

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION



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Rosedale holds 25th annual general meeting

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting opened at 10:15 am, 30 March 2002, on the lawn by the log cabins.

ATTENDANCE: A total of 112 people attended.

APOLOGIES: John and Peggy Bright; Geoff and Sarah Cains; Wally Cliff; Tony and Judy Cooper; Peter, Tannie, Oliver, Alexandra and Giles Freeman; Ruth Friend; Onko Kingma; Martin and Jane Lemann; Elise Stutchbury; John, Joanna and David Nicholas; Lawrence Coutts; Bruce Stark; Edna Knowlman; David and Irene Morgan; and Helmut and Sigi Loofs.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gordon Bray's president's report was printed in the last newsletter. At the AGM, Gordon took the opportunity to cover two other topics. Ian Harrison's retirement as newsletter editor and the sale of Rosedale Farm-which represented new developments since Gordon wrote his report. The following two sections summarise his comments on these topics at the AGM.

Thanks to Ian

Gordon thanked Ian for the marvellous contribution he had made to the committee. This included his (and Bev's) strong Rosedale background, his care of our funds and his acceptance of the newsletter editorship when we lost our founding editor, Mel Pratt. Ian's computer skills were extremely valuable to the newsletter and the association's membership database. Ian has also assembled valuable information on the history of Rosedale and surrounds.

BOMB SCARE ON BEACH

Rosedale had a bomb scare on Sunday, 28 April. The excitement began when a resident, walking on the beach, found a cylindrical object near the shoreline. A pre-printed message on the object said any finder should contact the police or army.

Batemans Bay police arrived and carefully moved the object to the dunes. They then cordoned off the log cabins and 100 metres of beach either side of the object. A policeman remained on guard until a bomb disposal unit arrived from Canberra.

The unit removed the object, which was later described as a flare.

Sale of Rosedale Farm

The sale of the Harrison family's Rosedale Farm has been inevitable since it became part of the Rosedale Urban Expansion Zone, together with the larger area of farmland that runs through to Bevan Swamp and George Bass Drive near the Barling's Beach Caravan Park.

The whole of this zone has been covered by a development control plan (DCP 160) since November 1989, and the new committee will have a major part to play in ensuring that this 13-year-old plan is reviewed with 2002 eyes.

The immediate focus will be on the developers' plans for Rosedale Farm. A small part of this (to be accessed from Yowani Road) is on the east side of George Bass Drive. This area is already zoned 2ec (residential, environmental constraints), as is all the existing residential development in Rosedale east of George Bass Drive.

The remainder of Rosedale Farm will be the subject of development plans that the developer expects to lodge with Council shortly. Council will consider these as part of their overall DCP intentions for the entire Urban Expansion Zone.

On 20 March, Ian Holmes, James Blogg and Gordon met with the developers (at the developers' invitation). Since then, it has been confirmed with Council that representatives of our new committee will be involved with discussions on the overall plan as soon as possible, and on plans for immediate development when these are lodged.

There are some comments on page 10 of our previous newsletter, "Rosedale Farm Sells", provided

by Ian Harrison at Gordon's invitation and with his agreement. Our subsequent discussion with the developer suggests that there may be some variation to that when the plan is prepared and lodged. That will be known shortly, and the committee will do their best to keep you informed.

Some of you will also be aware that on Friday, 22 March, a development application, master plan and detailed planning report were lodged in respect of the proposed new residential community on land at Barling's Beach. This is a major project and virtually adjoins the Rosedale Urban Expansion Zone to the south. This is undeniably coastal zone and the consent for this was finally assumed by Planning NSW. There will be an information evening at the Tomakin Club on Wednesday, 17 April regarding the proposal, and representatives of Planning NSW will attend to answer questions on the process. (This session took place as planned.)

A great deal is beginning to happen but none of it is unexpected. It will require the close attention of the new committee. The committee will need help, with the first coming later this morning when members will tell the committee what they value most about Rosedale. (The subsequent session on values is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.)

