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Port Macquarie Glasshouse Can we live with the impacts of long term losses?

Lake Cathie Progress Association requested and received from Council annual trading projections for 11 years from 2009/2010 to 2019/2020. The following is a summary of trading for this period.

GLASSHOUSE ANNUAL RESULTS

| Year | <u>Excluding Capital Expenses</u> |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 2009 / 10 | \$6.34 million loss |
| 2010 / 11 | \$6.80 million loss |
| 2011 / 12 | \$6.89 million loss |
| 2012 / 13 | \$6.96 million loss |
| 2013 / 14 | \$7.04 million loss |
| 2014 / 15 | \$7.12 million loss |
| 2015 / 16 | \$7.20 million loss |
| 2016 / 17 | \$7.10 million loss |
| 2017 / 18 | \$7.37 million loss |
| 2018 / 19 | \$7.45 million loss |
| 2019 / 20 | <u>\$7.55 million loss</u> |

Rate increases: The recent rate rise of 7.36% above the CPI increase raised \$2.45 million so it would need an annual increase of around 21% to cover the Glasshouse losses. Would the community support this idea?

Estimated losses over the next 20 years:

\$150 Million

Plus capital expenditure

Total over 11 years **\$77.82 MILLION LOSS** (Does not include loan repayments)

Full details of Port Macquarie Hastings Council Glasshouse projected figures can be accessed on our Website www.lakecathiepa.com This Newsletter is also on the Website.

Two Lake Cathie impacts below. Similar cut-backs apply to the entire Council area.

Ocean Drive upgrades: The section from Fiona Crescent south was planned for work in 2011/2012. However a letter from Council on 22nd October 2009 stated “**significant negative impacts on Council finances have occurred which has required major reviews of Councils infrastructure capital works program – including the planned Ocean Drive upgrades through Lake Cathie**”. The recommended scheduling of this section or the road upgrade is now 2017/18.

Estuary: There is no doubt that desperately needed works to widen the Kenwood Causeway, return Lake Innes to its original state, clear the blockages in Cowarra Creek and other environmental issues will be included in works deferred due the Council’s financial dilemma. (See article “Master Plan Update” on page 3 for other projects at risk).

What can be done to reverse Glasshouse losses & direct funds to Council’s Core Services?

The Association believes Council should make all Glasshouse options public and act on them as soon as possible. Council should keep the community advised with its progress. Options could include:

- Implement Glasshouse cost reductions
- Sale of the building
- Lease the business to private enterprise
- Shift the cost burden from Ratepayers to users and businesses which benefit from its operation.
- As a last resort close the business down.

What do you think should be done? Have you say here:

Go to our Website www.lakecathiepa.com then go to “Contact us” to send an email.

Or write to: PO Box 247 LAKE CATHIE NSW 2445

**Lake Cathie Pennant Team
Contest State Finals
for first time in eighteen (18) years**



Back row (from left):

**Norm Malzard, Ross Fuller, Glenn Tiley, Dennis Smith,
Rob Wonderley, Bruce Duncombe.**

Front row (from left):

**Darren White, John Atkins, Neil Proctor, Stewart Hodges,
Steven Grimshaw, Anthony Westman.**

Leading up to competing in the State playoffs the team won:

- **Lower North Coast Bowling Association Pennant Grade 5**
- **Zone 14 Pennant Flag at Nambucca Heads defeating Nambucca 63 to 43**

Next is to contest the State title at Cootamundra from July 31 to August 2 becoming the first LC team to reach this level for eighteen (18) years.

GOOD LUCK BOWLERS!

**Lions Club of Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills
Charter Night Celebrations**

Date/Time: 7th August 2010 at 7.30 PM
Venue: North Haven Bowling Club
Dress code: Formal
Cost: \$40.00 per head
Enquiries: Carolyn on 6582 3248 or 0412498008

The Mid North Coast Branch of the Ulysses Club invites motorcyclists over the age of 40 years to join us at our next social meeting on the 8th August at Kendall Services & Citizens Club, 46 Graham St, Kendall at 11am followed by lunch and a Jazz Band. For further information about the meeting or our ride days call Gary Dowling on 6585 5570 see our web site at <http://www.ulysses.org.au/branches/midnorthcoast/>

**Seven (7) years later:
Speed reduced at school bus stop**

In late 2003 LCPA first approached Council/RTA seeking reduction of speed limit at the bus stop south of Lake Cathie. We now have good news for the school children and their parents.

At the July meeting of the Local Traffic Committee the following was agreed:

- 1) The north bound bus stop will remain at its current location.
- 2) The preference is for the southbound bus stop to be located opposite the Medical Centre.
- 3) The current 80 kmh speed limit will be temporarily reduced to 70 kmh.
- 4) The speed from Miala to just south of the Abel Tasman bus stop will be reduced to 50 kmh once the right turn into the Medical Centre and bus stop relocation are completed.

