

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON SATURDAY 26 MARCH

The Rosedale Association's annual general meeting will begin at 11 am on Saturday 26 March. Venue this year will again be the grassed area north of the end of Knowlman Road, behind the dune. We suggest that you bring chairs/groundsheet. Non-members as well as members are welcome. The agenda is:

APOLOGIES

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Fire Officer's Report
- Neighbourhood Watch Report
- Landcare Report
 - Funding proposal
- General Business
 - Do we need a Statement of Place?

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

If you wish to add items to the agenda – for inclusion in general business – please contact the Secretary, in writing, as soon as possible. Send to PO Box 1350, Malua Bay NSW 2536.

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Your membership fees are due if you have a red tab by your address on this newsletter. A membership form (and also to advise personal information update/change) is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

NOMINATE FOR THE COMMITTEE

New starters for the committee are welcome and necessary. Please consider volunteering. A nomination form is on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

The form requires the signature of two financial members of the Association and that of the nominee and must be received by the Secretary before the AGM.

COME TO THE WEEDATHON AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 26 MARCH

Don't forget this dual happening, the most important community event in Rosedale's calendar. Some years we manage to get upwards of 70 people out for a couple of hours and what we achieve is just short of miraculous. Do the AGM in the morning, then weed along with others in the afternoon and relax at the sausage sizzle in the early evening. BYO liquids and seating. We supply the food. Times and what we hope to achieve will be announced at the AGM.

For this and all other working bees: please wear sturdy, enclosed footwear; sun protective clothing and sunscreen. Bring insect repellent and drinking water; you could dehydrate if the weather is hot. Bring your favourite hand tool for weeding if you have one

YOUR COMMENTS ON A STATEMENT OF PLACE

On our website and in newsletter 96, we printed the November 2004 draft of a Statement of Place for Rosedale. We asked for comment. The comments which follow are printed with the authors' permission (and a spell check). We will be asking the question at our Annual General Meeting 'Does Rosedale need a Statement of Place?' If you vote 'Yes' we anticipate asking for volunteers to help produce the next draft for consideration. See elsewhere for the President's comment.

Thank you to those who have responded.

FROM CATHERINE TISCHLER

In reply to the proposed Draft Plan for the continued development within the 'coastal hamlet' of Rosedale, I would venture the following thoughts, observations and even recommendations:

There should be no argument that the general character of the settlement as a randomly scattered group of low profile cottages set back amongst the existing coastal vegetation and forest should be retained.

Individual departures from this Arcadian ideal should be acquiesced to, for example a departure in building styles or modest increase in the height of dwellings where this does not

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The draft Statement of Place for Rosedale (which was lifted from a draft for Guerilla Bay) certainly got a reaction, and mightily was the ire of some. All who wrote gave us permission to print their comments, which are included in this newsletter and on our website. I take responsibility for the 'If we don't hear from you ----' approach, and am duly chastened. Your committee has met and decided that the next logical step in community consultation is to discuss the issue at the AGM, including the threshold question 'Do we need a Statement of Place for Rosedale?' If you can be convinced that there is a case, one suggestion is that a small drafting group be appointed to produce a next DRAFT for consideration by Association members. Note that two alternative drafts have been produced by members who have commented and these could be taken into account by the drafting group. At the AGM, I will offer some thoughts on why we should have such a document.

Since the last newsletter your committee has involved itself in a Development Application made to Council by a member. It did so because the proposed building was seen to exceed the allowed floor space ratio (FSR). FSR is the maximum floor area permissible as a ratio to the site area. The residential design code for the Shire includes one provision that the Association supported, namely a lower FSR for zone 2ec. The 2 means 'residential', and the ec means 'environmental constraints'. Rosedale, Guerilla Bay and Mossy Point are zoned 2ec. Here the allowed FSR is 35% of the block, compared with 45% in other suburbs. The floor space is measured to the outside walls, and includes upper floors, but not carports, courtyards or verandahs. It does look as if the drought has broken. I have remarked before that

there is no pattern to Rosedale's rainfall, but to the extent that we have a 34-year record, it is of interest that October saw three times the average for that month, November half the average, December nearly twice the average and January was nearly back to average. We are now on Level 1 water restrictions (one hand held hose before 10 am and after 5 pm permitted.)

Elsewhere in this newsletter I report on public display for the Shire's urban settlement strategy for the next 25 years. The strategy assumes a population growth for the shire of 2% per annum. Rosedale (east of GB Drive) is shown as having a 5–10% increase in population. The two rural developments to our west – already marked for urban expansion – are part of the shire's allowance for future growth, but most of the future expansion in the shire will be in the towns, which are assumed to grow by up to 35%. The bottom line is that no further release of additional urban land in the shire is needed over the 25 years.

What of developments over the road? Batemans Bay Property Services report that they have development approval for their holding east of George Bass Drive (zoned 2ec) and have sold three blocks. Planning continues for Rosedale Farm and they think that it will take another year to develop a master plan to put to Council. Marsim (Manns nursery) are still dealing with a few outstanding issues with the responsible State department (DIPNR). They hope that by the next newsletter there really will be something to report.

Landcare activities over the year have been to Rosedale's advantage, notably the planting of natives at the car park, Dale Place, Banksia Flat and behind the frontal dunes. In addition, weeding has been progressive – this is a task without end of course, and

we are particularly grateful to those volunteers who give their time to Rosedale to assist.

Council work during the year has been notable. The car park (stage 1) was completed. I again pay tribute to the contribution made by Council staff throughout the work and thank them for their patience and persistence.

Most of our roads were repaved in January in a remarkably quick and efficient exercise. Two new gates have been installed at access points to the area behind the main beach dune.

Mention must be made of the Clean Beach Challenge awards. Having won at regional, state and national levels in the last two years, we are doubtless going to keep going. Keep Australia Beautiful are to be congratulated on their successful promotions.

Your Association functions because of the work of volunteers. I thank them all most sincerely. May I single out for mention those who work with me on the Landcare committee – David Mackenzie, Gordon Bray and Sarah Caines – and those who produce our newsletter – Peggy Bright, Andrew Shillington and his staff (particularly Megan Vickery), Anton and Barbara Cook, and Paul and Penny Mlakar – and especially thank the man who maintains our database and our website, Anton Cook.

