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Welcome to Council's General Manager

Congratulations to Acting General Manager, Craig Swift-McNair, on his appointment as Council's General Manager.

Congratulations also to Councillors for their selection of such a qualified candidate for the most important appointment as the Council's senior employee.

Craig's past experience in management roles at our Council and his filling in as the Acting GM for several months provide him with a wide knowledge of local issues.

The Association's executive looks forward to working with Craig and our Councillors on Lake Cathie related issues.



Lake Cathie Tavern Funding for LC Landcare Group

The Management of Lake Cathie Tavern has agreed to provide funding for our Landcare Group from proceeds of its Friday night Community Meat Raffles.

The initial funds will be used to purchase high visibility work shirts for new members and replacement shirts for existing volunteers.

The Landcare Committee welcomes the generosity of Tavern Management and asks for its members and the community at large to support this local business.

New projects now possible

With this funding it will be possible to consider the undertaking of additional Landcare projects in our village.

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Lake to be dredged for September Holidays



The shaded area in front of the picnic area will be wading depth for the youngsters to enjoy

Council has awarded a contract for dredging east of Ocean Drive Bridge to Queensland based Dredging Solutions – it is understood work will commence later in July and be ready for the September school holidays.

Area to be dredged is in the general vicinity of that shown on map above. About 20,000 cubic metres will be removed and spoil placed along the beach at Illaroo Drive and shaped into a dune.

We understand the dredging is for purely recreational purposes and will allow wading activity in the dredged area. Council accepted a tender for \$297,345 of which the State Government will provide \$200,000 and Council \$100,000.

Time for the work is approximately seven weeks dependent on weather conditions.

Entrance opening not included

Unfortunately the entrance will not be opened as part of this dredging work.

We understand the current depth and condition of the lake does not meet the management plan opening guidelines.

Join your Progress Association Application Form is on page 4.

Landcare volunteers maintain Council plantings at stormwater water outlets



Lake Cathie volunteers water and feed plantings at one of the stormwater outlets

Over past years Council rebuilt two (2) of Lake Cathie's Storm Water outlets.

They recently employed a Contractor to clear and plant native vegetation to provide the necessary windbreaks and vegetation to avoid erosion at the outlet locations..

Without ongoing watering the plants along the sandy coastline will not survive and Lake Cathie Landcare was asked by Council to undertake the necessary watering work in addition to other maintenance as required.

Water collection tank and use of trailer with 500 litre water tank will aid plant survival

The Landcare Group is well equipped to undertake the work with its water trailer and water collected in its 30,000 litre rain water tank.

The Group's volunteers are now watering the plants twice a week made necessary by the nature of the sandy soil along the dunal area.

Report on Googik Track walkway project Jonathan Dickson Reserve to Middle Rock

Last month Lake Cathie Landcare Group was pleased to receive from Council staff the replies to a list of questions submitted by the Group in April, concerning the progress in Council of the walking track project from Jonathan Dickson Reserve to Middle Rock Road.

We are particularly pleased that Lake Cathie Landcare Group is to be identified as a key stakeholder within the project plan to be developed for this project. Although not yet confirmed, it is possible that environmental ecologist Daintry Gerrand will also be consulted re the nature and design of the track, given her involvement with the Reserve to date.

It is too early for Council to be able to put time-frames on the various stages of the project, but the focus for Council staff will be on managing the design and approvals process in the 2014/15 financial year. An external consultant will be engaged to manage the design process and approval applications (if required).

Who will physically construct the track will be considered as part of the design process. Options include Lake Cathie Landcare Group, Council workers, outside contractor, Green Army, Work for the Dole.

There are a number of funding options available to Council to allow for the construction of the track to be achieved.

*Report from the Googik Track Sub-Committee
of Lake Cathie Landcare Group.*

Meeting Progress Assn. with Mayor & GM

The next meeting of Progress Assn. Executive with Council Mayor and General Manager will be held in mid August. Main Agenda items will be:

- Pedestrian Crossing from shops north of the bridge to Foreshore Reserve.
- Pedestrian and wheel chair access from Miala St. to LC Medical Centre.