In the long standing tradition of the Rosedale Association, the committee must have a mandate to move forward on issues they are likely to have to address in the immediate future. This can be fine-tuned in accord with the analysis of written responses from the full community.

It was moved by G. Bray and seconded by I. Holmes to accept the president's report. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers report was as presented in the last newsletter. It was correct, except that \$117 should read \$177.69. The totals remain correct. In addition, the Treasurer noted that donations for and matching expenditure on plants had not passed through the books.

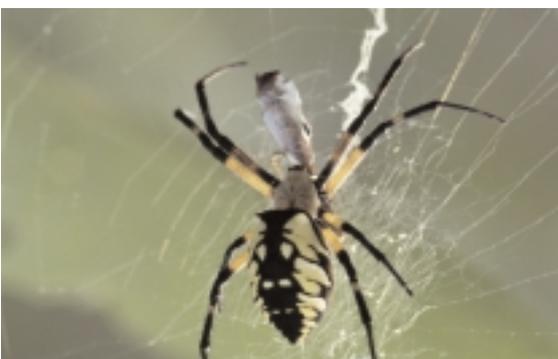
It was moved by I. Harrison and seconded by I. Holmes to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

FIRE OFFICERS REPORT

The fire officers report was as printed in the last newsletter, with the following update from Brian.

If we needed any reminder about the level of risk of bushfires in our area, the severe fires in the Deua National Park over Christmas, which laid a heavy pall of smoke over the Rosedale area, provided a timely reminder.

Altogether, 1500 individuals provided crews and backup during the fire which destroyed about 60,000 acres. Most were local volunteers who were relieved at times by crews from Queensland, Western Australia, western New South Wales, the Riverina and the North Coast.



Though no "assets", such as houses, were lost, the fire has made a major impact on the national park. The area is a major catchment area and in the aftermath of the fire, a close watch is being kept on water quality.

A second reminder has come with the release of the long-awaited Draft Bush Fire Risk Management Plan, which includes Rosedale, along with neighbouring Guerilla Bay and Durras, as extreme urban risk areas.

The draft plan is on display at the Fire Control Centre in Campbell Street, Moruya, the Eurobodalla Shire Offices in Campbell Street, Moruya, and the Forestry Office in Crown Street, Batemans Bay. The closing date for submissions was April 5. Your committee is examining the draft with a view to commenting. (Post meeting note: The committee has done this.)

Until the Christmas reminders, including the extensive fires elsewhere in NSW and the ACT, one

might have been excused for thinking we were having a peaceful year in terms of fire outbreaks. Successive days of high temperatures, coupled with an unusually prolonged period of extreme winds, changed that view dramatically. Large areas of burnt-out land provide a lasting testament to the scope of the fires. Full marks to our volunteer firefighters once again!

Each year, the Association makes a cash donation to our local bushfire brigade at Malua Bay, and Brian proposed we donate \$400 this year. The money is used for purchasing additional equipment (for example, to improve communications in the field).

Draft fire management plan

The Draft Bushfire Risk Management Plan was released in early March. It is a comprehensive document which has been prepared by the Eurobodalla Bush Fire Management Committee, as required by the Rural Fires Act 1997.

The plan identifies and discusses bush fire issues within the Eurobodalla Shire Council area and proposes strategies to reduce bush fire risks, particularly in more vulnerable areas.

The draft plan defines bush fire risk as the chance of a bush fire igniting, spreading and causing damage to assets of value to the community. Assets of value to the community include life, property (including buildings, stock, crops and forests) and our natural and cultural heritage.

Bush fire risk management involves identifying the level of risk posed by bush fires to assets and establishing strategies to protect these assets from the adverse effects of bush fires. The purpose of such management is to protect the community and its values from the adverse effects of wildfire. The outcome sought is to achieve better integration of community preparedness and prevention strategies as key elements of bush fire management.

The draft plan identifies the level of bush fire risk across Eurobodalla's local government area and establishes strategies that the responsible land managers will implement to manage the bush fire risks identified.

