

KOOLEWONG AND POINT CLARE-TASCOTT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Have you noticed during the coverage of Sydney's famed City to Surf the huge crowds that turn out to wish the runners well on their way. Children are there to get 'high fives' or to sell home-made lemonade and local citizens of all ages stand by to cheer and encourage.

Our community has the same opportunity. Every year in May Terrigal Trotters conducts the Bay to Bay from Woy Woy to Gosford and the course has such a picturesque setting beside Brisbane Water and through our beautiful suburbs. Perhaps as an Association we may be able to claim a little bit of 'ownership' of the event in future. What do you think?

Whilst with family in Cairns recently we discovered an amazing set of heritage trails through some of the northern suburbs there. Perhaps we could have something similar here. It is to be hoped that vision can be shared with you at our general meeting.

Our special thanks go to Cec Bucello, our speaker at the June Progress Meeting. His two Community newspapers cover our area and it was good to hear what an impact these can have on those who live here! Free and available everywhere, enjoy the local issues that are covered and have your letters published there if you so desire.

Read on now and do join us at our next meeting. Visitors are always welcome. Look at some of the matters that are currently before us. Bring along your joys and concerns and share them at our meetings.

YOUR ASSOCIATION IS CURRENTLY INTO:

- Disability parking and safety at two shopping centres;
- Waterfront erosion at Couche Park and rising sea level;
- Bungaree Reserve naming;
- Community Social Events;
- Jetty rents;
- Glenrock Pde Safety;
- Footpaths along Brisbane Water Drive.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Point Clare school children need to negotiate this path between Scott & Penang Sts. every day. Council has been alerted to this in our yearly Priority Works Profiles.



RAIL NOISE

This is an issue that never seems to go away, especially for those who live close to the track. We do like to keep you informed.

Fred Beringer keeps us up to date on the matters of rail squeak and flanging. RailCorp has sent Fred a report on rail noise measurements taken in May and June 2010 when the monitoring devices were logged by equipment on Fred's verandah, overlooking the railway at Koolewong.

The wheel squeak is described as a 'high pitched tonal noise', while flanging is a 'broad band screeching noise'. Freight trains passing through during the measurement period exhibited moderate to high levels of wheel squeal and flanging. Averages fluctuated around 60dBA, deemed as acceptable, while the maxima on several occasions were over 90dBA.

Take a look at Google and see what is said about health, hearing and dangerous decibel levels. You will see what stress some of our residents endure from freight train noise.

We will table a copy of the report at our next general meeting and place the relevant graph on the internal notice board. In the report are several RailCorp initiatives now in place to tackle the overpowering noise from the goods trains.

Fred advises that residents should remain vigilant and contact Greenline Department on 1300 656 999 to lodge their concerns. You may also like to contact your local member, Chris Holstein on 4342 4122.

MURPHY'S BAY MARINA

Many concerns have been expressed about the size and associated infrastructure that will be needed if a 50 berth marina is built off Brisbane Water Drive at Koolewong.

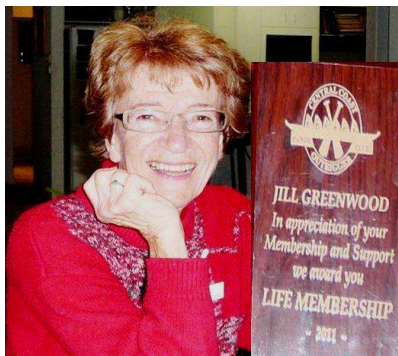
Your Association was under the impression that our concerns could be taken to Gosford Council, but unfortunately the development application process is being handled by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure under the provisions of Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. Go to www.planning.nse.gov.au and follow the links to 10_0209 Koolewong Marina.

KITCHEN UPGRADE AT POINT CLARE COMMUNITY HALL

Regular users and occasional hirers of the hall have been delighted to learn that Council is about to renovate the kitchen and toilet block at the hall.

At this stage we do not know when this is going to start nor whether it will affect regular activities there. Watch for updates from Council or contact the Hall Committee if you feel your organisation may be affected by the renovations.

HONOUR TO JILL



Recently our assistant treasurer Jill Greenwood, was honoured with life membership of the Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club. This recreational activity is based at Woy Woy and Point Clare, just along the shore from Goodaywang Reserve.

Jill has been a faithful participant during the 13 years since the club began and we join with the club in congratulating Jill on receiving this honour.

TREE PLANTING DAY AT GOODAYWANG

Our Council supervisor for our Bush Care project at the Reserve, Gary Palmer, was absolutely thrilled at the turn out to plant trees on 31st July.

Over 60 people registered and Gary was concerned that he wouldn't have enough trees available to be planted. It was a beautiful morning's work, as you can see in our photograph(s) and the job continued later that week when some of our Bush Care Team completed the staking and protection with plastic of the seedlings that had been put in at the weekend.

A new area of the Reserve has been marked out for planting and will soon be fenced to protect the young plants. Remember all that are planted are native to the area and these include grasses, creepers, shrubs and trees.

What an amazing 'green breathing space' it will be for our area when everything is established. Do try and join us there for maintenance (planting and weeding) on the first Friday morning of each month.



OUR WEBSITE

Don't forget to keep an eye out for new postings on our website (www.kpctpa.com). Our webmaster, Michael Kerr) places items of current concern and of general interest as soon as they become available. Matters raised at general meetings can often be followed up by reading the relevant letters or following the links.

The website is easy to follow with some sections still to be developed. We hope you enjoy the challenge of identifying parts of our area pictured within the collage of views at the top of the site.

PETITION ON THE WAY

Our association is thrilled with the way so many in our community supported the petition to the management of Aldi recently. The petition contained over 500 signatures supporting the opening of a section of the Aldi carpark fence to allow a pedestrian link between that property and the neighbouring pharmacy and medical centre. Watch for updates on the website.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Sue Chidgey from Fairhaven Services will join us to speak at our meeting at the Point Clare Hall on **Thursday 8th September**.

Those of you who live near the facility at Point Clare will know of the various employment opportunities given to so many members of the community. And if you happen to be a passenger when the workers join you on the buses on the way home from work in the afternoons, you will appreciate the good natured camaraderie and marvel at the opportunities Fairhaven provides.

Come along and hear Sue tell us about the Op Shop and new developments at the centre. Learn how you can be more involved in this, our own local service organisation.

MEETING DATES FOR 2011

Thursday Evenings 7.30 pm Point Clare Hall

8th September

10th November

8th December

Mark your calendar today and join us at the Hall

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