

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION Inc

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

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Welcome, Emmett O'Loughlin, our new Rosedale Association President and well-known Hydrology Consultant. . .



This is my first note to readers of the Rosedale Association Inc. newsletter since the AGM last Easter. Ian Holmes stepped down then from being President, and

ever since I've been climbing the steep learning curve in trying to look after the RA Inc's interests, in the role of the Association's new President. Ian's decade-long involvement with the committee, and more recently as president, is a contribution that will be very hard to match.

I should introduce myself first. We (Anne and I) have lived in Rosedale since 1995 on a rural 1C block just west of George Bass Drive. Before settling in here, we were Canberra residents, where I was a CSIRO scientist dealing with the hydrology of landscapes and how land management and land-use change affected water. Since coming here, I have been involved with Eurobodalla Shire Council in a number of investigations and advisory committees relevant to water-related issues and environmental matters. I am a member of the ESC Scientific Advisory Committee, and the ESC Marine Park Advisory Committee.

As a result of motion passed at the AGM, the Rosedale Association has now become incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act. 1964. This occurred on 15th May 2006. This doesn't change the way we do things, but it does

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Rosedale's Environment: Rosecare News **David Mackenzie**

The main points:

Thank you to the many, mostly anonymous volunteers who are caring for Rosedale's natural environment outside of organised activities.

Rosedale's natural environment is deteriorating for want of more volunteer time spent rehabilitating and maintaining it. Once more we call on the community to make the effort to put in time on the ground on a regular basis to preserve what we unanimously value highly.

The Landcare fund is well subscribed but falls far short of what is needed. We can outsource some of our Landcare delivery but not all of it and we surely cannot outsource our responsibility.

A working bee is announced for late November. Please try to be there if you possibly can.

Committee changes are announced and help in organising Rosecare is requested.

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Thank you.

A small number of dedicated persons has been operating without fanfare to keep weeds down in different areas of the Rosedale precinct. This is both gratifying and admirable and to these stalwarts, thank you on behalf of the rest of the Rosedale Community and may you inspire others to join you.

The future of Rosedale's natural environment.

Rosedale's environment is deteriorating with increasing rapidity. If you doubt me, come with me for a walk around the precinct and allow me to demonstrate. Rosedale is built on disturbed bushland. It was nearly all cleared for grazing more than a century ago and what we see today, that which we value and wish to maintain into the future, is largely unattended regrowth which must be steered in a sustainable direction. Allowing weeds to run rampant is not sustainable. Rehabilitation and maintenance of disturbed bushland requires a big initial effort to get ahead before maintenance becomes less demanding. I believe we have not reached this point at Rosedale and that we have slackened off prematurely.

Numbers at recent working bees have fallen to the point where we had to let them lapse. An offer from the Shire Council last June of two bush regenerators to work with community members giving advice and instructions on rehabilitation had to be turned down, Notice of a working bee drew 18 responses of which only four were positive. Thank you to the 18 people who responded out of about

86 messages sent and in particular for the many supportive comments you added. We thanked council and apologised.

Timely action around 15 years ago removed some infestations of weeds and kick started some serious rehabilitation of our native plant communities. Since then we have come a long way and many have worked hard and repeatedly to bring this about. Today we are continuing to enjoy the fruits of their labour, but without follow-up we stand to lose much of what was gained. Last April, our community agreed on a Statement of Place that described how we wanted Rosedale to look well into the future. It emphasised the value of our environment. It didn't say much about how we might maintain and improve it: I am attempting to say it here.

A substantial proportion of our community does not live at Rosedale and comes briefly and intermittently for rest and recreation, and to carry out house and garden maintenance. Rosedale is not just a collection of private properties, There are reserves all through it and they require their share of maintenance too. They can get it only from the community and you, dear readers, comprise most of that community. Our land values do not depend solely on our houses and blocks but on the amenity provided by the natural environment. We let it deteriorate at our peril. If we don't find a way to contribute to on-ground landcare we will lose one of our greatest assets.

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YOWANI ROAD

Residents of Yowani Road will have received a letter from Council's Road and Recreation Services about parking problems along the road. Apparently the drivers of garbage and pump-out trucks have frequently reported difficulties going about their business, particularly in holiday times. Residents will not be surprised at this news.

