

CATHIE NEWS JANUARY 2010

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

10.30 AM Sunday 21st February 2010

Lake Cathie Community Hall

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Poor Mobile Phone and Wireless Internet Connections

At the Association's open day in July 09 one of the main problems listed by residents was the poor to non-existent mobile phone and wireless internet reception in parts of the village.

Further enquiries revealed that in one section residents had no access to Broadband and no Wireless reception meaning those people were still connected to the Internet via the old dial up service. A ridiculous situation exists just 10 kms from Port Macquarie which is fully serviced with all these connections.

The Association wrote to our Federal Member Robert Oakeshott who referred the matter to the Minister for Communications. We have since received a call from Telstra Countrywide and await further detail
An update will be provided at the 2010 AGM.

Bathymetry (Depth) survey of estuary channels

LCPA has asked Council to include a Bathymetry survey in the Hydrodynamic Modelling planned for the Lake Cathie Estuary.

This followed the minimal to zero flushing of the estuary after the torrential rainfalls early in 2009 when the entire system should have had sand and silt washed out to sea but sadly this did not happen due to the channels being choked.

Low channel depths are confirmed by boaters, canoeists and kayakers.

National Parks and Wildlife Service supports the proposal saying it will provide data for future dredging.

Council has replied that Bathymetric data will be used in the modelling. However the inclusion will depend on available funding.

Ocean Drive speed limits

For more than five years the Association has been pressuring the RTA and Council to have the speed limit at the school bus stop at Abel Tasman Dr reduced to 50 kph.

The speed reduction became even more necessary with the establishment of our Medical Centre.

On 1st December the RTA recommended reducing the speed to 70 kph and LCPA advised them while this was an improvement it still pressing for a speed of 50 kph. RTA has since advised it is to further investigate the issues raised by LCPA and it is also exploring further safety options for this area.

We hope to have more information at the AGM.

LCPA WEBSITE

Our Website is being constantly upgraded and members, residents and visitors are encouraged to check it out on a regular basis. The site includes a contact facility to send your questions and suggestions to the Association.

ADDRESS IS: www.lakecathiepa.com

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LAKE CATHIE BUTCHERY

ABN: 922 51 62 14 41

VILLAGE CENTRE, OCEAN DRIVE

LAKE CATHIE

Ph: 65 85 54 18

Jordan & Jolene

Monday to Friday: 7.00AM to 6.00PM

Saturday: 7.00 AM to NOON

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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary at above address / phone number.

Nominations close on opening of the meeting.

Only financial members can vote or stand for positions.

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Confirmation of previous Minutes.
- 3) Business arising from previous Minutes.
- 4) Correspondence.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) President's Report
- 7) Election of Officers: PRESIDENT (1)
VICE PRESIDENT (1)
(Returning Officer SECRETARY (1)
Roger Mika) TREASURER (1)
COMMITTEE (5)
- 8) **Special Resolution** "That the current use of the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations be replaced by the Constitution recommended by the Committee".
- 9) General Business Lake Cathie Coastal study and plan
Hydrodynamic Modelling of Estuary – Depth survey
Mobile Phone & Wireless Internet Connection
Ocean Drive speed limits
Ocean Drive upgrades deferred
Lake Cathie 2000 Master Plan Update
Additional sporting fields for Lake Cathie
Country Energy Sub-Station
Other Business

Jack Jones - Secretary

Ocean Drive upgrades deferred

Council advised in November 2007 that the upgrade of the section from Fiona Cr. to the completed section south would occur in FY 2011/2012. LCPA wrote to Council in October 09 receiving the response that due to significant negative impacts on Council's finances the works were deferred with no commencement date set.

Another reason given was that Ocean Dr, Lake Cathie, was not considered high risk and therefore was a low priority.

We fear we must learn to live with these sorts of decisions for many years to come.

Country Energy Sub-Station

Country Energy has advised it proposes to re-locate the Sub-station just south of the village to a new site in Houston Mitchell Drive in the next 2 to 3 years. More detail at AGM.

Additional sporting fields

Richard Pierce, President of Lake Cathie Sports Council, will address the LCPA AGM on the status of options for the urgently needed additional fields.

R Pierce will also update the meeting on progress of installing more lights to allow more night training on existing grounds.

Lake Cathie Medical Centre

1459 Ocean Drive
Lake Cathie NSW 2445
Ph: 6584 8899

Dr Sam Nelapati Dr Lorraine Evans
Dr Antony Sherringham Dr Andrew Oliver

Services available:

Skin Checks	Immunisations	Physiotherapy
Family Planning	Minor Procedures	Travel Medicines
Women's Health Checks	Exercise Physiology	Dietician
Wound Management	Home Visits	Pathology
Men's Health Checks	Pap Smears	ECG
Wound Management	Diabetic Educator	

Estuary & Coast Studies

At LCPA's General Meeting 23/08/09 a Resolution that a list of all past Studies with conclusions and recommendations be prepared & published along with the results of implementation was carried unanimously. The list can be accessed at www.lakecathiepa.com and go to "Coast & Estuary Issues".

