



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

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A RENEWED GOODAYWANG

At 11.50am, Friday 9th July, the heavens opened and rain poured down so heavily as to obscure views of almost anything. But ten minutes later, when Gosford Mayor Chris Holstein was about to officially open Goodaywang Reserve following its considerable upgrade, the deluge changed to drizzle and guests gingerly found their way from the permanent barbecue (right) to the Council's temporary awning.

For some, the event may have seemed just another speech opportunity. But for most of the local residents there, it was the culmination of years of effort by our Progress Association through which we had sought to see that the development was adequately funded, that it was suitable for the site, and that plans were fully implemented.

Mayor Holstein generously acknowledged the Association's support as well as thanking the NSW Government for funding assistance and those who had managed and done the work. However, he rightly gave his greatest praise to our recent Secretary Robert Findley for his passion and persistence on our behalf.



Gosford Mayor Chris Holstein declares Goodaywang Open

Association Treasurer Peter Sheldon (far right) manages the sausage sizzle as guests crowd to escape the rain



Although we are adjacent to a National Park, not all of us are fit and mobile enough to go hiking there. But almost all of us can 'use' our more developed spaces. Especially if you have not already done so recently, you should walk, ride or drive down past the east side of Point Clare station to Goodaywang Reserve at the northern end of Kurrawa Avenue. There is a spacious car park half way along the driveway. Views, the length of the area, are truly lovely. Perhaps you might take a book and sit by the water and read; or maybe use the (free) electric barbecue; or just walk and enjoy.

We thank all those who have contributed to enriching our local environment with the development of Goodaywang.

FUTURE 2010 MEETING DATES

7.30pm Thursday 9th September

*Speaker: Jane Smith from the
Community Environment Network*

7.30pm Thursday 9th December

**In addition, the Committee may call special meetings
to deal with matters of urgency.**

UPGRADE OF GLENROCK PARADE REMAINS A PRIORITY

Improvements to Glenrock Parade continue to be sought by the Association in dealings with Gosford Council. The road is a busy one but the surface is eroded in many places. Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road along much of it, especially hazardous where visibility is poor—particularly on bends and in dips between hills.

Following recent receipt of correspondence from a resident on the matter, the Association has again written to Council querying progress of upgrades to the road in its scheduled *Scope of Works for 2009—2010*.

In the mean time, local residents are urged to ensure that their children are aware of the need for extra care when walking along Glenrock Parade.

ASSOCIATION SEEKS FUNDS FOR TOILET FOR DISABLED PERSONS

We are in the process of applying for a NSW Government Community Grant to support the construction of a disabled persons toilet in the vicinity of the new children's playground at Uratta Street, Point Clare. Such a facility would not only be of help to local people; it would assist visitors from other areas of the region, some of whom are known to bring their youngsters to the playground.

JUNE MEETING HEARS ABOUT COMMUNITY FIRE UNITS

Our June meeting was addressed by Lynden Moyes, Bushfire Officer in charge of the Bushland Urban Interface section of the NSW Fire Brigades. He urged us each to consider joining a Community Fire Unit (CFU).

Quoting from the pamphlet Mr Moyes provided, CFUs are teams of local residents “*who live in urban areas close to bushland and are supported by the NSW Fire Brigades...to enhance their safety and resilience to bushfires. By becoming a Community Fire Unit member you receive training and equipment which will help you prepare and defend your home. As a volunteer CFU member you do not fight fires [in the general sense]. CFUs add to NSW fire service resources through property preparation and protection... A typical team is made up of 6 to 12 local members. Members usually live on the same street*”.

Training involves learning about “*bushfire behaviour, operating safely with a team, property preparation and protection, and using basic firefighting equipment and hydrants*”.

Interested? See contact details above right.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE

Community Fire Units

If you would like to join a Community Fire Unit (see details below left), either contact Fred Beringer (email address below) or NSW Fire Brigades (phone 1300 238 238 or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au or visit your local fire station).

Bush Care

Following the opening of the renewed Goodaywang Reserve, Gosford Council will be undertaking further plantings to promote regeneration. The Association is aiming to create a Bush Care group to assist with maintenance. If interested contact Jon Fearon (email address below).



Report excessive train noise to NSW Government—

Email info@environment.nsw.gov.au

or Phone 9211 4723

The Association has written to Government on recent noise problems and awaits a response.

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