Co-operation is sought in parking off the road. Council appreciates that this is not always possible, but the problem remains that the holiday periods, especially Christmas - New Year, produce both the greatest number of cars and the highest demand for garbage services.

Council will put parking restrictions on Yowani Rd only as a last resort. This would mean enforceable No Parking signs the length of the road.

Residents can but do their best. Tenants should be similarly advised.



ROSEDALE ENVIRONMENT—ROSECARE NEWS (Con't)

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What can I do toward Rosecare?

Landcare Fund and funded projects. This Fund was established to allow those who, for whatever reason, genuinely cannot attend working bees or otherwise carry out Landcare activities in the field. After about 18 months, the Landcare fund has been extraordinarily well supported: at the end of August it stood at \$5225. This has surprised most of us and we applaud the generosity of those who contributed.

Let's look at what this could provide. The most urgent of Rosedale's Landcare needs is weed control and the most difficult area to control is along the cliffs, mostly above Banksia Flat. We do not even go there, for safety reasons alone, so professional bush regenerators have been used in the past. This work has lapsed from funding shortfalls and now critical attention is required if previous efforts are to remain effective. We have repeatedly estimated that the minimum annual effort from bush regenerators would cost about \$5900. A minimum three year program is envisaged.

The cliff weeding might be funded from alternative sources. There is a number of them and annually communities throughout the Shire meet multiple objectives with the aid of such grants. However, preparing an application is not a trivial matter and the basic requirement of all of them is that the community is required to match the

amount of the grant in hours contributed toward the objective, costed at \$15 per hour. This equates to about 28 two-hour working bees with seven people attending. At our best we might have done eight or ten a year. Rosedale could not, at our present level of activity, meet that requirement. Further we would most likely need to demonstrate that our volunteer contribution time in the year *preceding* the grant was substantially the same.

Working bees. The 2006 Weedathon brought forth a near record low number of attendees. Small in numbers they may have been but they worked hard and there was significant weed removal from the Dale Place Reserve, along Boatshed Beach and Banksia Flat. Thank you to those who supported the activity.

In recent years working bees were called on the **fourth Saturday of the odd numbered months** but gradually numbers dropped and they lapsed. We will attempt to rejuvenate these activities in the hope that of a goodly number of concerned citizens some can come along to do what, unfortunately, money can't buy. The next Rosecare Working Bee will be held on **Saturday 25 November**. Gather at the Carpark, 9:00 am until lunchtime. Come for as long as you wish to stay. Activity: to be announced.

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Moves for a new public hospital. . .

A public meeting was held by the Shire Council in mid-June to discuss the possibility of a new public hospital for the area, hopefully well within the 10 - 15 year State Government timeframe. The suggestion at this stage is that both Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals would close. Council has received a consultant's report proposing a site on the corner of George Bass Drive and Broulee Road. Apparently a number of people at the meeting raised the issue of fauna concerns that faced St Peters College when developing in the same area. Council resolved to engage in widespread community consultation before committing to any specific site.

A public workshop on health services in the Eurobodalla was held in mid-August. The current plan is that a new hospital be built using private finance. This would then be leased back to the State Government to be run as a public hospital, possibly providing some private facilities on the same site. Medical professionals at the meeting expressed the view that a mix of public and private beds was essential to bring specialists and general practitioners to the Shire. It was also suggested that while the new hospital would replace Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals, private medical practitioners might be interested in using these facilities in the main towns.

Support has come from the South East Division of General Practice, the Medical Staff Council and a private consortium of Canberra specialists already in discussion with the Council.



The next step is for Council to consult with experts about raising finance, and to devise a plan to take to the Area Health Service. A medical reference group to advise Council will also be formed. Council will then be in a position to put a range of options up for community discussion, to finalise a plan to be taken to the State Government and the Opposition before the 2007 election.

Members can keep an eye on developments on Council's website: www.esc.nsw.gov.au.



