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Summer at last! Here's hoping for sunny skies and warm ocean temperatures – and no more of those violent storms that caused such havoc midyear! And yes—that tree we complained to Council about did fall onto the Saltwater Creek footbridge!

We were sad to hear that Gordon Bray—lifeblood of the Rosedale Association—died in August this year. Many of you will remember Gordon (affectionately dubbed 'the Mayor of Rosedale'!) strolling the beach in a battered hat, stopping to talk to everyone. I'll always remember the warm welcome he gave us when we first arrived in Rosedale in the 1990s. See the story on p 4. We will also miss Paul Mlakar, who died in April—a valued community member who helped so much with this newsletter. David Boardman sent condolences on behalf of us all.

It's been a busy year for your committee—work with Council on the development front and repairs after the wild storms, installation of a defibrillator and (at last!) two Angel Rings. You'll be pleased to know that we've bought a new barbecue for our sausage sizzles—the old relic really was a fire hazard!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter and especially to the wonderful Annie Shillington for fantastic layout.

Have a great summer!

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Please pass this newsletter on to your friends and neighbours – we'd be delighted to have more members.

Application form is at <http://www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html> - and it's only \$10 a year.

Good news - we've made headway on the dangerous Rosedale steps at the end of Yowani Road. You may remember Mayor Lindsay Brown promised our AGM that he would personally take carriage of our request for new safe steps - after Darren Gribble's forthright question about what Rosedale gets for its rates! In April, Council applied for a Fishing Trust grant, with a supporting letter from us. We're still waiting to hear if we've been successful, but Council has agreed to survey the site and prepare a design and costing.

No luck though on our approach to Essential Energy, asking for Rosedale's remaining overhead power lines to be buried underground. Burying the last power lines would reduce the bushfire risk and also enhance the look and feel of our natural environment. Essential Energy have replied, saying they had completed a "significant program of works in Rosedale in 2011" and have no plans to place the existing overhead electricity network in Rosedale underground.

There's some movement on the Marsim development with a

Development Application (DA.589/16) lodged for a 32 Lot Residential Subdivision. We lodged a submission in May, raising three key issues:

- The need for traffic management (especially around Rosedale Parade) and an integrated road network plan for the whole Rosedale Urban Expansion Zone (UEZ).
- That the number of small 700 sq m lots is in conflict with Council's stated preference for 1200 sq m lot sizes in the Rosedale UEZ. We asked that the developer



increase the average lot size, so it's compatible with the Rosedale community's zoning and character.

- The need for vegetated buffer strips and water quality monitoring, so that this development does not further damage the ecological habitats of the Bevan wetland and Saltwater Creek, and adversely impact fauna and the marine park.

In response to the AGM email from the Gwynn-Jones family, a padlocked gate now prevents vehicles driving through to the headland at the end of Yowani Road, allowing for the bush to regenerate. Following June's wild weather, Council has also repaired the bridge over Saltwater Creek and we've asked them to repair the path at the southern end of Rosedale Beach, leading down from Cooks Cres.

BEACH SAFETY VICKI SMITH



This wall-mounted box contains the defibrillator and also a first aid kit.



As we agreed at our Easter AGM, we've drawn on Association funds to buy a defibrillator from Royal Life Saving Australia. It is now installed on the western wall of the cabins - many thanks John and Jeanette Gasson for hosting this valuable community asset for us. Thanks also to Ian Kenneally, RLSA's Regional Manager Illawarra, for travelling to Rosedale to deliver a training session to 28 attendees. We plan to organise regular training - we'll let you know dates and times.

In August, two long-awaited Angel Rings (life buoys) were installed at Rosedale Beach - one at the northern end of Boatshed Beach and the other just to the south of the cabins. An Angel Ring can be thrown out to someone in trouble in the water to keep them afloat until help arrives or a rescue can be arranged. A big thank you to the Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA), which manages the Angel Ring project that targets rock fishers, and to Yvonne Brennan for suggesting the idea.

