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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR MARGOT MARSHALL

Rosedale is glorious at the moment – lush and green and alive with new growth. But change is coming: Council has now approved a 137 lot residential subdivision on Rosedale Farm. There are amendments which appear to address some of the safety concerns we raised in our 2012 submission. See the report by David Boardman on Page 2 - please contact the committee (or Council!) with any questions.

The rain and the warm spring mean there's lots of work to do clearing weeds and debris from our properties – especially for those of us who don't live at Rosedale full-time. It's predicted to be a long hot summer, with a high risk of fire - so get

clearing now and prepare your fire plan! See Michael Skipper's update on Page 4.

This is your newsletter. We've received our first letter to the editor – hopefully the first of many. Just keep them short - 50-100 words – and we're happy to consider publishing.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter – including Roz Clark-Walker for the lovely photo above – and many thanks as always to Annie Shillington for her design expertise.

I'm looking forward to some long lazy days of summer on the beach – see you at Christmas!





Image: DA Aerial site photo

ROSEDALE FARM DEVELOPMENT (DA 73/13) APPROVED DAVID BOARDMAN

It's been a long time coming, but Council has now approved a 137 lot residential subdivision on Rosedale Farm, with amendments which appear to address some of the concerns we raised in our 2012 submission.

As we understand it, approval has been granted for a six stage development, with Stage 1 comprising:

- Excision of a lot to build the Rosedale Sewerage Pump Station
- Creation of 24 residential lots (lots 40-44, 57-65, 127-136 & 138)
- Creation of a roundabout at the intersection of the development site with George Bass Drive/Rosedale Parade.

Road safety

Access to the development is via a new street to be constructed with a roundabout intersection to George Bass Drive opposite Rosedale Parade – replacing the original proposal of a four-way intersection. Council considers that the roundabout will result in lower traffic speeds and safer access for Rosedale users.

During Stage 3, the developer will be required to construct an intersection at George Bass Drive and Bevia Road to the north as a 'left in/left out' intersection with median strip separation to address safety concerns at that location.

Land layout

There are three proposed open space areas (lots 135, 137 and 138) and one residue parcel of land at the south eastern corner of the site (lot 136) of the approved

development. The previously proposed seniors living development, to be located on the southern side of the access road, would have been located on lot 136. We assume that this parcel of land will be the subject of a future development application.

Residential lot sizes range from about 644m² to 3,485m².

The development has a minimum setback of 40m from the road reserve, to allow for vegetation screening from George Bass Drive, as is the case now for both North and South Rosedale residential dwellings.

Environmental provisions

The developer must ensure an environmental management regime is in place and maintained for the life of the development process. Council noted that this was aimed at facilitating best practice environmental safeguards and enhancing the identified endangered ecological communities and riparian corridor values of Saltwater Creek.

Next steps

We are now examining the conditions of approval in detail – it is a 35 page document. We've posted it at www.rosedaleassociation.org.au/documents, along with the indicative layout plan for the development (from the original DA – excludes one minor road change for the Rural Fire Service). Our submission and Council's brief response to us is also on the website.

The Committee will continue to talk to Council about our concerns. We welcome your views - please email us at committee@rosedale.org.au.

OUR NEW POST BOX ROBIN OLDHAM

Finally! Our new postal address has arrived : PO BOX 2125, MALUA BAY NSW 2536.

When we announced this at the AGM, it brought applause. I'm not certain why, but I do think that it is a good thing that the Association should have an address more connected to the place we are all concerned about – and not, well, somewhere else.

That said, a big thank you to Noel Egan for hosting the post office box in Canberra for so many years and to Rick Marshall for picking up in the last two years. This change will generally enable mail to reach the Association much more quickly and reliably than having it passed by various people "down the line" from Canberra.

Snail mail will now be working more efficiently for us. So, if you recall that you have not got around to paying the annual subscription, why not be a little retro and simply put it in an envelope and post it to the above address? We can now respond with a timely receipt!