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Good winter rains and a seemingly milder than usual winter has brought on plant growth apace. Weeds are part of this growth and they need a decent whacking before they flower, seed and undo the great work of the last few years. Bridal veil creeper continues to spread but, pleasingly, the incidence of the devastating rust that keeps it under control is increasing. Look for yellowing leaves with little rusty pustules on the under-sides, *don't destroy these plants* – the spores go on to infect further plants. Several species of asparagus fern are noticeably on the increase right through the Rosedale precinct. These bird-dispersed members of the same plant group as bridal veil are just as devastating and so far there are no biological controls available. If you have it in your garden, *please consider eradicating it entirely*. Dig out the tubers and dispose of them so they cannot take root again. Do the same with any you see on public land as you walk around.

Committee changes.

Your Landcare Committee is changing. Membership, until recently was: David Mackenzie, Gordon Bray, Sarah Cains, Ian Holmes and Adrian Lewis. Since last Newsletter, Mike Freer has joined us. Mike has contributed quietly and consistently to our activities over the years and brings with him a wealth of experience in the management of plant communities, Regretfully we farewell Sarah Cains who left us just recently. Thank you Sarah, you made a significant contribution – especially at reining me in from time to time! Our best wishes go with you and may you continue your environmental endeavours wherever your footsteps lead.

More Landcare Organisers required.

Repeated calls for assistance in the organisation of Rosedale's Landcare bring forth few responses. Of the five person Committee, Ian is the only permanent resident and his role is to be the eyes and ears for those of us not living there, not an organiser. The Committee needs two sorts of people to volunteer a consistent effort: those with a smattering of plant savvy and those resident at Rosedale and able to observe things as they happen. The work is not onerous and you need only give as much time as you can comfortably afford. Give some thought to sharing the responsibility for an important function in our community and don't be daunted, we will give you lots of help. Your community needs you!

Beach Planting.

No further general activity has occurred here. Some plants are leaping ahead to provide the dunes with the sort of cover that will resist a decent storm from the sea and there has been a satisfying build up of sand all along the beach from Jimmies Island up to the top end of Boatshed Beach. Many facets of the beach however remain poorly protected and require additional planting: one good storm could set things back a decade or more. While Landcare's broad objective here is to stabilise all of the Banksia Flat, Main and Boatshed Beaches, there are no particular plans afoot just yet. We need plants, workers to put them in and tend them and, most importantly, good seasons.

Carpark Gardens.

These are developing well in most of the area. The original planting plan, my work, is beginning to show a few bad calls as some plants overgrow others and some plants clearly are not suited to the job. Weeds are a constant problem and fortunately this is one of the areas tended quietly by non-organised landcaring. To the west of the carpark, we have had to cut down some trees reaching for power lines or threatening more desirable species. More reduction and general tidying is required.

Banksia Flat.

This has been the target of most of our activities since about 1999 when we began our attempts to revert it from a buffalo grass dominated pasture back into a well treed, incipient rain forest. It shows signs of not having had much attention of late: there is a resurgence of buffalo grass but worse, a significant extension of formerly restricted turkey rhubarb. This vigorous scrambler-cum-climber has tubers which make it hard to kill and papery seeds which fly on the wind. We are currently trying to arrange a bush regenerator to work on the turkey rhubarb in general and on the cliffs in particular.

Clean Beach.

We are entered in one or more categories of the Clean Beach Competition. Judging has taken place and results should be known soon. In the last two years we have taken out a number of awards. The emphasis is on community contribution toward rehabilitation and management.

David Mackenzie



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give the Association legal status and certain responsibilities regarding annual meetings and financial reporting. There are also implications for legal liability if that ever becomes an issue. The arguments for and against incorporation were spelt out in Newsletter 100. So now it's a fait accompli.

There are currently three matters under consideration that have a direct or potential impact on Rosedale. These are:

- Sewerage plans for Rosedale and Guerilla Bay
- The Batemans Marine Park
- The Rosedale Sensitive Urban Land Inquiry

Sewerage Proposals and Plans

As a resident or landowner, you would have been notified by letter from Council that a draft strategy had been developed that identified several options for "possible eventual provision of sewerage services", and you were invited to a meeting at Broulee to discuss issues relating to any further scheme. This meeting was held on 21 April, and was attended by about 60 people, including myself.

Mark Hankinson, ESC's Project Manager Water and Sewerage, gave an informative description of the three options (conventional gravity sewer system, pressure sewer system (PSS), or advanced on-site system linked to PSS). Mark listed the merits or otherwise of each system, and their cost, and threw the meeting open for questions, opinions and discussion. In brief, the outcome was that there was general agreement that the "advanced" system would be least disruptive and most environmentally friendly. It's important to note that the "advanced" system would be owned and maintained by Council, at their cost. The householder would pay the connection fee, sewerage rates, and the cost of plumbing modifications.

