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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR MARGOT MARSHALL

We move into summer confronting the ever more ominous threat of bushfire. Before it's too late, clean up your property and prepare your bushfire survival plan. Watch out for bonfires, BBQs, campfires, fallen power lines and report immediately (see page 4). There will be no New Year's Eve beach bonfires this year.

Remember - the safest option is to leave early. At this year's AGM many people wanted to know the safest place to go if they hadn't left in time – see page 3 for Rosedale's closest places of last resort.

Many thanks to Sue Braham and Sally Edsall for their wonderful responses to our call for your stories of Rosedale – see pages 4 and 5. Sue's picture of the old summer vegetable van (I miss it) on George Bass Drive must be one of dozens of old pictures you have of an earlier Rosedale – we'd love you to share them with us. And check out Sally's fantastic blog (details page 5).

A reminder – the defibrillator is now located on the demountable at the Cabins.

Finally, thanks to Chris Legge for his panorama (above) of Jimmy's Island and to Sally Edsall for allowing us to plunder her blog for images. A big welcome back to Annie Shillington – wonderful to have you back on the newsletter team!

Here's hoping for a safe and happy Christmas!



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Please pass this newsletter on to your friends and neighbours – the more ratepayers we represent, the more effective we can be.

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



Image credit: Sally Edsall  
*North Rosedale ('Rocky') Beach*

As we head into summer I think back to my school holidays on Rosedale beach, the unforgettable experiences and the friendships made. Surfing, diving, campfires at night and just being around the beach and ocean have had a lasting influence on my life. At a recent memorial service for a long time Rosedale resident, Hugh Legge, I listened to the generation of my children share memories of times spent with their father. Rosedale experiences were at the forefront. I was reminded how important it is for us to ensure future generations will get to have "the Rosedale experience".

Access to the rocky beach at the end of Yowani Road has been greatly improved with the construction of the new stairs. The project has been a long time coming and I am happy to report lots of positive feedback from the community. Council still has some stabilising work to do on the rock platform landing and the installation of a handrail on that landing. The steps were made possible with funds from Rosedale Association, Rosedale Landcare, Recreational Fisheries Trust NSW and

individual donations. Special mention to the Gribbles and Catherine Falk.

Our current priority is to maintain pressure on Council to progress the project to get stairs from the viewing platform to Nun's Beach. We have received the plan and costings from Council and are exploring all funding options, to get the project underway as soon as we can.

The Rosedale experience may soon include access to fast internet. Contractors are currently working around Rosedale and according to the NBN website Rosedale should have fibre to the curb by June 2020.

Developments to the west still seem to be impacted by economic constraints. A possible sale of Rosedale Farm has not gone ahead and there appears to be no major construction imminent.

Council's Rural Land Strategy has been approved by NSW Planning & Environment with minor changes. Land to the north of Rosedale is now zoned E4 and south of Tranquil Bay Place is zoned RU1. There are minimum lot sizes, which means those areas will not be allowed to be subdivided.



*New Yowani Stairs*

## BEACH SAFETY SESSION



It was great to see so many kids at our Easter Sunday beach safety session. After a defibrillator demo by Tim Brown and his long-suffering son Will, adults and kids practiced their CPR skills on manikins kindly loaned to us by Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club.

Tim will do another session in January - visitors and kids all welcome. Rosedale's rips are dangerous, so encourage anyone you know to attend to keep safe in the water.

### BASIC RESCUE SKILLS AND HOW TO USE THE DEFIBRILLATOR

**When: Friday 3 January 2020, 10.30 am**

**Where: Main beach in front of the Cabins**

North Durras 5 December



## Look for places embers can attack

- Clean your gutters and leaves and debris around your property
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Install metal gutter guards and repair damaged roof tiles
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- If you have a pool or tank, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance so firefighters know where they can get water

[The RFS has more tips here](#)



Download the NSW RFS app  
*Fires near me - it's a fantastic resource.*

What a horrendous start to summer.

The bushfire situation is ever changing. Over just a few days the Currowan fire burned close to 80,000 hectares, through seaside townships and down to the beaches in some spots. The huge eastern front covers an area equivalent to Batemans Bay to south Moruya. Black embers have been falling on Rosedale beach and in the bush. The RFS has closed the Kings Highway to build a fire break, in the hope they can stop the fire jumping further south if the wind changes. And it's only the beginning of a long hot summer.

Last week the Malua Bay RFS briefed us on their preparations for critical fire response and we walked North Rosedale with them. Among their points: there is only one way in and out of George Bass Drive; the narrow winding roads give little opportunity for vehicles to pass or turn around; and in holiday periods, cars would be parked along the streets. The terrain is steep and many property owners have made no preparation at all for a fire, so an ember attack would set off much of the accumulated debris on and around the closely clustered dwellings. Community preparedness for fire can only be helpful if it is a neighbourhood wide effort. The RFS advice for Rosedale is for people to leave early and not to assume you'll get one or two days' notice, as a fire can start and move quickly in the current conditions.