Strategies established in the plan address the bush fire hazard, the vulnerability of assets to fire, the safety of the community and fire fighters, the protection of the land and environment from fire.

They also recognise that biodiversity can be managed by applying appropriate fire regimes on the landscape.

What is bush fire risk?

The plan defines bush fire risk as the chance of a bush fire igniting, spreading and causing damage to assets of value to the community. Three main factors contribute to the bush fire risk. They are:

- the potential severity of the fire (or bush fire hazard). The bush fire hazard is influenced by vegetation, slope and weather conditions;

- how close the bush fire hazard is to an asset (or bush fire threat). The farther an asset is located from a bush fire hazard, the less likely it is to be damaged or destroyed by the bush fire; and
- the capability of an asset to cope with, and recover from, the expected bush fire (or vulnerability). Different types of assets have different abilities to cope with fire.

Rosedale is identified in the draft plan as being an extreme urban risk area a Priority 1, along with Guerilla Bay and Durras.

The Rosedale area is rated extreme because of, amongst other considerations, its topography, proximity to heavy bushland, fuel load and access problems.

The plan addresses the following management options and suggests risk management strategies for each, with various bodies such as Council and the Rural Fire Service having specific responsibilities, along with land owners, occupiers and land managers to:

- avoid risk
- reduce hazards
- reduce vulnerability
- reduce ignition.

The Fire Service, for instance, will undertake hazard reduction in strategic areas, but landholders are expected to provide similar protection on their own properties and will be encouraged to cooperate with neighbours in minimising hazards. Council will also continue to implement Section 66 notices which require property owners to remove identified fire hazards, such as ground litter buildup, and other potential fuel sources around assets.

Part of the strategy includes encouraging community awareness of the responsibilities of private landholders to manage bush fire and hazard reduction on private land.

Other considerations include suspending fire generating activities on days of very high to extreme fire danger, and conducting fire cause and origin investigations for each fire occurrence.

A bottom-line action will be to develop evacuation and emergency plans for vulnerable developments such as tourist facilities and residents adjoining bushland.

It was moved by B. Voce and seconded by M. Boardman to accept the fire officer's report and donate \$400 to the local bush fire brigade. The motion carried.

Neighbourhood Watch report

Deirdre Prussak added to the report appearing in the last newsletter, saying an additional break-in had been reported, which probably occurred at the same time as those already noted.

It was moved by D. Prussak and seconded by D. Gribble to accept the Neighbourhood Watch report. The motion carried.

Election of the committee

Eight nominations were received for the committee and the following people were declared elected for the ensuing year:

They are: President Ian Holmes, Secretary James Blogg, Treasurer Deirdre Prussak, plus Jane Boardman, Darren Gribble, Nick Peterson, Andrew Shillington and Brian Voce.

The retiring president asked members who were interested in joining the committee to please advise Ian Holmes.

Post meeting note: Mardhi Reid has renominated and is duly elected.

Values session

The meeting included a session, facilitated by Mary Bray, which identified things members value about Rosedale. Sue Christie recorded 113 line items. Follow-up on these items will be reported in future to members and the balance of residents east of George Bass Drive. Gordon thanked Sue and Mary for their contribution.

Weed control

David Mackenzie advised the arrangements for the weedathon to commence at 2.30pm. with some 30 members volunteering. The president thanked David for reviewing all areas and planning and leading the weedathon, and for his untiring work and enthusiasm in all landcare matters.

Landcare

The president advised that a Landcare committee, which would report to the association's committee, was now in place. Members are Ian Holmes, David Mackenzie, James Blogg and Gordon Bray.

Creekcare

As reported in the last newsletter.

New members

Ten new members introduced themselves at the meeting.

Sausage sizzle

More than 50 people attended the 6 pm sausage sizzle at the cabins. Excellent food was provided, with attendees bringing their own drinks. Gordon Bray thanked Deirdre Prussak and Kitty Tischler for organising the event, which he hoped was now a permanent feature of the association's calendar.

