

## LAKE CATHIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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### LCPA Executive meet with Council Mayor & General Manager

Our Progress Association Executive met with Mayor, Peter Besseling, and General Manager, Tony Hayward, in early November regarding the major issues facing the Lake Cathie Community. These included:

- The need for dredging west of Ocean Dr bridge
- The need for Council support for inclusion of protection of Public Assets in NSW Coastal Erosion Legislation. These include Illaroo & Bundella roads, Jonathon Dickson Reserve and the adjoining Littoral Rainforest.
- Additional Sports Fields
- The need to provide additional public picnic areas and car parking along the estuary to supplement the current overcrowding at the Foreshore Reserve.

General agreement was that a new Bathymetry (Depth) Survey of the estuary west of the bridge was needed. Survey results to include the current width of the tidal channels. This current data is essential to plan dredging needs of the waterway.

The Mayor and General Manager undertook to respond to the Association in the near future.

We will keep you posted.

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### Guest speaker on Lake Innes Project for Progress Association's AGM.

A special feature of the Progress Association's Annual General Meeting will be a presentation by (Dr) Peter Box Group Strategies Pty Ltd on progress of the investigation on reverting Lake Innes to freshwater or leave it in its current state of being open to the sea.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 10 February 2013.

More information will be available early in the New Year.

See page 2 for more detail on the Lake  
Innes project.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to Members and Residents



### Come & join in Carols by the Lake



Our annual Carols by the Lake is one of the most popular events held in the Hastings every year. The Lake Foreshore provides a spectacular setting for the event.

This year Saturday, December 15, has been set for staging the night. Once again Lake Cathie-Bonny Hill Lions Club will manage the night with the Lions Club food van on site from 5.00pm.

The ever popular Lynn Lelean will MC the nights' activities and the official opening will be conducted by local resident and Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams at 6.30pm.

Music will start at 6.00pm with the Young Guns Youth Concert Band and Choir with Jack Colless.

The highlight of night for the young ones will be at 7.00pm with Santa arriving on one of Lake Cathie's Fire trucks. Santa will have plenty of lollies for the kiddies.

Music will restart at 7.30pm the Young Guns and support acts back in action.

Special thanks for running the 2012 night go to:

- Lake Cathie- Bonny Hills Lions Club
- Lions Club of Port Macquarie Tacking Point
- Members of the Lake Cathie Rural Fire Brigade
- Lake Cathie Progress Association.

Just bring your chairs and ground sheets and enjoy the night.

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## Over 50's Ocean Club Resort

Lake Cathie's five star resort for the over 50's is about to be opened for inspection.

An information night at LC Bowling Club on November drew a huge crowd pleasing the Ocean Club management beyond belief.

The resort just south of the village will provide luxury accommodation for people in the over 50 age bracket. The Resort offers a choice of two and three bedroom homes with a further choice of a single or two car garages.

The resort offers residents the security of a gated entrance and use of all resort facilities. These include a swimming pool, bowling green, tennis court, putting green, a library and a gym.

The guide on pricing provided on the information night ranged from \$295,000 to \$360,000 and a weekly maintenance fee will cover Council Rates, lawn and garden maintenance and full use of resort facilities.

The resort will officially open on December 15 and further information can be obtained by calling Karen Twigg on 0418 213 646.

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## Lake Innes Reversion Investigation

The first stage of the work by Contractor, Jennifer Hale, has been completed into how Lake Innes should be managed in the future.

The options being to leave it open to the sea as is now or to revert it to its natural freshwater state. Prior to 1933 it was a freshwater system but was then, against Government recommendations, opened hoping to drain it to create additional farming lands. That was a failure!

A depth survey of Lake Innes by a NSW University of NSW expert was conducted using a dingy and kayak allowing for the survey to cover the entire Lake area.

It is understood the survey revealed additional siltation compared to a similar survey in 1993.

This is not really surprising with the levels in all other parts of the estuary showing severe loss of depth. In the lower channels of Cathie Creek water is now up to your knees when ten years ago would have been over your head.

## New Bathymetry (Depth) Survey of entire estuary essential

The Progress Association, local fishers and other estuary users will press for a new survey to be conducted prior to a final decision on the future structure of Lake Innes.

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## Fiona residents welcome long awaited drainage works

The first four of about 40 homes in Fiona Crescent have had drainage pipes installed from houses above them in Ocean Drive to connect their roof water discharge.

For more than 20 years the Fiona residents have had their yards in an almost continual soggy state with the roof water from the higher properties running freely over their yards.

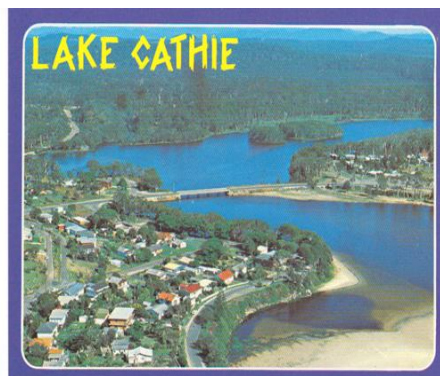
The problem resulted from failure of past Councils to include the drainage service as part of the approval for construction of the homes in Ocean Drive.

Fortunately about two years ago Council Infrastructure Director, Jeffrey Sharp, witnessed the problem first hand and undertook to relieve the residents from the problem.

While shortage of funding has delayed the works the first stage is now almost complete and the next group of homes will have work commence in the New Year.

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## Historic images supplied by Cathie residents



No date supplied with this post card however from the magnificent blue of the water and the lack of sand islands west of the bridge we guess it would date in the 1970's.