I thank my fellow committee members for their counsel. Three are standing down – Brian and Stephen Voce and Virginia Wood. Brian will be sorely missed as Fire Officer. He is the longest serving committee member after Gordon Bray.

Please consider volunteering to join us on the committee. The work is light and does benefit our community.

IAN HOLMES

A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FUND TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY DONATED MONIES INTENDED FOR LANDCARE WORK

Few Rosedale land owners are permanent residents. When we find time to visit the coast, it is likely to be for a few treasured days, shared with family; we may not be able to join working bees.

The positive results of Landcare work undertaken by our community over nearly 25 years are clearly evident in the Rosedale precinct. While our Landcare work includes a wide range of activities, weeds remain, and will continue to be, the principal focus of Landcare activities. Areas such as the carpark and Banksia Flat have been relieved of huge canopies of weed and are now in good condition. It is safe to say that some weed species (e.g. Bridal Veil Creeper) are now well under control.

Outstanding group leadership over many years and persistent hard work by a committed few, boosted by a big community effort at the Easter weed-a-thon, has produced these results. Although the current weed situation is relatively under control, the Landcare group is not attracting sufficient working bee numbers to keep it that way for much longer. Momentum is in danger of being lost and once the situation regresses, recovery will be extremely difficult.

While many community members are unable to attend working bees, there is ample evidence that they are supportive of the work being done. The 'Spirit of Rosedale' is clearly alive and well.

As an option for community members who wish to support Landcare activities and are unable to spare time to participate on the ground, it is proposed that a fund be established to pay professionals as substitute workers.

In January this year the Landcare subcommittee requested the Rosedale Association Committee to consider

the establishment of a fund to which community members may contribute in lieu of active participation in Landcare activities. The RA Committee agreed that the proposal be put to members in the next newsletter and put on the agenda for the AGM in March. Advice is being sought on administration of the fund.

Additional points to consider

- The matter of privacy will be considered.
- The scheme will essentially be entirely voluntary.

- Money from the fund will be allocated at the discretion of the RA Committee and the Landcare subcommittee: tied donations will be handled outside the fund.
- The ability of Landcare to seek additional monies through grants, subsidies and donation will remain unimpaired.

SARAH CAINES
AND DAVID MACKENZIE

URBAN SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

I am a member of the Community Reference Group for the Eurobodalla Urban Settlement Strategy, which is being produced by both the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources and Council.

Procedures for the next phase of community consultation are as follows.

1. DIPNR and Council will finalise the draft settlement strategy during March 2005.
2. A workshop will take place for councillors to provide details of the draft strategy.
3. Copies of the draft strategy will be distributed to reference group members (as nominated) and to government agencies.
4. The final draft strategy incorporating comments from councillors, the reference group and agencies will be exhibited for public comment for 6 weeks during April and May. During this period there will be:
 - three open days held at venues in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. These will be informal forums attended by DIPNR and Council staff to answer questions from any interested parties
 - a series of press releases
 - a newsletter mailed to all ratepayers

The draft strategy will be on display at public libraries for overnight loan and on Council's website. Digital (CD) versions of the draft strategy will be available gratis.

5. All submissions will be as assessed and the strategy revised.
6. A final meeting of the reference group will be held in June or July to present the final strategy prior to putting to Council and the NSW Government to endorse.

IAN HOLMES

TREASURER'S REPORT - 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004

INCOME

Membership subscriptions (234 members)	\$2340.00
Bray farewell party	1140.00
PO Box key refund	6.00
Bank interest	.06
	<u>\$3486.06</u>

EXPENSES

Newsletter	320.67
Farewell party	1095.40
PO Box	61.00
Sausage sizzle	350.60
Office supplies	18.95
Landcare	798.80
Membership overpayment refund	30.00
Lawnmowing for AGM	25.00
Donation Malua Bay Fire Brigade	400.00
Bank charges	31.45
	<u>\$3131.87</u>

SUMMARY

Cash at bank 1.1.04	\$1004.51
Plus income	<u>3486.06</u>
	4490.57
Less expenses	<u>3131.87</u>
Cash at bank 31.12.04	<u>\$1358.70</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investment account 1/1/04	11,199.80
Plus interest 2004	507.57
Investment account 31.12.04	<u>\$11,707.37</u>

CURRENT ASSETS

\$13,066.07

DEIRDRE PRUSSAK - HONORARY TREASURER



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

A quiet year for Rosedale. You have seen the minor items in the last two newsletters. This period one lovely large lavender bush was uprooted and tossed aside. It is looking hopeful on being replanted.

Also three of our posts around the parking lot and planted by Landcare were pulled up and used as camp fire material. Into this camp fire were thrown empty bottles which exploded. Lotte and Fritz Klebba cleaned it all up. As the logs were treated with arsenic. My nasty side (which is quite large) hopes the perpetrators took some nice deep breaths while sitting around the fire.

DEIRDRE PRUSSAK - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR

FIRE REPORT

At the time of writing (well ahead of the AGM because of lead-time for the newsletter), we have been blessed with a comparatively quiet year for bushfires. Hopefully this will continue to be the case. In fact there has been no real bushfire threat to Rosedale for a number of years. This is no reason to push such threats to the back of our mind and property owners should continue to be prudent in cleaning up excessive ground fuel and making other sensible planning. Some reminders about such good housekeeping are printed elsewhere in this newsletter, as they have been for many years.

Rosedale is officially considered to be a high fire risk area. The topography, quantity of fuel and large tracts of surrounding heavily timbered country combine with summer weather conditions to place us in this category.

During the year, I had discussions with the Area Manager for Bega Valley and Eurobodalla, Superintendent Ian Gibson, who hopes to work closely with the Rosedale community in fire protection matters. In other areas this has been launched with a public meeting at which fire issues specific to the area are identified and addressed and a community education and action plan agreed. The program is a cooperative effort involving council, fire brigade and other authorities working closely with the local community.

In the event of fire our first line of defence is provided by the Malua Bay Fire Brigade which we have supported with an annual donation. Once again I propose that the Rosedale Association contribute \$400 to the Malua Bay Fire Brigade.

This will be my last report to you as we have sold our Rosedale beach house and consequently I am not standing for re-election. I hope to continue fishing out of here though

and look forward to continuing my association with Rosedale, mainly on Boatshed Beach and out to sea.

Thank you for all your support over the years.

