



Annual General Meeting

13 March 2014

Presidents Report



To say it was a big year for our association would be a slight understatement. In recognising what has marked our previous twelve months I will outline some of what we have achieved.

Achievements

- Continuing to advocate to State Govt and departments for residents re Freight Train Noise and coal dust.
- Facebook presence and information continuing to grow.
- Updated constitution accepted by membership and lodged with NSW Fair Trading.
- Representation of association with Hall renovation meetings.
- Representations made to RailCorp re disabled access and digital train radio transmissions.
- Successful naming of Bungaree Reserve.
- Nominated Kay Williams, Tracey Howie and Shirley Ryder for the Gosford Heritage Awards.
- Petition for the footpath on Brisbane Water Drive lodged with Council.
- Successful application for \$7203 Community and Cultural Development Grant for the Bungaree Reserve opening event.
- Submission to the NSW Department of Planning, re Gosford Waterfront Development.
- Association membership of the Better Planning Network.
- Representations to state member supporting Point Clare PS parents committee re parking and 40km zone.
- Representations to Council re Couche Park upgrades.
- Skate Park in Point Clare, idea floated to Councillor Vicki Scott.
- Candidates Forum held for 2013 Federal Elections for the seat of Robertson.
- Submission to NSW Dept of Planning re Planning White Paper.
- Representations to Jemena for expanding natural gas infrastructure from West Gosford to Koolewong.
- Sign erected in Murrumbooee Basketball Court Tascott in response to resident concerns.
- Continual maintenance and management in Goodaywangs Reserve.
- Representation on the Gosford Neighbourhood Watch Committee.
- Submissions to the Gosford Waste Management Strategy.
- Representations to Federal members re NBN rollout in the local area.
- Continuing consultations with Council on Glenrock Pde realignment
- Submission to Council re Bunnings West Gosford hours of operation.
- Produced 9000 newsletters.

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Guest Speakers

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

- Kay Williams – AGM 14 Mar 2013, Gosfords Heritage.
- Justin Murphy – AGM 14 Mar 2013, Redmodis Recycling.
- Councillor Vicki Scott – 9 May 2013, Duties of Councillors.
- Leonie Dean – 6 Jun 2013, Better Planning Network.
- David Shoebridge MLC – 6 Jun 2013, NSW Parliament.
- Paul Anderson – 11 Jul 2013, Gosford City Council General Manager.
- Dr. Ray Rauscher – 12 Sep 2013, Precinct Committees.
- Chris Holstein MP – 14 Nov 2013, State Member.
- Barbara Scott – 12 Dec 2013, local writer and historian.

Recognition

I would like to publicly recognise the individuals in the committee that have given so much of their time and energy to this organisation and in turn, our community over the past year. I feel it is abundantly important to do this, as every person involved in this committee is a volunteer, giving their time and energy freely for the good of our community, and for such a selfless act, they deserve more recognition than I could give here today.

Our secretary Helen Orchard whose tireless efforts keep us all informed, up to date and on task, thank you for your outstanding work. Thank you to our outgoing treasurer, Deirdre Howard-Wagner for taking care of the accounts this past year and the project management of the Bungaree Commemorative Event and the grant, which was another incredible achievement for our community. Thank you to Jon Fearon for the amazing work he puts into publishing and delivering our newsletters to 3000 households several times a year among other things. Thank you to Fred Beringer for all of your excellent information and advocacy on the freight train noise issue.

There are many other things that occur behind the scenes, such as the website, Facebook, errands and so forth, so thanks must also go to our assistant secretary, Lisa Haggarty, assistant treasurer Jill Greenwood and executive members Zaga Palalic and Graham Orchard for all of their outstanding contributions this year. I would like to also thank the partners and families of those mentioned who also give immense support to the association by loaning us their other halves.

Thanks must also go to the Point Clare Hall Committee, as the hall is not only a meeting place, a venue or a community asset, but a place where ideas take fruition and magic happens - and there is much proof of this.

I welcome new members and continuing members of our committee, I truly believe that no one person is responsible for such a successful year for the association, but it does demonstrate the quality of the citizens of our region and the outstanding team work and camaraderie of the committee. In saying this, there are times that we on the committee don't always agree, however the crowning achievement of this committee is how we deal with our disagreements; with respect, civility and democratically. So far it's worked and we are still talking to each other and enjoying each others company. I look forward to working with our new committee and what the next year will bring in our community.

Rendall Wagner
13 Mar 2014



LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Please convey my heartfelt admiration and appreciation to your Progress Association team, and to past executive holders, for the magnificent Bungaree Reserve recognition event which you staged today. The speakers, Tracey Howie, Deborah O'Neill, Linda Burney and the Deputy Mayor could not have been better chosen. The smooth organisation and running of the whole day does great credit to your Association.

I applaud firstly the Progress Association's recognition of the long overdue need for a local memorial to celebrate the Central Coast's most famous aboriginal, Bungaree, but also for the manner in which the idea of the Park naming was conceptualised and executed with the assistance and close cooperation of Tracey Howie and Guringai Tribal Link, for the cooperation of Gosford Council's Parks and Recreation team, and the determination and persistence shown by all concerned to bring this Park naming to a reality with today's function and unveiling of the plaques. I hope you might have a further opportunity to publish Linda Burney's speech on the day.

All the prolonged hard work was certainly effective in staging a very significant act of reconciliation today, and the involvement and work of the local Point Clare Primary School is further to be applauded.....

Kay Williams, Pearl Beach



A STRONG WALL AT LAST.

Erosion along the shoreline at Couche Park Koolewong has been stopped by Council's handsome new sea wall and short stairway leading to the beach. We now look forward to the replacement of the access stairs from the park to Couche Crescent.



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HALFWAY THERE.

A safe footpath leading to a dangerous bend. Glenrock Parade at Koolewong. The work at the corner is still to come. Thank you Council.

COUNCIL PROJECTS

MUCH NEEDED MAKEOVER. Thanks to the Point Clare Hall Secretary, Robert Findley's initiative, and the concern of the local business community Council has replaced the old tired garden bed at adjoining the car park.

OUR NEW TREASURER

JOHN ROSSI - a resident of Point Clare, is semi-retired after some 27 years of project management with the State Government. He has recently become a qualified Civil Marriage Celebrant.

For the last two years he has volunteered with our Pt Clare Community Hall. We welcome John onto our Progress Association Committee.



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 8th May. Speaker: Crime Coordinator Det Sen Sgt Vivienne Crawford

Thursday 10th July. Lucy Wicks, Federal Member for Robertson, will be speaking on the NBN rollout.

Thursday 11th September. Speaker: To be advised.

All meetings are at Point Clare Community Hall, 7.30 pm