BEACH EROSION

We had some wild weather in mid- September - these images capture how quickly the beach can be eroded. But by late September it had largely restabilised, thank goodness.



SAVE YOURSELF FROM A RIP VICKI SMITH

Have you been caught in a rip? Can you spot a rip? Do you know how to survive a rip? Rosedale's beaches are prone to rips and they are unpatrolled like most south coast beaches. Knowing how to spot and survive a rip could save your life, so I really recommend this session Council is running:

SURF EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

When: Saturday 13 December from 10am to 1pm Where: Broulee Surf Club Cost: \$15
Bookings essential Phone: 02 4474 7470 or Email: livelife@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au



I attended the first of these sessions in March with three Association members – we all found it very informative and worthwhile.

The program includes a talk, a video and a practical session in the water. You'll be accompanied by trained lifeguards and taught how to behave in the surf and deal with different conditions. You don't need to be fit and you don't have to enter the water if you're not confident – but you're encouraged to at least go down to the water and watch and learn from the practical session.

Editors note: If you can't make it, this is a great local blog designed to raise awareness of Australian rip hazards – take a look at the pictures of rips <http://www.scienceofthesurf.com/ripom.html>

Caption : Three rips on Tathra Beach, January 2014 Credit: scienceofthesurf.com



With a strengthening El-Nino, this summer is predicted to be longer, hotter and drier – and after the recent winter rains, fuel loads are high. That means bushfire danger.

The Rural Fire Service have finished their planned local hazard reduction activities. Ensure your Bush Fire Survival Plan is up to date – and start preparing your property now.

SIMPLE THINGS TO DO TO PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

- Cut back any overhanging trees or shrubs and dispose of cuttings appropriately
- Check the condition of your roof and replace any damaged or missing tiles
- Non-combustible fences are the most effective at withstanding the intense heat generated by bush fires.
- Clean leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes and fit quality metal leaf guards.
- Plant trees that are less likely to ignite due to their low oil content.
- If you have a water tank, dam or swimming pool, consider installing a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign.
- *Enclose underfloor areas
- Store wood piles well away from the house and keep covered.

- Keep garden mulch away from the house and keep grass cut short.
- Make sure the pressure relief valve on LPG cylinders face outwards (so flames are not directed towards the house).
- Ensure you have heat resistant hoses long enough to reach every part of your home.
- Remove and store any flammable items away from the house.
- Install metal flywire or solid screens to the outside windows and doors.
- Have a non-combustible door mat.
- Check the condition of external walls, cladding and seal any gaps.
- Note where leaves accumulate after wind storms —that is where embers will accumulate.

For more info. See the latest newsletter from Malua Bay RFS : http://www.rosedale.org.au/uploads/1/2/2/4/12246670/mb_rfs_newsletter_sept13.pdf

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

To report a fire: 000

ABC local radio: 103.5 FM

ROSEDALE 'BLACK SPOT' ROAD SAFETY FUNDING VICKI SMITH

We wrote to the Member for Eden-Monaro, Dr Peter Hendy, in June this year to thank him for his work to secure Federal funding to improve road safety at three dangerous Black Spots in Eurobodalla.

Good news! It has been reported that \$160,000 has been set aside to provide wider road shoulders, additional signage and a guardrail on George Bass Drive, from Roseby Drive at Rosedale through to the Illabunda Drive/ George Bass Drive intersection.

You may have suffered merely the irritation of a tick bite – but all of us on the NSW coast need to be aware of the risk a bite may lead to a serious tick borne disease.

Tick borne diseases (TBDs) cause symptoms ranging from nothing noticeable to acute and prolonged sickness, even death. Lyme disease is a very nasty TBD now widely believed to be in Australia and there are others successfully treated as they though they are Lyme Disease.

The adult paralysis tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*)

When a paralysis tick bites or attaches to its host, it injects saliva containing a nasty cocktail of chemicals for preventing blood clotting, one of which is a neurotoxin. The neurotoxin may cause no noticeable reaction through differing degrees of irritation and illness to paralysis and even death.