These options are described in links on the Council's website (Integrated Water Cycle Strategy) at www.esc.nsw.gov.au, where you can also find a record of what transpired at the public consultation meeting of 21 April.

However, the twist to this tale is that State Government has advised Council that this scheme is not on the current funding list, so Council has deferred any implementation beyond its current 5-year plan. Maybe in ten years ...?



The Batemans Marine Park (BMP)

To those of you that have a tinny launched from the beach, or occasionally wet a line in the surf, the news is good. You won't be affected by the proposed zoning in the BMP. No doubt you will have seen the draft zoning plan and hopefully made comments on it. The biggest impact in our locality will be the sanctuary zone between Long Nose Point (east of Barlings Beach) and the northern side of Jimmies Island. No fishing there at all, apart from a very narrow strip along the beach and rocks at Guerilla Bay.

I'm on a committee advising Council about the BMP. At a meeting on 11 October, Council finalized its submission to the Marine Park Authority. In some ways, it's more severe than the draft zoning plan, and in other ways it's more relaxed. For example, Council would like to see all commercial fishing excluded from the Clyde and Moruya rivers, and the entire zone out to the 3-mile limit declared as "habitat protection", meaning no trawling. A couple of the proposed "sanctuary zones" should be adjusted in position or area to accommodate charter boat operators or spots adjacent to caravan parks, like Broulee rocks.

Darren Gribble has offered the following comments, after attending a public meeting in Canberra:

The object of the marine park is to "conserve marine biological diversity, marine habitats and ecological processes. While meeting these goals, marine parks in NSW also aim to provide for sustainable use, public appreciation, understanding and enjoyment". The Marine Park will extend from Bawley Point to Wallaga Lake. The draft plan proposes the Burrewarra Sanctuary zone which generally covers a broad area from and including Jimmies Island to south of Burrewarra Point. It also includes a Burrewarra Habitat Protection zone extending east of the Sanctuary Zone where particular restrictions apply to protect the grey nurse shark. The Sanctuary Zone is a "no take" area where commercial fishing and recreational fishing are prohibited. Habitat Protection Zones (except as specifically mentioned above) permit all sorts of recreational fishing (line, trapping, spear fishing, netting and abalone harvesting). General Use zones extend seaward of the Habitat

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Protection zones which are contiguous with the coastline. Apparently 13 of the 14 commercial operators have expressed interest in being bought out.

I indicated that I generally supported the establishment of the marine park as outlined in the document but made the following specific points

- Commercial fishing should be excluded from the Rosedale beach/bay area which is a small but popular flathead fishing spot. In the past when a trawler, albeit infrequently, trawls the area it takes months to recover. With the displacement of fishers from the Burrewarra Sanctuary fishing zone, Rosedale bay fishing will intensify and the area will be seriously downgraded for recreational fishers. This will only be exacerbated by permitting commercial operations as proposed.



- In 28 years of fishing I have never experienced or heard of anyone catching grey nurse sharks in the proposed Burrewarra habitat protection zone delineated on the map. The implication of this is that bait fishing is prohibited in this zone.

- There will be a need for an information board to be erected in the Rosedale car park where fishers enter the beach. This should show the boundaries of the Sanctuary and Habitat Zones and the restrictions which apply in each. I suggested the sign needs to be bilingual, English plus an Asian language, probably Chinese as Asian fishers frequently come to the area.

I agree with Darren's sentiments, and have included them in a submission to the Marine Park Authority (along with many other points). I will endeavour to post a copy of my submission onto the Rosedale Association Inc. website.

The Rosedale Sensitive Urban Land Inquiry

The draft South Coast Regional Strategy 2006 identified a number of sites (designated as "sensitive urban lands") that were to be subject to a review by an expert panel to determine their suitability for urban development. One of these sites was the Rosedale farm area west of George Bass Drive, covering about 279 hectares of mostly cleared undulating land, currently zoned under the Eurobodalla Rural Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 1987 as Urban Expansion 10.

