

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2015

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

AGENDA AGM 4 APRIL 2015

1. Apologies
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Landcare Report
4. Fire Report
5. Council issues
6. Developments to the West
7. Batemans Marine Park update
8. Election of Committee members
9. Other business

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

What a fantastic summer and glorious autumn – and thankfully fire free. Rosedale is looking very lush after all the rain – although that has helped the weeds thrive too. I can't remember a summer when the creek was broken so many times...it made for lovely warm water when the ocean was cold. See the story on Professor Des Clark Walker's measurements of Rosedale's water temperatures on page 5.

A reminder to everyone that membership

fees are due – pay online and avoid the AGM queue. Did you know you can now pay by PayPal?

We are always looking for fresh faces for the Rosedale Association Committee – see page 8 for the nomination form.

A big thanks to Kitty Tischler for organising the annual Sausage Sizzle, to Roz Clark-Walker for her gorgeous pics, and as ever to Annie Shillington for laying out this newsletter! See you at the AGM!

MARGOT MARSHALL

COME TO THE ANNUAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

When: 5:00 pm Easter Saturday 4 April 2015

**Where: On the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road
We supply the food – just bring your own drinks and seating.**

Bring the kids, your visitors and friends.

Meet new faces and catch up with old friends – it's always a great night.

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION –
CURRENT COMMITTEE

Office Bearers

President: David Boardman

Secretary: Vicki Smith

Treasurer: Robin Oldham

Ordinary Members

Tim Brown

Noel Egan

Colin Enright

Melissa Gribble

Jacque Leong

David Mackenzie

Margot Marshall

EASTER WEEDATHON

The annual Easter weedathon
will take place on Saturday
4 April at 2:30 pm.

Come for as long as you can
spare. Meet in the car park.

Contact: David Mackenzie
ph: 6288 6194

See how you'll be helping
Landcare – page 6



TREASURER'S REPORT

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2014

INCOME

Members Subscriptions	\$ 1,400.00
Interest	\$ 291.00
Donations for Landcare	\$ 1,250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,941.00

EXPENDITURE

Insurance	\$ 370.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 173.00
Australia Post	\$ 221.00
Fair Trading	\$ 52.00
Malua Bay Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00
Payments to Rosedale Landcare	\$ 1,250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 2,566.00

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE \$ 375.00

ASSET TRANSFER

Withdrawal – Perpatual Cash Management Fund \$ 20,011.00

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$ 22,337.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,337.00

ROSEDALE LANDCARE GROUP

INCOME

Donations (via Rosedale Association) \$ 1,250.00

EXPENDITURE

Labour and Services – May	\$ 480.00
Services – September	\$ 81.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 561.00

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME \$ 689.00

ASSETS

Cash at Bank \$ 7,252.00 |

SEWERAGE UPDATE DAVID BOARDMAN

Hopefully you've all been receiving the regular updates from Eurobodalla Shire Council on our sewerage progress.

Since their last update on 15 January council has advised they are waiting approval from the NSW Office of Water before they call for tenders for the construction of the Pump Station on the western side of George Bass Drive. Once that tender has been awarded they will call for tenders for the construction of household pump units and pipe work.

Editor's note: Like several householders in Yowani Road North Rosedale, we were confronted in January by the abrupt refusal by our pumpout company to service our property any more – takes too long, too hard on the pump etc. I rang Council to ask whether I could expect the sewerage to be on by next Christmas... the answer was, no completion date yet.



FISHING ALERT: ROSEDALE MARINE PARK - AMNESTY OVER DAVID BOARDMAN

The amnesty on shore-based recreational line fishing in the Rosedale Burrewarra Marine Park has now ceased.

This area is a Sanctuary Zone. Fishing and Collecting are prohibited and significant penalties apply including on the spot fines of up to \$500.

I have dived around Rosedale for many years and I can report there have been significant improvements in marine stocks in the protected areas. But these improvements are under threat. Despite Jimmies Island and Nuns Beach being within the Sanctuary Zone, poaching of abalone and crayfish seems to happen on a regular basis.