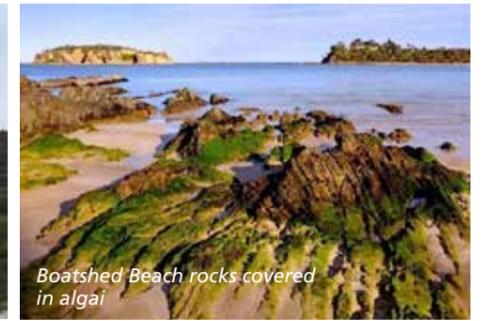
JUNE'S WILD WEATHER

'Stormageddon' the media dubbed it and 'monster weather'. In early June, Rosedale was pounded when a massive east coast low coincided with a two metre king tide, bringing torrential rains, fierce winds and huge swells.

Here's what it looked like, during and after. Thanks to Roz Clarke-Walker and Michael Skipper for these pics!



Huge seas



Boatshed Beach rocks covered in algae



King tide



Cooks Crescent track ends in the sea



Aftermath



Boatshed Beach erosion

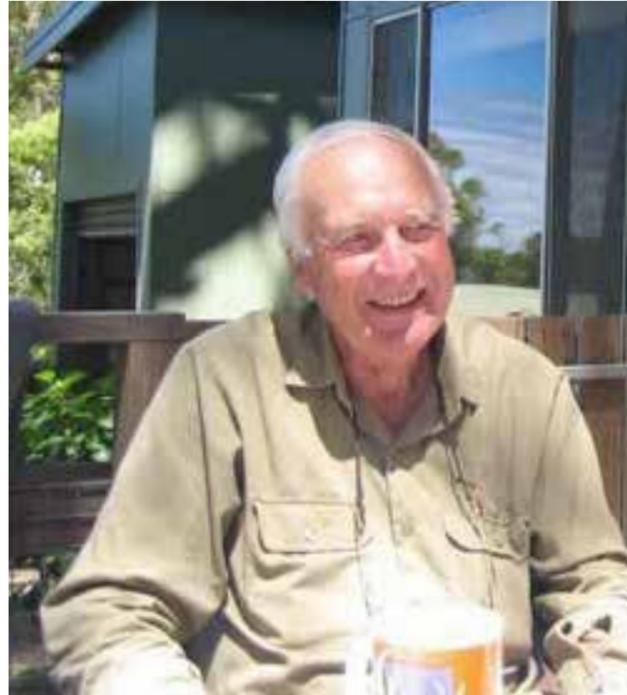


Foam? or snow!



Aftermath: where's the sand on the beach?

If you see someone in trouble, call **000** and ask for the police



Long-time residents and visitors to Rosedale will remember my uncle Gordon Bray and his passion for Rosedale. In the face of a threatened caravan park in North Rosedale, the Rosedale Association was formed in the early 1970s. Gordon was the inaugural president and remained at the helm for more than 20 years. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the very special ambiance of Rosedale was not lost and that it did not become commercial in any way. He worked very hard for Landcare and ensured the beach was preserved.

Gordon had fallen in love with Judith Knowlman and Rosedale in the early fifties. The couple spent their honeymoon at Rosedale in the log cabins, and then lived there for six months while Gordon began his apprenticeship at BP. While later they lived around Australia and abroad, holidays were always spent at Rosedale.

Gordon was a keen fisherman. His prize catch was a huge blue Groper (not protected in those days) caught from Jack's hole. I remember he tactfully said it was 23lbs and 15ozs so as not to beat his father-in-law's record of 24lbs! (It was actually 27lbs!)

He and Judith retired in 1994 and moved permanently to the renovated Knoll (built by Jack Knowlman in the fifties). Here they lived very happily until bad health forced their return to Canberra in 2005.

Gordon's love of Rosedale remained until his death and we know he would have been touched by the beautiful flowers placed on his coffin picked from the gardens of Rosedale.

Gordon Llewelyn Bray 22.1.1930 - 7.8.2016

Editor's note

Gordon Bray's family welcomed the Committee's offer of Rosedale garden flowers for his funeral. In fact, they decided that they only wanted flowers from Rosedale, so Bill Legge and Vicki Smith had a quick lesson from a florist in Batemans Bay and worked with Kit Tischler to collect flowers and make up the arrangement for the casket. They were gorgeous!



SEWERAGE - Where are we up to?

Guerilla Bay will be connected by Christmas, but as Jenny Sinclair has emailed you, **THERE WILL BE NO ROSEDALE CONNECTIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS** so please do not cancel your pumpout service!

