

# THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SATURDAY 3 APRIL 2021

**Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Rosedale Association, to be held on Saturday 3 April at 11:00 am on the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road.**

### AGENDA AGM

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

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's been a year of bushfire recovery and COVID isolation – but we've never been so busy. Thank goodness for Zoom for committee meetings and research presentations. We've put lots of new things in place, from purchasing fire equipment and commissioning a new website to environmental projects. Please think about joining the committee – we expect at least one vacancy and we need fresh ideas!

Barring new outbreaks, we'll be holding our AGM in the 'new normal' with COVID 19 precautions. We have a great range of guest speakers to discuss our recovery. And to help those of you with fire ravaged gardens, we'll be giving away 250 fire resistant plants grown for us by the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden.

**First precaution – maximum 100 people** (the NSW rule for an outdoor gathering). Please bring a chair, maintain physical distancing and perhaps wear a mask. Financial members will be given priority.

**Second, before the AGM, [please pay your membership subscriptions online](#).** Payments will only be accepted at the AGM in a sealed envelope, with a note providing details (name of member/s; details of any donations; and contact details, including email address).

Unfortunately we're not able to hold our beloved Sausage Sizzle this year - another COVID casualty. But it will be great to catch up – even masked - at the AGM!

MARGOT MARSHALL

### EASTER WEEDATHON - SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2.30 PM.

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

### BEACH SAFETY SESSION SUNDAY APRIL 4, 10.30 AM, ROSEDALE BEACH.

After the rescues from dangerous rips this year, Tim Brown will take you through using our defibrillator and the latest advice on rips.

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ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION -  
CURRENT COMMITTEE

committee@rosedale.org.au

President: David Boardman

Secretary: Vicki Smith

Treasurer: Noel Egan

Members

Tim Brown

Melissa Gribble

Kate McInerney

Daniel Long

Margot Marshall

Dugald Stewart

Peter Ward

Please pass this newsletter  
on to your friends and  
neighbours – we'd be  
delighted to have more  
members! See membership  
application on page 9 or at  
[http://www.rosedale.org.  
au/membership.html](http://www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html)

It's only \$10 a year.

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

Please think about  
joining the committee  
– we need fresh blood!  
Nomination form is [HERE](#)  
or on page 10.

Please send the form  
by Thursday 1 April –  
any questions email  
[executive@rosedale.org.au](mailto:executive@rosedale.org.au)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2020

#### INCOME

Members Subscriptions .....	\$ 2,840.00
Community Grant .....	\$ 1,500.00
Interest .....	\$ 165.81
Donations - community .....	\$ 5,860.00
- RFS .....	\$ 600.00
- Fire equipment .....	\$ 4,986.36
- Nuns Beach Stairs .....	\$ 8,750.00
- Landcare .....	\$ 2,760.00
	<b>\$ 27,462.17</b>
Go Fund Me .....	\$ 27,733.65
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$ 55,195.82</b>

#### EXPENDITURE

Australia Post .....	\$ 134.00
PA Equipment .....	\$ 449.00
Insurance .....	\$ 188.72
	<b>\$ 771.72</b>
Fire Equipment .....	\$ 14,652.98
RFS .....	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE .....</b>	<b>\$ 16,024.70</b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE .....</b>	<b>\$ 39,171.12</b>

#### ASSETS

GoFundMe balance .....	\$ 13,080.67
RAI .....	\$ 43,100.55
Term Deposit .....	\$ 11,619.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$ 67,800.22</b>

#### ROSEDALE LANDCARE

##### EXPENDITURE

Expenditure .....	\$ 2,396.00
Cash at Bank .....	\$ 5,793.82





Nuns Beach Image: Sally Edsall

Good news! Work has begun on the Nuns Beach steps, so we'll be able to get to the beach without going through private property. Many thanks to those of you who so generously donated to get the steps underway - particularly those in Tranquil Bay Place and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

We had hoped Council might improve the bush track from Miller Avenue down to the steps. At this stage they intend only to install signage on Cooks Crescent near the intersection with Miller Avenue. The signage will provide info on the condition of the track (uneven surface and natural obstacles) and some nature-sympathetic directional markers - so that visitors can make an informed decision about their ability to use the track.