Over the past months, Fisheries have successfully apprehended poachers at Jimmies Island and Tranquil Bay. I have had discussions with both the Marine Park Authority and Fisheries - their advice is to continue reporting illegal activity.

Call the Fisheries Watch hotline on **1800 043 536** and include the following:

- Type of activity
- Time, date and location of activity
- Number of people and any descriptions
- Registration number of cars and boats



The Marine Park Authority and Fisheries have limited staff available for enforcement but they say if Rosedale is classified as a hotspot due to increased reporting we will see more patrols by Fisheries in our area.

For more information, see the Primary Industries website at <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/compliance>

A FIRE – FREE SUMMER

We've been lucky again! Plenty of rain over summer has kept the fire risk at bay – but there is lots of new growth, so stay aware.

Remember – in case of Emergency call 000.



TAWNY FROGMOUTHS – THE MASTERS OF MISCONCEPTION ALANA LEGGE

These three Tawny Frogmouths (*Podargus strigoides*), photographed by Roz Clark-Walker, were first spotted in my folks' back garden in Knowlman Road in December last year. A common misconception is that Tawny Frogmouths are a species of owl but in fact they share only a few common characteristics. Both are nocturnal and have powerful forward facing eyes that provide acute binocular vision and great efficiency in hunting for live prey. However, the owl is a bird of prey and the Tawny Frogmouth, technically, is not.

Owls possess strong legs and long needle sharp talons, which they use to spear their prey and carry it to a safe location to devour. They may also choose to leave half of the carcass in a tree to ripen up for later, as a local Powerful Owl did in our previous garden in Tranquil Bay Place a few years ago. Owls also have a small, but strong, hooked beak that efficiently tears through the flesh of their prey.

Tawnies are members of the Nightjar family and are more closely related to kookaburras and kingfishers than to owls. Their little feet are soft and relatively weak, making them much clumsier on foot than on the wing. Thankfully, as their name suggests, they are equipped with a spectacularly wide mouth, which scoops up insects, lizards, rodents and frogs, with the Tawny efficiently swallowing them whole. Generally, Tawny Frogmouths are quiet achievers, renowned for preying on many of our common household pests, including spiders, moths, slugs and grasshoppers.

Tawnies have adapted a very effective threat display, which involves a high-vis yellow inner mouth, a puffed up mane of spiky feathers and some interesting vocalisations. They are also well known for their particularly smelly excrement

bombs and their ninja-like camouflage. With their bodies stretched upright, and their beaks raised vertically, they try desperately to appear as a well placed broken branch...or perhaps three broken branches, depending on the season. Parents are monogamous and young are particularly cute in a very endearing 'ugly bird' kind of way. The little family in the photo were typically perched on low tree branches during the day, very well camouflaged as part of the tree.

Although the conservation status of the Tawny Frogmouth is "Least Concern", there are many threats facing them in the wild. Along with stray cat and dog attacks, Tawnies are at high risk of secondary pesticide poisoning and of being hit by cars, as they hunt insects in car headlights by the roadside.

Please contact WIRES on 13000 WIRES or 1300 094737 if you find an injured Tawny Frogmouth or any other wildlife needing assistance.



OVERTURNED CATAMARAN VICKI SMITH



Concerned family and onlookers - from Vicki's iPhone

Many of you would have been on the beach during the Christmas break, when a catamaran overturned with two people on board. I was on Boatshed beach at the time, so I followed the advice we had been given by surf life savers and immediately rang 000 and asked for 'Police'. Within minutes of reporting the incident I was told that Batemans Bay Police, Marine Rescue and surf life saving had been advised. I was standing with the families of the people on board, so I was able to give the police all the information they required and was kept on the line, until police arrived on the beach 15 minutes later.

