



Cathie News

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GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017.

Members are advised that our next General Meeting will be held on Sunday 15th October 2017 commencing at 10.00 am at the Lake Cathie Bowling and Recreation Club. Our guest speaker will be newly elected Mayor Peta Pinson. All members and visitors are welcome to attend this meeting.

As you will see from this newsletter LCPA now have a Logo. Thanks to the art work provided by Sue Jones (Blaxland NSW), and the fantastic graphic work from our very own resident Claire Briggs Design we can now proudly display our logo to identify LCPA. The suggestion of LCPA having a logo must be credited to past committee members, it was identified some years ago and the current committee have continued to have this achieved. The committee wish to apologise for the delay in having a newsletter distributed, our Secretary and President were on personal leave for a couple of months and the remainder of the committee were extremely busy communicating with Council.

Updated Constitution

At the May 2017 General Meeting the committee presented a “Special Resolution” to accept changes to the LCPA Constitution. This was accepted by members and has now been presented to and accepted by NSW Fair Trading. If you would like to become a member of the LCPA please contact the Secretary at Secretary@lakecathiepa.com to receive your membership nomination form and a copy of the Constitution.

Farewell our Friends

Priscilla and Paul Flemming are longtime friends and members of a number of organisations within Lake Cathie. They have decided to move back to Sydney to be with family and will be greatly missed by the many friends they have made in our lovely village. We would like to give Priscilla and Paul a fond farewell and their friends have arranged to hold an afternoon tea at Jonathon Dickson Reserve, so please come and join us in an afternoon of reminiscing.

WHEN: Sunday 24th September
WHERE: Jonathon Dickson Reserve
TIME: 1.30 pm
BYO: Your own chair, & plate
Tea and Coffee will be provided.





Achievements over the past Months

The LCPA committee have been busy over the past few months engaging with PMHC to obtain some very positive outcomes for Lake Cathie. Some of these achievements have been work in progress for many years and have now been completed. The LCPA committee would like to thank the Councillors, Management, and Staff, past and present, of PMHC for their continued support of Lake Cathie.

Footpath from Miala Street to the Medical Centre

The footpath along Ocean Drive to the Medical Centre has now been completed. A large amount was completed earlier in the year, with the remaining connections at both ends now completed.

Playground at Community Hall

The reconstruction of the Playground at the community hall, which was reported on back in April, is now well and truly completed and being enjoyed by the children of Lake Cathie.

Houston Mitchell Drive

Road works on Houston Mitchell Drive is all but complete. This was a long process in the making but we all agree the inconvenience suffered by all is worth the outcome.

Ocean Drive

Over many years the LCPA have been lobbying Council for upgrade to Ocean Drive through our village. With the support of residents living along Ocean Drive and the committee, we can now report that the PMHC have allocated \$250,000 in their Operational Budget Plan 2017-2018 to commence "Planning and Review work, between Miala Street and Orana Drive". The LCPA have formed a sub-committee to work with the Council to ensure we achieve a positive outcome to this commitment.

Lake Foreshore

Another area of great concern to all residents of Lake Cathie is our Lake Foreshore, its popularity during summer months, the parking, and facilities available. LCPA have again lobbied Council to address these matters and we can now report that PMHC have allocated \$150,000 in their Operational Budget Plan 2017-2018 to commence "Master Plan of works." Residents will have received from Council their "postcard" asking for their vision. LCPA would encourage all residents to participate in this survey, you can go to haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/lakecathies and complete your responses. Members of the committee will be working closely with Council and other parties in achieving the best outcome for all of Lake Cathie.

Council have also completed the replacement of the Environment Friendly toilet block located in Aqua Cres. This new toilet block provides wheelchair access toilet as well as unisex cubicles.

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(If you are a local business in Lake Cathie and would like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact our secretary via email for details.)