After land clearing around the Knowlman Road extension, we were concerned that Council might have plans to sell this 'reserve road' which runs through bushland to the

Nuns Beach track and Tranquil Bay Place. However, they assure us this Council-owned reserve road will remain in public hands to provide access for bushwalkers to the reserves behind and they have no plans to pave it.

After a long hiatus, the land west of George Bass Drive is now a hive of activity, with machinery, new roads and blocks for sale. There are three DA approvals: the Rosedale Farm subdivision (137 lots); Rosedale Farm South subdivision (43 lots); and the Bevia Road subdivision (52 lots), and concept approval for another subdivision (approximately 700 lots)! The owners of Bevia Road and Rosedale Farm subdivisions have jointly funded the access road and roundabout onto George Bass Drive. Construction has begun although the roundabout design for the Rosedale Parade intersection is not yet finalised.

We've asked Council to assess the erosion on the bush track and sleeper steps that lead to the Yowani stairs in North Rosedale and to repair and tidy up other beach tracks from Yowani Road, which are damaged and overgrown (one is inaccessible). We've also asked them to replace the blue sign at the entrance to Rosedale to correctly read 'SOUTH ROSEDALE' and not 'ROSEDALE BEACH', to avoid directing visitors to this dangerous and unpatrolled beach.

Finally, Rosedale lost a lot of trees in the fires - but we appear to be losing even undamaged trees now. I know it's a difficult balance between fire risk and bushland ambience, but we need to be careful of tipping too far the other way. If we're to keep our bushland setting and avoid becoming suburbia by the sea, it's important to keep what we can. We're continuing to seek clarification from Council and the RFS on the often contradictory land clearing regulations.

See you at the AGM!

## THE 8 O'CLOCKERS

They're also known as the Rosedale Rippers - nothing to do with rips - and almost every day these keen swimmers gather in front of the Cabins to swim together across Rosedale beach. The count ranges from two to 22, with another two water safety angels keeping some of the more wayward on track.

Great feedback from Andy: 'What a ripping group of people and community you all are. Thank you everyone for being so welcoming and for a wonderful summer experience.'

If you're a keen swimmer, join us at the Cabins at 8 o'clock tomorrow.



## ROSEDALE DYE SHOWS POWER OF RIP

Lifeguarding Australia and Batemans Bay surf lifesavers were worried about the number of summer drownings on the NSW coast.

To alert swimmers they called media to our unpatrolled beach at Rosedale where eight people had needed rescuing. The green dye injected into the water showed just how fast a rip can travel – it was sucked out along the beach and out beyond the breakers in minutes.



*Thanks to Bay Post for story and image.*

## NEW EMERGENCY PLUS APP



**emergencyplus**

Batemans Bay surf lifesaver Anthony Bellette encourages us all to download the Emergency Plus app which uses your smartphone's GPS to help triple zero callers get emergency help. The following procedure triggers a coordinated emergency response, including nearby surf lifesavers:

**Call 0-0-0 Ask for Police**

**Report an 'in-water emergency' at Rosedale Beach, NSW**

**Provide a street address e.g. 'at the end of Rosedale Parade'.**

## BEACH SAFETY VICKI SMITH

Rips on Rosedale's main beach have been stronger than usual this year, after summer storms and heavy rains opened up Saltwater Creek several times and moved a lot of sand around. In three incidents eight people needing rescuing from rips, a body surfer was badly dumped and four people were sent off by ambulance to hospital. Bystanders called 000 while locals helped by throwing an angel ring and the rescue tube and on two occasions assisted on surfboards. And in February, another two people were caught in a rip and were advised to go to hospital.

We all know that Rosedale Beach is unpatrolled and dangerous but visitors are often not good at reading the surf conditions. Let's be proactive in chatting to visitors and alerting them to the rips and strong currents, before they get themselves and their families in trouble. A simple chat might save a life.



*Batemans Bay surf lifesavers, quickly on the scene in late February.*

## RIP CURRENTS – NEW ADVICE

**TIM BROWN**

Should you get caught in a rip, the new Surf Lifesaving protocol is to simply float with the rip and signal for help. Don't try and swim across or against the rip – this leads to exhaustion and is the main cause of drownings in rips. A rip will deposit you back into a wash zone, where the water movement will always be back towards the beach.

