

CATHIE NEWS MARCH 2010

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Have your say in future planning for Lake Cathie

The Association's work in updating the 2000 Village Master Plan has reached the stage of a Community Survey seeking residents' recommendations on future services and infrastructure needs for the village.

Survey forms will be sent to all postal addresses in the village including homes and businesses. Residents are asked to help us by taking a little time to complete the forms.

Major issues included are:

- ESSENTIAL SERVICES (Police/ambulance etc)
- COUNCIL SERVICES
- PARKS & RESERVES
- ROADS & PATHWAYS
- BUS STOPS
- ENVIRONMENT
- SPORT & LEISURE

SOME BENEFITS FROM THE 2000 PLAN

A few of the benefits resulting from the 2000 Plan:

- Upgrade of Ocean Drive north of the village (including cycle lanes).
- The 50 kmh speed limit through the village.
- Improved Parks & Reserves (Foreshore & Jonathon Dickson Reserves) and the reduced speed limit through the village

SPORTS FIELDS STILL NOT DELIVERED IN 2010

Additional sporting fields and facilities for other sports were well recognised prior to 2000 and well documented the Master Plan ten years ago. The fight goes on for these essential facilities for our children.

Return your completed forms to:
BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO STORE Lake Cathie
or
Mail to **PO Box 247 Lake Cathie NSW 2445**

Additional forms are also available at
BLOCKBUSTER

Welcome news for Fiona Crescent Residents

It was wonderful news for the residents of 46 homes in Fiona Crescent after a meeting with Council on the night of February 25.

The residents have been suffering the effects of water flowing over their yards and in some cases through garages and under homes due to the past failure of Council to trap the water flowing off Ocean Drive down over Ocean Drive properties and on down across the Fiona yards.

On top of this the Ocean Drive homes have no connection provided for their roof down pipes meaning this large volume of water is added to the flow from Ocean Drive going across Fiona yards down to the street.

The Fiona yards are constantly wet after the lightest of rain and a quagmire after heavy rain.

Congratulations to Council's Jeffrey Sharpe, Director of Infrastructure, and his staff for undertaking to install a swale (drain) along Ocean Drive by June this year. After June this year storm water pipes will be installed in some Fiona properties for connection of roof down pipes to trap the water from Ocean Drive homes.

The Fiona flooding issue has been one of the Association's top three priorities for the past ten years.

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

Mobile & Wireless Reception

Telstra's Area General Manager, Michael Sharpe, in his address to our AGM on February 21 stated there were some problems with reception in Lake Cathie.

His statement that Telstra was not responsible for reception inside buildings and people with this signal problem should take the phone outside was not readily accepted by the 73% of respondents to our survey who reported poor to no signal in their homes.

Mr Sharpe said from their investigations to date the solution was installation of another mobile tower within two kilometres of the village. This involves:

- A) Finding a location for the tower
- B) Telstra approval for the \$350,000 cost.
- C) PMHC approving Development Application

Strong signal equals low battery life

Residents who reported good signal strength also reported that their batteries were going flat quite quickly.

The reason being that Lake Cathie has four towers feeding signal in: Jollynose, Laurieton, Port Macquarie and Bago. The phone is continually searching and not going into standby mode as it would with one strong signal

What some people do to use their mobile from a Kenwood Dr Resident

“If our mobiles ring, we either must sit on the kitchen bench top and place our head beside the glass window or attempt to run outside the house on the eastern side to answer”.

Lake Cathie Tavern

1611 Ocean Drive LAKE CATHIE
Phone 6584 8811

TUESDAY: \$8.00 Meals - Full size servings

THURSDAY: Steak night – Steaks from \$12.00
Plus normal meals

FRIDAY: Meals from \$8.50
Music 8.00PM till 11.30PM
Raffles & Jackpot Draw – 7.00PM

BISTRO: Open: DINNER Tues to Sat
LUNCH Wed to Sat

Our history In 1978 the Kenwood Bridge was washed away!

At Easter 1978 heavy rainfall resulted in the bridge section of the Kenwood Causeway being washed away. Residents west of the bridge had to use the old road to Houston Mitchell Drive get to the village or Port Macquarie.

The ridiculous outcome was that the authorities at the time allowed the bridge section to be rebuilt to the same narrow opening as the washed out section – all they did was to add more rocks to try to avoid a future washout.

Can you believe that on 5th January 1981 (less than 3 years after the washaway) a letter was received from Council of the Municipality of Hastings stating:

“There is sufficient opening under the bridge to allow the free flow of water into and out of the lake”



Image above shows cars stranded on the western side of what was a bridge.

Do you have photos of this event?
If so we would like copies for our archives.