Development of part of this land (the Marsim proposal) was refused in late 2005. Since then, Batemans Bay Property Services has lodged a Development Application for a subdivision of approx 160 lots between George Bass Drive and Bevia Road. The consent authority for this is Planning NSW. They are withholding their decision until

after the review panel delivers its report on this "sensitive area".

The terms of reference of the review panel were:

1. Review the suitability of each site for urban development and the scale and type of any recommended land release, having regard to the site's biophysical constraints, servicing and infrastructure issues;
2. Advise on the priority and timing of any recommended releases for urban development, including an assessment against forecast population growth trends;
3. Advise on what (if any) alternate land uses might be suitable for each site in the event that urban development is not considered suitable.

The 3-person review panel was chaired by Dr Andrew Refshauge, and invited written submissions by early July. I made a written submission on behalf of the Rosedale Association Inc, and collaborated with David Mackenzie, Joe Walker (CSIRO) and Bill Maher (UC) on another two. When the panel visited the local area and held public hearings, I gave them a Powerpoint presentation describing our concerns. As a result of hearing presentations from Council and the Department of Natural Resources which contained errors and questionable assumptions, David and I made yet another submission to the panel. The panel's recommendations were released on 20 October, and can be viewed on the following link: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/planningsystem/panels_southcoast.asp. I wonder why we took so much trouble to make our submissions.

Our submissions can be viewed on the Association's website. Essentially, we questioned the wisdom of zoning this land as "urban expansion", highlighted the adverse environmental impacts that could be expected on Bevia wetland and Rosedale Creek, and pointed to the total lack of infrastructure that would be needed to support a major urban expansion there.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read a report from David Mackenzie describing what's going on in the land-care front (he uses Gordon Bray's term "Rosecare"). It's long, but who am I to cull it? Most importantly, he talks about your most generous donations for paying contractors to do the onerous and/or dangerous tasks and the need for the community to continue with hands-on activities that can't be done by contractors. I commend the report to you. It's also important to note that some readers are confused about the objectives of Rosecare, and whether the "activity" days are never ending. The Rosecare committee will try to put that right in coming months, and come out with a succinct description of what Rosecare is trying to achieve, and how it is going about it. This will be ready for the next newsletter, giving you a chance to tear into it at the Easter AGM.

Emmett O'Loughlin

Minutes of the Rosedale Association AGM held on Saturday 15th April 2006

Number of members attending – 97

Apologies

B. Voce, B. Stark, I. Bermingham, J and B Hemer, J Reid, E. Reid, R. Skipper, J, K and D Nicholas, E. Stutchbury, R Kent, J. Hapgood, E. Morey, Mr and Mrs D Buchler, Dr and Mrs K Boardman, P Graham, Mr and Mrs D. Graham, Dr and Mrs Loofs,

Business arising from last AGM

All items have been addressed in the newsletter or are on the agenda of this meeting.

President's report

The President's report was published in the last newsletter. A Coastal Strategy has been published by the Minister for Planning and Rosedale features in this document. The document is on public display and is up for public comment until the end of May.

Sewerage for Rosedale

All residents and ratepayers were sent a letter by Council calling a meeting, now at the Broulee Primary School, to discuss the sewerage of Rosedale and possible timeframes.

Outgoing Committee

The President thanked the outgoing Committee and Anton and Barbara Cook for their work in posting the newsletter. The President asked for a volunteer to do the posting in future.

The President moved that his report be adopted. Seconded David Mackenzie. Carried

Treasurer's Report

Noel Egan moved that the report published in the newsletter be adopted. Seconded Don Bowak.

Fire Officer's Report

Jane Boardman thanked David Graham for all his work in helping to produce the Rosedale Fire Plan.

A representative of the Rural Fire Service also thanked David Graham for putting together the Rose-

dale Village Protection Plan. This Plan aims to protect the Rosedale community in the event of a fire.

The President noted that David is standing down and he requested a volunteer for Fire Officer. Deidre Prussak volunteered and becomes the new Fire Officer.

On behalf of David Graham, who was unable to attend, Jane Boardman proposed a motion that the Rosedale Association adopt the Rosedale Fire Plan as published in the newsletter and that the Rosedale association make a donation of \$400 to the Malua Bay Rural Fire service.

