

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of The Rosedale Association, to be held on Saturday 19 April 2025 at 11.00am, on the grass at 11 Knowlman Road.

AGENDA AGM 19 APRIL 2025

1. Apologies
2. President's Update
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Membership Update
5. Fire Report
6. Beach Safety
7. Environment Projects
8. Election of Committee
9. Other Business

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR - MARGOT MARSHALL

With some sadness I am finally handing over to a new newsletter editor. After 13 years it is definitely time for fresh blood! We are delighted to have found a volunteer in Bronwen Gwynn-Jones who has been holidaying in North Rosedale since she was a baby – and brings with her a wealth of media experience. She has in fact edited this newsletter – meet her on page 3.

Please think about joining the committee – it would be great to have some more fresh faces.

Many thanks to Kit Tischler and all her helpers for organising the Sausage Sizzle, to Di Clark for her work on our ubiquitous weeds, of course to Bronwen for taking over our newsletter, to our wonderful designer Annie Nadin and to all of you who have contributed your stories and images over the years. I couldn't have done it without you.

See you at the AGM!

EASTER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Easter Weedathon: 2:30 pm EASTER SATURDAY

Meet in the carpark – BYO gloves and basic gardening tools for weeding.

Annual Sausage Sizzle: 5:00 pm EASTER SATURDAY

Where: On the grass at the end of Knowlman Road.

We supply the food – bring your own drinks and chairs, kids and friends!

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION -
CURRENT COMMITTEE

committee@rosedale.org.au

President: David Boardman

Secretary: James Blogg

Treasurer: Melissa Gribble

Members

Sally Edsall

Rory Eames

Bronwen Gwynn-Jones

Margot Marshall

Annie Nadin

Michael Skipper

Peter Ward

MEMBERSHIP

Please pass this newsletter on to your friends and neighbours – especially new residents! We’d be delighted to have more members. Apply for new membership on our website [here](#) and pay by credit card. It’s still only \$10 a year.

Existing members, your fees are due now. Pay online [here](#). If you’re not sure whether your subscription is up to date, please email peteward@aussiebb.com.au

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

Please think about joining the committee – we need new energy and some of us would welcome a break!

Form is [here](#).

Please send your application form to executive@rosedale.org.au

TREASURER’S REPORT MELISSA GRIBBLE

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
STATEMENT 2024

INCOME

Member subscriptions & donations	\$ 4,660.00
Interest from term deposits.....	\$ 1,832.12
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,492.12

EXPENSES

Weed clearing	\$ 1,848.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 374.54
Insurance - Public Liability & Events	\$ 361.79
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 317.81
Australia Post Letterbox	\$ 159.00
Jotform - membership management	\$ 102.22
Ezidebit - membership management	\$ 89.78

DONATIONS

RFS	\$ 500.00
BBSLC	\$ 500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **\$ (4,253.14)**

NET INCOME **\$ 2,238.98**

Cash at Bank	\$ 25,981.64
Term Deposit	\$ 20,815.96
Term Deposit	\$ 11,619.00
Term Deposit – Fire Prevention & Restoration	\$ 9,962.74

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 68,379.34**





Rosedale is at its best in autumn. Warm, calm days and warm water make for magnificent beach days. After spending a large part of 2024 away, I'm now enjoying a daily swim at Rosedale Beach.

We finally have some news regarding the access tracks. Council has undertaken to inspect, maintain, and improve the path from Yowani Road to the beach, within their budget allowance. If we think this isn't sufficient, we're able to submit a design to Council and tell them what we're prepared to contribute.

Taking care of our exceptional environment has been a major focus during the past year. The sand dune is in excellent shape, thanks to Di Clarke and her team. I recommend that you find an hour on the first Saturday of each month to join Di and her volunteers; just one hour a month can achieve so much. You'll enjoy a close-up look at the dune and learn about the invasive species encroaching on Rosedale.

The gully that runs from the top of Miller Avenue to Nun's Beach has had Council contractors spraying and weeding.

The results are looking good, and we expect another round of spraying to take place before Easter. Thank you to Sue Davenport for overseeing the gully project.

Di Clarke and I joined Landcare staff recently for a walk-through Banksia Flat, an area that has been neglected in recent years. We have agreed that contractors will carry out an inspection and spray, and we'll then re-examine any further action required.

Rabbits remain a problem. Council intends to release Calicivirus in and around Rosedale in coming months.