Other business

- The current Yowani Road track to the northern rocky beaches is on public land and is something of a hazard. Members were asked how they felt about seeking to upgrade it to meet Australian design standards. There was a strong plea for aesthetic sensibility and to retain existing trees, and to circulate plans before implementation. A large majority was in favour.

- A plea for speed bumps on Cooks Crescent was made on the basis of unsafe drivers and the safety of children and walkers. Suggested placement was at the head of Knowlman Avenue and at the narrow section of the crescent. The committee will look at the proposal.
- There was a second dune crossing and blow out at the northern end of Banksia Flat, which has since been filled. Members were asked if a second "holeybelt" crossing should be constructed. After discussion, a 70 per cent majority voted that no further work should be considered unless continuing use of that track was seen to be causing dune deterioration.
- Dr. Barrell spoke of the public walkway from Yowani Road running east to the beach, which diverts water and is hazardous in places. He spoke of the desirability of an aesthetically-pleasing elevated structure, and tabled surveyor's plans, which he had commissioned, showing a route and elevation of such a walkway. Post meeting note. At the president's invitation, Dr Barrell has provided additional information, which appears elsewhere in this newsletter.
- David Carter thought the committee should look at dog rules again and have an area of beach that was dog-free. Note: Council controls dog access to beaches under the Companion Animals Management Plan that was developed after public consultation.
- The committee agreed to invest in a new public address system.

CARPARK PLANTING

Prior to Easter, we sprayed some of the unwanted grasses and weeds. On Easter Saturday afternoon, a dedicated squad from the weedathon team focused on clearing up the weeds from around the surviving plants (see item elsewhere in this newsletter).

Subsequently, as weather conditions have permitted, further spraying has been done. The dead grass and weeds have then been cut to expose the plants for further weeding and mulching. We've been careful to retain Kangaroo Grass and other self-sown natives in the process of improving the growing environment for the indigenous plantings.

Further planting and tidying up work was organised for 4 May, when a small but enthusiastic group paid particular attention to the replanting and protection in the highly trafficked area between the present carpark and the beach walkway. Other planted areas were also augmented and tidied using the 200 plants that were obtained from the Botanical Gardens Nursery (funded from part of the latest grant to Landcare activities).

More work was done to create more protection for the carpark plants by a group of six people on 11 May. Indigenous creepers were also planted. These plants will quickly cover the fencing materials



supplied by Council.

EASTER WEEDATHON

Easter Saturday saw heavy weedathon action on three fronts.

- Gordon Bray led a team to the wilderness into which Banksia Flat has developed as a result of Landcare activities there. Regrowth of the existing species has been gratifyingly phenomenal since the removal of the buffalo grass in mid-1999. Unfortunately, weed growth has been equally phenomenal, but we expected this and slowly we are winning. The Easter effort concentrated on cobbles peg, a common weed of waste spaces, and Landcare projects. A goodly number of bags of seeding plants was harvested and taken to the tip later. Good work, but do not be disappointed to return and find plenty still there, it seeds vigorously and we will be trying much harder from now on to attack cobbles before it seeds. We will win eventually.
- James Blogg led a team to the reserve north of Dale Place-Yowani Road. Here we have encountered the first Rosedale occurrences of Formosan lily and agapanthus that have concerned us – both are spreading in this reserve. Small patches of aggie are easily dealt with, and although we may have broken the back of at least one big stand of these garden delights/bushland thugs, there are other stands in this reserve awaiting treatment. Formosan lily populates roadsides and displays its characteristic white trumpet flower. This is followed by a pod with many seeds and these were the target this Easter. Unfortunately, there are bulbs and bulbils remaining in the soil and these will be the target of future sprayings or diggings but at least nearly all the seed pods were bagged and this will slow down the infestation. There were plenty of the usual weeds, fleabane, cobbles peg, cassia, wandering jew (delightfully renamed "trad", short for Tradescantia) and these will have laid down seed stores to keep us busy for some time. This area has been neglected by regular Landcare activities and the weeds have to some extent got away from us, but we plan to give it more attention in future and augment the efforts of nearby residents. Some of the weed problem in this area results from the cleaning out of the undergrowth for fire control; sometimes this is unavoidable. Other weeds are there as a direct

result of garden escapes and the dumping of garden waste in the reserve, the evidence is there to be seen and this is avoidable.

