

# CATHIE NEWS NOV 2010

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## NSW Erosion Legislation fails Lake Cathie

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.

This point was strongly put by Peter Besseling, Member for Port Macquarie, in his speech to Parliament on the Bill.

The opposition's climate change spokeswoman, Catherine Cusack, said in a recent press article "that the Bill had been made worse by Green amendments – It entrenches requirements that are unworkable. You will need no fewer than half a dozen certificates in order to be allowed to sandbag your property if the ocean is less than 10 metres away".

On a positive note with the Legislation now in place it will be much easier to make amendments than it was to have the new Bill introduced.

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## Council Core Services Community Survey – Results not yet available

At LCPA's September General Meeting Council conducted its survey on residents' choices of core services they require and the priority they wished to set for each. Council's representative said the results would be available early in October and would be made public and placed on Council's website.

Disappointingly at the time of producing this Newsletter we had not received the results. In order to answer all the residents asking for this data, we will make it public as soon as it is to hand.

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## 2010 Carols by the Lake

Put a note on your calendar for 5.00 PM Sunday December 12 for this annual event. More detail closer to the day.

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## Mobile / Wireless Reception

Telstra is currently looking at potential sites (for a new tower) & solutions for the Lake Cathie area and also if they can integrate an appropriate solution into their current business plans.

Telstra also met with Member for Lyne, Rob Oakeshott, advising him of the situation.

Discussion at our AGM last February revealed the village is surrounded by four transmission towers, Port Macquarie, Middle Brother, Bago and Laurieton none of which gives sufficient signal strength to provide good local coverage.

Telstra's concern is that a new tower could cause more problems if not correctly located.

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## Medical Centre Stage 2 opened

In 2006 there was not one GP in the Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills area. Progress Associations from both villages organized a petition which was signed by more than 2500 residents in four days calling for local medical services. The outcome led to the establishment of the Medical Centre

On November 1<sup>st</sup> Stage 2 of the LC Medical Centre was officially opened by the Member for Lyne, Robert Oakeshott. The Medical Centre now provides a full range of services for local and visiting patients.

The wonderful work done by the Medical Centre management team in the last 3 to 4 years has made Lake Cathie & Bonny Hills an even greater place to live.

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## Lake Cathie Medical Centre

1459 Ocean Drive

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*Dr Sam Nelapati*                      *Dr Lorraine Evans*

*Dr Antony Sherringham*   *Dr Andrew Oliver*

*Dr Brett Newell*

*Services available:*

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<i>Women's Health Checks</i>	<i>Exercise Physiology</i>	<i>Dietician</i>
<i>Wound Management</i>	<i>Home Visits</i>	<i>Pathology</i>
<i>Men's Health Checks</i>	<i>Pap Smears</i>	<i>ECG</i>
<i>Wound Management</i>	<i>Diabetic Educator</i>	

# LCPA Submission On Area 14 Development

A public meeting, called by St Vincent's' Foundation in September was told a Concept Plan for their development in Area 14, between Lake Cathie & Bonny Hills, was lodged with NSW Department of Planning.

The Concept Plan includes:

- 900 home sites
- Sites for 2 new schools
- Sporting fields
- An Eco Tourist site
- Open space, Drainage & Wildlife Corridor.

In answer to questions at the meeting Developers said that details such as lot sizes, detail of the Eco Tourist site, shopping centre inclusions etc would not be available until the Concept Plan was approved.

Submissions to the Dept. Planning on this development closed on October 1.

The Association's view is that there is little to complain about in regard to this development. However impacts on the Lake Cathie village and surrounds require attention.

St Vincent's 900 new homes when added to other developments (a 260 manufactured home estate, other housing developments totalling about 500 homes and the 300 site estate in McGilvary Rd, Bonny Hills) mean around 5000 new residents will be added to the local population.

The impacts of the additional travellers on the already poor road conditions of Ocean Drive and Houston Mitchell cause serious concern for the Association and the LCPA submission to the Dept. highlight this issue.

Council's plans for upgrading the next section of Ocean Dr through the Lake Cathie village is not scheduled to start until 2017/2018 with the final section planned for 2034/2035. Obviously the road will not last this many years and the Association has made this point clear with the Dept of Planning.