If you see someone in trouble, it's important to phone 000 for a coordinated rescue. You can also throw any flotation devices you can find into the rip water. The rip will carry these devices towards the person. Don't enter the water without a flotation device when you see someone in trouble, even if you are a strong swimmer. Secondary drownings have been a huge issue on the NSW coast this summer. Instruct the person to float then retrieve an angel ring, surfboard, boogie board or rescue tube. Enter the water only if you have the skills to do so.

**Join me for a Defibrillator and Beach Awareness Session at 10:30 am Easter Sunday on Rosedale Beach.**



*Rosedale's defibrillator is located on the demountable beside the Cabins.*

This summer - of driving rains, a fierce hailstorm but clean air - could not have been more different from last year's smoke and fire. The fires have left their mark in the reduced forest canopy and the clearing of many many blocks - but not on Rosedale's community spirit.

It's great to see a more concerted effort by many landholders to clear blocks of fire hazards and fuel, particularly dry leaves, sticks and branches. Keep up the good work! Keeping fuel levels as low as possible community-wide will lower the overall fire danger.

**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**

Our fire response unit – the 'Rosedale Rovers' – continues to build up our inventory (we already have firefighting pumps, hoses, fire reels, water tanks and radio comms). Our shipping container is in place in Tranquil Bay Place - thanks to David Boardman for offering his land and Mick Buchanan for using his earthmoving equipment to level the site. Also thanks to Shahana McKenzie and Aaron Hogan for sourcing extra firefighting equipment - hopefully we never have to use it!

The storage container site will be our primary site for training exercises. We're hoping to put together a training session for an hour or two during the Easter break.

MALUA BOARDRIDERS LICENCE VICKI SMITH



Malua Boardriders – the local club reborn as part of bushfire recovery – has a 12 month trial licence for surfing competitions and club activities at various beaches, including Rosedale.

It's a real community effort, sponsored by local businesses and with old-timers introducing their kids and grandkids to the delights of surfing. As one said, 'It's great for your health and good for your head.' All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Thanks to those of you who gave us your views – they helped us hold very productive discussions with the

Boardriders and Council. The Boardriders will run monthly competitions at Malua Bay or McKenzies, and only elsewhere if swell or wind precludes this. Events at Rosedale would be rare (they think they're unlikely over summer anyway when the northeasterly prevails), there'll be no coffee or food vans and we're promised they will respect our fragile sand dunes.

Council conditions apply: they must remove all rubbish, use the nearest toilets, carpool where possible, use only one licence area each month and none in school or public holidays.

## BUSHFIRE RECOVERY – SAND DUNES KATY HAMILTON



We're very excited to have coastal scientist Hannah Power from Newcastle University working with us to help restore our sand dunes. Hannah has a strong connection to Rosedale through family and friends and welcomes this opportunity to contribute to Rosedale's bushfire recovery. After doing her initial assessment Hannah will analyse old records and recent satellite imagery of our beaches and assess vegetation and erosion issues. She's going to help us understand our dunes, how they change as a result of natural and human impact and what we can do to enhance their health.

Hannah's work will help us respond to Council's community

consultation on their Coastal Management Program, to be in place by 2022.

Meanwhile Council's Landcare Coordinator Emma Patyus says keeping on top of dune weeds remains a priority. A council contractor has recently chipped out marram grass with a mini mattock and Jane Enright from Rosedale Landcare regularly spots sprays other high priority weeds such as turkey rhubarb, asparagus fern and bridal creeper. Emma has identified other weeds for volunteer working bees and also has ideas for some supplementary planting.

**Find out more at our AGM.**

## THOSE INVASIVE RABBITS!

Paul Martin, council's Invasive Species Officer is getting on top of the rabbits in our sand dunes. Late last year he began fumigating and collapsing the warrens, monitoring to make sure they hadn't opened up again. Over February Paul employed a contract shooter, Nick, who worked between 8 pm and dawn.

By mid-month, they'd observed 17 and culled 13, and after spotlighting sessions thought there were only a few left. But informal chat suggested there may be

more so Pete Ward sent out a message to all on his database to find out. This collective information is invaluable for Paul in managing the rabbits.