- David Mackenzie led a team to the carpark where the rains of earlier this year stimulated a lush growth of both the planted natives and the weeds. The effort concentrated on the mound and the area behind it, clearing mostly around the planted natives so that subsequent spraying would be safer. Kikuyu and couch grasses were the most vigorous and also the most difficult to clear by hand but the team managed to generate enough material to fill a trailer. The result is a much neater appearance, and the area is beginning to look less like a construction site and more like an amenity planting. David says there has subsequently been a lot more weed control in other areas of the carpark as well as additional planting since Easter, and the appearance has improved even further.

The day ended with the now traditional (it only takes a few years to establish a tradition) sausage sizzle on the lawns of the cabins. There was a good roll up to the three-part weedathon and there was a good roll up to the sausage sizzle. Our sincere thanks to Deirdre Prussak, Kitty, Kerrie and Barbara for their tireless efforts cooking for the huge throng. Thank you to all the participants and we hope you all feel it is worth it and will try to come to further weeding, planting and other Landcare activities planned for the future. Your village and its environment depend on your continuing support.

THANK YOU FROM GORDAN BRAY

My heartfelt thanks, endorsed by Judith, Mary and Henry, for the most handsome Royal Mariner Barometer with which I was presented on my retirement at the AGM.

I can't imagine how I ever felt the house complete without it. In our earlier days, at the Cabins, the barometer there was a constant friend and

companion faithfully warning us of impending changes. Thanks to you all, I now have my own, with its personal inscription which will always bring joy to my heart.

After the values session at the AGM, Sue Christie asked me, for inclusion on the videotape, what 25 years of the Rosedale Association had meant to me. My reply was:

- A great deal of interest, pleasure, companionship and satisfaction.
- What it has all been about is helping to manage change. Change is inevitable and the task is to manage it in such a way that the things people came for and continue to come for, are retained, despite some necessary compromises along the way.
- This is the key to the success of the Eurobodalla Shire offering people a choice of holiday and living situations from which they can satisfy their individual values and requirements.
- I am grateful to be able to share that very sensible social environment.

Gordon Bray

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As your incoming president, I am very conscious of the size of the shoes I have stepped into. A quarter century of service to his community, an unrivalled network of contacts important to that community, and a deep personal commitment to service, means Gordon's departure from the committee leaves a very noticeable gap.

This is a slim newsletter, but it allows us to follow up on the values session at the annual general meeting. By the way, that meeting had record attendance.

It is only a few weeks since we last reported and there are no new details to tell you about events highlighted then (for example, development planning for the Rosedale Urban Expansion Zone). So let us concentrate on what members saw as the things they valued about Rosedale, when the subject was addressed at the AGM.

will be identified, ecological changes discussed, phenomena explained as encountered, weed control revisited, nature enjoyed, fresh air inhaled, experiences shared, comradeship available. Other ideas welcomed.

The BBQ: Venue is the lawns by the log cabins at the end of Knowlman Road. Access is via Knowlman Rd or follow the grassed walkway southward from the carpark behind the dunes. BYO everything including chairs if desired; only hotplates, rubbish bins, toilets and venue supplied. There will be a refrigerator available at the cabins from 9.45 am for those who require it. Usual domestic facilities are available at the cabins. Our sincere thanks to the Pauley/Knowlman and Bray families for the use of this venue.

It is not necessary to have attended any previous

The association's committee wants to focus on the issues that are important to Rosedale. Those issues arise from the values that are important to the residents. And did we get values! Sue recorded 113 line items on eight sheets of butcher's paper.