BRIAN VOCE

LANDCARE REPORT

REGULAR EVENTS

Four of these were held in 2004 – on the fourth Saturday of odd numbered months.

May: Instead of 'work', we planned a more relaxed event, a village walk-around, designed to be a stroll to see what goes on in the reserves which are the subject of our Rosecare activities, plant identification and general discussion of what Landcare is all about, followed by a barbeque for attendees and families. Three people turned up and they agreed to go where they were most needed – weeding on Banksia Flat. A relaxed BBQ lunch followed.

July: A load of mulch was spread over the newly planted areas of the carpark by a hard working but small group of attendees. The mulch was purchased by the Association and we subsequently obtained donations of many cubic metres of wood chips from Skyline Tree Services whose generosity we gratefully acknowledge. When you have need of tree surgery or chipping, consider returning the courtesy!

September: A large number of plants was left over from the Green Corps planting effort in July and we made a start at getting them in the ground at Banksia Flat. Five turned up and by working all day managed to plant about 40 plants on difficult terrain.

November: Weeds at Banksia Flat were leaping away following good rains and warming weather and a group of five worked hard to make a good impression.

January 2005: This event was not advertised either by email as is usual, nor by notices placed around the village and no one we know about showed up. We apologise for this lapse especially to anyone who may have tried in vain to find the event. We now know how much you rely on a reminder and will endeavour to keep you advised in future.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events were arranged, starting with the Easter weedathon, reported on in a previous newsletter. An Easter school holiday was held on the Wednesday after Easter for young people in particular; mostly adults turned up. The Green Corps worked with us on four pairs of days spread through July and there were at least three of the Landcare Committee present on any one of these days. The Corps planted in the carpark, on the dunes and in Banksia Flat as reported earlier. James Paull, who was contracted for weed control on the cliffs, conducted several training sessions in conjunction with his contract work in August: a few people attended these. On the October long weekend, most of the plants remaining after the Banksia Flat planting in September were planted in the Dale Place reserve. This was one of the best attended events outside the weedathon and the plants have subsequently done well by some good falls, augmented by hand watering, courtesy of some generous nearby residents, thank you very much. Two Christmas holiday specials were arranged, one just after Christmas attracted about seven folk and the other just after New Year drew an almost record dozen holidaymakers.

Attendances, as reported earlier, have been down on previous occasions and your Landcare Committee would like to know if there are any particular reasons why this might be so.

PROGRESS

Banksia Flat. More plants went in during July and have done well following well spaced rains. So have the weeds, a lot have been removed but a lot continue to come and we must continue to hit and hit hard, we can't afford to relax. Be assured, we are winning even if only by a narrow margin!

Cliff weeding. This has languished some in recent years, we have to get contractors in because of safety reasons and it is not easy getting funding each year. The magnitude of the work load and the consequent funding target is not trivial, the requirement is for several thousands of dollars per annum. Various funding options are being investigated.

Carpark. This has been covered in an earlier issue as well as elsewhere in this. The project has been a good example of how compromise and cooperation work to bring an outcome acceptable to both Council staff and ourselves. We are now the custodians of the adjacent landscape and weeding, planting and maybe watering will be regular events on our schedule.

Dune planting. As with other plantings, the dunes have done well by the rain

and made up for the dismal outcome of the 2003 plantings. Your beach is on the way to being more stable and resistant to all but the most severe storms. More plantings will be required to maximise beach stability.

Adopt-a-patch. Several folk have adopted a patch to keep weed free and a generous thank you to those. There may be others who have not declared their hand, if so please let one of us know – we will respect your anonymity if you don't want your efforts heralded.

Green Thumbs. We have a few plant minders and a few propagators who have been most helpful over the year, thank you for your efforts. There will be an increasing need for these activities in future so please consider putting your name on the list of reservists.

First aid. We should have a first aid person at every field event and there are few qualified persons who can attend them. If you haven't a current first aid certificate and want to update, we may be able to get Landcare funding for you to do a course at the nearest convenient training centre, please advise one of us either if your certificate is current or you wish to get one.

Satisfying careers in organising Rosecare events! Adrian Lewis has come forward to help organise events of late and we welcome his help and expertise. All but one of us on the Landcare Committee is non-resident: it is not easy organising from afar and we desperately need people who can at least walk the precinct and report on what needs doing most. Are there others who can assist in any way, even if only irregularly?

Chemical handling. Three members trained and received certificates during the year. Only certified persons will be allowed to apply chemicals on public land, which is about the only land we work on. Consider doing the course at a centre near you, we may

be able to get funding for you.

Your Landcare Committee sincerely thanks those who supported the events we staged in the year past. Please maintain your attendance, there is always a lot of work – weeds don't give up and neither must we. Thanks are offered also to those who respond to emailed notices, all in positive terms. Please maintain your feedback, it is heartening to know that you support our activities even if you can't attend on the day and we need to know if we are pointed in the right direction

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FORTHCOMING ROSECARE EVENTS

Mark these in your diary, plan to come to Rosedale for at least some of them!

Easter Holiday Special, Wednesday 23 March, to be confirmed by email notice or locally posted notices or both.

Easter Weedathon, Saturday 26 March, see front page (this is the fourth Saturday of an odd numbered month)

The regular Saturday weedathons will be on 28 May, 23 July, 24 September and 26 November.

Other Holiday Specials will be announced closer to the time. These are usually held on a Saturday or a Wednesday and mostly in the afternoon to free the morning for swimming, fishing, sleeping in etc.

DAVID MACKENZIE



EDITOR'S NOTE

Given the length of this edition of the newsletter, we have kept photographs to a minimum.

YOUR COMMENTS ON A STATEMENT OF PLACE - *Continued*

radically interfere with a neighbour's views, however certain suburban features such as paling fences should be firmly condemned.

Retention of the native flora is clearly desirable, however where a block is blessed with excess trees with their attendant problems, judicious thinning should not be frowned upon, nor should the modest introduction and addition of exotic shrubs and trees.

In conclusion I would not like to see any excessive policing or community pressures being applied and accordingly I basically agree with the Draft Plan.

FROM DAVID GRAHAM

We have several reservations about the Place-based statement for Rosedale.

