

CATHIE NEWS *AUGUST 2009*

LAKE CATHIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Lake Cathie Coastal Study & Plan Information Open Day

**Thursday 13th August 1.00PM to 5.00PM
Lake Cathie Community Hall
(Organised by Port Macquarie Hastings Council)**

The meeting will be in the form of an open day with residents able to drop in at a time to suit. There will be the opportunity to discuss the options with Council, SMEC and DECC. This is not a public meeting and there will be no formal presentations.

The public has until 7th September to submit comments to Council on the Study.

Opportunities for viewing the Plan include:

- Visit Council's office
- Download from Council's website
www.hastings.gov.nsw.au
Go to "On exhibition"
- Contact Council for plan on a CD

Council Draft Corporate Plan Fiona Crescent drainage

The Progress Association lodged a submission to Council to ensure the necessary drainage pipes are installed to allow roof water from homes in Ocean Drive & Fiona Crescent to be properly connected. This will avoid unnecessary flows of surface water now running across residents' yards.

In September 2008 Council agreed to undertake the work at their cost when funds were available – LCPA had requested the funding be allocated as early as possible in the 2009 – 2012 Plan.

Council has since replied that this work has not been included in plans for the next three years.

The Association wrote to Council again on 26th June regarding the urgent need for action on this issue. No reply has been received to date.

LC Progress Association General Meeting

**10.00 AM Sunday 23 August 2009
Lake Cathie Community Hall**

Agenda items include:

- * SUBMISSION FOR COASTAL PLAN
- * ESTUARY – HYDRODYNAMIC MODELLING
- * INPUT TO MASTER PLAN FROM OPEN DAY
- * STATUS OF ADDITIONAL SPORTS FIELD
- * Other items as per Agenda.

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Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills Local Taxi Service

A taxi will be based at Lake Cathie from later this month and will service the needs of both villages.

Contact number, starting date, operating hours and other details will be in the local press in the next couple of weeks.

The taxi configuration will include:

- Disabled access
- Space for two (2) wheel chairs
- Seating for up to ten (10) passengers

A local taxi service was one of the most called for needs of residents at the Association's open day early in July this year. It will be warmly welcomed by many in the area.

Additional sports field

The Sports Council (LCSC) supported by the Progress Association (LCPA) continues to press for additional ground to accommodate the ever increasing number of young people wishing to play organised and supervised sports.

A meeting, arranged by Leslie Williams, was held on site with the Hon Catherine Cusack, NSW Opposition Minister for the Environment, who followed up the matter in Parliament. This resulted in release of all Government documents involved in having a very small section of National Parks & Wildlife land released for use as an extra field.

With the aid of the released documents a further letter has been forwarded to the Opposition Environment Minister for additional action.

Council withdraws support for additional field

At a meeting with Council Administrator, Garry Payne, in April this year LCSC & LCPA were shocked to be told Council had rescinded its letters of support for the extra playing field.

As Council is the agency responsible for planning, developing & maintaining sporting fields the loss of their support virtually rules out any chance of a new field.

Council's plan is to use the new Area 14 fields but the Sports Council and various football codes say the field is needed now not in several years time as predicted for Area 14.

The shortage of playing fields results directly from poor planning by previous Councils to set aside land for this purpose as well as for other essential services.

Manufactured Home Estate DA approved

In our November 2008 newsletter we provided details of a proposal for the development a manufactured home estate just north of Houston Mitchell Drive on the western side of Ocean Drive.

The application for the development has recently been approved and we await timing for work to commence.

Our history

This area was first referred to in the journal of Annabelle Bowswell niece of Major Archibald C Innes a prominent wealthy early settler who owned land in Northern NSW. She lived in the Innes mansion on the shores of Lake Innes from 1843 to 1848 and she records riding across the bar at Cati Creek on more than one occasion. She also mentions meetings with local Aborigines and there are many Aboriginal sites still to be seen along the coastline.

There was no settlement here until the 1930's, although hunters and fishermen were active in the area and there were one or two fishermen's huts.

Market gardening was begun on the south side of the creek in the 1920's but the owners did not live here. The first dwelling was built by Bob Pead on the land he owned on the south side. Built high on the hill it commanded a fine ocean view and later became the Post Office.

Early in the 1950's a telephone service was installed followed by electricity in 1957 and mains power shortly after.

The first bridge, a timber structure, was built by the Community in 1957 and the Post Office opened in 1958

Cati renamed Cathie

The change in spelling of the name Cati to Cathie was required by the Postmaster General to avoid mail mix ups with other Cattais in the State but it is still pronounced Cat-eye.

(If any residents have historical items of interest for inclusion in our newsletters please send them to the Secretary. Contact details above.)

