

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



Newsletter Issue 113 March 2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2012

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Rosedale Association to be held on Saturday 7 April 2012 at 11 am on the Cabin Lawns.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Landcare Report
4. Council and developments update
5. Election of Committee members
6. Any other business

FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

Hi everyone,

As many of you know, sadly our newsletter editor Sue Falk passed away late last year after a short illness. Sue had loved Rosedale since childhood and made an invaluable contribution to the Rosedale Association over many years. Please see our tribute to her on page 4.

Sue leaves a great gap, most immediately for a new newsletter editor. We need someone with a bit of time, and some writing and organisational ability, to pull together a newsletter three times a year.

The newsletter is our main way of communicating with members, so we desperately need a volunteer! No graphic design or printing skills needed, as the wonderful Annie Shillington and Paul Mlakar continue to help us out there – many thanks from us all Annie and Paul!

Our committee is looking a bit skimpy at the moment – and we need some young blood! Unfortunately Noel Egan will need to stand aside as treasurer to allow him time for new carer responsibilities. Noel has done a fantastic job – even though he hates figures and databases! Luckily David Boardman does like numbers and will take on the treasurer's job – which means we need a secretary. There are also other vacancies – so if you have time for two meetings a year and some email exchange, PLEASE put up your hand. Or perhaps persuade your kids to help out – some new ideas and energy would be great!

We also have a pressing need for a Landcare coordinator to make best use of our Landcare donations and to

marshal volunteers to help us keep on top of the worst of the weeds.

If you'd like to discuss what's involved – it is not onerous! – please contact any of the committee members or email David Boardman at rosedale.assoc+Secretary@gmail.com. It would be terrific to have enough volunteers to have an election at the AGM...and to allow some of the long-serving members to retire.

Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you all on Easter Saturday for the AGM on the Cabin Lawns – Saturday 7 April at 11:00 am.

On Saturday afternoon, please join us at the Rosedale beach main carpark at 2:00 pm for the Easter weedathon. After all this rain, we need many hands – just bring your gardening gloves if you have any.

And don't forget our annual Sausage Sizzle at 6.00 pm, on Mallett's lawn, 31 Rosedale Parade. Many thanks to John and Judy Mallett for their hospitality!

MARGOT MARSHALL

COME TO THE ANNUAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

When: 6:00 pm Easter Saturday 7 April 2012 Where: Malletts' lawn 31 Rosedale Parade
We supply the food – just bring your own drinks and seating.

Make this a family outing – bring the kids, your visitors and friends.
Meet new faces and catch up with old friends – it's always a great night.

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION -
CURRENT COMMITTEE

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Vacant
Secretary: David Boardman
Treasurer: Noel Egan

ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tim Brown
Darren Gribble
David Mackenzie
Margot Marshall
David Palmer
Michael Skipper

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are very keen to see if more members are happy to receive notices and newsletters by email – to save us time, money and paper! If you are happy to make the switch, please tell us so on your renewal of membership on page 7 or email rosedale.assoc+Secretary@gmail.com

NOMINATIONS

We have several vacancies on the committee – please consider giving us a few hours of your time to help us look after Rosedale.

Please send your nominations to our Secretary David Boardman by Friday 30 March 2012. Find the nomination form and how to send it inside the back cover of this newsletter and on our website.

**FEES ARE NOW DUE
– \$10 PER VOTING
MEMBER – SEE PAGE 7**

WEBSITE

Rosedale's website has moved – it is now at <http://sites.google.com/site/rosedaleassoc/>

We hope to get a simpler domain name this year.

Thanks to Stephen Clark for maintaining it for us when he can. Does anyone else have web skills to help us out? We hope to enliven it with more pictures and a blog this year. We have set up a blog page under Feedback – post your pictures and stories about Rosedale there!

THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC
TREASURERS REPORT 2011

BANK BALANCE 01.01.2011..... \$2182.13

CREDIT

Receipts 2730.00
Interest 0.18
Total Credits 4912.31

EXPENSES

Rental of P.O. Box 86.00
Easter Barbeque Costs 208.51
Department of Fair Trading..... 48.00
Insurance 350.00
Donation to Malua Bay Fire Brigade 500.00
Stationery, Printing and Postage 142.56
Bank Fees 4.05
Landcare Distribution 1090.00
Total Expenses..... 2429.12
Balance 2483.19
Balance at Bank 2483.19

PERPETUAL CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

Balance at 31.12.2010 17883.85
Interest received 714.82
Balance at 31.12.2011 18598.67

ROSEDALE LANDCARE GROUP

TREASURERS REPORT 01.01.2011 TO 31.12.2011

Opening Balance 5770.04
Deposits 1090.00
Final Balance 6860.04
Balance at Bank 6860.04

WHITE - BELLIED SEA EAGLES Max Tischler

THERE IS ONE THING AT ROSEDALE THAT NEVER CEASES TO DRAW A GASP OF EXCITEMENT FROM MY LITTLE NEPHEW JONATHON. HE'LL BE ABSORBED IN A SANDCASTLE OR CATCHING WAVES ON HIS BOOGIE BOARD YET WHENEVER A WHITE-BELLIED SEA EAGLE FLIES OVER HE'LL STOP WHAT HE'S DOING LOOK UP, POINT AND ALMOST TIP OVER BACKWARDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO WATCH THE MAJESTIC BIRD FLY OVERHEAD. IT'S SOMETHING I REMEMBER DOING WHEN I WAS HIS AGE AND MUST CONFESS IT STILL THRILLS ME. AS SEA EAGLES CAN LIVE TO THE AGE OF 30, I OFTEN WONDER IF THE BIRDS THAT FREQUENT ROSEDALE TODAY ARE THE SAME ONES, OR OFFSPRING FROM PARENTS BACK THEN.



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The white-bellied sea eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*) is the second largest bird of prey (raptor) in Australia. Their wingspan can reach up to 2.2 m and an adult female often weighs just over 4 kg. This doesn't sound like much (about the weight of a small dog), but because lightness is advantageous to flying, all birds have hollow bones (even emus). Interestingly, white-bellied sea eagles like many other raptors display what is called sexual size dimorphism, or more simply: females and males are quite different in size. The females are the larger of the two, and the main reason for this is that it allows paired birds (which are monogamous) to hunt for a broader range of food items than they could by themselves. This ensures strong pair bonds, and can account for seasonal fluctuations in food availability. Consequently, white-bellied sea eagles can feed on a range of prey items including fish, smaller birds, mammals, reptiles and sometimes carrion. Fish is the favoured food, and birds will often snatch prey from the surface of the water before carrying it to a prominent roost site to feed. There is an old dead tree on Jimmie's Island that seems to be a favoured dining spot.

Sea eagles mate for life and usually breed between June and January, returning to the same nest year after year. Nests are typically large constructions made from sticks and green foliage in tall prominent trees. I am yet to discover where the Rosedale pair nest but imagine its somewhere in the wooded areas of the old farm or thereabouts. Two eggs are laid, and the female is responsible for almost all of the six week incubation period, whilst the male undertakes regular hunting forays to feed them both. Usually only one chick survives the 90 or so days to fledge, after which it will spend another month with the parents before being sent on its way. It will take five years for a youngster to reach maturity, during which time the plumage undergoes a

gradual transition in colouration from messy brown to the striking skewbald grey and white of adult birds.

White-bellied sea eagles are found in a range of coastal habitats right around Australia, as well as along many of the river systems and wetlands of far inland. In fact the proliferation of introduced carp in the Murray-Darling Basin has most likely benefitted sea eagles. No doubt the birds we see flying overhead wander up and down our small stretch of coast exploring and foraging in the estuaries (like the Tomago), inlets and bays (like Rosedale). Unfortunately the increased pressure of human activity in these areas also threatens the long-term survival of the sea-eagles. So ensuring sensible conservation of our marine resources and planning in associated habitats is important for the future of this top-order predator.

