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NSW coastal erosion laws “a Bureaucratic Nightmare”

Our November 2010 CATHIE NEWS reported:

“Erosion Legislation passed by the NSW Parliament fails to provide protection for public assets. In Lake Cathie, Illaroo Road, Jonathon Dickson Reserve and the littoral rainforest north of Middle Rock are left unprotected. Inclusion is not only necessary to protect public land from further erosion but for the future protection of homes behind that land.”

A leading Sydney newspaper in mid August 2011 added more detail to the lack of protection for public & private assets.

In part the article included:

In Kingscliff a 100 metre stretch of beach, road, parkland and caravan park property has collapsed into the sea. Kingscliff needs help. Tweed Mayor Kevin Skinner describes coastal laws as “a bureaucratic nightmare”.

Coastal Councils are drowning in regulation. They must follow “Guidelines for Emergency Sub-Plans” to prepare “Coastal Zone Management Plans”.

These Plans must comply with “Sea Level Rise Policy” and “Guidelines on Incorporating Sea Level Rise into Flood Risk” plus the Department of Planning and Infrastructure’s NSW Coastal Planning Guidelines: Adapting to Sea Level Rise.

The news article goes on: **“Confused? It gets better”**

A valid “Emergency Sub-Plan” must comply with the Ministerial Guidelines for Coastal Zone Management Plans” and on and on and on.

The legal morass is the product of the former Keneally Labor government’s pre-election negotiations with the Greens.

Our Coastal protection legislation was tortured and redrafted 57 times.

The Greens defend a deliberately dysfunctional system by arguing erosion is due to “sea level rise” and that we should do nothing.

This is a red herring.

At all the official and unofficial (erosion) hotspots you will find breakwaters, stormwater pipes dangling from sand dunes or changes to the ocean floor - for example a collapsed sandbar or underwater feature removed to assist navigation. SEA LEVEL RISE IS NOT THE ISSUE.

The concluding part of the news article states: **“We must ditch the ideology and seek better solutions from specialist coastal engineers.”**

(This is an excellent news article and if you would like a full copy please email us at the address above.)

Lake Cathie’s last big storm was in 1978

How fortunate are we that don’t have the erosion problems of Kingscliff or Old Bar as the current legislation would have us locked in exactly the same situation. The village has had the good fortune to have avoided the problem and to have a major build-up of sand along its beachfront.

In 1978 the area was hit by a major storm event which caused significant coastal damage and caused the bridge section of the Kenwood Causeway to wash away. Other major storm events also occurred in 1967, 1974 and other years but failed to cause major damage.

Let’s hope the new NSW Government cleans up the legalisation as a matter of urgency and well before Lake Cathie needs simple solutions to such an emergency.

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LCPA has had many enquiries from residents about the large amount of trimming and removal of vegetation throughout the area.

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Essential Energy advises the work stretches from Port Macquarie Golf Club to Dunbogan and work is being done in close consultation with National Parks & Wildlife Service and Council.

Manufactured Home Estate gets a name and development moves ahead

This development on the southern fringe of the village has been named: "THE OCEAN CLUB RESORT". This lifestyle village is similar to Dahlsford in Port Macquarie.

Plans include construction of a manager's residence, tennis court, a 25 metre heated pool, cinema, library, gym, a six rink lawn bowling green, a men's shed and other facilities.

A total of 260 homes is planned with 11 of these being built during the first phase of construction which we understand will commence on October 19.

The total investment in the development is believed to be in the order of \$20 million.

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Landcare lodges submission for Tidy Towns Award

Lake Cathie Landcare has lodged a submission for Tidy Town's WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND HABITATS AWARD.

The area covers Jonathon Dickson Reserve and southward into the Middle Rock Reserve.

This project was commenced in 2006 when the area was almost totally degraded with Bitou Bush. In some places the Bitou had grown to eight metres in height and was strangling Banksia and other trees.

Birdlife is now returning to the native vegetation planted and maintained by the Group. Echidnas, lizards of varying species and other native animals are regularly spotted.

The only remaining Bitou is along the front of the dunes and has been purposely left to maintain the dunal structure from collapsing. Its growth is controlled to prevent it returning to the hind dune area.

This is an incredible five (5) year story of Landcare work and the full submission can be accessed at the **Landcare** link of the LCPA website: www.lakecathiepa.com

The last words you would like to hear

Three friends from the local congregation are asked:

When you are in your casket and friends and congregation members are mourning over you what would you like to hear them say?

Artie says: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader and a great family man."

