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Coastal Erosion Study

Our Progress Association has lodged a submission to the Coastal Study. In summary the response states:

PLANNED RETREAT:

Under this option residents of the 17 homes stated in the Study to be at risk from erosion face long term uncertainty which may endanger their emotional and financial futures.

The option calls for voluntary or compulsory purchase of these properties at the rate of one purchase each three years. **That means it will take 51 years to finalise purchase of all 17 homes – that is ridiculous and unacceptable.**

REVTMENT:

This is construction of a rock or concrete wall along the dune line in front of the 17 houses.

It offers home owners relief from conditions noted on their 149 Certificates allowing sale of their properties at similar values to other homes in the area.

This is the only option the Association fully supports.

Never seen a Revetment? See photo page 4.

There is a far better solution which is not included in the options: Protection of our roads and reserves

As previously reported in Cathie News, the NSW Coastal Legislation is flawed as it makes no provision for protection of Public Assets. In Lake Cathie, Illaroo and Bundella Roads, Jonathon Dickson Reserve & the Littoral Rainforest would all be protected in the event of a threat from erosion if the Legislation is amended..

The benefits would include protection of all the homes along the roadway the Reserves along to the south and homes in Chepana Street. The protection would also ensure the tourist economy of the village is preserved.

Since the Legislation passed into law in 2011 LCPA has been asking for amendments to include protection of Public Assets. The matter has been raised with the NSW Minister for Environment Robyn Parker, local MP Leslie Williams and Senator John Williams.

Council's support required

Council's support is needed to have the Legislation amended and we have written seeking their agreement. We await Council's reply to our correspondence.

Rate Increase approved

The NSW Independent Pricing Tribunal has fully adopted Council's application for rate increases. Total of the three part increase will add 15.33% per annum for years to come to residents' rate expenses.

The ability of pensioners, businesses and people suffering from loss of work opportunities to pay, was not an impediment to the approval of the increases.

At an Extra-Ordinary Meeting on May 16 Council outlined some cost savings in its financial sustainability review. The cuts included four management positions dissolved, some motor vehicle cuts, reduced Community Grants and other items.

However these are small amounts compared to the multi-million annual losses sustained by the Glasshouse. Again no mention has been made of addressing this issue.

Let a Ratepayer Poll decide the future of the Glasshouse

There are two clear sides of community thought on this issue, those who want access to local artistic facilities and those who would rather cut the year after year multi-million dollar losses. There is little doubt these losses have brought about the need for rate rises to maintain roads and provide other core services.

The cost of a poll would be negligible compared to the ongoing losses being incurred by the Glasshouse.

This would be good project for our prospective new Councillors to address..



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Lions Club funding assists Progress Association



Progress Association President, Rob Tate, thanks Lions Club members for their donation

The Lake Cathie-Bonny Hills Lions Club has given the Lake Cathie Progress Association \$250.00 towards its operational expenses.

The cheque was presented to Progress Association President, Rob Tate, at the Lions Trivia night held at the Lake Cathie Bowling Club in April.

Cheques for \$250.00 were also presented to The LC Fire Brigade, Junior Leagues Club, Football Club, Community Transport, Asperger's Resource Group and the Bowls Club.

The Trivia Night was a great success with the Bowling Club's function room filled to capacity.

Pharmacy opens at Medical Centre

Local resident, Karen Pikett, has opened a Pharmacy at the Lake Cathie Health Complex.

Two other pharmacists are also on hand and can offer assistance on how to use inhalers, check Insulin and Blood Pressure levels in a private consultation room.

The friendly Pharmacy assistants can help you with fast prescription service, as well as Webster packs and free local home delivery service from Port Macquarie to Bonny Hills to Dunbogan.

