

CATHIE NEWS SEPTEMBER 2010

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General (Public) Meeting at LC Community Hall

10.30 AM Sunday 12 September 2010

Open to members and the public

Council Officers will conduct a survey at this meeting on core services wanted by residents

This survey will provide Council with the data on services required by the community and will be used in drafting their Four Year Delivery Program.

This survey differs from the recent LCPA Community Survey in that it will direct Council as to the priority residents place on delivery of each of its Core Services

The meeting is open to all residents from Lake Cathie, Bonny Hills & elsewhere.

Core Services included in this survey:

- 1) **Roads & other Transport Infrastructure**
- 2) **Community Development & Library**
- 3) **Cultural Programs**
- 4) **Economic Development & Tourism**
- 5) **Parks & Recreation**
- 6) **Environmental Management**
- 7) **Stormwater & Drainage**

Each category is broken down into more detailed segments on the survey forms allowing you to select the specific service you want and the priority you wish apply to it.

If you are unable to attend the meeting we will arrange for a supply of blank forms for local distribution.

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Sloping & Unsafe Footpath

The Progress Association records show it raised the matter of the unsafe footpath South of the Ocean Dr, Bridge with previously ELECTED Councils in 1997 and many times thereafter with the ridiculous angle of the path being ignored by those Councils.

As reported in our July/August **CATHIE NEWS** we raised the issue with Council three times in 2010 and can now report receipt of a letter from Council acknowledging the path is creating a safety issue and design work is underway to solve the problem. The Community welcomes Council's action.

RAINBOW BEACH PUBLIC MEETING

St Vincent's Foundation representatives will hold a public meeting/information session to exhibit the current status of the new Rainbow Beach development between Lake Cathie & Bonny Hills.

The meeting will be at the new Wauchope / Bonny Hills Surf Clubhouse at 6.00 PM on Wednesday September 15. More details at our General Meeting.

This development, when complete, will increase our population by thousands of residents. Hopefully it will provide additional sporting fields and other facilities.

FULL MEETING AGENDA

- Apologies
- Port Macquarie Hastings Council voting on Priority Core Services (See notes front page)
- Minutes of Annual General Meeting 22 February 2010
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Correspondence
- Business arising from correspondence
- Treasurer's Report
- General Business
 1. Master Plan Update
 2. Sloping Footpath – Council to act
 3. Coupled Management Plan for Lakes/Estuary/Coast
 4. Lake Innes – Issues for/against reversion to fresh water
 5. Area 14 Residential Development – Status
 6. Additional Sporting Fields
 7. Manufactured Home Estate – Status
 8. Local Environment Plan (LEP) - Report
 9. Mobile Phone/Wireless Reception
 10. Woolworths Carpark issues report
 11. Other Business

Fiona Crescent Drainage

42 property owners in Fiona Crescent and Ocean Drive whose properties are flooded almost every time it rains can see a solution in sight with Council commencing work on the first stage of rectifying this serious problem.

The missing Ocean Drive swale drain work is in progress, and following its completion, the second stage of installing missing pipes to alleviate the constant flooding will begin.

On behalf of the property owners involved we thank Council's Director of Infrastructure, Jeffrey Sharp, for bringing this to fruition after years of the problem being ignored by previous elected Councils.

The Glasshouse gets us again. \$524,000 for new air conditioning

The adoption of an unexpected Capital Expenditure of \$524K to replace the Glasshouse air conditioning at Council's August Meeting came as a complete surprise.

LCPA had asked Council for projected figures for Glasshouse trading and Capital Expenditure. Council's reply dated June 11 2010 stated in part **"In relation to the Glasshouse Capital Works Programme I advise that the only expenditure item allocated, at this stage, for the next 20 years is for art purchases for the Regional Art Gallery – and the allocation of \$100,000 per year into a Reserve to fund future capital works at the Glasshouse"**

There seems no end to the Glasshouse's ability to swallow large amounts of cash.

In an ABC radio interview on August 26 Administrator, Garry Payne AM, said he expected to have a number of Business Plans for the Glasshouse ready in about two months. Let's hope they find a way to curtail the ongoing losses.

Coupled Management Plan for Lake Cathie Estuary & Coast

LCPA wrote to Council on October 28 2009 asking for a review of the current splintered Management Strategies for the Estuary & Coast. LCPA requested a Coupled Management Plan be considered.

The concept for the combined plan is based on findings & recommendations of studies conducted from 1983 onwards. The review was supported by RAN (Residents Action Network).

Unfortunately we have had no reply from Council.

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