How to address them? Your committee recognised that classically we would group them, have you prioritise them and then tell us what you saw as the values under threat (giving the committee its desired list of issues). We discussed this approach, and have taken a shortcut. The 113 values have indeed been rationalised and summarised, and we feel confident you can scan them and tell us what threats to those values concern you, without the intermediate step of prioritising values.

We ask you to consider the values and think of issues arising that concern you, and then fill in the response form and mail it back to us. Please note our new address.

If anything you value is not covered, please tell us at Question 1. If you want to see the original 113 line items, let me know and I will get a copy to you by the most convenient way. They are purposely not included here because of their level of duplication, but there are no right or wrong values.

In addition to members canvassed by this newsletter, the committee will be mailing all Rosedale home owners who are not members, and asking for their input. We hope the end result will be representative of the whole community east of George Bass Drive.

It is appropriate in closing to remind you of the association's objectives. They are:

- to maintain the existing environmental character of the Rosedale area;
- to represent the ratepayers and residents of the area; and
- in association with the Shire Council and other appropriate bodies and individuals, to assist in the orderly development and progress of the area.

Your committee looks forward to hearing from you.

Ian Holmes

LANDCARE WORK SHOP ON 25 MAY

The 12th Rosedale Bush Regeneration Workshop will be Saturday, 25 May commencing 10 am (later than usual) at The carpark at the end of Rosedale Parade.

This is the final workshop in the current series and a BBQ will be held to mark the occasion.

Program

10:00 Bush ramble along track from Rosedale toward Guerilla Bay, led by Tony Boland.

12:00 BBQ at the log cabins

The bush ramble: Leisurely walk toward Guerilla Bay for as far as is comfortable, turning back at about the half time point. Plants, good and bad,

workshops to come to this final one, please come along even if it is your first, we are anxious for a good turnout whether you are a Landcarer or not.

It is not necessary to come on the walk to attend the BBQ please come to either or both. Some may wish to start the walk and return before the main party, any combination is acceptable.

Please RSVP to the contacts below if you intend coming:

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COUNCIL COMMENTS ON THE ROSEDALE URBAN EXPANSION ZONE

The following is a summary of information provided by Council's senior strategic planner.

Council confirmed that in assessing any subdivision proposal for the Rosedale Urban Expansion Zone (which includes all of Rosedale Farm west of George Bass Drive, editor), that the legislative and policy requirements of today will be addressed. As the Association has pointed out, there have been significant changes in this regard and such has been reported to Council in a background paper submitted to the review of the Rural Local Environmental Plan.

To some extent, the contents of DCP 160 may still apply, for example, mapping of landform constraints. However, we will consider additional information that we now possess in the assessment of any development proposal. As you may be aware, research carried out for the Eurobodalla Coastal Capacity Planning Project identified vulnerable ecosystems, bushfire hazards, soil profiles, hydrological regimes and fauna habitat linkages. Where this information is available for the Rosedale area it will be used in the assessment process. This information will need to be seen in the light of new legislation such as the Threatened Species Conservation Act and the Coastal Policy and within the overall framework of ecologically sustainable development.

Council does not intend to review DCP 160, but to apply the information it contains where still relevant. In addition, we will apply new information we have and new legislative requirements. Since 1987, in addition to various ministerial directions and state environmental planning policies, the following state government policies and legislation have come into effect:

- Lower South Coast Regional Environmental Plan No. 2
- Lower South Coast Regional Settlement Strategy
- NSW Coastal Policy 1997
- NSW Biodiversity Strategy
- Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995
- Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1997
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 Remediation of Land and Managing Land Contamination Planning Guidelines
- Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997
- Fisheries Management Amendment Act 1997
- Water Management Act 2000
- Acid Sulphate Soils Planning Guidelines.

Council will keep you informed along the way and include the Rosedale Association in the consultation process.



WHAT WE VALUE ABOUT ROSEDALE

This year's annual general meeting included a session on values, which gave all members present an opportunity to say what they thought was so special about Rosedale.