Ticks can also pick up a range of disease organisms when they ingest the blood of an infected host - a native or domesticated animal, including migratory birds. When next they attach to a host and inject saliva, infectious organisms can go in with it.

Consider the bite of any tick to be a potential source of a TBD.

An attached tick can lie doggo for a while, attracting little attention

and injecting no disease organisms whether it is carrying them or not. A tick may be on a person or a dog for some days before symptoms are noticed.



What to do in case of tick bite

- Seek immediate medical attention
- The tick needs to be removed by a person such as a medical practitioner skilled to do so.
- As there is potential for reaction to saliva injection and for infection from tick borne disease, treatment requires medical supervision.

For dogs

- Seek veterinary attention as soon as possible
- Vets and some pharmacies may be able to supply tick removal tools

- You should use a proprietary tick preventative under veterinary advice

You may not find a tick on a dog for some days, if at all, by which time the dog may become lethargic and begin to lose control of its legs. Then it is critical to get it to a vet immediately. Death or permanent impairment may result if treatment is not given soon enough.

Protecting yourself from tick-borne disease

- Minimise the risk of tick bites - wear protective clothing.
- Use recommended, effective repellants for dogs

What if medical or veterinary assistance is not available?

If it is impossible to get to a doctor, hospital or vet, you may need to remove the tick yourself.

To remove safely – use tweezers or other tools to pull it out by the head NOT by the body. The large glands run up each side of the tick, so you can squeeze saliva and possibly TBDs into yourself. Avoid irritating the tick which may cause it to inject more saliva.

The Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (AABR) publishes useful approaches. See <http://www.aabr.org.au/site/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/AABR-Ticks-and-tick-borne-diseases-protecting-yourself1.pdf>

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Council has recently called for help in reporting vandals who illegally cut down trees in Eurobodalla. Margaret Knight and John Emery from Rose Court followed up with this unhappy letter.

Over the past five years we have had large branches cut from trees, around 25 half grown trees felled in the rear of our property, and one splendid mature eucalypt tree poisoned in our front garden.

It is difficult to comprehend the audacity and disrespect of the small minority who conduct such activity for their own selfish benefit. People should be aware that if found guilty of this illegal activity fines of up to \$110,000 apply.

Anyone with any knowledge of such actions should report it to council on 02 4474 1019 so this beautiful area can be protected and preserved for future generations.

Reply from President: Very regrettable to hear about the illegal destruction of trees on the Emery/Knight property.

Rosedale is a community that highly values its bush setting and has avoided becoming "suburbia by the sea".

We should all ensure that perpetrators of this type of activity are brought to Council's attention.



Thanks to everyone who helped out in our annual Weedathon in April - the good turnout meant plenty of effective weed reduction and cleaning up.

And thanks too to the small number of people who have been attending to the appearance and wellbeing of our hamlet. Jane Enright in her relaxed and unofficial mode has maintained a watching brief on a number of sites, especially the car park, watering new plantings, weeding and trimming and occasionally gathering small groups to assist. Thanks Jane!

We are still without a Landcare Coordinator so, for the most part, activity at our major hotspots languishes. Please contact the Rosedale Committee or me if you'd like to help and want to know more.



MEMORIAL SEAT FOR CLIVE MURRAY

VICKI SMITH

If you've visited Boatshed beach recently, you may have noticed the memorial seat for Clive Murray, who tragically lost his life in 1985 trying to rescue a young swimmer. Or perhaps you missed it - the clever design and colour means the seat blends in perfectly with the boatsheds and looks like it has always been there.

Clive's widow, Pam, and three of their children, Richard, John and Cate, unveiled the seat during an emotional ceremony on the June long weekend, where family and friends were reminded of Clive's bravery.

Pam shares her memories of Rosedale with us below (see the full story on the website) and thanks the Rosedale community for their support.