How can an organization such as the Rosedale Association be able to dictate to a landowner:

- the plants that he may wish to establish
- the colour of the house he wishes to build

Fences are often seen as a means of keeping your own domestic animals in and keeping strays out. Not everyone wants to live in a commune, especially when adjacent properties are holiday rentals.

Bushfires - Large gum trees close to houses can be a real fire hazard.

Who has the power to make lazy/recalcitrant/absent owners to render their properties at least less of a fire risk? It would be very hard to defend your property, if your neighbour's house is a severe fire risk.

Development - Can the Association dictate that it be a requirement for a landscape architect to prepare plans in every case? Perhaps not everyone can afford to employ these services.

FROM FAYE REYNOLDS

As a co-owner of 34 Cooks Crescent I would like to comment on the draft Place Statement. Broadly speaking I agree with most points other than No. 4 in 'Methods for achieving the desired character'. Our beach home was built where it is to have a sea view. To screen that magnificent view with a row of native trees would be very silly!

I hope the committee realizes that the Cooks Crescent headland was never, in our time (c.1950), covered in bushland.

I look forward to attending the Annual Meeting.

FROM MICHAEL SKIPPER

As you are aware I am now conscious of the existence of the document titled 'Place Statement for the coastal hamlet of Rosedale'.

Words cannot express my disbelief and abhorrence of such an injudicious and imprudent use of time and resources to produce a document of such nonsense that has been my displeasure to read in some time.

The first point to raise my immediate attention is on page 1 of the newsletter in which you make the statement 'This is a draft place-based statement for Rosedale. If you can improve on it or add to it, or if you disagree with it, please let one of us know (see contacts box on page 3). If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you agree with it.'

I must protest with a great amount of vigour on the point of agreeance and the fact it will be assumed correct if you do not hear to the contrary. Please make it understood I DO NOT agree with much of the content of the document and I would be appalled to discover subsequent approval and authorisation of said material in future.

I must point out we live in essentially a free and democratic environment in today's world and the fact pressures

are being brought to bear in this document with particular relation to the need to object (or otherwise) to such a document without a fair and honest hearing, including a healthy and energetic debate, would be nothing short of a travesty. The Rosedale Association should in no way become a political arena in which certain elements of the district and individuals with an opinionated viewpoint, attempt to overrun and conduct an agenda of their own making and validation with the expectation of little resistance.

The case in point here is obvious in my mind as the statement is extremely politically charged toward an ecological and environmental viewpoint and not at all warranted in an area such as Rosedale or its environs. I cannot agree with much in the current draft including outrageous statements concerning Bushfire protection in particular. Rosedale is in much more than a bushfire prone zone – a large portion is in fact designated as extreme bushfire zone, and as such the fire brigade have advised there are parts of Rosedale that WILL NOT be protected from fire if in fact it is alight.

This to me confirms a major area of conflict in the plan. It seems to me that a great many individuals have never been close to a raging bushfire let alone fighting one. I myself have been involved in a good many bushfires and it is almost impossible to put into words the enormity and gravity of the situation when faced with fire first hand. The destruction and severity of fire is not fully appreciated by watching television pictures or reading newspaper reports of such incidents. It is a very volatile, dangerous and frightening place to be.

Statements relating to house construction of 'touching the earth gently', are no more than academic word play and should have no place in documents such as this.

The only construction method should include fire resistant materials as designated by the appropriate authorities and would include at the very least the structure sit on a concrete slab so as to prevent the airflow under the dwelling, in addition the blocks need to have in place a frequently recurring requirement for the removal of 'fire food' such as leaves, dead grass and ferns, twigs and small branches that are a major cause of fire outbreaks close to dwellings.

There should be no mention of fashions and housing style, the fact the land and dwellings are personal ownership should allow the scope and ability of the owner to build, renovate or otherwise to their own desires and for a plan to demean and negate that ability is short-sighted and un-Australian.

I remain confused as to wording in the current format such as 'Landscaping is the single most important element in achieving the desired character. There are many urban areas with a high proportion of unattractive buildings which are nevertheless pleasant environments because trees and shrubs screen the buildings and create the beauty'.

It is my opinion there are already a good amount of dwellings in Rosedale that would be classed as 'unattractive buildings', of which my own falls into this category. Many of these buildings are of some considerable age and of materials now being banned by many councils and construction engineers.

I am at a loss as to why there is only mention of area east of the George Bass Drive as ESC's own plans for Rosedale state a future expansion of some 1600 further homes are likely over the next 10 years. This fact has not been addressed at all and shows a small minded approach to future requirements at odds with forecast growth.

We must consider the future, including the need for further development

of Rosedale as a desirable place to live and visit without falling into the trap of historical identity and the thought process of 'wasn't it better in the old days'.

I, for one am pleased the old days of no electricity and no running water are behind us including the need to continually keep an eye on the kerosene fridge, in case it burnt the house down, or having to heat a 4 gallon bucket of water over the open fire in the backyard so we could use the canvas camp shower. I am however looking forward to further 'advances' such as piped sewerage systems and decent high speed data lines.

My family has had an affiliation with Rosedale for over 50 years. I myself am a 3rd generation with my children being 4th generation 'Rosedalians'. This fact alone should give some weight to the love and affection we have for Rosedale and its surroundings and as such I am keen to see Rosedale develop further into an area of beauty by a commonsense and rational approach which seems sadly lacking in this instance.

Whilst I do not believe a Place statement is at all required, if it is deemed we must have one then my belief is it should be short and sharp. There is no reason I can fathom as to why there needs to be any relationship with current council zoning and development rulings and should be only a framework in which the association can operate and administer within the confines of the association and the requirements of the members. (Please see my draft below based on the current draft.)

I would appreciate if you could circulate the following draft plan and covering letter as required.

It must be remembered the formation of the Rosedale Association over 30 years ago was to primarily restrict the commercialism of the Rosedale area and close environs, not to dictate to individuals and landholders what is

allowable within the residential and domestic realm.

My ideas as to Statement of Place is as follows.

PLACE STATEMENT FOR THE COASTAL HAMLET OF ROSEDALE.

Skipper Draft #1 — Jan 05

Present Character

- Rosedale is surrounded by a native wooded area and rural land, has beautiful beaches and outlooks. It is one of a small number of locations in the shire which have largely retained a holiday atmosphere.
- The residents see this worthy of protection.