Even if you plan to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bushfire or ember attack. It will be easier to defend, less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk – and it will give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave. Please don't be like the Rosedale homeowner who said they wouldn't clean up their property – they came for a holiday break and just made sure the insurance was paid up.



View of smoke over Rosedale beach, Wednesday 4 December

## Neighbourhood Safer Places

**These are a last resort in a bushfire emergency. Familiarise yourself with their locations as roads may be blocked and you may need to drive through heavy smoke – and move prior to the impact of a bushfire. Water, toilets and food may not be available and emergency service personnel may not be present.**

**Neighbourhood Safer Places closest to Rosedale:**

- Malua Bay Beach Reserve, George Bass Drive, Malua Bay (south of the Surf Club)
- Jack Buckley Park, Sunpatch Parade, Tomakin
- Mossy Point Foreshore, Intersection of Annetts Parade, Pacific St and Surfside Ave, Mossy Point
- NSW RFS Training Building, Eurobodalla Training Ground, Bimbimbe Road, Mogo

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES: 000

ABC LOCAL RADIO: 103.5 FM

WIRES (animal rescue)  
13000 WIRES or 1300 094737

ESSENTIAL ENERGY (poles and wires)  
13 20 80

FISHERIES HOTLINE (poaching)  
1800 043 536

SEWERAGE (Council): 02 4474 7347

EUROBODALLA COUNCIL  
(campfires, littering): 02 4474 1000

COUNCIL AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES  
1800 755 760

## MY ROSEDALE SUE BRAHAM



We came to Rosedale thanks to the Platts whom we met in Sri Lanka (Barbara and Roy - 20 Miller Ave - now gone). We stayed with them in 1980 and rented their place until we bought our own in 1992.

Early memories are of a gang of youngsters (our John, Joey Nicholas, Nick Tischler and George Lemann often accompanied by our Peter, David Nicholas and Max Tischler) doing the perilous trip to Jimmy's island across the channel each year as a rite of passage, one of them holding a Ventolin high and all of them returning scratched and triumphant. Of Kitty Tischler sitting at the window of the middle cabin; of dogs wandering freely; of old clothes and evening picnics on the rocks. Of reading Tolkein to the boys in the sandhills that are now covered in plants; of feeling so fortunate to have found a place where there were no noisy boats, shops or crowds.

It's not so different today thank goodness. The old farm 'store' (just a van) on George Bass Drive is sadly gone. We know more people and we're now the oldies!

These photos are some of my memories – they came from the Tischlers, Joanna Nicholas, Lynn Collins and me.





Here is a spot at Rosedale Beach where, when the tide is right, a natural rock formation forms a "spa". You sit in there, and the water effervesces around and over you.



Gang gang cockatoo in the carpark



The distinctive red bill of the Sooty Oystercatcher, South Rosedale

## GORDON BRAY BEACH TRACK

Our memorial to former President Gordon Bray is now standing on the beach track in front of the Cabins - with an image of Gordon's beloved view from the Knoll: Jimmy's at sunrise. The sign reads:

In memory of Gordon, President of the Rosedale Association for over 20 years. A passionate advocate, protecting our natural environment and building community spirit.

Thanks to Michael Braham for the initial idea, Gordon's family for help with the text, Vicki Smith for the photo, Dugald Stewart for making the post and Council for installing it for free!

Vale Gordon.

I have for many years had a sporadic blog which is MAINLY about Rosedale. It's here: [Rosedale . . . and beyond: Eurobodalla Daily Photo](#)

I first came to Rosedale in summer 1987, to visit a friend who was recovering from illness. It was love at first sight, and with family and friends I rented holiday places every summer from then on.

A particular memory is from January 1994. I was 30 weeks pregnant and quite ill - I put it down to eating a bad batch of stewed cherries. A visit to the hospital suggested that as dam levels were very low I could have a water-borne infection. My blood pressure was extremely high - I should see a GP - but it was impossible to find one accepting an appointment. My husband Piero and I decided to travel back to Sydney - next day, because of severe pre-eclampsia, our son was born. From summer 1995, he too became a Rosedale holidayer!

In 2001 we purchased a holiday house of our own in Miller Ave. Sydney city life continued, punctuated by the blissful holidays and weekends at magical Rosedale. No matter the stresses and vagaries, Rosedale always heals the spirit.

In 2017, both Piero and I had retired from teaching, and Rosedale was the obvious place to be. Our house was built during 2017 while we lived at Miller Ave, and we moved in permanently in November 2017.