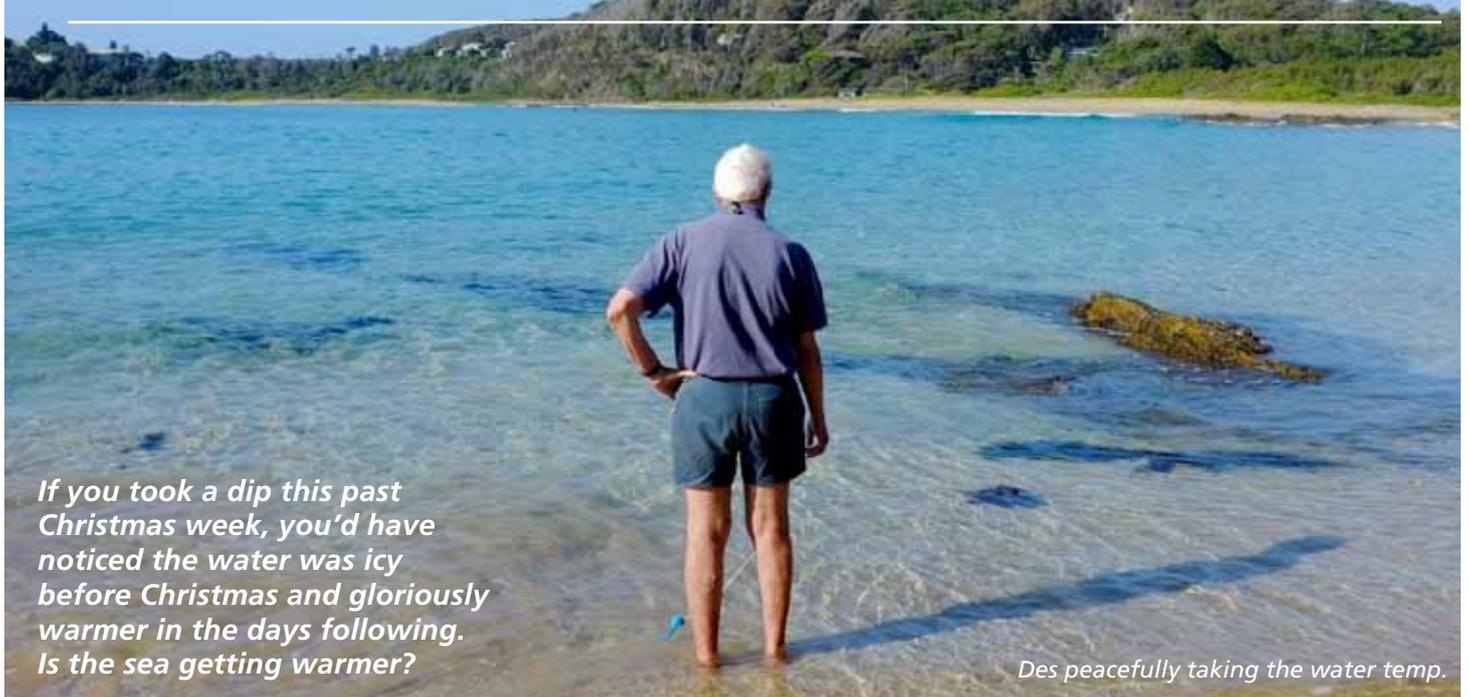
One person on the beach had binoculars, so we could see that the two people involved were safe. Nevertheless we were concerned when it took 27 minutes before a surf life saving inflatable rescue boat came around Pretty Point to help. What we didn't know at the time was that three life savers from Malua Bay happened to be at Rosedale kayaking on their day off, so they had paddled out and were on the scene within minutes!

David Boardman later contacted Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club to discuss the incident. They confirmed that the procedure followed was correct and that we need to be realistic about response times to Rosedale, allowing adequate time for volunteers to get organised and make their way.

If you see someone in trouble in the water, please phone 000 for a coordinated response.

ROSEDALE'S WATER TEMPERATURE – A SCIENTIFIC SNAPSHOT

JACQUIE LEONG



If you took a dip this past Christmas week, you'd have noticed the water was icy before Christmas and gloriously warmer in the days following. Is the sea getting warmer?