Lake Cathie Health Complex

1459 Ocean Drive Lake Cathie NSW
65 84 88 99

Lake Cathie Medical Centre
Lake Cathie Dentistry
Lake Cathie Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy
Lavery Pathology
Dietician
Psychologist
Hearing Care

Council to use "Risk List" to prioritise road works

Council has stated that while road maintenance is a core service of Council....] "the backlog of maintenance and rehabilitation works cannot be done within the available budget so it's necessary to have an agreed system of prioritisation".

By adopting this approach, Council has balanced the need to minimise the risk of exposure to public liability with the desire to deliver the best value service to the community

Council is relying on proposed rate increases to maintain its roads which, in short, the community at large just cannot afford. (see article page 1).

Lake Innes Reversion Environmental Assessment

This project, funded by \$970,000 in Federal Grants, will be managed by the Northern Rivers Catchment Authority. This body has appointed a project manager and a Steering Committee has been formed.

That Committee comprises Government Agencies including National Parks & Wildlife Service, Fisheries, Dept. of Environment and others including Port Macquarie Hastings Council.

Lake Cathie Progress Association and the Professional Fisherman's Association each have a representative on the Steering Committee.

The first meeting of this Committee is on June 14. Other meetings will be held each 3 months.

The Committee will review existing data and reports and will obtain any additional knowledge required to guide future management of Lake Innes.

The role of the Progress Association includes bringing community issues to the notice of the Steering Committee. These include environmental, social and economic issues related to the outcome of reversion or otherwise of Lake Innes to fresh water.

As Lake Cathie has much to gain and possibly lose from this project we ask that you forward any queries you have to LCPA at the address above.

This project is to fully investigate the potential impacts of reverting Lake Innes to fresh water. Any future management decisions would occur under a separate process taking into account the findings of this assessment.

Completion date

An Environmental Assessment Report for public consultation is to be available by 14 December 2012 and the project must be completed by 31 May 2013.

Optus Mobile Phone Tower

Optus is about to undertake Geotec drilling to assist with the design of footings for the new tower.

The time lost with the change of owners of the Woolworths site and the resultant delay in signing a lease was unfortunate. However, substantially improved mobile and wireless reception is on the way.

NSW Govt Grant for Leg Press Gym Equipment unsuccessful

The application for NSW Community Building Partnership Program funding to purchase an additional piece of Gym Equipment to add to our current Jonathon Dickson Reserve facility has been unsuccessful.

The planned addition of a leg & chest press was strongly supported by a local Physiotherapist as it would be of great benefit to residents planning for or after knee and hip replacement. Council is also fully supportive of the plan.

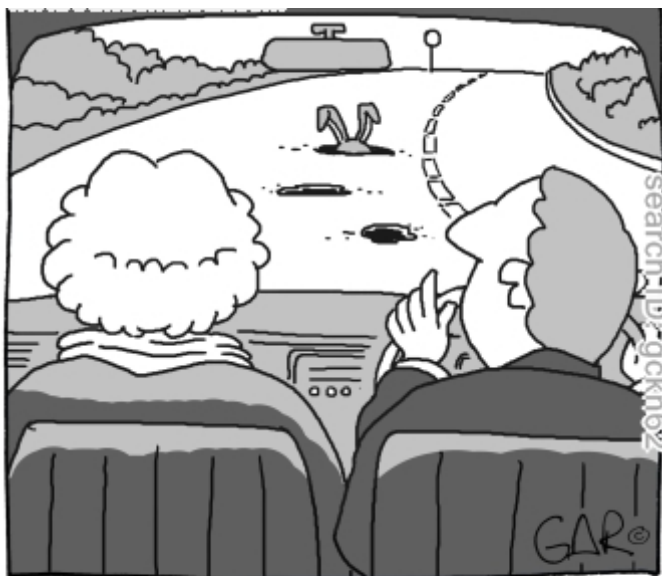
The additional exercise options would have added substantially to the number of residents using the outdoor gym setting for health and fitness improvement.

Financial assistance from Business or Community Members would be most welcome

If your organisation can assist with funding or even partial funding for the Leg & Chest Press we would love to hear from you.