Progress has been made, thanks to PMHC for the installation of “No Parking” signs, installed on the northern side of the bridge along Ocean Drive. LCPA originally requested these signs be installed back in 2012, and the committee have been lobbying the Council since then to ensure these signs are installed for the safety of pedestrians crossing the bridge and Ocean Drive.



Proposed Development within Lake Cathie.

The LCPA have received two Notification of Development Proposals from the PMHC a brief detail of these notifications are as follows;

1. A Residential Flat Building and Cafe (4 - 5 stories) - located in the Seaside / Catarina Estate. Application number 2017/336.
2. The second is for 126 Bed Aged Care Facility - located at the current Motel site. Application number 2017/383.

Please go to the PMHC web page if you wish to obtain further details regarding these two notifications.

Medical Centre

It is great news regarding Lake Cathie Medical Centre being successful in obtaining funding to increase their facilities with the installation of a Hydrotherapy Pool, Gym, Occupational Therapist and Exercise Physiologist for patients. Thanks to Dr Sam Nelapati and his team for providing such great facilities to all of Lake Cathie and surrounding areas.

200 Years since JOHN OXLEY arrived.

September to October 2018 will be 200 years since John Oxley arrived in the Wauchope – Port Macquarie area and made his way down through Lake Cathie – Bonny Hills and Laurieton. Communities along his route are planning activities to coincide with his journey. LCPA have been invited to partake in these activities, however we need your assistance. If there are any residents of Lake Cathie who are Historians and would be interested in researching information regarding Oxley's journey through or around Lake Cathie we would love to hear from you. We would also like to obtain copies of early photos of Lake Cathie, if residents have photos of the area we would appreciate being able to make a copy. Suggestion of activities that Lake Cathie residents could partake in for this celebration would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any member of the LCPA committee or email the secretary with your details.

Thank You

The committee would like to thank Claire Briggs Design for her professional graphic design of the new LCPA Logo. Claire was provided with a photo of the artist's impression of the logo which she then converted to enable it to be included into our Letterhead, Email, Newsletter and other official LCPA documentation. The artist that provided the drawing to the Association is Sue Jones from Blaxland NSW, we would also like to thank Sue for her generosity in donating her drawing for sole use to the association.

The walking track – where to from here?

Council has withdrawn its own Development Application, lodged in February this year, for a meandering walking track through the littoral rainforest behind Chepana Street Lake Cathie, from Jonathon Dickson Reserve to Middle Rock Road.

The Environmental Impact Statement commissioned by Council from an independent expert consultant found that a meandering track through the rainforest would have no significant environmental or heritage impacts, nor would it impact on the privacy of residents. The expert consultant further found that a meandering track through the rainforest would achieve environmental benefits for the forest over an option of no track at all.

Any proposal to establish a track in littoral rainforest must have the concurrence of the NSW Department of Planning. At a recent meeting with Council staff, representatives of Lake Cathie Landcare Group were told that some Council staff had 'identified deficiencies' in the expert independent consultant's Environmental Impact Statement, and had prepared communications that went to NSW Department of Planning strongly advising against the track that Council itself had submitted a DA for. The Office of Environment and Heritage in the Department apparently advised the Secretary of the Department against the track, and it was indicated that the Department would not concur with the proposal for the track. The Council then withdrew its own DA.

It is established practice when proposals such as the track are assessed by administrative bodies that the decision-makers must take into account three sets of factors – economic, environmental and social. From what Lake Cathie Landcare representatives were told, it appears that, in the making of the decisions on the track, the officers of Council, OEH, and the Department failed to take into account the recreational, educational and conservation opportunities that the track would provide. They also appear to have failed to take into account the environmental benefits the track would provide for the forest, which Lake Cathie Landcare members consider far outweigh any arguments against the track.

The DA has been withdrawn, not rejected. Lake Cathie Landcare Group and Lake Cathie Progress Association members are considering how to proceed from here, in the face of this disappointing blow to the community, and to the sustainability of our precious patch of littoral rainforest.

This report is provided by Lake Cathie Landcare Group.