I can see, as I write, five rabbits having a marvellous time on our neighbour's lawn. We have come to know our cute rabbits and will miss them but not the damage they do digging under buildings, overgrazing native grasses and competing with native animals and birds for food and habitat.



## WILDLIFE NESTING BOXES – TIPS NIKKI WALLACE



Thanks to everyone who installed wildlife nesting boxes – don't worry if you haven't noticed any activity yet. Boxes usually take a good six to nine months to start to attract new residents. With the devastation of the fires and little feed around, this is likely to take longer in Rosedale.

Exterior signs might include droppings on the lid, chew marks around the entrance holes and stains on the underside of the box - the latter two evident on boxes in my trees.

If you'd like to monitor your high box, I've put together a selfie stick on a painter's pole, which lengthens to about four metres. Bardi Carter surprised herself and this ringtail possum when she borrowed our pole! You're welcome to come and get it from our front verandah at 4 Paul Street - just watch any overhanging power lines when you use it.

If you have noticed activity, I'd love to hear from you – I'm keen to report back to the Men's Sheds who were so helpful in building our boxes. If you haven't yet managed to install your boxes and need help, please email me: nikki.rosedalenestingboxes@gmail.com. More info about monitoring nesting boxes can be found [HERE](#).

## UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY PROJECTS

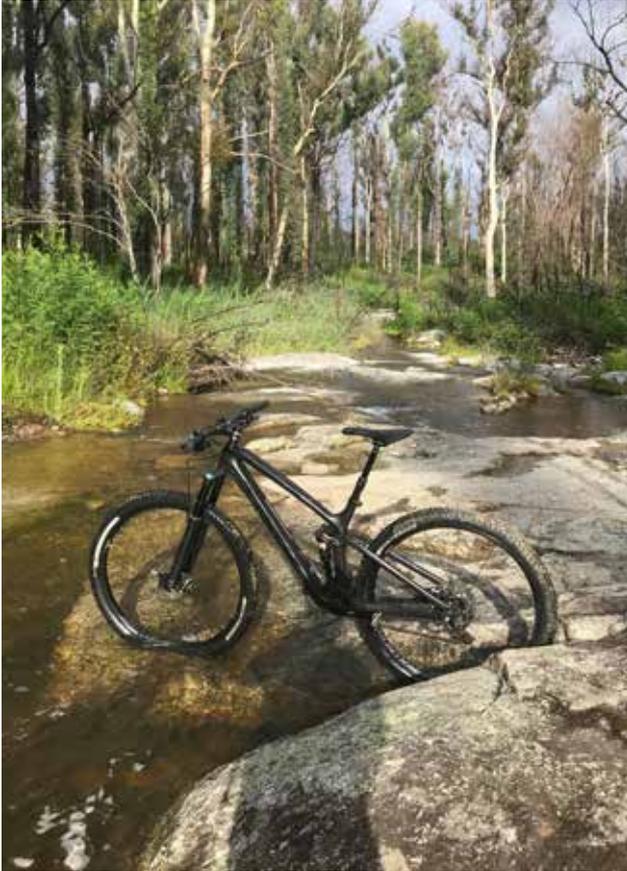
UTS academics, Penny Allan, Martin Bryant and James Melsom, have been researching Rosedale's New Year's Eve fires, focusing on landscape and community resilience. They're interested in the nature of fire in this region, the events of New Year's Eve and, in particular, the inherent contradictions between federal environment law and the recent tightening of controls around NSW Asset Protection Zones.

Last year they ran a 12-week Masters of Architecture and Landscape design studio to investigate strategies to mitigate vulnerability and enhance preservation and regeneration of Rosedale's bushland. They consulted members of the community, fire experts, Council, the RFS and (through Mogo Land Council) the local Yuin community. Come and discuss their findings with Penny and Martin at our AGM.



## BOXING DAY HAILSTORM

After fire, COVID and heavy rains, 2020 delivered us a ferocious hailstorm on Boxing Day. In South Rosedale, powerlines fell, houses flooded, trees fell on roofs and trees and shrubs were stripped of leaves. And in North Rosedale poor Annie Shillington had two cars totalled. Residents formed a quick working bee next day to get rid of debris in Knowlman Road.