Biodiversity mapping of Rosedale is ongoing. There's a great article by Sally on page 5, to help us understand our responsibilities if our property has been mapped. I would love to see a photo of a swift parrot in Rosedale!

Roads update: There is no funding for a walking pathway along Rosedale Parade connecting West Rosedale to the beach. There's also no news on the proposed sealing of Rose Court.



INTRODUCING BRONWEN GWYNN-JONES

We're very lucky that Bronwen Gwynn-Jones has offered to take over as newsletter editor. Bronwen's an experienced journalist and editor and has founded and led numerous magazines, content companies and advertising agencies. She's currently the Director of Content and Creative Services at Destination NSW.

Bronwen has been enjoying holidays at Rosedale her entire life - her parents built their family house in North Rosedale in the mid '70s. The New Year's Eve fires devastated that house, but they've rebuilt and she's so glad to be back. She says Rosedale is stitched into her fabric!

Bronwen's looking forward to sharing Rosedale news with you all and would love you to get in touch with anything you'd like included in the newsletter.

BEACH SAFETY REMINDER

Rosedale's beaches are unpatrolled and prone to dangerous rips at any time. Make sure you and your guests know where the angel rings are - one on the southern end of the main beach and one at each end of Boatshed Beach. Our defibrillator and rescue tube are mounted on the block wall between 13 and 17 Knowlman Road.



DUNE AND LANDCARE DI CLARK

I think we have had every season under the sun since the last newsletter. The rain has encouraged weed growth and germination, but the dry has helped to keep some things in check. The dune care group continues their monthly weeding sessions which has really helped to limit any outbreaks. The health of the dune is so important when we have large seas and storms. Thanks to everybody for turning up and helping out. As explained in the Christmas newsletter, work has been going on in other parts of Rosedale to keep on top of weedy sites. Council contractors have been through and native plants are finding their way back again. The clearing has made it easy to see the problematic Cassia that has been missed or that is growing on private property. This bright yellow plant really stands out, and while it may seem attractive in your garden, it produces a huge number of seeds and will spread through the bushland easily.

The best way to prevent this problem is to remove the plant before flowering or before setting seed. Small seedlings can be pulled out (with all the roots) and larger plants can be sprayed or cut at the base and sprayed.



See Council's website for more information.
<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Cassia#control>

We'll be continuing with our weeding sessions in the dunes this year and will also gather at Easter time for a big session on Easter Saturday.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES: 000

ABC LOCAL RADIO: 103.5 FM

WIRES (animal rescue)

13000 WIRES or 1300 094737

ESSENTIAL ENERGY (poles and wires)

13 20 80

FISHERIES WATCH HOTLINE

(poachers) 1800 043 536

SEWERAGE (Council): 02 4474 7347

NSW MENTAL HEALTH LINE:

1800 011 511

FIRE FUEL LOAD CONTROL MICHAEL SKIPPER

January 2025 was a reasonably wet month for those trying to have a good warm summer holiday break. We had three days of quite heavy rainfall within two weeks, totalling around 152mm or 6 inches.

While this dampened trips to the beach or offshore fishing, it did keep the overall temperature down and relieved much of any bushfire threat for the holiday period.

There were a couple of small, localised scrub fires close by this summer with one at Tomakin and another on Dunns Ck Rd, reminding us that even at times when fire threat is lower, fires can start and cause damage. Fortunately, both were attended to and arrested quickly, without any major problem.

The relatively mild conditions we've experienced since 2019/20 have seen the mid-section undergrowth return with increasing fuel coming from those older trees dropping leaves and branches, with fuel load increasing.

Now is a good time to clean around the house, still one of the most effective ways to reduce bushfire risk. Ensure gutters are cleaned, flammable items such as branches, sticks and leaves are removed, and firewood/kindling is stored away from the house.

A clear and fully updated bushfire plan is crucial and proven to be lifesaving. These plans can be accessed, downloaded and followed on-line at the RFS website either by searching RFS Bush fire survival plan or follow on the direct link at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan>