Des peacefully taking the water temp.

For the past 11 years, molecular geneticist Des Clark-Walker has been keeping an eye on Rosedale sea temperatures. Every month – on no fixed day - Des wanders down to the beach, immerses his swimming pool thermometer for three minutes and records the data. The thermometer is calibrated against a laboratory thermometer back at ANU.

SO WHAT HAS HE FOUND?

First, Rosedale's sea surface temperatures don't always coincide with the Bureau of Meteorology data for Batemans Bay - the open ocean water at Rosedale is naturally cooler than the water of the Clyde Estuary. Furthermore, currents and the winds are significant variables. Rosedale sea temperatures dip when a tongue of colder water moves up the coast from the south. They also fluctuate with the prevailing winds – a NW breeze blows the warmer surface water out to sea, causing the colder water from deeper layers to come to the surface. Conversely, a prolonged SE breeze blows the warmer ocean currents towards our shores.

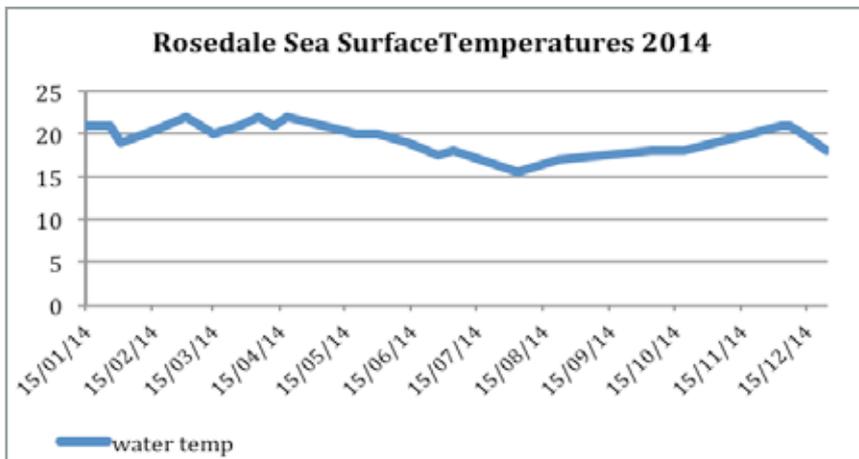
Second, there is variability year to year – and volatility even from week to week.

THE RESULTS

The sea surface temperatures Des has recorded range from a chilly 14 degrees (for example, July 2004, August 2007 and September 2012) to a balmy 24 degrees (March 2006, March 2007 and February 2010).

Summer temperatures are generally between 20 and 22 degrees – but they can fluctuate quite quickly. This past summer, the temperature dropped from 21 degrees in early December to 18 degrees on 23 December – but not as low as 23 December 2006, when the mercury dropped down to 16 degrees.

Mild summer temperatures frequently persist through April but start to decline in the first or second week of May. Last year for the first time the sea surface temperature remained at the 20 degree mark right up to the end of May - our longest period of mild ocean temperatures.



Notes: This graph represents average temperatures for the month.

Winter readings are in the vicinity of 15-16 degrees, but sometimes can be as high as 18 degrees, as we saw in July last year. The July readings for 2013 consistently show the weekly temperatures to be two degrees higher than a decade ago – but the temperatures for the months of August right through to November have been largely stable over the decade.

So what does it all mean? Too early to say, says Des. In order to establish a convincing trend in the sea surface temperatures for Rosedale, it would be necessary to take the readings for a longer period, and to take them more consistently in the course of the year.

HOW ROSEDALE LANDCARE WORKS DAVID MACKENZIE

In response to your requests, here's an outline of how Rosedale Landcare works – and why we need your help!

BACKGROUND

Rosedale Landcare is one of 30 Landcare groups which make up the Eurobodalla Landcare Network. These Landcare groups are informally organised and run by volunteers, but administered jointly by Eurobodalla Shire Council and the NSW government body, South East Local Land Services (SELLS).

