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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

10 March 2016

It's been an interesting year to say the least with many changes happening in local, state and federal governments impacting on our lives, some positive and some, well... not as positive. There were some notable highlights during the year, the finishing of the West Gosford intersection, the ANZAC Poppy Park project and the new Goodaywang Bushcare group. Although the committee and in particular our secretary, has been working hard to have our voices heard, the response has been a little underwhelming. One of our biggest disappointments would have to be the NBN. We all expected the NBN to have been in place by much earlier than now and with some luck, some of us will have heard news by this AGM on it's delivery.

We need to congratulate ourselves on successfully making a smooth transition of general meetings to the Girl Guides Hall while renovations of the Community Hall are continuing.

I have tried to piece together a synopsis of our associations activities over the past year below that is representative of our achievements for our local community. This list, however, is not exhaustive.

Achievements

- Continued presence at the Northern Rail Noise Committee.
- Achieved some modest compensation for residents affected by Freight Train Noise.
- Presence at community forums.
- Continuing and growing Facebook presence and website.
- Continuing representations to Gosford City Council re Couche Park pathway/steps.
- Representations to RMS re:
- Traffic congestion along Brisbane Water Drive from Point Clare roundabout to West Gosford intersection early morning.
- Timeset of traffic lights for pedestrians crossing Brisbane Water Drive at Kalara Avenue West Gosford
- Clearer direction of traffic as intersection is constructed to and from shopping town West Gosford
- Footpath between Lorraine and Koolinda Avenues
- Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare
- Penang Street - safe entry and exit on Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare
- Left Hand turn to Talinga Avenue, from Brisbane Water Drive

- 40k speed zone for Point Clare Public School on Brisbane Water Drive in school hours Point Clare
- Left Hand turn to Talinga Avenue, from Brisbane Water Drive going towards Gosford at Point Clare
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- Curb side drain maintenance to stop roadside flooding before 2 lane bridge Coorumbine Creek Point Clare
- Reduced speed limit on Tascott Straight Tascott
- Roadside Armco Barrier from Tascott Straight to Brisbane Water
- Foreshore Reserve Tascott
- Egress for entry into Couche Crescent from Woy Woy on Brisbane Water Drive, and move the Bus Stop opposite Couche Crescent Koolewong
- Representation of association with Hall renovation meetings.
- Established a Bushcare group for Goodaywang Reserve.
- Involvement with the ANZAC Day 2015 Poppy Project.
- Advising residents of NBN progress.
- Representation on the Gosford Neighbourhood Watch Committee.
- Representation on the Gosford Status of Women Committee.
- Input into the Brisbane Water Foreshore Floodplain Risk Management Plan.
- Representations to Gosford City Council re footbridge near Bungaree Reserve.
- Representation to Gosford City Council re Council amalgamations.
- Breakfast in the bush at Goodaywang Reserve.
- Nomination for Gosford Council Heritage Award for our naming of Bungaree Reserve.
- Produced 9000 newsletters.

Guest Speakers

We had a year full of guest speakers and they were all interesting and informative for our community.

- May - Chris Dransfield, RMS West Gosford Project Manager.
- July - Jane Smith, Marine Discovery Centre, CEN and COSS.
- September - Denis Gojak, Kariong Hieroglyphs.
- November - Gabby Bowles, Gosford City Councillor (amalgamations)
- December - Jon Fearon, History of our area.
- March - Hillary Morris, Gosford City Councillor.

Truly Funny Moments

People sometimes slip jokes into documents to check if people are actually paying attention. Here's one from our July Agenda I thought would be worth sharing here:

Correspondence In, Item F - I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

In closing

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the many new members we have gained in the association this year. I hope you find being a member of such a dynamic community organisation rewarding and paraphrasing JFK, ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community. Together, we can make a difference and make our community one of goodwill, friendship and a nice place to live. I think the Progress Association isn't just about improving our amenity, but also about building lasting relationships and connections in our community, and I think that is just as important to our general well-being and happiness.

Thank you to our members who have given their time with active involvement in our association, your efforts have been greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Jon Fearon for his tireless efforts on Bushcare and being an outstanding VP, our treasurer, Brooke Stanford who has done a great job in her first year and last, but not least, to the hard-working Helen Orchard whose passion and enthusiasm for our community has no equal.

Kindest regards
Rendall Wagner

10 Mar 2016

MEETING DATES FOR 2016/17

Thursday Evenings 7.30 pm Point
Clare Hall
8th September
10th November
8th December/9th March 2017

Mark your calendar today and join us
at the Hall

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, Kathy Smith (02) 4342 4122

KOOLEWONG MARINA

KOOLEWONG BUILD IS NOW UNDERWAY!!

POINT CLARE COMMUNITY HALL



BUSHCARE AT GOODAYWANG



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