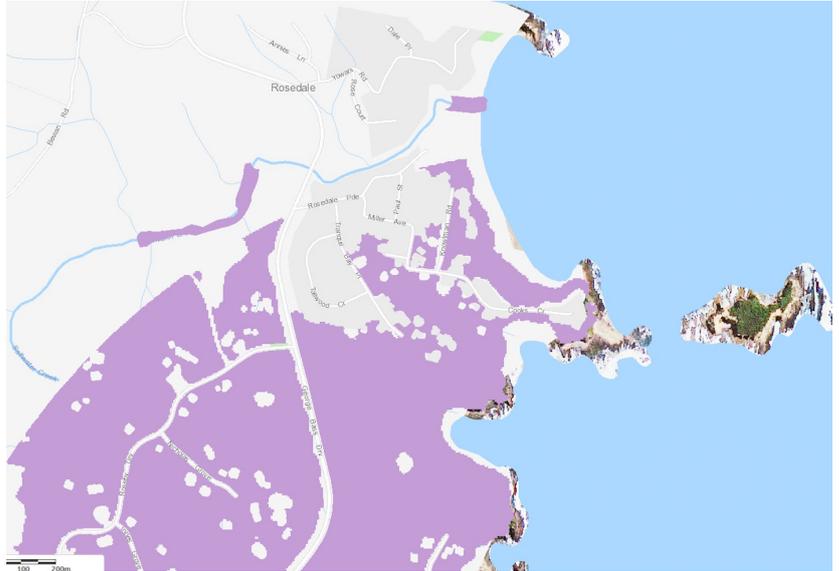
Michael Skipper is The Rosedale Association's Fire Officer.



BIODIVERSITY MAPPING OF THE SWIFT PARROT

SALLY EDSALL

The Department of Environment in NSW has a Biodiversity Values map, which identifies land with high biodiversity value, such as native vegetation, threatened species habitat and creek lines, which are sensitive to impacts from development and clearing. The map is used to help determine response to a clearing or development proposal.



The Rosedale area is currently mapped for the presence of the Swift Parrot, a threatened species.

WHAT THIS MEANS

If you're looking to submit a Development Application (DA) and all or part of your proposed development site is mapped 'purple', and you intend to clear native vegetation for your development, this will trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme and you will be required to submit with your DA a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report.

You'll then be required to either offset the implications of your development by purchasing or generating biodiversity offset credits or pay a fee into the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust fund.

There are threshold sizes and amounts of clearing that are subject to this scheme. The Biodiversity Assessment Method and Biodiversity Offsets Scheme apply at or over 0.25 hectares of clearance. You can check for your development using the link below.

This applies equally to rebuilds and renovations, except if the land was exempt after the bushfires; the time for these exemptions was limited, and you can check the status with Council.

THIS DOESN'T APPLY IF

- Your land already had planning approval before the land was added to the Biodiversity Values Map.
- You're not clearing any native vegetation - trees, shrubs, ground covers including grasses and herbs. You need sufficient evidence, and must confirm there will be no direct or prescribed impacts from your development in the area.
- The development is considered unlikely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities or habitats based on tests within the Biodiversity Control Act.

CLEARING LAND NOT SUBJECT TO A DA

Clearing land without seeking a DA will depend on the zoning of the land, when it comes to biodiversity status. According to Eurobodalla Council, other relevant Acts, such as the Rural Fire Service Act and Tree Preservation Act may apply. Reasons given for the proposed clearing are also considered, such as safety and bushfire protection.

For information and to use the map:

<https://www2.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity-offsets-scheme/clear-and-develop-land/biodiversity-values-map-and-threshold-tool>

Council is also happy to advise on this complex area.

THE SWIFT PARROT SALLY EDSALL



The Swift Parrot - Lathamus discolor

The swift parrot is one of just three migratory parrots on Earth. It breeds in Tasmania during spring and summer and migrates northwards to southeastern Australia, including into our area in the autumn and winter.

The parrot's conservation status within NSW is 'Endangered', and within the Commonwealth of Australia is 'Critically Endangered'.

The swift parrot is small, about 25 cm long, and is distinctive for its bright green plumage, red around the bill, throat and forehead. The red on its throat is edged with yellow. Its crown is blue-purple. There are bright red patches under the wings. One of most distinctive features from a distance is its long, thin tail, which is dark red, and about 12cm. This distinguishes it from the similar lorikeet, with which it often flies and feeds. It can also be recognised by its flute-like chirruping or metallic "kik-kik-kik" call.

For more information, see <https://threatenedspecies.bionet.nsw.gov.au/profile?id=10455>

FEATHERTAIL GLIDERS IN ROSEDALE

PETER WARD



Many residents may not be aware that these tiny, silent, nocturnal marsupials are common in Rosedale. We've found them alive and well in our laundry tub, in an empty bucket and nested inside the walls of the house. Feather-tail gliders are grey-brown with a white belly and easily mistaken for baby mice. Microbats, which also live in Rosedale, are a similar size to feather-tails, but microbats don't have a tail.