Apart from walking on the beach, the thing I love most about Rosedale is the bird life. In 2017 I took part in the Australian Backyard Bird Count, notching up almost 30 species which I saw during the two weeks in our Miller Avenue yard. Sometimes the cacophony is extravagant, especially towards dusk. I also voted for Australia's favourite bird, the magpie - Rosedale's maggies are a very friendly lot! I am looking forward to the bird life that our new (mainly) native garden will bring to visit.



## SUMMER: DOGS ON THE BEACH

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A reminder that Council's summer dog rules are now in place, with simple new signs to see where dogs are allowed. Please let your tenants and friends know:

**\* No dogs on Rosedale beach or Boatshed beach between 9am and 5pm until May 1. \***



**24-HOUR OFF  
LEASH**

North Rosedale  
(via Yowani stairs)

Your dog is  
welcome here –  
under control – at  
any time.



**TIMESHARE**

Rosedale and  
Boatshed beaches

From 1 November  
to 30 April dogs are  
allowed before 9am  
and after 5pm.



**DOGS PROHIBITED**

Dogs not permitted  
at any time.

Fines apply.

At Nuns beach and Tranquil Bay, dogs are allowed on-leash at all times. Dogs must be leashed until they arrive at an off-leash area. Please keep your dog under control at all times. Council rangers will be out and about, supporting responsible pet ownership.

## LANDCARE

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Thanks to everyone for a great weeding effort at Easter, around the carpark and Nuns Beach. The enormous weed David Mackenzie and his granddaughter Yasmin have pulled (see below) is fleabane, a member of the daisy family. It has fluffy, windborne seed so it spreads quickly and widely, covering wide areas. The seeds on these were approaching maturity and we got them just in time before they dispersed. They're in lots of our own properties (maybe smaller) - dig them out!





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

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Boardman reported that Council had received a NSW Recreational Fishing Trust grant of \$10,000 for the Yowani stairs and was willing to match a community contribution up to \$12,500 - totalling \$35,000 for the project (lower than original estimate). Council had revised the project plan (circulated to the meeting) and come up with a much better result. Members agreed for \$5,000 to be contributed from Association funds and \$5,000 from Rosedale Landcare, with the remaining \$2,500 to be raised through donations and pledges.

In regard to Nuns Beach, the only feasible access via public land were stairs from the narrowed headland on Cooks Crescent or via the track from the top of Miller Avenue. As the first option was too expensive, Council had drawn up plans for the second option (circulated to the meeting), with an improved track and stairs down from



the viewing platform. Estimated cost \$45,000 to \$50,000. The Mayor had instructed Council staff to look at available grants. Fiona Lodge was willing to contribute.

Council expected its Rural Lands Strategy to be ratified by the NSW State Government, with the land to the north of Rosedale zoned E4 and Tranquil Bay zoned Rural 1.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Donations totalling \$168.55 from cake stalls run by four young girls were received with applause. The meeting was briefed on the status of the Association and Rosedale Landcare accounts, confirming both were well placed to contribute to the Yowani stair project.

#### FIRE REPORT

Rob Geraghty from Malua Bay RFS warned of extended fire seasons with the Tathra fires a good example. NSW RFS had finalised fire preparedness information for Rosedale and Guerilla Bay; his brigade would assess risk at the time of a fire, and determine if they could come into Rosedale.

RFS familiarisation exercises in Rosedale would now include marine rescue personnel and increasing community engagement. The main risk continued to be ember attack, so whole neighbourhoods need to be prepared, rather than individual homes. In response to questions, he said fire mitigation actions for homeowners included clearing leaves and other debris from roofs, gutters

and around trees and shrubs, and encouraged people to phone Moruya RFS for more information.

#### LANDCARE

The meeting was briefed on work with Council to coordinate support activities, including weed spraying. Following a successful working bee in March, Landcare planned follow-up activities on a bi-monthly basis. The Yowani stair project was a high priority, and the committee supported the use of some Landcare funds donated by the community to ensure the project could go ahead. A call was made for volunteers to join the Rosedale Landcare committee.

#### BEACH SAFETY

Tim Brown encouraged members to display information in their holiday houses to let renters know where they should swim, saying people had been caught in rips and assisted from the water over summer. He pointed to important new information on the rip signs at the carpark beach entrance. He also advised that the Association's defibrillator and rescue tube had been moved to the side of the demountable on the cabin lawns, and thanked the Gassons for accommodating them.

#### MEMORIAL FOR GORDON BRAY

Members voted in favour of the beach track at the end of Knowlman Road to be named after Gordon Bray. A maximum budget of \$500 was approved for signage.

#### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

All current Committee members renominated and there were no new nominations, so there was no need for an election.

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