

Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

eNEWSLETTER

Association Meeting 6th December 2021

Location Jenny Dixon Reserve Norah Head

Time From 5pm

Secretary Gary Dean | 0408 021 990

End of Year Celebration

Traditionally the December meeting of the Association has been very casual and informal and has taken the form of a 'barby' and a few drinks amongst friends. The December meeting also represents an opportunity to celebrate another successful year of the Association. This year, however, will be a little different with the celebration being about a return to 'normal'.

The venue this year for our 'get-together' will again be Jenny Dixon Reserve.

The invitation is extended to everyone to come along from 5pm and the event will be a BYO – chairs, food, and drinks.

In the event of *wet weather*, the venue will be the undercover area at the Norah Head Sports Club

Christmas Wishes

The Association wishes to extend to all the local residents the very best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas with family and friends. Celebrate the end of another very 'difficult' and 'different' year and look forward to better times in 2022.

See you all at our first meeting in the New Year – Monday 7th February 2022.

Reclassification and Sale of Norah Head Community Centre

Each month the eNewsletter will include details of the latest situation regarding this matter.

On 2nd November 2021 Council Officers coordinated a further virtual meeting with representatives of the Hockey Club and the Association. The Vice President represented the Association.

The outcomes of the meeting were:

- Council is yet to commence the preparation of the formal documentation for the new Community Centre which will match community needs and anticipated budget allocation. When this process commences representatives of each of the user groups will be invited to participate. The new Centre will be for the whole of the community and the existing users of the Hockey Building will be provided with adequate storage space and meeting times.
- Council continues investigations into a preferred location for the new Centre which involves services locations, road boundaries, ground conditions etc.
- Council still awaiting outcome of its application for external grant funding for the new Centre.
- Legal issues relating to tenure of existing Hockey Club Building still unresolved – Council's investigations continue.

Another meeting is planned for late November.

Save this Date – Sunday 6th March 2022 - Clean Up Australia Day

Each year the Association coordinates a 'clean up' of the local area - in past years the focus has been on Bush Street Reserve and the adjacent bushland, Jenny Dixon Reserve and along the beach areas from Cabbage Tree Bay to Soldiers Beach. Some residents have targeted their local street and surrounds.

The Association will again register for this annual event. Residents are encouraged to give some of their time on that day to help ensure our local community remains an '*attractive location to live*'

More information regarding resident registration etc. will be provided in later eNewsletters.

Follow up with Central Coast Council

The following matters have been pursued with the Council by the Association.

- ***Magenta Shared Pathway Construction – Project L003***

Central Coast Council's 2021/2022 Operational Plan includes a funding allocation of \$2 million for the next stage of this project. That Plan also identifies a funding allocation of \$2.5 million for the subsequent three (3) years.

As a result of the Association's submission, The Council has advised:

"I refer to your letter title "Magenta Shared Pathway Construction – Project L003"

Program & Planning is working with procurement and contracts to facilitate a tender to clear the bushland from the carpark where the existing path ends to Magenta Shores. This comes with complications as the bushland is a very sensitive environment and seed

collection must occur before the clearing can commence. The seed collection tender has just been awarded to the contractor to begin collection to ensure time is given to germinate.

The plan is for the bush clearing to be undertaken this financial year and into next with actual construction of the path to begin at the end of 22/23 financial year and continue into the next five subsequent financial years.

This project is at the early stages of planning, so the above timeframe may change due to budget changes and other Council priorities.

Thank you for your enquiry, if you have any further questions feel free to email me at the below address."

- **Suburb Entry Sign at Norah Head**

Central Coast Council has been installing 'decorative' suburb name signs at suitable entry points to various coastal suburbs. Last year the Council advised the Association that Norah Head was included on the 'roll out' program.

As a result of the recent Association submission an Officer of Council telephoned the President of the Association to advise that the overall 'roll out' program had been delayed because of changes in the project team.

The program is however now back 'on track' and the installation of the Norah Head suburb entry sign, and others, will occur in coming weeks.

Air Sea Rescue Memorial – Mazlin Reserve Norah Head

After a frustrating long period of negotiation and battling bureaucracy Norah Head Marine Rescue has finally completed the installation of this memorial which is in the southern end of Mazlin Reserve adjacent to the intersection of Maitland Street and Bungary Road.

The dedication of the memorial is planned for Saturday 4th December 2021 at 9.30am. The dedication will take place prior to the annual memorial service for Merchant Seamen held at the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve at 11.00am

Minutes of the November 2021 Meeting

Attached is a copy of the minutes of the Association's November 2021 meeting.