**See page 4 for Council's timing to upgrade Ocean Drive through Lake Cathie**

## **Impact on Houston Mitchell Drive**

In addition to the current traffic numbers using this road in its poor condition, heavy vehicles carrying

machinery and materials for construction of around 2000 new homes and the necessary infrastructure will damage the roadway to a state where it will become a major safety concern.

Council's work on one small section of Houston Mitchell Drive is not planned until 2030/2032.

## **Council's finances limited**

Council's reason for deferring works was in part:

**"Significant negative impacts on Councils finances have occurred which has required major reviews of Councils infrastructure works programs – including the planned Ocean Drive upgrades through Lake Cathie"**

## **Area 14 Sports Fields many years away**

Council is relying on the provision of the new fields in Area 14 to overcome the acute shortage of playing fields in the Lake Cathie//Bonny Hills area.

Assuming the Concept Plan is approved the developer plans to hand the fields, in a filled & vegetated state, over to Council in 2013 for Council to add all the necessary facilities (sewer, change sheds etc etc) to bring the fields to a usable state.

Serious concern was raised at the public meeting as to Council's financial capacity to complete the job to supply the urgently needed fields in a timely manner.

LCPA has included this and all foregoing matters in its submission to the NSW Dept of Planning.

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## **Manufactured Home Estate**

**This estate, similar to Dahlsford over 55's Village, is to be constructed at Ocean Drive Lake Cathie. The final development will include 260 homes with garage. Location is on the western side of Ocean Dr just north of Houston Mitchell Dr.**

**The first work is expected to commence early in 2011 and will include:**

- **The lead in public road.**
- **Manager's residence & sales office.**
- **Community clubhouse**
- **Swimming pool**
- **Lawn bowls green.**
- **The first 11 homes.**

**Management of environmental lands will be included as part of the village structure.**

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## PC Pitstop wins major award

Congratulations to Ben & staff at PC Pitstop on winning the Environmentally Sustainable Award in the Greater Port Macquarie Business Awards for 2010.

To recycle your old ink cartridges, mobiles, and IT equipment just bring them to their local store.

They also sell new equipment which is easily recycled after use.

You can find more detail on their business and their store locations in Lake Cathie & Port Macquarie by calling 6584 8555 or 6584 1551 or visit their website:

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

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## Middle Rock Road improved



Port Macquarie-Hastings Council has recently improved the road along the Middle Rock foreshore.

Previously the road was so badly potholed residents and tourists would not travel the couple of hundred metres to reach the beach or reserve areas fearing damage to their vehicles.

Ideally the surface should be sealed to avoid dust damaging the vegetation and future pot holes developing with more rainfall, but the work is well appreciated by all.

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## LC sloping footpath update

As advised in our September Newsletter Council has acknowledged the current path was creating a safety issue and design work would be undertaken to resolve the problem.

Council has since given this issue priority and work is underway to find a means of leveling the pathway while not causing problems to vehicles entering or leaving their properties.

## Work continues to solve Fiona flooding



Council work continues to alleviate the problems of surface water flowing through more than forty Fiona Crescent properties after even light rainfall.

The image above shows is result of pipes installed to collect run-off from Ocean Drive which is one part of the Fiona problem. When the Ocean Dr. work is complete Council plans to install inter-allotment piping to allow Ocean Dr. homes to connect their downpipes and collect this water before it can enter the Fiona residences.

Thumbs up for Council undertaking these works!

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## DID THE IRISH CONVICTS GET THIS RIGHT?

Lynette Ramsay Silver's book, *THE BATTLE OF VINEGAR HILL*, states that Irish convicts believed "that less than 200 miles south west of Sydney there dwelt a race of fortunate white people who received all the benefits and comforts of life without the necessity of any work whatsoever.

Canberra is 180 miles south-west of Sydney.