This would be an invaluable addition to our existing exercise facilities which are available to the community free of charge.

Signs recognising your support will be attached to the equipment



“Is it me, or are these potholes getting worse?”

Will additional taxes lead to more rubbish dumping in public areas?

Increases in NSW Govt. Waste Levy and the Federal Carbon Price will directly increase Council's Waste Fees. Examples of the rises (per tonne) are:

	Current	New	Extra cost
Mixed Waste	\$142	\$180	\$38
Building Waste	\$142	\$180	\$38
Clean Fill	\$84	\$120	\$36

We already have an issue with people dumping rubbish along Houston Mitchell Drive and the Perch Hole and just hope the additional taxes don't add to these problems.

Lock your doors and windows to avoid burglary

Police across the Hastings are advising residents to lock all doors and windows even if you are going out for a quick visit to the shops or just to see a neighbour.

Burglaries are occurring in all areas and Lake Cathie has not been immune to the problem.

Door & window deadlocks

Deadlocks not only secure your home from unwanted intruders but they also prevent thieves from opening doors or windows to remove your property.

**If you need deadlocks fitted or old locks replaced please contact our sponsor,
Pavy's Glass 6581 5555.**

Lock your car at the supermarket

When returning your trolley at the shopping centre it is recommended you lock your car – the thieves are quick to recognise and act on any opportunity to steal property from your vehicle.

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LC Raiders 20th Anniversary Fancy Dress Night

LC Raiders Rugby League will hold a Fancy Dress Night to celebrate their 20th year in the Hastings Saturday League Competition.

Details of the function are:

- 6.00PM Saturday June 16
- At Lake Cathie Tavern
- Cost \$10.00 per head
- Dress up in something starting with an R
- Courtesy Bus will be operating.
- Prizes for best dressed

Scoring spree on the field

After scoring a record 708 points in the 2011 season the Raiders have notched up 338 points in the first five games of this year's competition winning 78 to Nil against Long Flat, 104 to Nil against Beechwood, 40 to 20 against Comboyne, 94 to Nil against Board Riders and 22 to 18 against Lower Macleay. They also won against Kendall on a forfeit .

GO THE RAIDERS!



School bus stops now In 50 kmh zone



Ocean Drive at Abel Tasman Dr with new 50 speed limits

Six years ago the Progress Association, supported by petitions from parents and other residents, pressed the local Traffic Committee and the RTA to lower the speed limit on this section of road from 80 kmh to 50 kmh.

In addition to the speed limit there is an almost blind corner just south of the bus stops putting the children at greater risk when crossing the road.

Almost all children from the housing estate west of Ocean Drive catch buses to and from school every day with all having to cross one of the busiest roads in the LGA every day in what was a dangerous 80 kmh speed limit zone.

In addition other residents using the bus service at this location also enjoy a safer crossing.

Photos sought for historical records

If you have any old images of the village, its waterways and surrounding areas, we would love to copy them to add to the Progress Association's extensive historical records.

You can be assured we will take extreme care of any items you can supply and will return them promptly after copying for our records. You can contact our Secretary – contact details at the head of this newsletter.

This is a Revetment (from page 1)



A Revetment at Kingscliff (NSW)

Construction can be of rocks, as above, or concrete. The revetment option is strongly supported by the Progress Association for Lake Cathie's shoreline.

Storm Water Outlet repairs

The outlet at corner of Kywong & Illaroo is about to be rebuilt and Council is still trying to obtain access rights from a property owner in Chepana Street to repair another outlet. The sooner all the outlets are repaired the better as they are one of the long term causes of erosion.

Hastings Macleay Community Transport Pick up from your door to:

Medical Appointments	Hospital
Exercise classes	Shopping
Social outings	
Hairdressers	
Bus trips	Library
Airport	Clubs

Veterans' medical appointments

Phone 6583 8644

for more information