Feather-tail gliders are one of the world's smallest marsupials, their body no bigger than your thumb. Their feather-like tail is almost twice their body length, and is used as a rudder to steer as they glide at night for 20 metres or more between tree branches. They use a membrane of skin stretched between their limbs to glide.

Feather-tails feed on pollen, nectar, seeds and insects. Their predators include currawong, kookaburras, owls, goannas and diamond python and threats to feather-tail

populations include cats and foxes, habitat loss, bushfires and climate change.

Female feather-tails live for up to eight years, mature females giving birth to as many as four babies every year or two. The joeys remain in the mother's pouch for several months.

Feather-tails live in colonies in tree hollows of five to 30 individuals. They sometimes also nest in meter boxes or telecommunication junction boxes. Specially designed nesting boxes can be obtained from nikwallace@icloud.com.

Being so small, feather-tails need large amounts of high energy food to maintain their body temperature. When it's cold or food is scarce, they go into a state of torpor rendering them unresponsive. Any found trapped in a bucket or vessel will be in desperate need of food and warmth. Best to keep them warm in an old sock, and phone WIRES on 1300 094 737.

ROSEDALE RIPPERS

Every morning at 8am, during summer, winter and the seasons in between, an intrepid bunch of early risers swim together across the beautiful bay, provided ocean conditions allow. Over the summer holiday period, the group tends to swell in numbers, with some great camaraderie and a fresh water thrill! All are welcome.



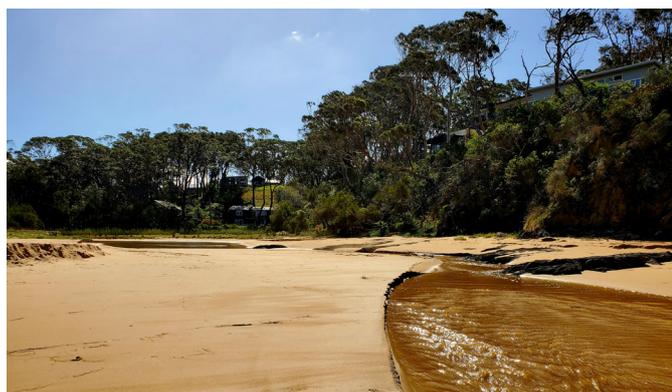
SALTWATER CREEK WATER MONITORING RORY EAMES

Recent months have seen the creek undergo some heavy rainfall events, with at least one major outflow to the sea after a long period of being closed. This has resulted in heavy fluctuations in water level, colour, and algal blooms. Fortunately, there seems to be a good level of resilience in the system, which means that despite heavy rainfall, combined with prolonged periods of dry, the key indicators of electrical conductivity (saltiness), pH (acidity or alkalinity)

have remained stable, or have 'bounced back'. While not good for ocean ecosystems, the flushing effect of the occasionally opened creek is proving effective in containing silt build ups, or changes in pH and electrical conductivity.

We will be due to measure phosphate and dissolved oxygen in the next monitoring session, to see if the late summer and warm autumn have had an effect on available phosphate, which is a key source of nutrients for the algae.

	March 2024	July 2024	March 2025
Temperature °C	26.	24.3	22.1
Available Phosphate	0.01	0.02	N/A
Dissolved Oxygen mg/L	3.3	3.0	N/A
pH pH units	7.55	7.17	7.36
Electrical Conductivity µs/cm	852	928	1307



GOOSE BARNACLES, AN EARLY SUMMER VISIT MELISSA GRIBBLE



Rosedale was treated to the arrival of a large and curious log on our middle beach late last year. From a distance the log looked like a beached animal with a tail but once closer, it became even more interesting – a log covered in what looked to be hundreds of translucent noodles with pippies on each end.

A chat with Nic Tischler confirmed the sight as goose barnacles, typically spending their life at sea, attached to floating logs or other flotsam, or to hard surfaces such as wharves or rocks. They're also known as stalked or gooseneck barnacles. They have jointed legs which they use to catch small particles of food, and as filter-

feeding crustaceans, their stalks allow them to dangle more freely in the water.

Unlike most other barnacles, they depend on water motion rather than the movement of their cirri for feeding, and so are found only on exposed coasts, including in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. They can live for up to 20 years.

The barnacles were given their name because years ago people believed they were goose eggs floating to shore after geese disappeared during winter. It's rare to see them washed up on a beach, and we can marvel at the life they led before coming to rest at Rosedale.

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