Desired Future Character

- Maintain the present informal coastal lifestyle free of commercialism.
- Maintain the present bushland on cliff faces to the beach.
- Maintain and promote the well-being and presence of native fauna.

Methods for Achieving the Desired Character

- Indigenous vegetation should be used and the removal of invasive and exotic plant species should be encouraged.
- Access to the beach should remain as narrow tracks for foot traffic only.

Buildings

- Construction materials such as stone, bagged brick, timber, fibre cement and corrugated metal sheeting should be encouraged.
- Verandas and decks should be encouraged to both new and existing buildings providing an alternative outdoor space
- Large windows and glass doors which capture the views of bush and sea should be used.

Landscaping

- Landscaping at Rosedale should be as natural as possible.
- Paving should be minimised.
- Privacy may be attained by screens, courtyards and fencing as desired including planting to 'soften' privacy screens.

Bushfire

- Rosedale is in an 'extreme bushfire prone' area and removal of debris and hazardous material must frequent and recurring
- For new landscaping, fire resistant species of trees and plants should be used.

Conclusion

- The continual need to resist commercial development in Rosedale should be the first and foremost edict for the association.
- The present character of Rosedale should be maintained.

FROM MICHAEL BRAHAM

Thank you and the Committee for all your work on the draft place statement for Rosedale.

Sue and I and all our extended Rosedale family support every one of the stated desires for the future of Rosedale and all your suggestions as to how to achieve them.

What makes Rosedale so special for us is that it is still beautiful and unspoilt, unlike much of the NSW coast. In the 25 years that we have been coming to Rosedale, we have always admired the way almost all the houses have been constructed and added to so as to be in sympathy with the natural beach/bush environment. We have appreciated the way those overlooking the ocean have in most cases generously screened their houses from the beach.

Rosedale's character is far too precious for the present generation not to struggle to preserve it.

FROM DAVID & BARBARA CARTER

We would like to comment on the draft Place Statement for Rosedale. My early impressions (around 1949) influenced the vision of bush with cleared areas previously grazed down by cattle – these had cabins built and grown on these blocks (probably relating to South and not North Rosedale). As this has progressed over the years the views we enjoyed have quickly disappeared and the risk to life and home from fire has increased enormously.

We are active in landcare and grow trees for the program in the tablelands but feel the direction in the Statement is a policy headed for an inferno. One of the troubles is that most of the regenerated bush around houses is the same age following cessation of grazing – this eventually leads to all large trees and, when removal is necessary, a vacuum before young can appear. The front garden of our house is an example.

We have trouble with some of the Building statement – we enjoy the view and sun but vegetation to screen homes from the beach will destroy this. We would prefer a mixture of native and exotic shrubs with a limited number of large trees on the house blocks – maintain the headlands as native areas but protect the people and houses. We don't agree with the premise of insure and if it burns, rebuild.

Suggesting house types and colours as an ideal is O.K. but we live in a democratic (so called!) country and as long as these directions are considered a vision and not tried to be enforced then they may be acceptable.

To try to resurrect the past is one of landcare's problems. As the climate slowly changes the vegetation must also. We see no problem with the introduction of non-indigenous species to add variety and colour to the landscape as long as they

are controlled – Canberra City is a classic example.

We love Rosedale for what it is and dread the thought of it being destroyed by fire through National Park type thinking.

The Association should be congratulated for looking at a plan for the future, we just don't agree with some parts.

FROM CATHY & SUE FALK

I'm writing about the place statement for Rosedale published in the December issue of the Rosedale Association's newsletter. I notice that authorship is not ascribed to this statement.

I have been enjoying Rosedale for nearly 50 years now, and certainly agree that the maintenance of its character ('desired future character') is desirable. Apart from a few eccentricities, which come and go, it seems to me that most Rosedale ratepayers over the last five decades have been conscientious about maintaining the environment which presumably attracted them to Rosedale in the first place.

However, I must say that I found the 'Methods for Achieving the Desired Character' positively Orwellian and actually quite amusing if they weren't so utterly high-handed, invasive, controlling and probably unenforceable. I do not assume the right to tell other people what they are or are not allowed to do on their own property, and I don't think any loose voluntary organisation such as the Rosedale Association has the right to do so either. This part of the statement seems to assume that the Rosedale Association can override free will and independent decision-making among residents. I am relieved that the colour of curtains and bed linen has not yet been prescribed.

Therefore I would like you to convey to your fellow members that you have heard from me, and that they

cannot assume that I agree with their Method statement.

FROM RICHARD SKIPPER

Although I was a Foundation Member but no longer a member of your association as I do not directly own property I am still vitally interested in Rosedale and do occasionally read the newsletters on the website with some interest.

The latest article of interest being the proposed 'Statement of Place', well what a load of rubbish, it is a document with which I cannot agree. It seems as though it was put together by some 'academic left wing greenie'.

The whole document is just twaddle, regressive, anti-development and should be thrown out in its entirety.

What hope has future generations, particularly of the earlier settlers of the area, have of redeveloping their particular house or block when the time comes to rebuild because of age and condition.

The problem with Rosedale is not the bush as such but the amount of bush people have been allowed to grow and/or build around without any regard to fire protection, this should be a concern to the Council and Bush Fire Authority, it certainly is to many owners of residences.

The whole of the Rosedale area is a 'major disaster waiting to happen' in relation to bush fires. One would have thought after the 'Canberra and Sydney bush fires and others' that people with supposed common sense should have learnt a lesson, perhaps academics and other like minded people are far removed from that kind of thinking.

As for telling people what they should build, how they should build, what material should be used, colours, glass and how they should landscape is absolutely dictatorial and small minded.

The horse has bolted, Rosedale now needs to be made more

modern in keeping with current and future trends.

At the end of the day the value of one's asset is paramount and by modern and careful development a desired result could be achieved to the benefit of all.

FROM KEITH BOARDMAN

Place Statement for Rosedale

Desired Future Character

I agree that it is desirable to avoid any commercialisation in Rosedale, east of George Bass Drive.

I agree that it is desirable to maintain the present bushland character of the land to the north and south.

I consider that there is very limited scope to enhance the bushland character of Rosedale east of George Bass Drive in view of the bushfire rating of many parts of Rosedale, the need for bushfire control measures and the desirability of better solar access to houses.

It is unrealistic to expect that vegetation to screen the view of buildings from the beach be established where it is absent as residents with a sea view will not want to loose it (see later).