We have no idea why the temporary 70 kmh limit is required however the agreed future reduction to 50 kmh is great news.

The Association thanks our local Member, Peter Besseling MP, for his continued pressure on the RTA to reduce the speed limit. Additionally we thank Port Macquarie Hastings Council for its support of the 50 kmh speed in its correspondence to the RTA.

Lake Cathie's sloping footpath

LCPA raised this matter at the Council meeting in Lake Cathie in April and wrote to Council on June 9 2010.

Unfortunately we have received no response and wrote to Council again on July 19 requesting a reply.

This project has been on the Association's books for many years and residents can be assured we will keep on keeping on until it is corrected.

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Watch for Koalas during Breeding Season

July to March is the Koala breeding season when koalas are most active and are moving around. You should drive slowly and watch for the animals around Port Macquarie Golf Club and other areas where koalas are commonly located.

If you see and injured koala please call the Koala Hospital Hotline 6584 1522. The hotline operates 24 hours a day.

Adopt a Koala

You can adopt a koala for only \$40.00 a year and receive an adoption certificate – the funds go to running the Koala Hospital and rescue services. Just call 6584 1522 for an application form.

Extra lights installed at LC sports field

New lights installed at Lake Cathie's two mini size playing fields have solved the limited use of the fields during winter months when early twilight severely cut into times the fields could be used.

Safety concerns of training or playing under poor light conditions was the primary cause of such restricted use.

The mini fields (about half the size of normal fields) are used by junior Football teams from age 6 to age 9. They are also used by touch football teams.

The new lighting has significantly added to the number of players able to use the facilities. The mini fields are now used five nights a week.

Lake Cathie Sports Council, Richard Pierce, thanks the following people and businesses for their help in the lighting project:

- Local Member, Peter Besseling MP, for assistance in gaining grant funding through NSW Govt. Community Building Partnership Program.
- TLE Electrical
- Bruce Smith Electrical
- Graeme Cabban Builders
- Tony Leayr Excavations
- The many community members who acted as volunteers in installing the lighting

**FOUND AT LAKE CATHIE
MALVERN STAR BIKE**

Call Rob Tate: 0414 855 102

Lake Cathie Master Plan Update

Community input to the recent LCPA survey has provided the Master Plan Sub-Committee with excellent data to proceed with the 2010 Plan.

The financial position of our Council with ongoing Glasshouse losses may handicap us in proposing future works essential to keep Lake Cathie as such a pleasant and safe place to live. These may include

- Upgrade of Houston Mitchell Drive
- Fixing Storm Water Outlets along the beach
- Repairing the infamous "angled footpath"
- Estuary problems
- Sports Fields
- Cycle tracks

LCPA President, Rob Tate, again congratulated residents on their input to the Community Survey.

Silence from Telstra on Mobile Signal

As we were all advised, by Telstra, at our AGM last February a new transmission tower is required to improve Lake Cathie's Mobile and Wireless signals.

LCPA emailed Telstra's Area General Manager twice recently, May 13 and July 9, and have not received a reply to either request for a update.

NOTE TO TELSTRA: We won't give up!

POLITICS

No one party can fool all of the people
all of the time.

That's why we've got two parties.

Bob Hope

Lake Cathie Medical Centre

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LAKE CATHIE LANDCARE GROUP

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Bitou Ambushed in Lake Cathie

Before



24 October 2007

**Entire area overrun by Bitou
Bitou plants up to eight (8) meters high**

After



26 June 2010

**Native vegetation flourishing
Following volunteers' magnificent work**

Three and a half years after the work started Lake Cathie's Landcare volunteers can be rightly proud of their efforts to eliminate Bitou Bush in the Chepana Reserve and return the area to native vegetation.

The Bitou had totally overtaken the area with some growth up to eight metres high strangling Banksias and other native trees and plants. So intense was the growth it was impossible to remove the menace by hand and the group purchased a small tractor to drag the weed down to the ground and pull its roots out.

This worked so well that stacks of bush on the ground posed a fire risk and the innovative group set about raising funds for a mulcher to operate from the tractor's PTO. Problem solved and the heaps of mulched Bitou generated sufficient heat to effectively kill the seed and minimise potential regrowth of the imported weed. The mulch was then used as ground cover preventing further weed growth.

Today the area is a credit to the volunteers and recognised as one of the major success stories in the fight to rid the coast of Bitou. In addition many residents backing on to the Reserve have done great work behind their homes removing weeds and returning those areas to native species.

Funding for the Tractor and Mulcher came from Port Macquarie Hastings Council's Environmental Levy, Lake Cathie Progress Association, Holiday Coast Credit Union, Settlement Real Estate and Port Tyreworld.

The volunteers work is far from done as without ongoing maintenance and watering the area would revert to a weed infested waste. New volunteers are welcome and can contact the Landcare President, Rob Tate, on 6584 8395

Well done Lake Cathie Landcare Volunteers