

KOOLEWONG AND POINT CLARE-TASCOTT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
including West Gosford south of the Central Coast Highway

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As this is the final issue of our Newsletter for the year I would like to draw your attention not only to some of the interesting events and developments our Association has been involved in during that time but also what lies ahead...

Our change to quarterly meetings on a Thursday night has met with considerable support from our community and we have been encouraged by the numbers attending. In June as reported last issue, we heard from Lynden Moyes of the NSW Fire Brigades who outlined the many ways that we can keep our homes safe during the bushfire season. He also encouraged members living near the bushland-urban interface to consider joining a Community Fire Unit and he left brochures with the details. We know there are already 8 units located from Parks Bay to Tascott but it would seem there is room for several more.

At our September meeting our Guest was Jane Smith of the Community Environment Network. Her informative presentation together with a bundle of brochures for our use highlighted some of the activities and services of the network. We learnt about the Waterwatch and Nature Watch projects and are looking forward to being involved with BushCare in 2011. To this end Council conducted a preliminary community working



bee on the 30th October at Goodaywang Reserve and this was a good follow on from the Pt Clare Public School's Environment Clubs planting day there at the end of their term 3

For Goodaywang we were delighted that our request for funding for the heritage sign-age has been accepted and with the cheque

now in the hands of the relevant council authorities, it is hoped that with two signs already installed the rest will be in by the time this newsletter is circulated.

We were able to have a table at the Pt Clare

School Fair and our focus there was to publicise our December 9th meeting at Pt Clare Hall and invite the community to become members of the Association for the 2011 year. The theme in December will be Local History and as well as displays of pictures past and present, there will be a chance to hear especially invited 'historians' tell us of the early days in our suburbs. Don't miss it!

Our regular concerns of course are ongoing and we still await approval from Aldi to go ahead with the walkway to the Pharmacy. We are disappointed to hear that the application to rezone the adjoining property to allow expansion of the Pt Clare Medical Centre has been disallowed. If you use that facility please support the staff there to press on in their plans to modernise the centre for the good of the whole community.

We still have no news as to whether our submission for a NSW grant for a disabled toilet block at the Uratta St Playground has been successful. You will have seen the full list of submissions in the local state member's recent newsletter so we trust you added your vote for what we believe will be truly of benefit to the whole community.

Incidentally, now that we know the area was the homeland of the Guringai people before and in the early days of white settlement, we are proposing that it be given the name Bungaree Reserve in honour of the local Brisbane Water—Broken Bay indigenous leader who made a significant contribution towards harmonious black-white relations at the time of the first settlement of Port Jackson.

There are many other matters that concern those of you who live in our community. Please join us at our meetings, take out membership for 2011 and be involved for the betterment for all. We have looked this year at the bush and environment, so perhaps it will be back to the waterways in 2011. Certainly the current concerns about waterside land values and climate change will impact our area, as will the proposal by Bunnings to relocate and build a giant warehouse in Yallambee Avenue. And 2011 should see the start of the major refurbishment of our West Gosford Intersection. There are busy times ahead.

Be informed ... Stay informed ... Join Us!

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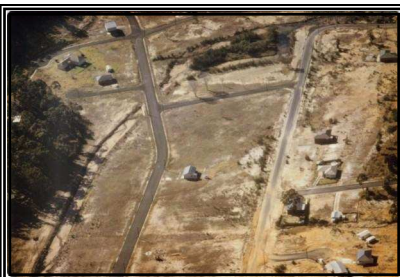
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DECEMBER MEETING

Photo: Dianne Morrow

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

- ◇ How well do you know the history of your suburb?
- ◇ Can you recognise the spots where all those wonderful old photos were taken?
- ◇ Do you like telling &/or listening to stories of the early days?

THEN

Come to our

LOCAL HISTORY NIGHT

At Point Clare Community Hall

Thursday 9th December, 2010

From 6.30pm for a BBQ, then stay for Stories,
Photo & Map Displays & a Christmas Supper

To help with catering, let the Secretary know you are coming

Peter Fagan Remembered.

Goodaywang Reserve has a rich heritage & the new signs commissioned by our Association attest to this.

Yes, Fagan's grant of 1830 was suitably named for its beautiful view and 180 years later we must agree that it still deserves this title.

Why not join others of our community in taking care of this wonderful remnant iron bark enclave? We conduct regular Bush Care working bees to remove the exotic weeds and return the area to its natural state.

Your next chance to don the gloves & wield the trowels is planned for Friday 3rd December 2010 when Council Officer Gary Palmer will lead us in the work once again.



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OUR FIRST DINGHY RACK

Gosford Council has begun work at the southernmost section of the Koolewong Reserve foreshore to install the first of our Association's requested dinghy racks. Boat owners will be advised in due course how the rack is to be used and it is hoped that in time more will be installed to further improve the scenic beauty of our waterway.

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