

Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

eNEWSLETTER

Association Meeting 5th April 2021 – Easter Monday

Location **Norah Head Hockey Club Building**

Time **7.30pm**

Secretary **Gary Dean | 0408 021 990**

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association

The AGM was conducted at the Association's March meeting. The following is the result of the election of Officers Bearers for 2021/22.

President	Gary Dean
Vice-President	Jenny Vaughn
Secretary	Gary Dean
Assistant Secretary	Robyn Price
Treasurer	Annette Ireson
Coastcare Coordinator	To be determined
Public Officer	Gae Sharp
Committee Members	Chris Lane, Debbie Bateman and Warren Ireson

Clean Up Australia Day 2021



The Association extends a big THANK YOU to those Volunteers that gave up some of their valuable time on Sunday 7th March to participate in this national campaign and pick up rubbish and other waste from different areas of Norah Head.

You should be proud of your efforts and you have 'made a difference'.

Mazlin Reserve Upgrade

The upgrade of Mazlin Reserve in Norah Head is identified as a priority one project in the *Norah Head Village Masterplan* (the *Masterplan*) and is included in the Council's 2020/2021 Operational Plan, although unfunded.

The *Masterplan* also identifies (as a low priority) the provision of fitness equipment in the Hockey Field precinct. Council has already installed these increasingly popular facilities at other locations across the Council area.

The Association wrote to Central Coast Council with two specific questions:

- Will this project be funded and completed under the current Operational Plan year?
- Is it possible to include fitness equipment in a revised Mazlin Reserve design?

The Council has advised as follows:

“Thank you for your letter dated 4 February regarding the proposed upgrade of Mazlin Reserve. In response to the questions you have raised, I can provide the following:

- ***Will this project be funded and completed under the current Operational Plan year?***

As mentioned in your letter, Council have been seeking external grant funding for the Mazlin Reserve upgrade project. Unfortunately to date we have not been successful in securing funding, and as such, the project will not be completed this financial year.

Furthermore, given the reduction of the forward capital works program as a result of Council’s current financial position, the number of projects that may be undertaken in any given year has significantly decreased. As a result, the Mazlin Reserve Upgrade project has been deferred to future years.

- ***Is there the possibility of the provision of fitness equipment within Mazlin Reserve?***

Thank you for your suggestion. When locating fitness equipment, it is ideal to collocate with other recreational facilities, such as shared pathways, sports fields or playspaces. Both Mazlin Reserve and Norah Head Hockey Field would make suitable locations for such equipment. I will provide your suggestion to the appropriate Council Officers to determine the preferred location.

Thank you again for your ongoing interest in this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions or would like further information.”

Future of the Norah Head Community Hall

Norah Head Community Centre has been the ‘home’ of the Association for decades. The Centre has been used for the monthly meetings, public meetings and special events. There are also other regular users of the Centre.

It is now 12 months since the Council advised the Association, and other users, that the building was unsafe and unsuitable for further public use. The Association being told that the building has serious termite damage.

The Association wrote to Central Coast Council for formal responses to the following:

- What is the actual extent of termite damage and will the Community Centre be refurbished/rebuilt as a result of the identified damage and what is the likely timeframe for all of this to be completed?
- Has Norah Head Community Centre been listed for disposal in any Council program of asset disposal/sale?

The Council has advised as follows:

“Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf of the Norah Head Residents Association. Your three enquiries will be responded to by relevant officers for each enquiry.

As you are aware, the Norah Head Hall had been renovated in 2019/20, with several renewal projects completed prior to its closure. Subsequent to the renovations, significant termite damage was identified, alongside visible cracking and sagging within the roof, resulting in the building being deemed unsafe for occupation. Upon inspection of the hall, it was determined that the building has reached the end of its useful life cycle. Unfortunately, due to this reason and the extent of remediation works required, it is uneconomical to make it safe and usable again. Council acknowledges the closure of this community hall early in 2020 has impacted several long-standing community groups, including the Norah Head Residents Association. Fortunately most user groups were able to be accommodated at other community halls.

Council staff are currently reviewing all its assets as part of the Business Recovery Plan. This asset review will occur under a multi-year phased approach. Any proposed disposal or sale of assets will need to be approved as part of this phased program by Council, and the community impact understood and considered.

I trust this adequately addresses your questions.”

Minutes of the March 2021 Meeting

Attached is a copy of the draft Minutes of the March meeting of the Association.