MY ROSEDALE PAM MURRAY

Living in Goulburn, we knew families with houses at Rosedale, including the Manfred family that lived at Rosedale during the Depression and the Knowlman family, who owned the cabins. In the early 1960s, we visited our friends, Liz and Ken Hoad, at their house on the lagoon that we all called "Hoad's Hovel". My husband Clive thought Rosedale was beautiful and by the end of our visit he had negotiated to buy 14 Paul Street. This was the beginning of many happy family holidays for us and our children, Richard, Robert, John and Cate.

Goulburn to Rosedale took about 3 ½ hours. Our car often over-heated on the Clyde Mountain and we had to stop. We also queued for the punt to cross the river at Nelligen. We were very happy when the Nelligen bridge opened in 1965. After leaving Batemans Bay, we travelled along the coast road and took Dunn's Creek Road, which was a single car width track through the bush. Sometimes we stopped to remove fallen trees from the track and we often saw lyre birds and wallabies along the way. The road eventually drove through Bevia Farm and we finally arrived at Rosedale. It was always an eventful trip!

The house was a simple, one room cottage with no lining, a pit toilet (with its spider inhabitants) and no electricity. The first job on arrival was to erect the canvas tent for



the children to sleep in. Mosquitos were regular visitors, so Clive sprayed the inside of the tent with the mortein hand spray gun before bed-time.

We arrived at Rosedale after our Goulburn Christmas and stayed for most of January. We took a lot of non-perishable foods and fresh food for a few days. We didn't get electricity or hot water for about three years. We mainly ate fish and lobsters, as fishing was a major part of Rosedale life. Early each day, when the sea was calm, the fishing boats went out from Boatshed Beach and we excitedly waited to see the catches of the day! Milk was supplied from the local dairy, which delivered daily during holiday times. Often John and his friends would sit in the back of the milk truck and

do the rounds. If we needed extra supplies we travelled to Moruya, Mogo or Batemans Bay but these were not regular trips.

We spent most days on the beach, with the children only coming back to the house for meals, before going off to explore again. Most afternoons, we met at someone's house for drinks and nibbles and the children gathered on the beach at night to light a fire and be entertained by the Brothers, who played guitars and sang.

Rosedale was a place that was full of happy, fun times and it was wonderful to see Clive relax and enjoy fishing. Very special life-long friendships were established and each Christmas holidays the adventures began again! As a family, we enjoyed 14 Paul Street for the 30 odd years we owned it. When Clive tragically lost his life at Rosedale Beach on 27 December 1985, I found it difficult to return to Rosedale for many years. As time passed, the special connection to Rosedale returned for us all.

We hope the memorial seat for Clive will provide a place for friends and family to remember him and celebrate a very unique place.

Please email your stories to committee@rosedale.org.au

MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Held on Sat 19 April 2014, Rosedale NSW

David Boardman opened the meeting at 11:08 am on the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road, South Rosedale.

1. APOLOGIES

Keith and Mary Boardman, Elizabeth Drysdale, Noel and Wendy Egan, Katie Friend, Ruth Friend, Paul and Robyn Isaacson, Bruce and Ann Kent, Onko and Jennifer Kingma, Adrian and Susan Lewis, Judy Mallett, Margot Marshall, David, Jane and Katie Nicholas, Faye Reynolds, Murray and Christine Shiels, Elise Stutchbury, Max Tischler and Bill Williams.

2. 2013 AGM MINUTES

It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2013 AGM, as published in the December 2013 newsletter (No.116), be accepted.

Proposed: David Mackenzie

Seconded: Michael Braham

3. PRESENTATION BY RURAL FIRE SERVICE (RFS)

Helen Ridden from Malua Bay RFS addressed the meeting, advising members on bushfire preparation around their properties. She asked members to help the RFS by identifying fire hydrants near their homes and keeping them accessible by clearing away weeds and debris. Council and RFS had done some work, she said, to clear the understorey in the area and urged members to contact Council, or the Moruya RFS, if they had questions. She also explained how funds donated by landowners were used to purchase equipment and make the Malua Bay fire shed safer. She urged people to read the next RFS newsletter and attend the open day on 13 September 2014 at the Malua Bay shed.