The following table attempts to capture all the values expressed at that session. For easy reference, the values have been assigned to different categories: aesthetic (less tangible qualities, concerning the sense of being); natural (the environment); human (relationships, family, community); and built (development). The categories have been divided into private and public to distinguish between values that focus on the personal or individual household, as opposed to those that concern the wider community.

Aesthetic

Peace and quiet, the real thing, solitude, sound of surf/stars, feels what life should be like, nostalgic feeling, choice of place, values to be preserved, simplicity, feel remote and isolated. Lack of development, away from pollution/cars/work, natural beauty, dog control, to look at sea and dream, polar opposite to suburbia, unspoilt by clutter, no advertising, views from beach, breadth of

living opportunities within the Shire, relatively unpopulated beach

Natural

Private gardens, bird life, a view that hasn't changed, balance between bush and homemade gardens. Uninterrupted bush, Jimmy's Island, land rehabilitation, natural tree cover, lagoon on Saltwater Creek, fantastic beaches, rock shelf/marine life, fishing, the sea, rural landscape, pristine, access to public land, protected microclimates, streetscape vegetation

Human

Safe family life, privacy, sustainable relationships, resourceful children. Community involvement, shared activities (Weedathon, BBQ), people really care about their community, resolution of community conflict, friendliness

Built

Housing that blends in, low density housing. Carpark, safe roads, play areas, no shops, track to beach, no unnecessary structures, no toilets, not like other developed areas, no caravan park, diversity, natural pathways, no mobile phone coverage

NOW WE'D LIKE YOU TO FURTHER INVOLVED

Please use the form below to let us know:

- of any additional values – what you regard as most precious about Rosedale that you want added to the table above; and
- the issues that you think will pose the greatest threat to these values in the next five years (namely, what priority issues will we need to address?)

Please send the form to the Association:

PO Box 536,
Batemans Bay NSW 2536.

Follow up on all these items will be distributed to members and all other property owners east of George Bass Drive.

Name: _____

Question: _____

Answer: _____

1. Suggested additional value or change to the model of Rosedale values.

2. Threats to Rosedale in next five years

a)

b)

c)

PROPOSED WALKWAY FROM YOWANI ROAD TO BEACH

Proposal

Walkway to the beach, commencing in the 4-metre easement next to the Boardmans. There is potential to have a continuous sloping walkway.

Why

To provide wheelchair and disabled access from North Rosedale to the beach for residents and

visitors. Has anyone walked around World Heritage-listed areas such as Cradle Mountain, Daintree Rainforest, and Franklin, Gordon and Lamington National Parks etc.?

Proposed structure

The same means as used in the heritage listed areas; namely, on ground with elevated boardwalks going around existing trees, over rocks and foliage, allowing for natural drainage, ground flora and flora to have uninterrupted existence.

Why?

When walking the current path in the summer months, you can see obvious sludge from septic overflows which result in the formation of a myriad of paths as people attempt to avoid the sludge. A raised boardwalk is preferable to the possibility of a council concrete path.

Alternative

View the National Parksí constructed concrete and hardwood paths at Depot Beach and consider a possible better alternative to that done by Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven.

Why do anything, why not maintain the status quo?

Please consider the population west of George Bass Drive, the proposed development of Bevia Farm and the increased demand for beach access.

Humans tend to follow the path of least resistance resulting in many paths causing more destruction to flora and fauna in our area. The current pathway leaves the Eurobodalla Shire Council open for public liability issues.

Murray and Kim Barrell



DEAR RESIDENT

Dear Rosedale resident/owner,

Twenty-five years ago, Rosedale was a much smaller place but there were already the beginnings of concern that, unless the community established more effective communications with Council and other authorities, a lot of Rosedale's natural appeal could be lost and it would become just another suburb. A group got together and called a public meeting, which was attended by 120 people, and the Association was born with 90 per cent of Rosedale households becoming members.

