at Koala Hospital



This Platypus found in a salt section of the Hastings River has been under the care of Cheyene Flanagan, Supervisor of Port Macquarie's Koala Hospital, for some time.

We understand the Platypus will be released into fresh water in the near future.

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## Where is our missing BBQ?

Before Christmas LCPA was receiving complaints and questions as to why the Bar-B-Que in Jonathon Dickson Reserve had been removed.



Empty shelter where BBQ was located

LCPA has asked Council for information on removal of the popular facility which is used by many residents and visitors.

During holiday periods the use increases covering overflows of tourists from the Foreshore Reserve where the facilities are at maximum use day and night.. No response from Council at time of publication.

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## Council yet to advise on Pedestrian Refuge at Foreshore Reserve

September 2013 Cathie News reported that LCPA had written to Councillor Lisa Intemann re the urgent need for a safer crossing for pedestrians moving from the Reserve to/from the shops opposite.

We understand Councillor Intemann, who holds the Roads Portfolio in Council, raised the issue with Council staff and was told the Association would receive a letter re timing etc from staff.

To date the letter has not been received and with the thousands and thousands of visitors to the Reserve over the holidays the issue was a constant threat to pedestrian safety.

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## Holiday traffic chaos in Aqua, Bundella, Illaroo Roads

The 2010 Lake Cathie Village Master Plan states this area presents a traffic hazard over holiday periods.

Indeed the point was well proven during the 2013/14 holidays when traffic flow made the Plan's statement look well understated as residents reported the traffic flow was the highest ever.

At times it was almost impossible to drive along these roads and the following recommendation from the 2010 Plan must be implemented as a matter of urgency:

***"This matter should be referred for inclusion in the new Lake Cathie Traffic Management Plan."***

The Council's new footpath in Aqua Cres. will assist some pedestrians at that location. However major issues remain for pedestrians & cyclists along Bundella & Illaroo roads

Many residents hold the view the roads should be converted to one-way to solve the problem.

## **Lake Cathie Tavern**

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## Will \$500,000 spent on Lake Innes Report be wasted?

Our December 2013 Cathie News reported on the high priority recommendations included in the Lake Innes Report on the possible return of Lake Innes to freshwater. The article posed the following question.

### Lake Innes Study – Will anybody carry out recommended works?

None of the Government bodies responsible for management of the Lake Cathie Estuary have acted to date. These include Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, Office of Environment & Heritage and National Parks & Wildlife.

Perhaps our current Federal Member for Lyne, Dr David Gillespie, could enquire re the outcome of the report's recommendations. The Report was federally funded by almost \$1 million arranged by then Member Rob Oakeshott.

All our past newsletters are on the Progress Association's website [www.lakecathiepa.com](http://www.lakecathiepa.com) which also lists past studies all of which were a waste of public funds.

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## Raiders Rugby League Club back to full strength for 2014 season



**LC/BH Raiders First Grade training in late January**  
(Image courtesy Vince Murphy)

The Raiders' first grade is back to full strength and hopes to regain the outstanding form that won them the 2012 Premiership. More detail in next edition of Cathie News.

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## Council Resolution supports Landcare's need for pathway

In 2003 a management plan for the Lake Cathie Coastal Zone, "The Lake Cathie (southern) Coastal Management Plan" was funded by Council and adopted in 2004.

The Plan included a walking/maintenance track from Jonathon Dickson Reserve to Middle Rock.

Lake Cathie Landcare was formed in 2006 and set about implementing the Plan with removal of many tonnes of Bitou Bush and other out of control weed growth.

The need for access to the work areas became obvious when Landcare began planting native plants in the areas where weeds had been removed.

The need for a maintenance track was essential to allow access for the many thousands of litres of water needed to keep the new plants alive in the sandy soils.

Council's staff did not approve of the track and withdrew support for its formation. This caused the Landcare group to lose many of its volunteers.

In December 2013 Council passed the following Resolution:

- 1. Seek the necessary formal approvals for the construction of a walkway through the southern end of Jonathon Dickson Reserve and involve the local Landcare Group in the development and management of the walkway.**
- 2. List for consideration in the 2014 - 2015 Budget.**

The Landcare Group hopes the Resolution will result in return of its lost volunteers and looks forward to working with Council on the walking/maintenance track construction.

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