Methods for Achieving the Desired Character

Several of the proposals in this section of the Place Statement and the following sections on Buildings and Landscaping should not be requirements of planning controls.

The statement that boundaries between buildings and the surrounding bush should be blurred is difficult to interpret, particularly in view of the desirability of adequate firebreaks (such as grassed areas) around a house as a sensible fire control measure.

Does indigenous vegetation imply vegetation native to the area or simply vegetation native to Australia? If it is native to the area it is too restrictive.

I completely disagree with the statement that vegetation to screen the view of buildings should be established where it is absent. It is unrealistic and most unlikely ever to be enforceable. Blocks on the 'headlands' of North and South Rosedale are now approaching or exceeding \$1 million in value due to their views of the sea and coastline and Government imposed land tax and council ratings are high because of the views. Many of the houses have been there and visible from the beach for more than 40 years.

The visual outlook of Rosedale would be improved if electricity and telephone wires were placed underground but it is unlikely to happen unless the owners/residents are prepared to meet the cost.

Buildings

I agree that buildings should have a coastal bushland, not a city suburban character; but this section is far too prescriptive and need substantial modification. Creative architects are designing elegant modern coastal houses that suit the environment. Creative architects should not be restricted with a set of restrictions that reflect the past or even the present. It is sufficient to indicate that we wish to have a coastal bushland character. Specifying in detail the type of house, materials, colour etc can reflect the present and is detrimental to future creative coastal house design. To specify that houses should be painted a dirty green, warm grey and mustards is not warranted.

Landscaping and Privacy

I agree that landscaping is very important. Plants should be predominantly native to merge in with the bushland but some non-invasive exotics could be a suitable component of landscaping. The section on fences needs some clarification. Often fences are required to prevent dogs and small children from straying but I agree that

post and wire fences are preferable and paling and colour-bond fences unsuited to the Rosedale environment.

Bushfire

I query the statement that the science of fire mitigation is still in its infancy and there is disagreement among 'experts' in the field as to the best methods of control. What is the evidence for this statement and for the broad statement that the removal of trees will gain little in bushfire protection?

Development Controls

I am not aware that in 2ec zones it is a requirement to use a qualified landscape architect of a landscape plan for all new developments. When was this requirement introduced? Since it is not a requirement to use an architect for the design of a house it seems illogical to require a landscape architect. As far as I am aware the floor space ratio under 2ec is 0.35, not including balconies, decks and garages. The requirement of a minimum lot size of 1500 sq m under 2ec zoning applies to very little of Rosedale east of George Bass Drive.

Solar Energy Access and Energy Rating of Buildings

The statement is deficient in its lack of a statement on the need for a high energy rating for new buildings and the importance of solar access in order to reduce the requirement for 'fossil fuel' energy, particularly for heating in winter. Greenhouse gas emissions are an issue for Australia and every effort should be made to lower them. There may be scope for the planting of some suitable deciduous trees to allow access of solar energy in winter and screening in summer. A house surrounded by native trees is cold and must rely on 'fossil fuel' energy for heating.

Response to Conclusions

In my assessment the number

of houses that can be seen from Rosedale beaches is close to 40.

The statement about the first half of last century is inaccurate and should be removed. The material collected by Ian Harrison and now with Deirdre Prussak shows that there was clearing of bush at South and North Rosedale for grazing. There were very few buildings in Rosedale prior to the war. Council made a planning blunder in the 1950s. It approved a subdivision plan by Miller a builder in which many blocks were below 600 sq m.

FROM NOEL & WENDY EGAN

We are responding to your request for comment on the 'Place Statement for Rosedale'.

We would say that we agree with the general principals that the people of Rosedale, possibly through the Rosedale Association, would express a desire that the development within the hamlet should be as inconspicuous as possible and in harmony with the colour and contours of the valleys and ridges that make up the Rosedale area.

Whilst the people of Rosedale might express a preferred option in these matters, we do not believe that such a vision should be compulsory for future development. We do believe in the right of each landowner to develop his/her property with his/her money to fulfil his/her own desires whether this development conforms with the concepts of the 'Place Statement' or not. We do not believe that the Rosedale Association should lobby the ESC to make this concept a covenant, written into the land titles for this area.

Rosedale, at the moment, has many different forms of architecture, some good and some awful by any standards. They all tend to merge into the landscape as they become surrounded by and concealed by the native flora. This has managed to protect from our eyes many appallingly painted and shaped residences. We believe the emphasis of 'Statement of

Place' should be on the maintenance and encouragement of natural growth and the suitable landscaping of residential developments rather than being an intrusion into the rights of landowners or the imposition of an arbitrary aesthetic concept upon future development.

The 'Statement of Place' must not take precedence over an individual's right to develop their property to suit their own personal aesthetic values. This is not to say that the developers should not be made aware of the 'Statement of Place' and that it represents the wishes of the majority of the local land owners, nor do we mean that the developers of residential blocks in the Rosedale area should not be encouraged to have their developments comply with those wishes. The rights of the owners, however, must remain paramount.

From this, of course, it is critical that the 'Statement of Place' must be approved by a considerable majority of the landowners of Rosedale before it has any position in discussion on future development. Without such strong support the concept has no value at all. At this stage, we believe, this support has not been tested.

FROM PAUL MORROW

I am responding to the article published in the Newsletter of December 2004.

I object most strongly to the document and reject the methodology used to develop it. Any instrument that will ultimately exercise 'a form of development control' needs to be developed in full consultation with all stakeholder groups.

It is not acceptable to adapt an existing document developed by a neighbouring but quite different community, publish the draft in the local newsletter and assume that 'If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you agree with it'.

The basic premise underpinning the statement is misguided. Rosedale is not an insignificant coastal hamlet, it is a well known seaside resort that featured in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Capital Chemist calendar in 2004. Many prominent citizens own property in Rosedale. Rosedale attracts large numbers of daily visitors in the holiday season and top-dollar in the property market.

The individual conclusions of the document (p. 6) are demonstrably wrong.

