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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Another year is fast moving to its close and as this will be our last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank you all out there in our community for the excellent support you have given the association throughout the year.

Another great roll-up for our August meeting, with those in attendance able to hear Sue Chidgey talk about Fairhaven Services and the many opportunities that this organisation gives to disabled members of the community. For those of us more recently arrived in the area, it was good not only to hear the history of Fairhaven and to learn of its vibrant role on the Central Coast, but also to focus on its various tax-deductible activities. Sue was able to answer members' questions particularly about the Xanadu Recycling depot recently established in Margaret St, Point Clare.

The Member for Robertson, Deborah O'Neill, was also a welcome guest at our August meeting and she outlined some of the new community developments that are being supported by her government. She was particularly excited about the recent grant to complete the major headquarters for Coast Shelter at North Gosford. Deborah reminded members that her office is always open for them to call in with community concerns and suggestions.

Also at the meeting I was able to give to those in attendance a short presentation on some Heritage Trails in Cairns that we could well emulate here as an Association. Several have since suggested that our local members, both State and Federal, should be invited to be actively involved in our community projects in the years ahead. Perhaps the Heritage Trail idea could form part of government involvement in the future. I plan to show the presentation to Deborah at some stage soon and also to float the idea with Chris Holstein, our local state member. The Association plans to invite Chris to speak at one of our meetings in 2012.

We have included a 2012 membership renewal form with this newsletter which you may like to complete and send in at your convenience. Paying early for next year will be much appreciated by your treasurer. Current members will also be sent a renewal notice early in the new year but this won't mean you have to pay twice!

Something to ponder. Other associations similar to ours have discovered that by changing their name from "Progress" to "Community" they are more successful on obtaining government grants for development of facilities and community projects. Do you think this is worth pursuing?

We of the committee look forward to seeing you at our meeting on 10th November, 2011 at 19.30. Come with ideas as to how you would like to celebrate at our Christmas meeting on 8th December. Last year we had a sausage sizzle and History Night. What will it be for 2011?

MURPHY'S BAY MARINA

An enthusiastic and concerned group of residents, 26 in number, responded to an invitation by Mr Bob Tuckwell, one of the Directors of Gemsted P/L to a question and answer session at the Boathouse Restaurant on Wednesday morning, 12th October. The restaurant dining room was kindly opened for the meeting by the proprietor.

As we indicated in our last newsletter, the size of the proposed marina has been of major community concern, together with the associated needs of parking at what would become a joint-use facility. Bob pointed out that the development is in no way connected with the restaurant which is leased from Gemsted as a separate entity.

We do not have space here to list the many questions that were asked and answered at the meeting, but plan to outline these at our next meeting on 10th November.

However, this will be **TOO LATE** for those who would like to make an individual submission, the closing date for which is **Friday 4th November**. Please check our website for details if you wish to respond.

OUR NEXT MEETING

In keeping with our plan to include community organisations as speakers, we have invited Kate Moore representing Girl Guides at Point Clare to join us this month, Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm.

Perhaps you belonged to the Guides in your younger years and might be thinking that today's Girl Guides take part in the same type of activities that you were part of in your day. Come along and find out what makes Guides 'tick' in 2011.

GOODAYWANG UPDATE

As was foretold in our last newsletter, in conjunction with Gosford City Council, contractors have been busy in recent weeks fencing and planting out the northern bank at the reserve.

Even if you are unable to join us at our working bees on the first Friday morning of every month, you should go along and have a look at the amazing transformation that is taking place there. The lantana on the water side of the road has been cut and poisoned and the heaps will be left to rot down over time. New seedlings have also been planted in this area to restore the bush habitat.

We plan to continue our Bush Care activities with weeding and strengthening the stakes and plastic covers as we are able. We hope to be joined by the Pt Clare school's Environment Club again this term for more plantings.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- No word yet from Council on the naming of the reserve at Fagan's Bay as Bungaree Reserve.
- Aldi has rejected our request for a pedestrian link to the Pt Clare pharmacy.
- Brisbane Water jetty rents have varied slightly.
- No reconstruction has yet started on the narrow Glenrock Pde corner at Koolewong. The Mayor has again been contacted by letter.
- The broken footpath pictured in our last newsletter has been repaired. A full reconstruction of the whole path is planned by Council.
- Couche Park foreshore is still at the mercy of the tides; reconstruction has yet to start.
- Other associations have approached us suggesting a concerted effort to tackle train noise.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

Some of our members have recently joined the Hall Committee from whom we hire the Community Hall for our meetings. Elizabeth Ambler and Joel Brown, from Council, recently outlined the plans for the kitchen and toilet upgrades and from what we were told, the improvements will be much appreciated by all users.

Work may take place late in January if not before, so that regular users of the hall will not be inconvenienced.

Elizabeth also mentioned that if anyone has good ideas to make our Hall more user friendly, they should get in touch with her, come along to hall meetings and be prepared to lobby our local members for support through their community budgets.

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MEETING DATES FOR 2011

Thursday Evenings 7.30 pm Point Clare Hall
 10th November
 8th December

Mark your calendar today and join us at the Hall
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