Surveys of all ratepayers were conducted to establish community opinion on all major issues, and the results were conveyed to Council. Councillors and Council officers, with whom the committee dealt, were included in the newsletter mailing so that there could be no hidden agendas. The objective was to keep Rosedale as an attractive place for all those people seeking a low-key simple environment, whether they be homeowners, potential purchasers, tenants or local day visitors, and help to ensure that Eurobodalla continued to offer a wide choice of holiday and living environments.

Council reacted well to the creation of our Association and, over time, became more confident of the authenticity of the association's representations. This is a reputation which we intend to retain even if there is occasional disagreement on certain matters.

Now we are undertaking another survey. The incoming committee wishes to find out those issues which are of concern to everybody at Rosedale. At our Annual General Meeting we brain-stormed

more than 100 of our members to find out what they valued most about Rosedale. A summary of this values session is included in this newsletter. We want you to contribute to the next stage of the process. Please consider the values, and tell us what issues affecting those values concern you most.

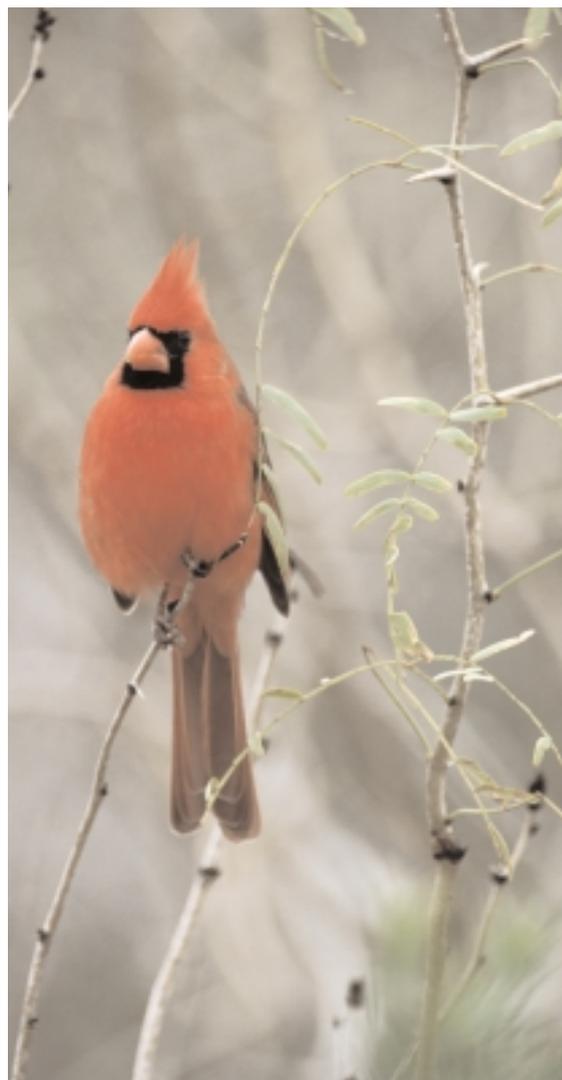
There will be major issues in the future, and we should all be prepared to deal with them together as a community. For a high proportion of households, being a member is important, not only for credibility but for properly informed representation. We have fair reason to think that most Rosedale property owners and other Rosedale users approve of the results of the association's efforts over many years; however, if we advocate things that lack general support in the Rosedale community, we need to be told about them. Membership of the Association is a tried and proven way of keeping in touch.

Six years ago we increased our annual subscription to \$10. At the same time, it was decided to fund Neighbourhood Watch from the same subscription, to avoid having to collect a separate fee. If you also decide that you'd like to become a member we will be delighted (see form elsewhere in this newsletter). The information requested will be used to update the Neighbourhood Watch and Association database.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Holmes



IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP-TO-DATE?

Deirdre Prussak has taken over as treasurer and is keen to get all records up-to-date and have all membership subscriptions current. Please check your address label on this newsletter. If it is marked U-02 or U-01, your subscription has run out. Subscriptions support the work of your Rosedale Association, and are only \$10 per person, per year. If you haven't already done so, send your payment today.

Please note that you cease to be an Association member if you are unfinancial for two years.

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