

# Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

## eNEWSLETTER

**Association Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Location**                    **Norah Head Hockey Club Building**

**Time**                         **7.30pm**

**Secretary**                 **Gary Dean | 0408 021 990**

### **Reclassification and Sale of Norah Head Community Centre**

Central Coast Council has identified many of its assets which are “...*property assets which could be disposed of to assist with its financial position...*” (quote from Council report). The Council’s present financial crisis has been widely reported and reasons why that has occurred clearly stated – the blame has been placed on the Council Officers and the former elected representatives, not the local community. Why then should the local community suffer the loss of its community assets because of the failure of others.

The Norah Head Community Centre is one of the assets on the Council list for disposal.

When this news became known, the Association facilitated a local opposition campaign. A small working group of local residents was formed to develop the details of that campaign, which has included:

- An information leaflet letterbox drop to all Norah Head residents requesting resident action to ‘save’ the Community Centre.
- An on-line petition opposing the planned sale of the Community Centre.
- Radio, television and print media interviews.
- Representations to Council seeking a meeting to discuss the planned sale.
- Gaining the support of the local Federal and State Government Politicians.

Council says that the Community Centre is “...*dilapidated, beyond repair and requiring demolition...*” (quote from Council report). The Association has questioned whether that assessment is factual or an exaggeration? The Association has sought clarification on this important issue with Council but to date Council has not agreed to meet with representatives of the working group.

Within the local community there have been offers of assistance in the form of funds and the necessary skills to repair the Centre.

If you oppose the sale of the Norah Head Community Centre, and have not done so yet, please tell Council by:

- Writing to Council - PO Box 20, Wyong 2259
- Lodging a submission online: [www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/asp](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/asp) - scroll down to 'online feedback form'.
- Sign the petition on Social Media <https://www.change.org/p/central-coast-council-save-norah-head-hall/dashboard> <http://chnng.it/xtC86xNx>

Feedback is accepted until 5pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### **Central Coast Council – Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan**

Each year Central Coast Council prepares an annual Operational Plan which outlines its services, programs and budget for the year. Council's Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan is currently on public exhibition and can be viewed at [www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/2021-22 OperationalPlan](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/2021-22%20OperationalPlan) - scroll down to 'Have your say'

Submissions from the community will be accepted until 5pm 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Association has reviewed the Draft Plan and has noted that the following items of Norah Head relevance are included:

- Paterson Street road pavement renewal
- Maintenance projects in the Norah Head Holiday Park
- Major sewer system upgrade (Bungary Road)
- Minor projects in the Noraville Cemetery
- Continuation of the Magenta Shared Pathway

Disappointingly there is no project funding allocated for the continuation of the *Norah Head Village Masterplan* initiatives. The Council has each year, since its adoption in 2017, allocated funding for the implementation of the *Masterplan* recommendations.

It was agreed at the May meeting that the Association make a submission to Council seeking funding for the continuation of the 'Bungary Road Shared Pathway' in its 2021/22 Operational Plan.

### **Hazard Reduction Burn in Norah Head**

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) has advised the Association of a planned hazard reduction burn. Details are:

#### Location

Bushland adjacent to properties in Barton and Victoria Streets and the rear of the properties in Baynton and View Streets.

#### When

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 commencing at approximately 9am and to be completed by approximately 7pm.

or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 at the same times.

The RFS advises that as there will be smoke, hot embers and heat it is important that residents consider the following:

- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Ensure pets have protected area, cover pools and remove clothing from clotheslines.
- If driving, slow down, keep windows closed and headlights on.
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, you should reduce your outdoor activities. Seek help if health conditions develop.
- Discoloured tap water may occur as fire fighters do extract water from the Council mains.

If weather conditions become unfavourable on the scheduled day, the hazard reduction burn will be postponed until conditions become suitable.

Further information can be obtained from the RFS District Office on 1300 060807 between 8.30am and 4.30pm weekdays.

### **Minutes of the May 2021 Meeting**

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

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