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## LAKE CATHIE BUTCHERY

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## LAKE CATHIE

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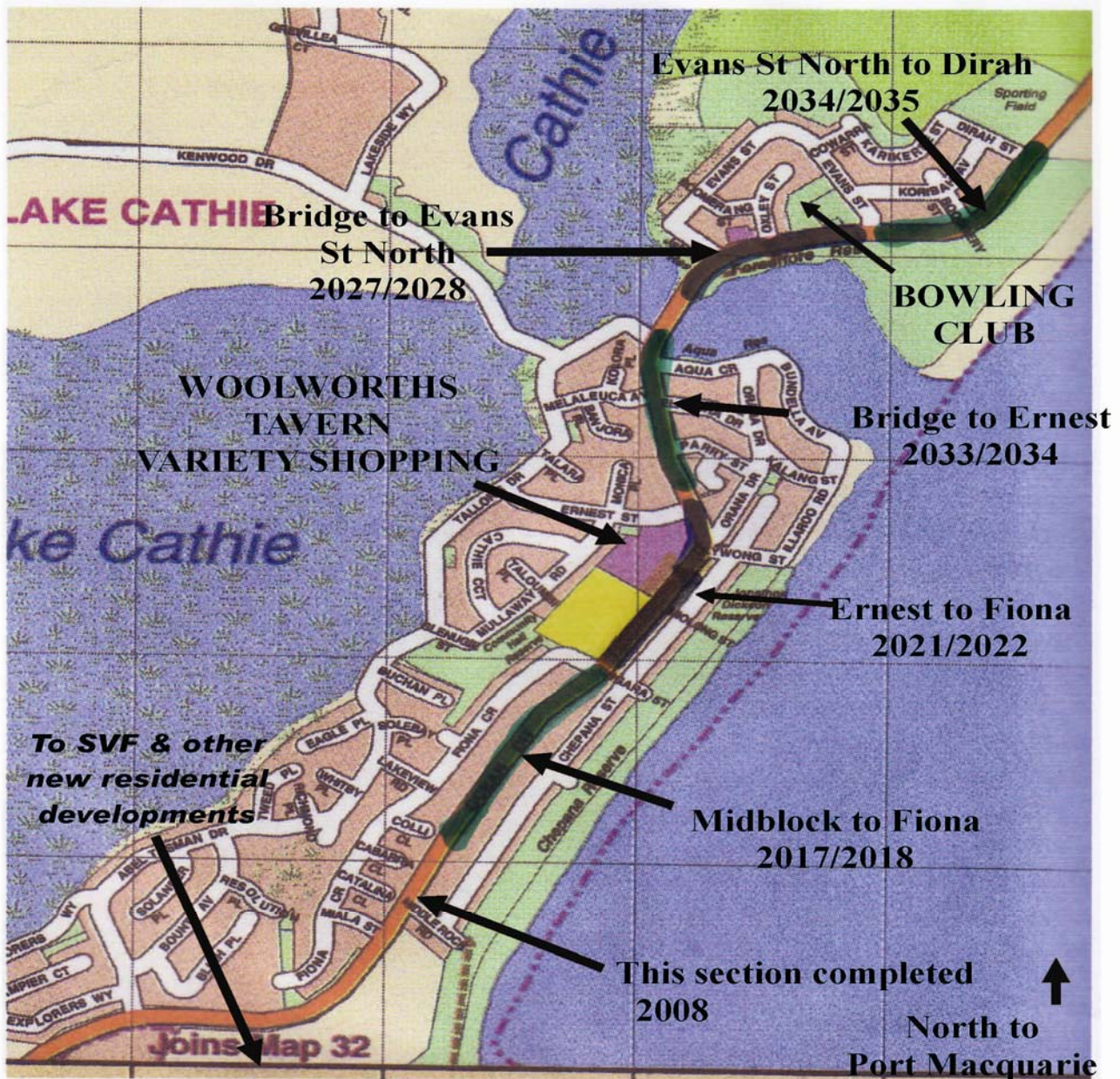
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# Lake Cathie Progress Association Inc.

Ocean Drive Upgrades through Lake Cathie village as planned by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council - as at 22/09/2010

First section planned for 2017/2018  
Final Section planned for 2034/2035



**Area 14**  
St Vincent's development  
Manufactured Homes Estate  
& other developments

**Even without the Area 14 development LCPA & Lake Cathie residents find Council's timings totally unacceptable and they are rejected.**