Eugene says: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a difference in people's lives."

Al says: "I'd like them to say 'Look! He's moving!'"

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Lake Cathie Tidy Towns Group formed



Executive Committee

From left: Keith Anderson, Laurie Burgess, Pam Tye AM (Chair), Johanne Hunt. (Joan McKain not in photo)

Following a recommendation at LCPA's annual meeting in February the formation of a Tidy Towns Group in Lake Cathie is now well underway.

The working Group set up to establish the Group elected a Committee early this month. The next step is to determine which projects will be targeted and enlist volunteers to assist in the work.

The village had a Tidy Towns Group in the 1990's and received awards in 1995 and 1998 for its efforts – the awards are shown in the image above.

Public meeting for interested volunteers

A public meeting will be called within a few weeks where members of the community will be able to join the group as volunteers to assist with projects to make the village an even greater place to live.



Carols by the Lake

2011 Carols will be held at the Foreshore Reserve on Saturday December 17.

The night will be run by the recently formed Lake Cathie-Bonny Hills Lions Club.

More details closer to the event.

Lake Cathie Community Hall Events

Monday	La Vive Classic Dancing
Tuesday	Arts & Crafts & Physical Culture
Wednesday	Kathi Kids Playgroup, Toy Library & Classic Dancing
Thursday	Heart Moves at 9.15am \$5/session
Friday	Friday Friendlies Ladies Group
Saturday	Physical Culture

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Optus lodges DA for tower

The Development Application for construction of the Mobile/Wireless tower in Lake Cathie was lodged with Council last month.

Depending the time involved in approval of the DA Optus will have the service operating in late 2011 or early in the New Year.

Report all incidents to police

Residents are urged to report all incidents to the Police. Whether it is a small theft, trail bikes operating in a noisy manner, damage to your gardens or vandalism you should report the matter as soon as possible.

The more reports Police receive the more chance we have of improved surveillance. Phone number for Port Macquarie Police is 6583 0199.

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Indian Myna trapping area extended

The extraordinary success of Lake Cathie Landcare in virtually ridding the village of the so called “Cane Toads of the sky” is threatened by new colonies of the pest flying in from adjacent areas where trapping has not been undertaken.

Action has now commenced to overcome this threat with Hastings Landcare employing a project officer to coordinate trapping and other control methods in the wider Hastings/Macleay district.

In addition to trapping, the project officer will be educating residents in the area of methods to control numbers of this bird. These include:

- Ensuring food scraps and native bird feeders cannot be accessed by the Indian Mynas.
- Put pet food in areas not accessible to Mynas.
- Blocking holes in eaves and roof areas to prevent the Mynas nesting and infesting your home with bird lice.

Meanwhile our local Landcare Group will continue to trap the unwanted visitors as they arrive.

Lake Cathie Raiders runners-up in League Grand Final

The Hastings League Grand Final held on the first Saturday of September was a match between two teams who between them had gone 41 years without winning the Premiership.

Lake Cathie Raiders have not won the final since their formation in 1992 and the Comboyne Tigers had gone 22 years of being denied the title.

Unfortunately on the day Comboyne proved to be too big and too fast for the Raiders to contain – the final score being Comboyne 34 Raiders 24.

The Raiders had a magnificent season **scoring 684 points for** and allowing **only 199 against** prior to the Grand Final. The incredible number of points scored set an all time record for the Club.

Congratulations to Raiders winger Drew Smith who was named 2011 Hastings League top try scorer.

Well done Raiders and the team performance bodes well for future years.

LCPA Website

Have you checked out the Association’s website yet?

www.lakecathiepa.com

Sand/Silt Islands expand west of Ocean Drive Bridge



The Association is receiving more and more questions from residents along the line “When are they going to dredge the Lake?”

We can answer the question re the lagoon east of the bridge by advising Council is awaiting outcome of the Coastal Study as to using this sand along the beach south of the entrance.

The issue of the ever increasing size of the sand & silt banks and shallowing channels to the west is a very different story. In our July newsletter we advised that Council had resolved **“That dredging works be limited to removal of sediment from the entrance downstream of the Ocean Drive Bridge”**

The one hope is that the proposal to close off Lake Innes will, from the studies done to date, bring about more flushing of the estuary. However with the time needed to undertake the Environmental Impact Statement and agree on action to be taken, this could be years away.

The other action LCPA will consider is to again refer this issue to Professor Richard Kingsford, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of NSW.

LCPA wrote to the Professor in 2009 but his involvement in major works on the inland waterways such as the Murray Darling system has taken priority.

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