Executive Committee 2009/10

The following members were elected at the 2009 AGM.

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| 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

Master Plan update

Input from open day

Over one hundred residents visited the Association's open day on July 12 to submit their suggestions for inclusion in updating the Master which was originally adopted in 2000.

Among the many issues listed by residents were:

ACCESS ISSUES:

- Pedestrian crossings needed
- Local taxi service
- More & better footpaths
- Poor mobile phone reception.
- Dangerous traffic corner Bundella & Aqua
- Speeding traffic in Mullaway
- Bicycle racks at Woolworths
- Police unregistered motor bikes

COAST & ESTUARY

- Stop four wheel drives on beaches
- Stop professional fishing
- Keep lake open
- Widen Kenwood bridge opening

COMMUNITY ISSUES

- More police presence – especially at holidays
- School for Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills
- Facilities for aging – transport footpaths
- Activities for teens at community hall

ENVIRONMENT

- Fire risk at Education land
- Koala protection and count

MEDICAL

- Strong support for Medical Centre
- Ambulance station needed
- After hours pharmacy

PARKS & RESERVES

- Cycle tracks
- Restrict unleashed dogs
- Better beach accesses

SPORTS

- Expansion of grounds
- Netball & Cricket facilities needed
- Support for Ironman event

Public surveys to follow

Association President, Rob Tate, congratulated residents on their attendance and the quality of input to the plan update.

He added “Some of the requests will require wider community views and surveys will be arranged as soon as our sub-committee has had time to review the data”.

Ocean Drive speed limits

The long running issue of setting a 50 kmh speed limit at the school bus stop corner Ocean Dr and Abel Tasman should be resolved in September when advice from the RTA is expected.

A submission lodged by the Association in January this year also included a right turn facility into the Medical Centre.

Medical Centre upgrade

Plans for a major expansion of the Centre were displayed at our open day with residents surprised at the extent of the additional services included. It is interesting the planning for the Centre mirrors the “One Stop” model now being proposed by the Federal Government. Great planning by the Medical Centre Management Team.

Injured Wildlife

If you see or locate injured birds, kangaroos or other native wildlife needing help the organization to call is FAWNA (For Australian Wildlife Needing Aid).

Following a report from a resident a Pelican with a broken beak was located at Lake Cathie by FAWNA. However the bird was so badly injured it had to be put down by a Vet.

Another Pelican was located at Rainbow Beach after ingesting a plastic bag appearing to contain fish gut. This bird died from the trauma involved. This reinforces the need to be careful and not leave discarded fishing tackle and litter near beaches or waterways. It is not only a danger to wildlife but it is also an eyesore

Their 24 hour contact number is 6581 4141 or for more detail visit www.fawna.org.au.

(FAWNA is the only body licensed by National Parks & Wildlife Service to operate this service in the Hastings area.)

LAKE CATHIE LANDCARE GROUP

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



Some of Lake Cathie's Landcare volunteer wearing their new high visibility safety shirts.

Funding for shirts courtesy THE WESTPORT CLUB

2000 new plantings

Our Landcare volunteers have planted almost 2000 native trees in the Crown Reserve behind the homes in Chepana Street. On average 10 volunteers attend each week.

Due to the dry conditions and sandy soil follow up watering is essential to keep the young plants alive and volunteers will continue this practice until the plants are well and truly mature.

Koala count planned

Lake Cathie Landcare in conjunction with the Koala Preservation Society is planning a Koala count in the village and its surrounds in late August or early September.

A Koala Plan of Management (KPOM) will also be established. This will include issues such as the need for new food tree plantings and ensuring wildlife corridors are maintained.

A sub-committee will be formed to undertake these important roles – if you would like to join the local Koala group please contact Rob Tate robtate@ozemail.com.au or call 6585 8395.

New volunteers welcome

Our very active Landcare group is open to new members. Whether you are fit for the usual physical duties or able to handle easier tasks such as plant watering, equipment maintenance or some of the all important administrative tasks come on along and join up.

Working bees held each Wednesday morning – call Rob for time and place.

JOIN NOW & SUPPORT YOUR PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ONLY \$10.00 PER FAMILY PER YEAR

Join now for membership to 31/12/2010

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

LAKE CATHIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

I, (Full name of applicant) (Phone No.)

of (Address) (Email address – optional)

..... hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association. (Occupation)

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

...../...../200... (Signature of applicant)

I, a member of the association, (Full name of proposer)

nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the association.

...../...../200... (Signature of proposer)

I, a member of the association, (Full name of seconder)

second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the association.

...../...../200... (Signature of seconder) (FEES \$10.00 PER FAMILY PER YEAR. NO JOINING FEE)