1. Due to the small size of the blocks, it is impossible that the bush should be more prominent than the buildings. My own block is only 670m and larger than some of my neighbours.
2. Houses have long been a feature of the Rosedale beach scape. The painting 'View of South Rosedale' published in the Capital Chemist's calendar 2005 prominently features two long established headland homes.
3. The assertion that other coastal settlements are no different from typical city suburbs is debatable and irrelevant. Other communities such as Malua Bay and Lilli Pilli might take issue with this.
4. Originally, Rosedale was established as a working farm. The headland and the banksia flats were largely treeless as can be seen from photos dating from the period. Upon subdivision, the rural character changed significantly.
5. The claim purporting to represent the opinions of 'the vast majority' of residents is spurious. In 25 years, I can recall no large scale consultation activity.
6. Development in Rosedale has always been diverse. Established dwellings cover a wide range of styles, including the 1930's oiled wood of the Knowlman house, fibro cottages, pole houses and other modern contemporary styles in cedar, corrugated iron and brick. Dynamic

and interesting architectural style should be encouraged, not stifled.

7. The assertion that 'it would be a great loss... If this fine and rare example of a true bushland settlement was damaged' is misleading and untrue. While there may be one or two structures which may merit consideration for heritage protection, Rosedale's history is quite recent, with most houses having been built within the last 30 years. It cannot compare with areas such as Batemans Bay, Moruya, Bodalla and Eden in terms of historical significance. Moreover there are extensive areas of coastal national park already set aside to preserve the natural environment.

A statement of place, if required, would be better off recognizing and supporting the diversity and vibrancy of the Rosedale community and providing balance for the needs of different stakeholder groups.

I would suggest that the Association would be more profitably engaged in addressing specific issues to enhance the quality of life of all residents, such as implementation of town sewage, mosquito control, anti headland erosion measures, effective garbage bin management, life-saving and other aspects of beach management.

There are very good reasons for availing Council of the community survey data. I would request that responsibility for care and control of the data be given only to qualified, senior planning staff so that any confidentiality requirements can be protected and uses of the data are appropriate.

When all members become accustomed to accessing the website regularly its role in regular communicating can expand. The Association's contacts are generally improved and there are clear benefits for public relations.

The courtesy you have shown in inviting comment is fully appreciated.

I would like to offer personal thanks for the very valuable voluntary contribution you are making in support of our community.

PS. Regarding fences and privacy issues, my position is that all residents shall be free to choose any practical solution that is available providing there is appropriate discussion with neighbours and people's normal legal rights are not exceeded.

FROM PETER GRAHAM

Dear 'Comrades',
When I read your draft 'PLACE STATEMENT FOR THE COASTAL HAMLET OF ROSEDALE, EAST OF GEORGE BASS DRIVE' I immediately repaired to my Macquarie Dictionary to confirm my understanding of the meaning of the word 'communism' namely 'a theory or system of social organisation based on the holding of all property in common, actual ownership being ascribed to the community as a whole or to the State'.

I apologise for saying it, but I thought the draft 'Place Statement' smacked of communism and paid scant regard to the property rights of the various owners who make up the Association, who have paid vastly different amounts for their respective properties over the years dependent upon their individual locations, available views, surroundings etc.

Having got that off my chest, can I respectfully say that I am not particularly enamoured by the process which has been proposed for the adoption of a 'Place Statement' namely 'if we do not hear from you, we will assume that you agree with it'.

My feeling is that this requires robust debate when individual members can urge their respective views upon the entire membership.

My sense is that those who have drafted the 'Place Statement', which has been circulated, have failed to consider all possible points of view so as to ensure that there is not a

bent towards one particular way of thinking when it may not be shared by all or by the overwhelming majority, and also, failed to put nearly enough emphasis upon the best feature of Rosedale, namely, the absence of any commercial development, a situation which those of us who have been members of the Association since its inception, have fought to maintain for the last 30 years. I could be wrong, but my recollection is that the Association was born out of a desire to protect ourselves from unwanted development on the low lying land between North and South Rosedale.

Little regard has been paid to the fact that, for instance, in earlier times, a fair bit of South Rosedale was a potato patch.

I feel that the greatest threat to our wonderful lifestyle lies in the potential for inappropriate development of the land to the west of George Bass Drive about which our 'Place Statement' is silent.

I strongly oppose the adoption of a doctrinaire prescriptive Place Statement such as has been circulated.

For the last 32 years (I regret to say half of my life) I have seen Rosedale develop in a sensitive manner and with a modicum of change about which one might have reservations. We have not needed rules to tell our neighbours what they can and can't do with their land. Oral communications with newcomers about the community's expectations and philosophies have tended to 'do the trick'.

I have no desire to have a tree-planting carried out to prevent those of us, enjoying the beach, from, for instance, seeing the log cabins. To maintain our wonderful environment, we don't need to have every property hidden in the bush.

One extra issue I would like you to draw to members' attention is that when one walks along the beach there are about 45 properties which are in

prominent view from the beach. In the Association's draft 'Place Statement' it is suggested that there are only about 20 properties fronting the beach which may be viewed from the beach. If this be so, I guess it is because there are only 20 odd properties which actually have beach frontages! What the draft, in a misleading manner, failed to point out is that 100% or thereabouts of the properties fronting the beach can be clearly seen from the beach, and so also can about 25 others i.e. virtually everyone who has a view takes advantage of it, as well they might, having paid for it.

Another issue I would like you to address is your reference to the 'Hollywood' style of architecture. It is some years since I visited the beautiful streets of Beverly Hills, but I can't recall anything which I saw which answered the description of a 'Hollywood' style of architecture. Could you please let us know more about this alleged style of architecture which you consider to be inappropriate?

My draft of an appropriate 'Place Statement', if we must have one, is attached.

I would like to see it circulated amongst the membership along with any other drafts which the Association may receive. If you wish, you could include a copy of this note.

May I extend my very best wishes to each of you for a happy Christmas and joyous New Year. I look forward to catching up with you all down the coast over the next few weeks.

I appreciate my response to the draft 'Place Statement' has been pretty strong, but, for the first time in 32 years I think we may be heading down the wrong track!

PLACE STATEMENT FOR THE COSTAL HAMLET OF ROSEDALE

Present Character

Rosedale is surrounded by native forest and rural lands, has beautiful beaches and outlooks and a small number of pleasant walks. It is one of a small number of locations in the Shire which have largely retained their residential character with a holiday atmosphere because residents have consistently opposed all forms of commercial development including shops and caravan parks. The residents now see that their houses and their relationship with each other and the surrounding bushland, free from commercial development is worthy of protection.

