

Current BH Progress Association Projects

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The Progress Association's work plan 2017/18 provides an overview of the project areas to be managed by Committee members over this period. More information can be found in the Minutes, Briefings, Newsletters and Submissions sections of the BHPA website – www.bonnyhills.org.au

2017/18 Summary work plan

Key Issue	Desired outcome	Actions required	By whom	By when	Progress to Sept 2017
Strategic issues					
Reserves Master Plans	A proactive approach is important regarding planning what the community wants the three BH Reserves to look like in the future.	Work with Council - the lead agency - to facilitate communication with, and participation by the community regarding delivery of the Plan. Pursue grant opportunities and volunteer inputs.	Roger, Bill Julie Pam lan	Report progress to committee monthly	The action plan has been agreed (see website for detail) and the actions are being executed from the highest priority down. New amenity block at RBR built and the old one demolished. Worked with Council to help resolve safety issues raised in relation to paragliding at Bartlett's Reserve. The next project is a half netball court
Conservation of our natural environment and wildlife	Integrity of the native vegetation and associated wildlife - guaranteed protection via recognised planning instruments	Pursue the development of an LGA wide Biodiversity Strategy by PMHC <u>Lessons from the Astoria development are that powers can be quite limited in some circumstances</u>	Roger	Report to committee on progress	Council has approved the Vegetation and Koala Maps and from these a Biodiversity Strategy is being developed to assist with planning decisions. BHPA had representation on the Community Panel associated with this project and continues with a watching brief. :
Maintaining village character and quality of lifestyle	Safe environment providing 'village' amenity and facilities Complying building heights [see below]	Proactive interaction with police, PMHC and community. Sporting and recreational – linked to Reserves	Phil and Bill	On-going	As needs arise – graffiti and vandalism could become a focus – also links to engaging with the community.

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Major new development applications/processes in BH and adjacent areas	That these developments comply with community expectations and Council's and other government agencies' regulations	Area 14 etc – communication plan and watching brief to respond to DAs An appropriate industrial site developed for this part of the region [BH/LC]	Roger and Phil	Reactive at one level but very important to monitor and report as needed. By July	A community forum was held at our AGM to provide a starting point for revisiting the community's vision for Bonny Hills given the rate of development we are now experiencing and the likely impacts. <u>Develop an engagement strategy with residents</u>
Grants Head Quarry – increased extraction rate	A reasonable level of impacts on the BH community	Response by BHPA and BH residents with follow up actions as required.		As dictated by Council advice	Monitoring compliance is the focus now. An expansion of footprint within their boundary has caused some angst.
Application for a mining exploration licence	No Mining	In the first instance to be fully informed	Roger	June 2017	Application withdrawn.
Water quality in Duchess creek	Safe levels of microflora and nutrients in DC and its outflow into the ocean on Rainbow Beach. Timely advice on BG Algae levels in D and Saltwater Creeks	Follow up on water quality data with PMHC staff regarding a systematic approach to identifying occasional spikes in contamination and possible health implications. Timely communication to the community.	Roger	Report to committee as data come to hand.	Progress is reported in the BH Newsletters, which are on the website. Current thinking is that spikes in levels are associated with rainfall events and runoff into the creeks. Old soakage ponds have been taken off-line. Timely communication of spikes in BG Algae results is a parallel focus.

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Ensuring safe roads, tracks and pathways for people and wildlife	A safe road and traffic scenario for BH residents and the traveling public + wildlife. Minimise the impacts of heavy traffic.	The state of Ocean Drive through the village, the increasing traffic load, and safe cycle and walk ways through BH are priorities. PMHC to be 'kept honest' regarding progress on priorities.	Bill, Phil	Report progress to monthly committee meetings	The BH LATM, part of Council's rolling works program may have been superseded in part by <i>4.4.1.32 Commence corridor planning - Kendall Road - Ocean Drive - Hastings River Drive regional road corridor (MR538 / MR600) (multi-year project) in PMHC 2017-18 Operational Plan.</i> Following up.
Other					
Community Hall Extensions	The primary aim here was to enhance the BH Hall facility with two small meeting rooms.	A feasibility planning and costing phase was the first step. Subsequently this project was 'folded into' the Reserves Master Planning process – see item above	Bill (as part of a community based committee of hall users).	On hold	The need for these extensions should be revisited vis-a-vis other facilities available locally.
Community level sustainable energy initiative	BH community involved in sustainable energy use	Monitor the opportunities with Council and other organisations	Julie, Bill	Report back to Committee as warranted	Based on initiatives being undertaken elsewhere there may be an opportunity for BH community to be more proactive regarding sustainable energy use. This is a watching brief.
Communication					
Discussions with Council and/or Council Officers	Council aware of BH aspirations, issues and concerns, and progress in relation to these. Align with Council Strategic planning docs	Meet with Councillors and/or Council Officers as required, providing briefing notes beforehand and summary notes following meetings.	Roger and Phil plus other committee members as appropriate	As required, generally on an issue or opportunity basis	The concerns and opportunities for BH are contained in briefing papers to the Mayor and GM of PMHC which is provided on the web site. Interactions with Council have been numerous and are recorded in the BHPA minutes of meetings – see website.
Web site and Social Media	A web site and social media pages centred on BHPA.	The BHPA website and FB page are in place. Maintenance and updating.	Roger	Ongoing	Our Facebook page has been linked to Twitter and Instagram pages. Current following is 217.

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Bonny Hills Newsletter articles and press releases	Convey BHPA news and activities to BH residents on a regular basis	Preparation of articles and press releases.	Pam, Kylie	In time for each Newsletter; as needed for press releases	All articles and press releases have been delivered on time. Newsletters can be found on the website.
Emails to BHPA membership	Members kept abreast of issues and opportunities and of BHPA actions in relation to these	Timely email messages out to all current and recent membership.	Phil	As required	This is a routine activity.
Coast and Estuaries Committee	Keep BHPA informed of actions in relation to coastal issues relevant to BH	Timely communication	Phil	Following meetings of this Committee	The conduit is through Matt Rogers.
Liaise on common issues with other Progress Associations	Synchronisation of effort on issues of common interest with other PAs	BHPA has defined the issues relevant to BH. Compare notes with other PAs	Bill and Julie	Ongoing	Lake Cathie PA has been reinvigorated and is collaborating with BHPA on a 'southern focus' for improved infrastructure etc. Awaiting release of UGMS.
Ongoing representation and delivery of BH residents' views	Attempt to represent the broad range of views held by residents on issues and opportunities for Bonny Hills Encourage community engagement and input Increased turnover of committee positions	Ensuring an adequate number and spread of members Holding public meetings or input as the need arises Proactively engage with the BH community - SLSC - BH history project -How to involve young people? Approach to succession planning developed	Pam and committee members Roger Surya, Pam Julie Bill Helen Kathy Kylie Roger Pam Surya Kathy Nigel and Phil	Over the next 12 months Second half of 2017? By February Oct/Nov September August	The aim is to have at least 10% of households as members including a range of businesses Review of community vision and BHPA direction SLSC and BHPA combining on a project Hold a BH history event in 2018 Explore options with key people; social media; Open air cinema The need has heightened with pending resignations in 2018

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Fund raising	Businesses engaged with BHPA for betterment of BH	Register started	Nigel Carmel	July	Nil
	Tradies engaged with BHPA for betterment of BH	Register started	Carmel Kylie	July	Nil
	To cover operational costs	Iron man volunteering	Pam to coordinate	May 2017	7.5 intersections manned by 13 people