

Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

eNEWSLETTER

Association Meeting 4th October 2021 - CANCELLED
Location Norah Head Hockey Club Building
Time 7.30pm
Secretary Gary Dean | 0408 021 990

THE LOCKDOWN AS IT AFFECTS THE CENTRAL COAST REMAINS IN PLACE

AS SUCH THE ASSOCIATION CANNOT HOLD ITS OCTOBER MEETING

Reclassification and Sale of Norah Head Community Centre

The last three editions of the eNewsletter have included details on this issue. Last month it was reported that Council (the Administrator) has determined the future of the Norah Head Community Centre – the land will be sold upon commencement of a replacement Centre elsewhere in Norah Head.

That eNewsletter also included details on an initial meeting that Council Officers had arranged with the President of the Association and a representative of the Norah Head Hockey Club.

A further meeting was planned for late September but the Council's investigations were incomplete so the meeting has been postponed until early November 2021.

Thank you Central Coast Council

The toilet building in Jenny Dixon Reserve was recently vandalised with extensive graffiti on the exterior of two walls.

This incident was reported to the Council (via a 'service request') by the Association and the graffiti was removed within 24 hours of reporting.

Thank you Council for the quick response.

Environmental Defenders Office

The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) is a legal centre dedicated to protecting the environment. It is the largest environmental legal centre in the Australia-Pacific, dedicated to protecting our climate, communities and shared environment by providing access to justice, running ground-breaking litigation and leading law reform advocacy.

EDO is an accredited community legal service and a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that uses the law to protect and defend Australia's wildlife, people and places.

EDO's activities rely heavily upon corporate sponsorship and donations from community groups. The Association is a 'friend' of EDO and makes small annual donations. The Association has taken the view over the years that because our community is located in an environmentally sensitive area it may be necessary for our community to call upon help from organisations like EDO if at any time a planned development in our community was considered to be unacceptable.

EDO's most recent victory was its support given to the local community based 'Bylong Valley Protection Alliance', located in the Upper Hunter, in opposing a planned major coal mine. The extract below from the latest EDO Newsletter emphasises the importance of grassroots campaigns and financial support for the EDO.

"Dear Friend,

It's taken seven years of legal work, three massive court victories and the support of thousands of people like you — but we may finally have seen off one of Australia's most controversial greenfield coal mines.

Our clients, the Bylong Valley Protection Alliance have just scored another incredible legal victory in their fight to protect their pristine valley against a destructive and climate-wrecking coal mine — this time in the NSW Court of Appeal.

The court upheld a landmark decision to refuse the Bylong Coal Project — it's the latest crucial win in a legal fight that saw the project refused back in 2019 and then again late last year.

Important victories like this are the result of years of painstaking legal and scientific work and community engagement by the Environmental Defenders Office.

These wins are only made possible by the generous support of people like you — and you can be a crucial part of the next major court win for climate and communities."

The Association will maintain its minor funding support to the EDO.

Contact Police

Crime in Progress	000
Anti-social behaviour, Vandalism, Speeding Vehicles etc.	131444
Toukley Police	43901299

Details provided to the Police are treated confidentially.

Requesting Council Action

Have you noticed a hole in the road, damaged park equipment or damage to other Council property?

Residents with internet access are able to lodge a 'service request' directly by going to

https://centralcoastcouncil.custhelp.com/app/report_problem

Complete the on-line form and follow the prompts etc.

It is optional whether you provide your personal details with your service request.

Minutes of the September 2021 Meeting

The September meeting was cancelled due to the COVID Health Orders.