Desired Future Character

The desire for the future is

1. to maintain the present informal coastal lifestyle free of commercial development
2. to maintain and enhance the present residential character of the hamlet
3. to maintain the present bushland character of the land surrounding the hamlet to the north and south
4. to maintain and enhance the present bushland backdrop to the beach below the cliffs
5. to maintain and promote the well-being and presence of native fauna in the public areas.

Methods for achieving the Desired Character

The Hamlet

1. Preclude any commercial development within the hamlet.
2. Boundaries between buildings and with the surrounding bush should be blurred.
3. Indigenous vegetation should be used and the removal of invasive and exotic plant species encouraged.
4. Access to the beach should remain via narrow tracks for foot traffic only.

Buildings

1. Buildings should have a coastal holiday character.
2. Verandahs and decks, which soften and humanise a building, should be encouraged.
3. Large windows and glass doors which capture the views of the ocean, the adjacent rocks and bush should be encouraged.
4. Buildings should be tastefully located within the owners' properties.

Landscaping

1. Landscaping should have regard to the need to minimise fire hazards.
2. Landscaping is an important element in achieving the desired character.
3. Owners should be encouraged to keep their landscaping as natural as possible.
4. Outdoor living and recreational areas and areas kept clear for bushfire protection reasons should have blurred edges.
5. Excessive paving should be discouraged.

Privacy

1. Fences are a very strong element in the determination of character. Fencing should generally be discouraged.
2. Privacy should be attained by screens, courtyards and planting rather than by fences.
3. If a fence is desired, it should be as short and as low in height as possible and preferably be of the post and wire type.

Conclusion

1. Rosedale is one of very few seaside settlements in Australia where there is no commercial development.
2. Much of Rosedale is surrounded by native vegetation.

3. In most coastal settlements the converse is the case.
4. The present character should not be dramatically altered.

FROM DEIRDRE PRUSSAK

I have decided to add my voice to the many who have replied to 'A Place Statement'.

With the risk of sounding extremely negative I feel that 'A Place Statement' is an utter waste of time. Other than wasting paper I fear that, as you stated to the Bay Post on January 12th, 'A Place Statement, once agreed to and adopted by council, will be a form of development control' this could be a dangerous situation.

For the 60 years I have been both visiting and living in Rosedale I have seen the houses evolve from little shacks to the variety of styles we have now. If the Place Statement had been in existence and followed years ago all we would have now would be one level, flat roofed, dirty green or mustard coloured dwellings all surrounded by Australian vegetation. How boring.

Rosedale has changed a great deal over all these years and will continue to do so and so will the design of the houses of its inhabitants.

People must be allowed their eclectic choice of home and garden. My garden fits none of the 'rules' you seek to impose but many people drive down the road in summer to photograph it because 'it is so pretty'. So I guess the old saying applies here – 'A sure sign of failure is trying to please everyone'.

FROM HEATHER & DAN BUCHLER

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Statement of Place (SoP). We think the concept of a SoP is valuable and we strongly support what is in the draft.

However, an important aspect of Rosedale/Burrawarra environment

that is not covered in and should not be ignored by the SoP, is its fauna (as well as its flora).

The Rosedale/Burrawarra urban area is unique in our experience because of its abundance of small birds, reptiles (cat fodder) and small marsupials (possums and bandicoots). Important to the protection of the fauna (apart from the preservation of the natural flora) is the issue of domestic pets, in particular cats, but predatory and uncontrolled dogs can also cause damage to some fauna.

Pet ownership and control is, of course, a touchy subject.

But then again, much of what is in the SoP will raise the hackles of some property owners (fences for example).

However, at least flagging the issue of fauna and uncontrolled pets may lift the awareness of those who do not think about such issues and this may of itself be of benefit to the Rosedale/Burrawarra environment.

FROM PETER HOAD

I have read with interest the proposed Statement of Place for Rosedale. Whilst I agree with much of it, I have serious concerns about point 4 of the Hamlet section. This is the proposition that vegetation be established to screen the view of buildings from the beach. My house is on Cooks Crescent and overlooks the beach and the bay. When my father built the house 42 years ago the primary object was to enjoy the view. During those 42 years we have never had any adverse comment about the house being seen from the beach. To require vegetation to be planted so the house could not be seen from the beach would ruin our enjoyment of Rosedale. When the house was built our block and all the headland was open with little tall vegetation. We have planted trees behind our block and there is now more tall vegetation than when the headland was in its 'original' state.

The fact that we have a nice view directly impacts on the land value, which of course affects the amount we pay in rates and land tax. If we are to continue to pay the very high rates and land taxes currently being levied it is reasonable that we be able to enjoy the view that causes those very high (extortionist?) levies.

I also take issue with the statement that planting screening vegetation will not increase the fire risk. To plant trees near the front of our house would be inviting danger of fire from the reserve.

FIRE – TIMELY REMINDERS

PREPARATION

- clear ground fuel around the house (grass, leaves, litter etc.)
- clear gutters (an ongoing need) and debris on roof. Windborne sparks and embers can fall into gutters and ignite leaves and litter – a common overture to a roof fire
- can gutters be blocked effectively and filled with water? – a good precaution, but needs to be thought out and tried before it is needed (e.g. gutters, downpipes and joins may need to be made leakproof)
- prepare firebreaks around house
- screen or fill in openings able to admit sparks/burning debris (metal screening, not plastic)
- remove or relocate flammable materials (woodpile, rubbish, debris, liquid fuels)
- ensure hose(s) are long enough to reach all sides of house and are fitted to tap(s)
- fill water buckets, and have rakes and other tools accessible
- work in with your neighbours
- have a Fire Plan in place which everyone understands – e.g. when

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and if to evacuate, how to do this, where to go, what to wear, what to take.

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- listen to local radio for fire news (have a battery-powered radio in case of power failure)
- wear protective clothing (long sleeves etc.)
- wet down roof, surrounds
- fill gutters with water
- fill containers, bath etc. with water for dousing spot fires
- plug gaps at doors windows with wet towels
- close up house (doors, windows, openings)
- patrol after fire has passed; douse spot fires
- check roof cavity frequently after fire has passed in case of spark entry which may smoulder for some time before igniting
- have vehicle packed and ready to go if considering evacuating to a safer place (remember smoke may considerably reduce visibility)