Council and SELLS coordinate applications for grants, with Council administering Landcare funds and allocating them for contractors, tools, chemicals and safety equipment. Council project officers provide advice and support and SELLS also employs a Landcare Community Support Officer.

Funding comes from federal and state governments, to augment ratepayers' Environment Levy.

ROSEDALE LANDCARE

Rosedale Landcare is not a branch of the Rosedale Association, although the two bodies have a common goal - looking after our local environment – and a big overlap in membership. As Rosedale Landcare is not incorporated, it can't hold money, so the Association administers the Landcare Fund for us. Membership of Rosedale Landcare is open to anyone interested - it operates for all Rosedale residents as well all visitors.

Rosedale Landcare is backed by an informal Landcare Committee consisting of Ian Holmes, Jane Enright, Colin Enright and myself. We meet as required and decide on Landcare Fund expenditure. We aim to have at least one Landcare representative on the Rosedale Association Committee – currently Colin Enright and me.

I am the contact and technical advisor for Rosedale Landcare, liaising with the Eurobodalla Landcare Network, SELLS and Council. Landcare is still looking for a coordinator - If you have some time to spare to muster our volunteers and liaise with council, please contact me.

Jane is our active, on-ground organiser. She is our prime contact with Council's project officers who come on site to consult with us, help with plants, materials and equipment supply.

THE LANDCARE FUND

We established the Landcare Fund as a way for people to contribute if they were unable to volunteer for onground activity – or could not do so frequently enough. It was intended mostly to pay for contractors to undertake activities that were largely beyond our capabilities.

However, the Fund has defaulted to become an easy way of contributing to Landcare instead of volunteering. We desperately need more on-ground volunteers to keep Rosedale's landscapes healthy and beautiful – and to enhance our prospects of Council funding.



ROSECARE

This is the term coined by departing Association President Gordon Bray. Let's embrace it again. Every little bit counts. Big thanks to our small band of regular volunteers – but let's not burn them out. Don't forget the annual Easter Weedathon, on Saturday 4 April. Meet in the carpark at 2:30 pm.

See the opposite page for Landcare contributions!

Contact: David Mackenzie ph: 6288 6194



YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS HELP BOOST COUNCIL FUNDING.

A little known fact about Landcare funding – the more hours we log for volunteers, the more likely it is that we'll get funding!

Federal and state funds are usually required to be matched in part or in full by volunteer contributions, on-ground or in cash. They favour those with the highest hours as being most likely to get the job done. One hour on the ground is worth \$30 – many volunteers contribute 20-30 hours annually.

We record and submit all volunteer time to Council. Council will help struggling groups for a while but unless they come good they eventually lose Council support. Rosedale Landcare hovers on the threshold of that status.

That's an incentive to get out and spend an hour or two weeding a track or verge!

Email Jane (colinenrightphotos@bigpond.com) or me (davidmackenzie@grapevine.net.au) to let us know any hours you spend looking after a public space.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, RENEWAL AND PAYMENT FORM

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

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

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

Alternatively, you can renew your membership and make payments by bank deposit or PayPal.

Please use the form on the Membership page of the Rosedale Association website:

www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html

Please let us know on the form if you are happy to receive all future notices and newsletter by email – to save us money, time and paper!

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES (please print carefully)

1 _____
 2 _____

YES I am happy to receive all notices and newsletters by email

NO Please send notices and newsletters by post

NAME AND ADDRESS FOR MAILING

Rosedale address

Telephone numbers

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

Rosedale telephone number

WEED NOTICES (Please tick one)

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

PAYMENTS

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

Landcare Fund donation (optional) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM - 2015

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

Or scan and email to: **committee@rosedale.org.au** by Thursday 2 April 2015 OR
hand it to the Secretary before the AGM on Saturday 4 April 2015.

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

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

Nominator: _____ Signed: _____

Secunder: _____ Signed: _____

I agree to stand: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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