In response to a question from Michael Skipper, Helen said there was no such place as a 'safe' place in a bushfire but that Malua Bay Surf Club and the Tomakin Sports and Social Club were considered 'safer' places. While people could go to the beach, she said it was not ideal but agreed it might be the only option if fire was coming up quickly. She urged people to make a bushfire survival plan, make early household decisions and follow them through, noting that Rosedale's narrow streets would be difficult to navigate with fire trucks also moving through the area.

In response to a question from Darren Gribble, Helen said it was a long time since a fire went through Rosedale. Harry Tischler advised of a 1925 photo that showed the headland had been burnt. Helen Ridden said people could access fire record maps and other tools on the RFS website and advised people to listen to 2EC and watch ABC24 for fire warnings. Members were also urged to download the 'Fires Near Me' app on their mobile phones but cautioned against relying on messages being sent over mobile or fixed line networks, as fires might move so quickly that messages would not get out fast enough. When raised by David Mackenzie, Helen said that the 'Go or Stay' option did not exist but the 'Prepare, Act and Survive' strategy should be followed.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: ROBIN OLDHAM

The Treasurer's report, as published in the April 2014 newsletter (No.117), was presented by Robin Oldham. He provided a breakdown of assets and income, noting that member subscriptions were up by \$380.00 on the previous year. He also explained difficulties in sorting out member payments, particularly those made by electronic funds transfer, when there was no detail of the intended breakdown for RAI subscriptions and Rosedale Landcare (RL) donations. He asked members to try and make this clear when making payments. Robin also called on members to email the Committee with ideas of how to spend the money.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and a \$500 donation to the RFS:

Proposed: David Boardman

Carried: By a show of hands

6. LANDCARE REPORT: DAVID MACKENZIE

David Mackenzie referred members to the full Landcare report, published newsletter No.117. He praised Jane Lemann for starting RL in the 1980s, saying that the environmental aspects of Rosedale had been maintained and RL's work had added value to Rosedale properties. He asked members to consider joining volunteers on the ground or donating to the Landcare fund, saying that the Federal Government had calculated one hour of Landcare work to be worth \$30.00 per hour. He also asked for feedback on what RL should, or should not, be doing. Michael Braham asked if RL was

reluctant to spend funds on outside parties to do the work. David Mackenzie explained that RL needed to keep a reasonable amount in reserve for projects but it did pay a contractor to supplement Council's payment, principally for work on Banksia Flat. Members responded positively, when David asked if they were happy for funds to continue to be used to pay contractors. Jane Enright said that work at the Retreat was going well and asked other landholders to contact RL for help, if weeds on their properties were too much for them to deal with, explaining that costs could be shared.

Tim Brown asked where members could access educational information about weeds, with David Mackenzie referring people to the 'Rosedale Landcare' section on the RAI website and suggesting they read Jane Lemann's book or ask for advice.

Motion to accept the Landcare report

Proposed: David Mackenzie

Seconded: Colin Enright. Carried.

7. SEWERAGE PROJECT, COUNCIL AND DEVELOPMENTS: DAVID BOARDMAN

David Boardman said that Council had an information trailer to bring to Rosedale to provide more information about the sewerage project. As Council was not available to attend the AGM, he undertook to organise it for a later date. David understood from Council that their timetable was on track to have sewerage connected to Rosedale by the end of 2015.

On developments, David reported that one year of Marsim's five year extension had now gone and Council was still waiting for further information from the developers of Rosedale Farm. David said he was keeping track of what Council was doing with zoning in parts of Rosedale, mainly Tranquil Bay, and hoped for no changes to current zoning.