Street mains are completed in both North and South Rosedale, but there's still a lot of work to do from street mains - boring the sidelines, installing boundary kits and pressure pumps - and finally connecting.

Construction will close down on 17 December and start up again on 31 January. A crew will be on standby for restoration work and the contractors, Ledonne, will open the second week in January.

Council says they're on track to complete construction this financial year, with Rosedale connections to the new sewer system from April 2017.

CONNECTION – PRIVATE PLUMBER

Owners who are hooking up the new pump unit more than five metres from the existing lines will need to get a private plumber. You will not have to pay Council fees for your Notice of Works and the first compliance inspection – Council has waived them. Make sure you discuss this with your plumber when getting quotes.

If you need contacts for a private plumber, please email committee@rosedale.org.au from February next year.

Any questions, contact Jenny Sinclair at Ledonne: 0427 994 906 or jenny@ledonne.com.au

2016 has been similar to last year with multiple rainfall events putting us well above average – between June and September we received 810mm, close to 33 inches. And there's been more rain since.

As the weather has warmed up, we've seen a huge increase in plant, grass and weed growth - which could cause concern later in the year and early 2017.

Cast your mind back to Christmas Day last year, when most of us were either at Rosedale or contemplating the trip to the coast. It was at this time over 100 homes were destroyed by terrifying bushfires in Victoria at Wye River and Separation Creek. These are communities with a very similar bush and coastal setting and a comparable fire threat.

We need to ensure we do everything we can to reduce the fire threat for the entire Rosedale community. I would urge everyone to prepare your property prior to the Bush Fire Danger – remove those bushfire hazards!

- **Rake and remove fine fuels** - fallen leaves, twigs, bark etc from around your home. Dispose of them by composting, mulching or putting them in the green waste bin for collection.
- **Mow or use a brushcutter** - to keep grass and other vegetation low and under control.
- **Remove or prune trees, shrubs and the understory** - trim

any trees or shrubs close to your home. Prune by thinning the tree canopy and removing over-hanging branches that are close to a building. This helps reduce bushfire risk.

Help to reduce the fire threat for all of us.

Left: the RFS now has apps for IOS and Android to help you prepare your fireplan.



HEAVY YARD WORK TOO MUCH FOR YOU? RFS AIDER PROGRAM



If you are elderly or disabled, and you have limited domestic support from family and friends, you may be able to take advantage of the Aider Program offered by the Rural Fire Service.

This one-off free service may include

- Thinning vegetation
- Removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches
- Trimming branches from around and overhanging the home
- Mowing or slashing long grass
- Cleaning gutters.

It's a service aimed at supporting residents to live safely and confidently in areas where bush fires may start. RFS will assess your property and help you complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan. All work will be carried out by Rural Fire Service teams.

To apply, contact the RFS by email aiders@rfs.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 8741 4955

Since the last report at Easter, Landcare has had a few working bees and activities on the go. At Easter we had a great turn up and ended up splitting into two teams. One worked in and around the car park where thanks to the efforts of many volunteers over the years we have been able to establish and maintain a welcoming entry to the beach - it would otherwise have become overgrown and a dumping ground for rubbish.

Our second group split off to work on the flats and lower slopes of Boatshed Beach. I am sad to say that this area has become infested with a few garden escapees and requires a concerted effort over the next few years to bring it back under control. We were confronted by particularly rampant infestations of bridal creeper, turkey rhubarb (climbing dock) and asparagus fern. All of them require follow up spraying programs as manual removal on its own is unlikely to succeed. So Landcare is proposing to use your donations to bring in local specialist contractors to carry out coordinated spraying programs before they go to seed in late summer and early autumn.

In late June, a team from the local Green Army helped us maintain the main beach access. Helped by Jane Enright and David Mackenzie, they removed weeds, spread mulch and cleaned up around the car park. Most recently we had a working bee on the October Long weekend. I must confess the notification was somewhat later than in the past which I suspect meant people had already made arrangements as there were only three people - myself, my wife Louisa

and Peter Ward. Despite this we spent a couple of hours on the cliff top reserve between Knowlman Road and the main beach attacking in particular the spread of bridal creeper and asparagus fern. For those people lucky enough to be permanent residents or visiting between now and Christmas I spray painted any weeds that I could find in this area hoping they'll be easier to identify for anyone who would like to spend a little time helping out.