In discussion it was proposed that \$500 rather than \$400 be paid.

Jane Boardman then proposed a motion that the Fire Plan be accepted and that \$500 be paid to the Malua Bay Rural Fire Service. Seconded Jan Holmes. Motion carried.

Landcare Report

A copy of the Landcare report was published in the newsletter. The summary points are:

- Landcare activity has been quieter.
 - The Greencorp team has made a big contribution to Landcare projects at Rosedale
 - There have been an encouraging number of donations to the Landcare Fund
- The Eurobodalla Shire has doubled the number of noxious weeds on its list. David Mackenzie had several brochures available at the meeting – one called "Grow me instead" and one on weeds of the South Coast.

David Mackenzie moved that his report be accepted. Seconded Sue Lewis. Carried

General Business Incorporation

The issue of incorporation has been given a good deal of attention by the Committee in the last 12 months. The President explained what incorporation is intended to do for small non-profit organizations and his reasons for pursuing the matter.

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Sue Falk put a motion to the AGM that the Rosedale Association incorporate. Seconded Darren Gribble.

Sue Falk spoke in favour of the motion stating that the Committee recommends this motion.

There were no speakers against the motion
Motion carried by a show of hands

New Constitution

This motion required a two third majority to be passed.

Sue Falk put a motion that the Association pass the new rules for the Rosedale association as printed in the newsletter. No substantial feedback has been received to date by the Committee.

Bruce Kent asked for a resume and this was provided by Sue Falk.

Under Clause 12 Ernst Wilhelm asked for a point of clarification on only having 7 days to appeal and under Clause 14 on having the committee elect its own members

Under Clause 12 Ernst Wilhelm proposed that 7 days be changed to 28 days.

Motion put by Sue Falk and seconded by Bruce Kent.

Under Clause 14 Ernst Wilhelm proposed that the election of committee members is made by the AGM (the same as the current constitution). He put a proposal to amend Clause 14. Seconded by Bruce Kent.

The motion was then put that the Association adopt the proposed new rules incorporating the Wilhelm amendments. Seconded Richard Allen. Motion carried.

Statement of Place

Margot Marshall reported on the work of the Statement of Place Sub-Committee. The redrafted Statement of Place (SOP) is now far less prescriptive. She advised that Council will take up the Association's SOP but may amend it. It will then go to the entire community to vote on. If we don't put our view

to Council they will go ahead anyway.

The following amendments were put:

- Under holiday letting insert the word "occasional"
 - Add words "and beach" in the vision statement in line 3
 - Replace "indigenous" with "native" throughout the document
 - Under Landscaping in point 8 delete the words "by a qualified landscape architect"
- In line 7 under "Methods for achieving the desired character" put "new developments including major extensions".

Margot Marshall put a motion that the amendments be accepted. The motion put was that the Rosedale Association adopts the SOP as printed in the newsletter and including the above amendments. Seconded David Mackenzie. Motion carried 61 to 3.

David Carter congratulated the Committee for what they had achieved and supported what they had achieved and Michael Skipper also publicly thanked Margot for her work.

Election of Officers

The President announced the Committee for 2006/7. President - Emmett O'Loughlin, Secretary - Sue Falk, Treasurer - Noel Egan. Other Committee members are: Darren Gribble, Andrew Shillington, Rohan Kent, David Jockel, David Mackenzie and Anton Cook.

Emmett O'Loughlin spoke outlining his background and experience.

Other Business

Darren Gribble moved a vote of thanks to Ian Holmes, supported by his wife Jan, for his work on the Committee over the last 10 years.

Arrangements for Weedathon and sausage sizzle

Arrangements for the weedathon and sausage sizzle were provided. An exhibition of paintings by Richie Sealy were on display at Deidre Prussak' house.

Minutes of the meeting of Rosedale Association committee held on 16.4.06

Present:

Emmett O'Loughlin (President), Noel Egan (Treasurer), Susan Falk (Secretary), Anton Cook, Darren Gribble, David Mackenzie, Andrew Shillington.

Apologies:

Rohan Kent

Business:

Change of signatories to the Association's bank accounts following the resignation of Jane Boardman.

Motion:

That the signatories to the Rosedale Association bank account No 082-432 54311 1567 be changed from Noel Egan and Jane Boardman to Noel Egan and Darren Gribble.