Rosedale tends to be all about the water and the beach. However, a couple of kilometres inland in our back yard, a whole new world of exploration, fun, adrenalin, sightseeing and art awaits.

Mountain biking is nothing new, but it's really taking off in our region. With new facilities and an investment in tracks, come cashed-up mountain bike riders from near and far. Mountain bikers are a passionate bunch and will travel big distances for their sport and to try new tracks. They often spend big dollars too – on bikes, accommodation, food and beverages. Great for small businesses recovering from bushfire and COVID. Mountain biking is more accessible for many people too. The electric mountain bikes now on the market are extraordinary and will take the rider places potentially inaccessible using their leg power alone.

Personally, I prefer leg power...the little bit of pain heightens the joyful side of the experience!

Around the Eurobodalla Shire there are already great off-road cycling options ranging from wide (occasionally very steep!) fire trails that take you through creek crossings and spectacular forests to technical purpose-built single tracks with steep drop-offs, cliffs and jumps for the more adventurous (foolhardy).

More than 30 kilometres of purpose-built mountain bike trails run through the Mogo State Forest and around the Deep Creek Dam. Some trails are very well maintained (thanks to local mountain bike enthusiasts) and clearly marked with sections named and signposted, such as the trails around Deep Creek Dam. Other trails demand more from your navigation skills and offer a more intimate interaction with the local flora and fauna. The Deep Creek Dam trails have been visited by budding artists. So, as you puff and pant your way around the trails not only will you enjoy the natural surrounds, you will also be entertained by the array of novel sculptural installations scattered amongst the gums and grass trees.

A masterplan that presents Mogo as a base and centre for a significant mountain biking trail network and event precinct has been adopted by the Eurobodalla Council. The Mogo Adventure Trails Hub identifies a 155km trail network, comprising about 125km of new trail and formalisation of the 30km of existing mountain bike trails in Mogo State Forest and Deep Creek Dam. The proposed network will link directly

into Mogo village and Batehaven. In October 2020, the NSW Government announced a \$3 million dollar investment in this project and the Australian Government has promised to match Council funding. Watch this space.

In the meantime, there is already plenty of great riding available right now. So, get on your bike and into your back yard Rosedale!



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, RENEWAL AND PAYMENT FORM

You may use this form to apply for membership, to renew your membership, to make a donation, or to advise a change to your membership details.

The annual membership subscription is \$10 per voting member and subscriptions become due on 1 January each year. Please complete and forward this form with your cheque to:

The Treasurer  
The Rosedale Association Inc.  
PO Box 2125  
Malua Bay NSW 2536

Alternatively, you can renew your membership and make payments by bank deposit. Please make sure you submit the form on the Membership page of the Rosedale Association website:

[www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html](http://www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html), so that the Treasurer knows how to distribute your funds.

APPLICATION TYPE (Please tick one)	Voting members
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership application	1 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership renewal donation	2 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of membership details	3 _____
	4 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print carefully)

\_\_\_\_\_

YES I am happy to receive all notices and newsletters by email (save money and paper)

NO Please send notices and newsletters by post

NAME AND ADDRESS FOR MAILING

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Rosedale address

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Telephone numbers

----- (h) ----- (fax)  
----- (w) ----- (m)

Rosedale telephone number

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WEED NOTICES (Please tick one)

Would you like advice on noxious weeds on your property?  Yes  No

May we give your contact details to Rosedale Landcare if needed?  Yes  No

PAYMENTS

Membership subscription for \_\_\_\_\_ voting member(s) for the calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Landcare Fund donation (optional ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rosedale Association Recovery (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM - 2021

Please print and complete this form and forward it to reach: The Secretary  
The Rosedale Association Inc  
PO Box 2125 Malua Bay NSW 2536

OR scan and email to: [executive@rosedale.org.au](mailto:executive@rosedale.org.au) by Thursday 1 April 2021

Nominator, seconder and nominee must be members of the Rosedale Association Inc.

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ for a position on the Rosedale Association Inc Committee

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to stand: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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