Thanks to Ray Manchester for sending this and a number of other images and cards.

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## This sign could cost you money and points off your licence!

This sign at the corner of Abel Tasman Drive and Ocean Drive could land you with a speeding fine. The message it gives is wrong as it does not matter which way you turn into Ocean Drive you remain in a 50kmh speed zone.

LCPA's Traffic Committee raised this matter at its meeting with Council in August asking for the sign to be corrected or removed. So far no action taken.

Over to Council for action!

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## Foreshore Reserve picnic area & parking at its limit – new area must be planned

The Lake Cathie Foreshore Reserve is one of the most popular picnic spots in the Hastings. On busy days visitors from other areas of the Hastings outnumber Cathie residents by about 4 to 1. On many days the Reserve is being filled to its limits and additional picnic areas need to be developed.

The shallow water in the lagoon makes the spot very attractive to families with small children who can swim safely along edges of the waterway.

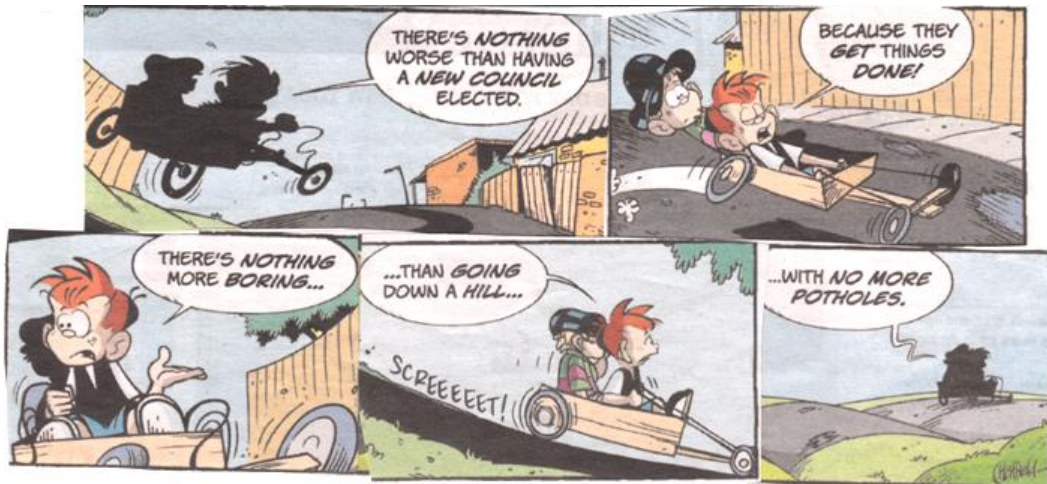
### Pedestrian safety

The Progress Association met with Council on site recently and asked for a pedestrian refuge to be installed in the centre of the road to provide a safer crossing from the Reserve to the shops opposite.

### New parking restrictions

The major problem during the summer months is the limited parking places available with people using footpaths to park the car. Council are about to install signs advising fines will apply for parking on footpaths. Council will also look at increasing the number of parking spots.

## What! NO POTHOLES



## Table Tennis

Port Macquarie Table Tennis Club has advised it would welcome new players from Lake Cathie and other areas.

**Playing times are:**

**Monday morning:** 9 am to 12 noon. Singles and doubles are played and.....

**Tuesday night:** 5 pm to 8 pm. Practice starts at 5 pm and the competition starts at .....

**Thursday night:** 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This is a coaching and/or practice session. Coaches will be available

Their club caters for persons with disabilities and in wheelchairs.

You can contact Neil Cossey on 6582 1 or go to their website:

<http://www.sites.google.com/site/portmacquariett>

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## Renew / Join Your Progress Association

Simply use the form on the back page to renew your membership or join the Lake Cathie Progress Association Inc.

Your membership will give the Association additional impact when negotiating with Council, Government and other bodies.

## Lake Cathie Health Complex

1459 Ocean Drive Lake Cathie NSW

65 84 88 99

Lake Cathie Medical Centre

Lake Cathie Dentistry

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**Council to remove dead trees**

A Cathie resident asked the Progress Association to write to Council re the risk of these dead trees dropping branches & injuring pedestrians. The trees are just north of the Ocean Drive Bridge.

Council has agreed to remove the dead trees which are now on their priority list. Thanks to Council!

**Lake Cathie Landcare AGM & election of new executive**

Our LC Landcare Group combined its' Annual General Meeting and Christmas breakup at the Lake Cathie Tavern on November 22.

During the year the volunteers cleared about a further 80 metres of Bittou, Asparagus Vine and other weed species at the rear of homes along Chepana Street.

They also continued maintenance work on areas it previously cleared in Jonathon Dickson Reserve.

The Group won an award in 2011 in the Wildlife Corridors & Habitats Conservation section of the NSW Tidy Towns Awards.

The Group began work in 2006 and the images below show a small part of their success in returning the area to its native condition.



Left: 2006 Bitou up to 8 metres high



Right: Bitou removed

Landcare's other major success has been the virtual elimination of imported Indian Myna Birds. Again ongoing work is necessary to trap the few unwanted birds as they arrive in the village.

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Name: .....

Address: .....

Email: ..... Ph.....

Signature: ..... Date: .... / .... / 201

**(Applicants agree to be bound by the rules of the Association)**

Proposed by: ..... Signature: .....  
 Date : .... / .... / 201

Seconded by: ..... Signature: .....  
 Date: .... / .... / 201

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**  
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Name: .....

Amount enclosed: \$

Change of address etc (if any)

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