The full Study details are too voluminous to cover here. The extracts below are indicative of their content.

Connections between the Estuary & Coast in the Studies have led the Association to lodge a submission with Council for a coupled Estuary/Coast Management Strategy. The current splintered strategy has not been effective. The Submission is also on our Website.

Residents Action Network (RAN) has fully supported the submission and has written to the Council Administrator advising of their support.

REVERSION OF LAKE INNES TO FRESH WATER

"The isolation of Lake Innes from tidal flows would improve ocean entrance stability" (*The Lake Innes-Lake Cathie Catchment Study- Colin Creighton 1983*)

"The isolation of Lake Innes will increase the number of entrance openings from average one per year to three" (*Webb, McKeown Lake Cathie/Lake Innes Estuary Management Plan 1994*) and (*Umwelt A Tale of two lakes 2003*)

The need to dredge to remove excess sand build up to the lower estuary would be less frequent (*Webb, McKeown Lake Cathie/Lake Innes Estuary Management Plan 1994*) and (*Webb, McKeown Lake Cathie/Lake Innes Estuary Management Study 1995*)

REDIRECTION OF FLOW FROM COWARRA CREEK

The catchment area of Cowarra Creek is approximately 50% of that of Lake Innes. (*Umwelt A tale of Two Lakes 2003*)

"If Lake Innes was closed with a 1.0 m AHD barrier, flows from Cowarra Creek would be directed downstream to Cathie lagoon and then out to sea if the entrance was open, or would contribute to the volume of water stored in Cathie lagoon and Lake Cathie if the entrance was closed". (*Umwelt A tale of Two Lakes 2003*)

(NPWS advise the mouth of the creek is now blocked with any flows going upstream to Lake Innes. Dredging is required to increase and reverse the flows downstream)

KENWOOD CAUSEWAY

The Kenwood Drive Bridge has been shown to restrict both tidal and flood flows which have effectively isolated Lake Cathie from the lagoonal system. Prior to the construction of this bridge water flows from the Cathie lake were not impeded. The construction of this bridge has adversely affected the ocean entrance stability by reducing the tidal prism.

Both approaches of the bridge were washed out in the flood event of 1978. Data available reveals that flood event was not considered an extreme event.

(*The Lake Innes-Lake Cathie Catchment Study- Colin Creighton 1983*)

"Similar modelling was undertaken for Kenwood Drive Bridge. Webb McKeown (1994) compared the impact of Kenwood Drive Bridge on tidal and flood flows with that of a bridge with an opening four times as wide as that of Kenwood Drive Bridge. They concluded that although the modeled four fold increase in the width of Kenwood Drive Bridge would increase the tidal movement in and out of Lake Cathie by a factor of three, that the total volume of tidal exchange remained low and would require dredging of the channel into Lake Cathie and dredging of Lake Cathie itself to produce a higher volume of flow and to increase the tidal prism". (*Umwelt A tale of Two Lakes 2003*)

**26 years after the first study
What's been done
to the Estuary?**

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

Executive Committee 2009

The following members were elected at the 2009 AGM.

President:	Rob Tate
Vice- President	Jason Warneken
Secretary	Jack Jones
Treasurer	Elaine Jones
Committee	Shirley Drewett
	Val Evans
	John Hunt
	Kevin Tye
Committee/Membership	Bob Jolly

LAKE CATHIE LANDCARE GROUP

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LC Landcare wins funding for missing link to Lake Cathie lookout – Lake Cathie’s “hidden treasure”

While many locals are aware of the lookout which provides magnificent views of the ocean, lake and parts of the village few, if any, of the thousands of visitors to the picnic/playground area at the Foreshore Reserve have any idea of what is just a couple of hundred metres away.

With funding arranged by our Local Member, Peter Besseling MP, the hidden track leading to the lookout and northern beach access will be extended to the roadway and connected to the path from the picnic shelter to the toilet facilities

Signs will be placed at the start of the track, opposite the Bowling Club, and in the picnic shelter advising of the extended pathway, the lookout and bush walks along existing gravel paths. The result will be a major tourist attraction and an excellent & safe healthy walking trail for residents.

Landcare needs new volunteers to establish/maintain the tracks

Landcare President, Rob Tate, is keen to establish a new volunteer group to maintain the new facility. The time required will only be a few hours on perhaps two Sunday mornings a month to repair the walkways and trim the surrounding bushland to a standard the entire village will be proud of. Please contact Rob at phone numbers above for more detail. Volunteers are covered by Landcare insurance.

A leisurely walk from the picnic shelter to lookout, beach and bushland.

Existing paths:

Missing link