8. BEACH SAFETY: TIM BROWN

Tim Brown explained how the RAI Committee had responded to concerns about beach safety. He talked briefly about an incident in January, when an adult and children were caught in a rip on main beach, despite the adult being very capable in the surf. He also referred to the tragic loss of Clive Murray.

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Tim advised that two members of the Bell and Crisp families had their Bronze Medallions and that he was nearly finished his. He said that the Committee's approaches to Council and local surf lifesavers had identified education as the best approach to improve beach safety, as the more people with knowledge and skills the better. He reported that two Committee members had attended Council's recent adult Surf Education and Awareness Workshop and it was hoped that a similar workshop could be held in Rosedale.

Tim explained the logistical and potential liability issues associated with leaving floatation equipment on an unpatrolled beach, He instead suggested that members take boogie boards or surfboards with them to the beach and send as many of them as possible into a rip to help someone, if needed. He strongly advised members against entering a rip to save someone, if they did not have a floatation device with them. He also noted that current advice from lifesavers was for people to remain calm and just float in a rip to reserve energy, rather than panic and try to swim across the rip to get out. He explained an exercise where buoys had been placed in a rip to track their movement, which showed them being taken out by the rip, before being washed back into shore as the rip merged with the breaking waves.

Tim also talked about the CPR training in Rosedale in December 2013, saying that the Committee hoped it could be an annual event. In response to a question, Tim said that putting flags out to warn of a rip was not an option for Rosedale, or other non-patrolled beaches. He then welcomed Clive Murray's widow, Pam, to the meeting and said that the memorial seat for Clive was to be a great reminder of his valour. Harry Tischler asked if a phone could be put in the carpark for people to ring '000'. David Boardman explained that the Committee had

talked to Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club about installing an emergency device but there were logistical problems with this. As an alternative, he suggested that members take a mobile phone to the beach and welcomed Deidre Prussak's offer for people to use her phone in emergencies.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Boardman explained why Max Tischler had not nominated for re-election this year and thanked him for his contribution to the Committee, saying he hoped Max might still contribute articles for future newsletters. He advised that permanent resident, Jacquie Leong, had nominated for the Committee, so that the number of nominations equalled the number of places available and no election was necessary. As a result, the following are the executive and committee of Rosedale Association Inc. for 2014:

President:.....David Boardman
Secretary:.....Vicki Smith
Treasurer:Robin Oldham
Members:.....Tim Brown
.....Noel Egan
.....Colin Enright
.....Melissa Gribble
.....Jacquie Leong
.....David Mackenzie
.....Margot Marshall

Motion to accept the proposed Committee Members

Proposed: David Boardman
Seconder: Barbara Carter. Carried.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

David Boardman announced the launch of the "My Rosedale" initiative, advised that Pam Murray's "My Rosedale" article would be in the next newsletter and encouraged contributions from other members. He also said that the RAI

Post Office box would be moved from Manuka to Malua Bay in the near future and members would be advised.

Vicki Smith said that the Producer for the next series of "Coast", which runs on Foxtel's history channel, wanted to talk to families who still owned old fibro shacks. She said they would be on the NSW south coast on 27 April 2014 for filming, if members were interested.

Members were reminded about the weedathon and sausage sizzle.

Michael Skipper announced that RAI's Facebook page was up and running and encouraged members to search and 'like' rosedaleassociation.

Darren Gribble asked about progress to repair the steps at the end of Yowani Road, suggesting that Council be approached to co-fund the project. David Boardman advised that the Committee had previously taken it up with Council but would try contacting the General Manager directly. In response to a question, Darren Gribble advised the steps were on Crown Land.

David Boardman reminded members to pay their subscriptions, so RAI could represent a high number of ratepayers and members when approaching Council on issues. It was agreed that the Committee should email members towards the end of the calendar year to remind them that subscriptions were due.

The meeting closed at 12:08 pm.
*** 68 members were present at the AGM**

Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, Secretary
22 April 2014



(David Boardman)
RAI President and AGM Chair

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