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- Saturdays Punters Club
Live music every Sat Nite
- Mon to Sat Happy Hour

**\$15 Meals x 15 Choices
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Planned Roadworks Houston Mitchell Drive

Council's Operational Plan 2014/15 includes reconstruction of Houston Mitchell Drive from the Pacific Highway for a length of 900 metres to the east.

(See Operational Plan page 61- item 5.1.1.3.(b) Houston Mitchell segment 50 from Pacific Highway 900m east - \$1,910,000.)

Preconstruction works including survey, design and geotechnical investigations will be completed for all sections of the road so that works can begin when funding for other sections become available.

Our History January 1959

Cathie Land Sale Heralds Boom Period for the Coast

Port Macquarie News of January 29, 1959, reported 33 blocks of land had been auctioned the previous Saturday for a total of \$16,400 at an average of \$500 per block.

The land sold was situated on the rise immediately overlooking the bridge and lake. The paper stated the coastal views could not be bettered in the area. It went on to say that this was the best land in the area and its elevation ensured cooling breezes and protection from mosquitoes.

The article also stated the land auction spelt out a further awakening and another boom period for the coast area from Laurieton to Port Macquarie.

A separately advertised weekender suitable for a fisherman wishing to spend his weekends on the coast or for a family holiday was situated on the main headland corner. It overlooked the beach and was 100 metres from the lake. The price was \$1900.

*(Thanks to Vince Murphy for passing on copy of the
Jan 1959 Port News for our publication)*

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Unplanned Cruise Ship meeting



Judy Christie, Elaine Jones, Gordon Christie & Jack Jones on board "Rhapsody of the Seas"

When Jack & Elaine Jones boarded the "Rhapsody of the Seas" in Darwin a couple of months ago for a trip to Sydney the last thing they expected was to have the company of fellow Cathie residents for the voyage.

Judy & Gordon Christie had boarded the ship in Perth a few days earlier. The first afternoon on board they found each other at the bar and the weeklong trip offered many other opportunities to enjoy each other's company.

Prawns with a "difference"

Welcome to Column 8's Retail Advice Special Edition. We start with ~~For Human~~, of Ballina, who reports that "a friend was recently perusing the frozen fish counter at the supermarket. A packet of frozen prawn meat (shelled but with the tails still on) caught his eye, as he noticed that it was cheaper than the prawn bait he got at his local fishing shop. But, on reading the text on the pack, he was advised that the prawns were 'For human consumption, not to be used for bait or fed to animals'. That's a scary thing to read on a packet of prawns."

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**Outstanding record of
 Lake Cathie Lady Bowler**

The winning record of Lake Cathie Women’s Bowling Club member, Jenny Roberts, is quite incredible. Among Jenny’s successes are:

- Won Club Singles seven (7) times
- Won District & Regional Pairs with Judy Blackler
- Won Australian Mixed Pairs with Greg Brims.
- Winner District Singles
- Semi Finalist Regional Singles.

We look forward to adding to Jenny’s record in years to come.

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Meals on Wheels – Camden Haven

Did you know that Camden Haven Meals on Wheels has a delicious range of winter meals and soups to help you get through the cold weather? Our soups and many of our meals are locally made to stringent nutritional guidelines. Even if you don’t need regular deliveries you can order meals to be picked up from our premises, or just purchase a few from time to time to cater for those busy days when you still want a healthy meal but don’t feel like cooking.

If you care for an aged or disabled person you may find having a few frozen meals on hand is a great help on those days when your caring duties leave you feeling tired and overwrought.

Meals are available in standard size or mini meals so all appetite levels are catered for. We also have a large range of yummy desserts. Just call our office on 6559 8883 to discuss your requirements with our friendly staff or call in and talk to us at 36 Laurie Street Laurieton (between Community Health and the Ambulance Station).

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