Many years ago, a London clergyman wrote on his church notice board fronting the street his message for the week:

APATHY IS THE CURSE OF OUR GENERATION

To which a passer by added the response:

WHO CARES?

Country Energy Relocation of sub-station

Country Energy's Manager for Corporate Relations, Sandra Hollins, told our AGM audience of plans to relocate the Sub-station from Ocean Drive to a site on Houston Mitchell Drive.

Reasons for relocation include provision of additional power supply, more reliable supply and replacement of the aging station.

The new facility would operate by remote control avoiding the current time lapse for staff to be sent to the location to correct problems.

The new site, about 400 metres from Ocean Drive, had been the subject of two ecological studies, neither of which has revealed any endangered species or other detrimental environmental issues.

The new site of about 0.7 hectares would be landscaped to hide the new building. Country Energy is encouraging community input on the development.

The construction is planned for 2013 with the site to be cleared this year for further site studies.

Future Land Use

The Progress Association has requested Country Energy to consider the use of the Ocean Drive site for a future community purpose such as an ambulance station.

Unfortunately there is no land set aside in Lake Cathie or Bonny Hills for Ambulance / Police or other emergency services.

In addition land for such essential needs has been left out of planning for the major Area 14 development.

Seems like poor planning to us.

Executive Committee 2010

The following were elected at the 2009 AGM.

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

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

We have two committee positions unfilled. If you are interested in filling one of these please contact the Secretary. Contact details on page one of the newsletter

Coastal Erosion

On 22nd December last the Association received a letter from Council advising the status of the study and Management Plan. In part:

- That Council approach State & Federal Governments to fund a coordinated approach to Coastal Zone Management
- That Council further examine management options with the preparation of a Stage 2 Coastline Management Study for:
 - a) 400m Revetment for Illaroo Rd.
 - b) Groin
 - c) Beach Nourishment
 - d) Planned retreat including acquisition /voluntary purchaseThe Stage 2 Report to include options for funding any protection works.

The Association and effected residents are pleased Council decided to rule out the "DO NOTHING" option under which residents could lose their property with little or no compensation.

Ocean Drive Speed Limit

As included in our last newsletter the RTA proposed reducing the speed south of the Miala St round-about where the Medical Centre & School Bus Stop are located from 80 kmh to 70 kmh.

At its February meeting Council adopted to recommend to the RTA that the limit be reduced to 50 kmh. This supports LCPA's letter to the RTA in December & local MP, Peter Besseling's, recommendation to RTA management for a similar reduction.

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 1.00 PM

Specialising in Bulk Meats

LAKE CATHIE LANDCARE GROUP

Co-ordinator: Rob Tate Phone 6584 8395 0414 855 102

Know which Myna Bird is which

Following the success of Landcare Supervisor, John Hunt, and his merry band of volunteer trappers the Indian Myna is rarely seen in Lake Cathie.

The Indian import is described as being among the world's 100 most invasive species. It drives other birds and animals from their nests and tree hollows. It can also infest houses with lice if left to nest in roofs for any length of time.

With the pest now being the endangered species in our village the native birds are returning in numbers. These include the Native "Noisy" Myna and it is important to be able to distinguish between the two.

The extract from Indian Myna brochure opposite will assist in telling them apart. The entire brochure is on our Website www.lakecathiepa.com then go to the Landcare section and download the brochure.

If you sight the Indian Myna around your home you can call John on 6586 3322 and he will follow up with a trapping program if necessary.

Wednesday working bees start again this month

Landcare President, Rob Tate, advises working bees which were suspended during the hot summer months recommenced Wednesday March 3.

Meeting place is southern end of Jonathon Dickson Reserve at 8.30 AM.

New volunteers always welcome.

Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills Lions Club Information night for new Club

Lions are forming a new Club for the Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills area. An information meeting will be held at the LC Bowling Club at 7.00 PM Tuesday March 16. RSVP or enquiries to:

Angelo Mifsud 6585 5855 or 0412 824 675

Malcolm Merrick 6582 6093 or 0418 561 385

All are welcome

Identification

The Indian Myna *Acridotheres tristis* is a medium-sized, dark brown bird with a black head and neck, and a yellow beak, eye patch and legs. White wing patches are obvious in flight.

The Indian Myna is an introduced pest



What about Noisy Miners

Noisy Miners are sometimes confused with Indian Mynas. They are native birds and must not be harmed. Noisy miners are often territorial and can dominate native gardens.



The Noisy Miner is a native bird

Policing of our area

It is imperative that all acts of violence, vandalism, constantly speeding cars and motor bikes and all unlawful acts are reported to the police. The more complaints the better the policing we get.

PHONE POLICE ON: 6583 0199