

Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents & Coastcare Association Inc.

eNEWSLETTER

Association Meeting 7th March 2022

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

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 6th March 2022

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 has again registered 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*'

The Association representatives will be in Bush Street Reserve adjacent to the public toilet building from **8am until about midday**. That is where you will register and pick up your collection bags. There will also be a limited supply of gloves. Those participating that morning are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing, footwear, and sun protection.

Waste collected is to be returned to the registration area as it will be collected by Central Coast Council on Monday morning.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held tonight immediately following the monthly Ordinary meeting.

All Executive positions will be vacated for the election of the 2022 Committee. The incumbent members are eligible for re-election, but the positions are open to any new nominations.

As a local resident you are encouraged to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions.

Attached is a copy of the minutes of the March 2021 AGM.

Dispelling Misinformation about Council's IPART Rate Application

Central Coast Council Administrator, Mr Rik Hart has provided the following public statement:

"I would like to correct the record and reassure the community of Council's approach to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

Following IPART publicly exhibiting Council's application to maintain the current rate structure for a further 7 years, the community has been met with misinformation of what this application really means for ratepayers. The media, in particular, have been reporting that Council's application to IPART is to extend the 15% rate rise for a further 7 years. In part, this statement is true. Yes, Council is seeking to extend the current rate structure for a further 7 years, taking us to 10 years in total, consistent with our original application made last year. Nothing new.

What is creating confusion among our community is the word 'rise' – Council is NOT seeking an increase on top of what you currently pay in your ordinary rate, we are seeking a continuation of the status quo for a further 7 years.

By maintaining these rates at the current levels means Council can maintain services, continue productivity improvements, and meet debt repayments.

Let me be clear, this application does not mean a year-on-year increase.

The community now have further opportunity to have their say through IPART's consultation process prior to their expected determination in May 2022."

The Association is providing this for the community's information and for further action if felt necessary.

Chemical Clean Out

Central Coast Council has recommenced the collection of unwanted and out-of-date hazardous items from homes, garages, and sheds. Items that can be dropped off include pesticides, paints, gas bottles, fire extinguishes fluorescent globes and tubes etc. Incorrectly disposing of chemicals is not just an offence that can attract fines and penalties, but they can also cause serious environmental effects by contaminating our waterways and landfill sites.

Items can be dropped off at:

5th and 6th March 2022
Long Jetty Council Depot
Morris Place
Bateau Bay
9am – 3.30pm

Minutes of the February 2022 Meeting

Attached is a copy of the minutes of the Association's February 2022 meeting.