FUTURE WORK – GETTING ON TOP OF THE WEEDS!

I have spent much time walking the area identifying hotspots for future activities:

- **Boatshed beach flats and slopes** which not only have the weed infestations I mentioned earlier but also vast swathes of African daisies which have escaped from gardens over the years and are slowly taking over.
- **The gully leading down to the Yowani steps and the northern beach** – behind Yowani Road and Dale Place properties. This area has asparagus fern, bridal creeper, turkey rhubarb and also cassia senna which has a bright yellow flower and a green pea like seed pod.
- **The public path from the western end of Yowani Road down to the lagoon** - it has a massive amount of honeysuckle growing along and onto the path.
- **The beachfront next to the cabins at the bottom of Knowlman Road** – it's covered in bulbs that have escaped from gardens and washed down onto the beach. See the montbretia with the orange flowers.

- **The cliff top reserve between Knowlman Road and the main beach** - look for the spray painted weeds.
- **Banksia Flats** continues to be a key focus for our contractors to consolidate years of hard work to remove weeds.
- **The gully leading down to Nuns beach** – thanks to the new owners David and Jenny who have removed enormous quantities of weeds.
- Lastly the road reserves throughout Rosedale where we find the same weeds, asparagus fern, cassia and polygala (with a purple flower, sometimes called butterfly bush or broom milkwort) Crofton weed and fireweed.

Over the coming months we'll be targeting areas most in need, engaging contractors to supplement working bees. We rely on volunteers and donations to be able to operate but we'd also encourage you to take a few hours when next in Rosedale removing weeds from your property and its surrounds.

Space prevents me publishing pictures of all the weeds but I'll post them on the Rosedale Association's Facebook and website and I'll be happy to organise pamphlets for anybody interested.

Finally – I'd like to acknowledge Jane Enright and Ian Holmes who've been longstanding members of Rosedale Landcare and have both now called it a day. **As a consequence we are now calling for volunteers to join the Landcare Committee and provide some input and direction. Anyone interested please email me at danielmlong@optusnet.com.au**



Montbretia



Fireweed



Bridal Creeper



Cottonweed



Cassia Senna



Polygala



Easter Saturday sausage sizzle

Our AGM was held on a gorgeous Easter day on the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road. Eighty-two people attended and it ran for an hour and a half. It was fantastic to have the mayor attend for the first time – a chance for everyone to put their issues directly to Council – and they did! President David Boardman welcomed the mayor, Councillor Lindsay Brown, talking about the importance of the natural environment to Rosedale and the Association's role in maintaining its village in the bush and beach character.

To read the full AGM minutes, click [here](#) or go to www.rosedale.org.au and click on documents. Here's a summary of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- Sewerage: Work to begin in mid-April with completion anticipated by May 2017.
- Developments to Rosedale's west (Rosedale Farm and Bevia Park) – the economy currently helping put developments on hold.
- Council's new Rural Land Strategy had affected areas to Rosedale's north and south, with Tranquil Bay now zoned Rural 1 and the land to Mackenzie's beach zoned as E4 (the same as Rosedale). With minimum sub-divisions of 10 hectares to the north and 40 hectares to the south, he said it was unlikely we would see any change.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Councillor Lindsay Brown thanked David Boardman for his invitation to attend, saying Associations form an integral part of communities and he welcomed the information that fed through. He provided some history of his connection with the Eurobodalla and his election as Mayor in 2012. He also touched on the

Rural Land Strategy, noting it had gone to State Government for gazettal, with the likelihood of a maximum of two extra houses being built in the E4 zone to the north of Rosedale – but no likelihood of Rosedale losing its character. The Mayor invited questions:

- Darren Gribble noted that Rosedale had not had much attention or support from Council over the 40 years he had been a ratepayer and asked for the Mayor's explanation of the neglect and what we needed to do to get projects, such as beach access paths, actioned by Council. The Mayor undertook to take carriage of the beach access projects, asking for a letter of support from RAI. He noted David Boardman's comment that RAI was willing to contribute funds to the project and that a member reported slipping and hitting her head on the path leading from Yowani Road to main beach.
- Bill Williams queried the current dog controls at Rosedale, asking whether the control periods could be amended. The Mayor noted that Rangers took



Councillor Lindsay Brown

more than 9,000 calls each year on various issues and were obligated to investigate complaints. He noted that Council had a strategy and plan in place about where dogs were allowed and at what times. He invited the community to write to him, if people wanted the plan modified.

