

Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

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Association Meeting 1st February 2021

Location **Norah Head Hockey Club Building**
Time **7.30pm**
Secretary **Gary Dean | 0408 021 990**

Association's New Meeting Venue

It is almost 12 months since Central Coast Council advised the Association that the Norah Head Community Hall was no longer suitable for any public use. The Association had been holding its monthly meetings at that Hall for decades. The Association monthly meetings last year were also impacted by the COVID Virus and meetings were suspended for several months.

When meetings resumed in July a new permanent 'home' had still to be identified. In the interim Norah Head Sporties Club offered to host the Association meetings. That generous offer was greatly appreciated by the Association and the locals that attended the monthly meetings. The Club has been thanked for hosting the meetings.

A new meeting venue has now been secured – **Norah Head Hockey Building** which is located in the north-western corner of the playing field with access to the building off Soldiers Point Drive.

Presentation at February 2021 Meeting – National Surfing Reserve at Norah Head

In December 2020 the Association received correspondence from the '*Norah Head National Surfing Reserve Executive Committee*' (NHNSRC) regarding a proposal to have a section of the coastline between Hargraves Beach and Pelican Beach declared a National Surfing Reserve. The Committee represents many locals who surf in that nominated area who,

"...feel that having our area declared a National Surfing Reserve will continue to strengthen our sense of community. It will unite our many stakeholders, both surfing and non-surfing members, to work cooperatively to honour and celebrate our history..."

The National Surfing Reserves Board has set specific criteria and a process to follow regarding the consideration of these National Surfing Reserves. The Norah Head Executive Committee is at the early stages of the submission process and is gathering local stakeholder support. The Association has provided a letter of support on behalf of the local community.

As part of the submission process, the Association has invited Ms Debbie McGuigan and Ms Jill Secomb, Executive members of the NHNSRC, to the February meeting to make a presentation regarding this proposal.

Clean Up Australia Day 2021



Clean up Australia Day is **Sunday 7th March 2021**. The Association has registered for this annual event.

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.

Residents are encouraged to give some of their time on that day to help ensure our local community remains an '*attractive location to live*'

The Association will be located in Bush Street Reserve (adjacent to the public toilet building) from 8am. Collection bags etc. will be available. All waste collected is returned to this location.

You can register on that morning or in advance by going to:

www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraisers/garydean/bush-street-reserve-norah-head

Norah Head Village Masterplan

The capital improvement program, funded in the Council's 2020/21 Operational Plan, along Bungary Road is nearing completion. The originally funded project (\$1.085 million) was revised late last year with the scope of work reduced from that originally planned. This action was probably linked to the Council's current financial situation.

It seems that the Mazlin Reserve Upgrade project remains unfunded and unlikely to be achieved this Operational Plan year. The Association will continue to liaise with Council regarding this project.

Proposed Memorial in Mazlin Reserve

Marine Rescue Norah Head is becoming increasingly frustrated with the continual delays with this project, none of which is of the organisation's doing.

The Unit Commander advised the Association recently that the Memorial Stone and the Bronze Plaque was completed by the contractor last November and all the necessary statutory approvals are in place.

The delay is with Central Coast Council – it appears that before the project can proceed, an officer of Council has to be appointed as a ‘coordinator’ to oversee the project.

Marine Rescue Norah Head remains committed to the project and are constantly pressing Council for approval to commence the work.

Minutes of the December 2020 Meeting

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