Proposed: Emmett O'Loughlin. Seconded: Susan Falk.

Passed nem.con.

Motion:

That the signatories to the Rosedale Association Perpetual account, Investor ID 16112909, Account ID 20003670 be changed from Noel Egan and Jane Boardman to Noel Egan and Darren Gribble.

Proposed: Emmett O'Loughlin. Seconded: Susan Falk.

Passed nem.con.

SUSAN FALK
Secretary



Call for Contributions!!

Perceptive readers of the Rosedale Association newsletter may have noticed a dearth, indeed repetitive dearth of pictorial and illustrative content . . .

Well, here is your chance to rectify things! Any contributions would be much appreciated! Letters, Rosedale anecdotes, memories, observations, kid's contributions—they all make a newsletter a lot more reader friendly.

I am willing to bet that there are many gorgeous stories, photos, poems, drawings of Rosedale moments etc out there, languishing in piles or computer files.

Please contact Sue Falk - susan.falk@bigpond.com

Or Emmett O'Loughlin - emmettol@bordernet.com.au

Or send to the address below



Fire Protection Plan



At the annual meeting of the association the Rosedale Village Bushfire Protection plan was adopted. The objectives of the Fire Protection Plan for Rosedale are:



1. To establish a safe & effective fire response strategy.



2. To establish a protocol for fire threat mitigation.



3. To protect the Rosedale and Guerilla Bay settlements from bush fire events through a joint management approach with the Community, the Rural Fire Service and Eurobodalla Shire Council.

To make the plan more effective in achieving these objectives it is planned to display a graphical representation of the plan. The display would be a notice board constructed for the purpose at the end of Rosedale parade at the beach car park.

The display will include community education information including how to prepare your property, how to protect yourself in a fire and a map indicating what works are committed to by agencies including council. The display would also promote the Stay and Defend well prepared houses or the Go Early idea. The most dangerous situation in bush fire is last minute evacuations, if we have a plan and prepare our property people can protect houses and houses protect people. The sign will also indicate possible refuge areas on the beach as a last resort for locals or holiday makers caught by surprise.

The report on the Tasmanian Black Tuesday fire disaster of 1967 highlighted that groups of houses in fringe developments often survived together. When these situations were investigated, it was found that in all cases prepared people had stayed and fought the fire with garden hoses and other rough and ready means. These people fared better than some who had tried to evacuate at the last minute and proved that houses could be saved and would protect people in an environment that few in the world have ever experienced.

Any comments regarding the village protection plan or the location of the notice boards are welcome and can be forwarded to the Associations Bushfire Officer or Paul Cook at the Rural Fire Service on 44745899 or paul.cook@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

We need a new Volunteer Bushfire Officer!!

Please contact Sue Falk -
susan.falk@bigpond.com
Or Emmett O'Loughlin -
emmettol@bordnet.com.au
Or contact as below



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

Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____ being subscriptions for _____ membership(s) for the 2006 calendar year, at the rate of \$10 per voting members for the persons listed below.

Name(s) _____

Postal address (for newsletter) _____

Postcode _____

Rosedale address _____

Postcode _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Fax _____ Rosedale phone _____

I would like to be informed of Landcare activities _____ Yes/No

I would like advice on any problem weeds on my property _____ Yes/No

Send this slip and your payment to: **Treasurer, Rosedale Association,
PO Box 4134 Manuka ACT 2603**

Request for advice on noxious weeds

I would like advice on what noxious weeds may be present on my property.

Name _____

Rosedale address _____

Email address _____

Contact phone _____ Good times to make contact _____

Send this slip to: **Secretary, Rosedale Association,
PO Box 4134 Manuka ACT 2603**

Rosedale Landcare Fund

I would like make a donation to the Rosedale Landcare Fund. My donation can be used for whatever projects the Rosedale Association's Landcare Committee deem most appropriate. I understand and accept that this donation cannot be earmarked for specific projects.

Name(s) _____

Postal address _____

Postcode _____

Rosedale address (if different than above) _____

Postcode _____

Email address _____ Home phone _____

Mobile phone _____ Fax _____

Rosedale phone _____ Donation amount \$ _____

Send this slip and your payment to: **Treasurer, Rosedale Association,
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