- Bill Maher asked why the sewerage contractors were putting sewerage pipes in to a certain point, with owners then having to get a plumber to do the rest. He said it would be sensible for the contractor or Council to organise plumbers to do this on mass. The Mayor agreed and suggested the Association write to Council. David Boardman also undertook to collate data on the number of households affected and suggest to the contractor that they coordinate the work.
- Jane Enright asked about NBN access, with the Mayor suggesting RAI write to Ann Sudmalis MP, the Federal Member for Gilmore, as she was keen to follow up on issues for her electorate. David Boardman said he understood the fibre optic cable would be connected at the end of Rosedale Parade in 2017 and he intended to wait until then to connect up, based on complaints from other Rosedale residents who had tried to connect to the NBN.
- Richard Allen raised concern about the lack of 'sign off' on the sewerage plan for individual properties and queried the plan for the contractor to install his system down a public pathway from Yowani Road. David Boardman said that owners have to sign off on the final plan and advised Richard to get in touch with the contractor's liaison officer.
- The Mayor advised Greg Teggart to phone Harvey Lane at Council for advice on a compensation issue for the decommissioning of an existing unit.

MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report (see March 2016 newsletter No.121), was presented by Robin Oldham and accepted. Robin provided a breakdown of assets and income, noting that the situation remained similar to last year with a small surplus and total assets of \$22,520. He invited members to consider what the funds could be used for.

BEACH SAFETY

Vicki Smith summarised the Committee's efforts to address beach safety issues at Rosedale, noting that 23 people had participated in the CPR session on the previous day, with \$77.00 raised for the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. Vicki spoke about the cooperation of Council's Zoe Morgan, including her support for the installation of Angel Rings (life buoys) and the running of a Grey Medallion program. The Committee's application for the installation of Angel Rings had been approved by the Australian National Sportfishing Association and Council but was now awaiting resolution of an insurance issue between ANSA and the NSW Government. Vicki also reported that five RAI members had completed the entire Grey Medallion program, with three others doing individual sessions. She reminded members to phone 000 to report incidents in the water and ask for Batemans Bay police to ensure a coordinated rescue.

DEFIBRILLATOR

David Boardman presented a proposal to buy and install a defibrillator for general use at Rosedale. He said the device could be supplied by Royal Life Saving Australia (RLSA) and installed at the cabins, at a cost of around \$4,000 with minimal ongoing costs. The potential for the device to be vandalised or stolen was reduced by it being installed at the cabins, inside an alarmed case. He noted Darren Gribble's concerns about the potential legal liability and David Carter's suggestion that RLSA may assume some liability. Robin Oldham referred to limitations on personal liability arising from the incorporated status of the Association and the effect of the 'Good Samaritan' protections in the Civil Liability Act. In terms of funding, David Boardman said that fundraising was an option, if members did not want Association funds used for the purpose. He also confirmed that training would be provided. Jane Enright asked about signage and suggested that medically trained Rosedale residents could be contacted in an emergency. The meeting agreed to use Association funds to buy and install a defibrillator package.

LANDCARE REPORT

New coordinator Daniel Long thanked the Landcare Committee for their hard work and support and referred members to the newsletter for an update on Landcare

activities. He said he was working on a 12 month plan for Rosedale Landcare and mentioned key projects, including the Yowani steps and the need for updated mapping of hotspots around Rosedale. Daniel asked for feedback from everyone, as it was important that Rosedale Landcare worked with the community to protect the environment.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I advised that 11 nominations had been received for the 10 Committee positions, so a ballot was needed. As there had only been three nominations for office bearers, I proposed that they be accepted outside of the ballot. The three office bearer nominations were accepted with applause. The meeting agreed to accept the outcome of the ballot and be advised via email. A written secret ballot was carried out. See the new Committee on page 2.

OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting thanked Bill Mobbs and Kathy Holberry for offering their garden for that evening's sausage sizzle. In response to an emailed resolution asking for action to block regular vehicular access to the bush at the end of Yowani Road, the meeting agreed to ask Council to attend the site and provide advice.

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