On a few occasions I have been treated to an extraordinary spectacle by the pair of sea eagles at Rosedale. With both birds high in the sky, they locked talons (feet) and went into a freefall, tumbling to within 30 m of the water before releasing each other. They then flew skywards only to repeat this interesting mating ritual. This is a behaviour (like so many) displayed by raptors that is well known but poorly understood. Birdlife Australia have contributed a lot to our understanding of sea-eagles over the last few years having installed remote cameras near a nest site in Homebush Bay, Sydney. You can go online and watch the pair in real time. I am guilty of having spent many hours enthralled by this 'reality tv' program. Visit Eaglecam at <http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/the-organisation/eaglecam.html> and learn more about the 'secret life' of white-bellied sea eagles.

ROSEDALE'S DIAMOND PYTHONS

Take a look on the right at this handsome diamond python (*Morelia spilota spilota*) snapped by Damian Egan who walked into it in a tree outside Noel Egan's Rosedale house. There is another python in residence down near the boatsheds.

Pythons are not venomous so please leave them be! You can distinguish this snake by its distinctive black background with cream or yellow spots and blotches. It will grow to two or even three metres.

Diamond pythons feed on small birds and mammals – but they often take up residence in the roof space of houses where they eliminate rodents. Once their food supply is exhausted they'll move on.

Meanwhile red bellied black snakes (*Pseudechis porphyriacus*) are venomous, though there's an antivenom available. We know of at least one which lives in the rock embankment between 45 and my house at 47 Yowani Road – and another in a tree stump at Keith and Mary Boardman's house at number 33.



DIAMOND PYTHON (ABOVE)

Fortunately bites are rare – if provoked it will rear into striking stance and hiss, but it will try and escape as soon as it can. Keep an eye out as this snake feeds by day.

For more information visit The Australian Reptile Park at www.reptilepark.com.au

SUE FALK

The Rosedale Association regrets the death of Sue Falk in Sydney on November 20 2011 after a short illness.

Sue had from childhood a long association with Rosedale. Her parents, John and Enid Falk in the early 1960s arranged with Miller, the developer and builder of many houses in Rosedale, for a house at the end of Yowani Road in North Rosedale. It was a treasure in her life. Sue was a frequent visitor and cherished the time, albeit not as much as she would have liked, to while away her leisure hours. Rosedale provided a great break from her busy musical and teaching life in Sydney.

Sue was a staunch supporter of the Rosedale Association and was prepared to step in and take on leadership roles in the Association whenever there was a need. She would fill the vacuum. Her roles included that of acting Chair, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and she will always be remembered for her initiative to secure legal incorporation of the Rosedale Association.

She was intelligent, had a fine mind and was always willing and able to marshal others and push things along when required. She was a masterful chair of Association meetings. She will long be remembered

with fondness for her contribution to the Association and its ideals.

Born in Sydney in 1945, Sue was a graduate of the Australian National University in modern languages. She also studied in Paris at the Ecole Normale de Musique, where she received the Licence de Concert. In 1996, Sue graduated in law from the University of New South Wales.

Sue was well-known as a performer of baroque music throughout Europe in the 1970s. She specialised in a study of early and contemporary French music and received a number of French awards for her contributions. Sue also was a gifted soprano. In the 1970s, she gave recitals and appeared in opera houses through Europe in a number of operatic roles.

On her return to Sydney in 1980, Sue established a private teaching studio as well as teaching as a part-time lecturer at the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales. She appeared for the ABC, Musica Viva, Sydney Philharmonia Society, Sydney Baroque and the Australia Opera among others.

ABALONE POACHERS

Following David Boardman's report on abalone trafficking last March, Yvonne Brennan and Elise Stutchbury were shocked to discover up to 75 freshly shucked abalone shells collected between the marine platform and Nun's beach.

This area is part of the Sanctuary Zone from Jimmie's Island around Nun's beach to Guerilla Bay. It's a no take zone - no fishing or collecting of any species of plant or animal, dead or alive.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

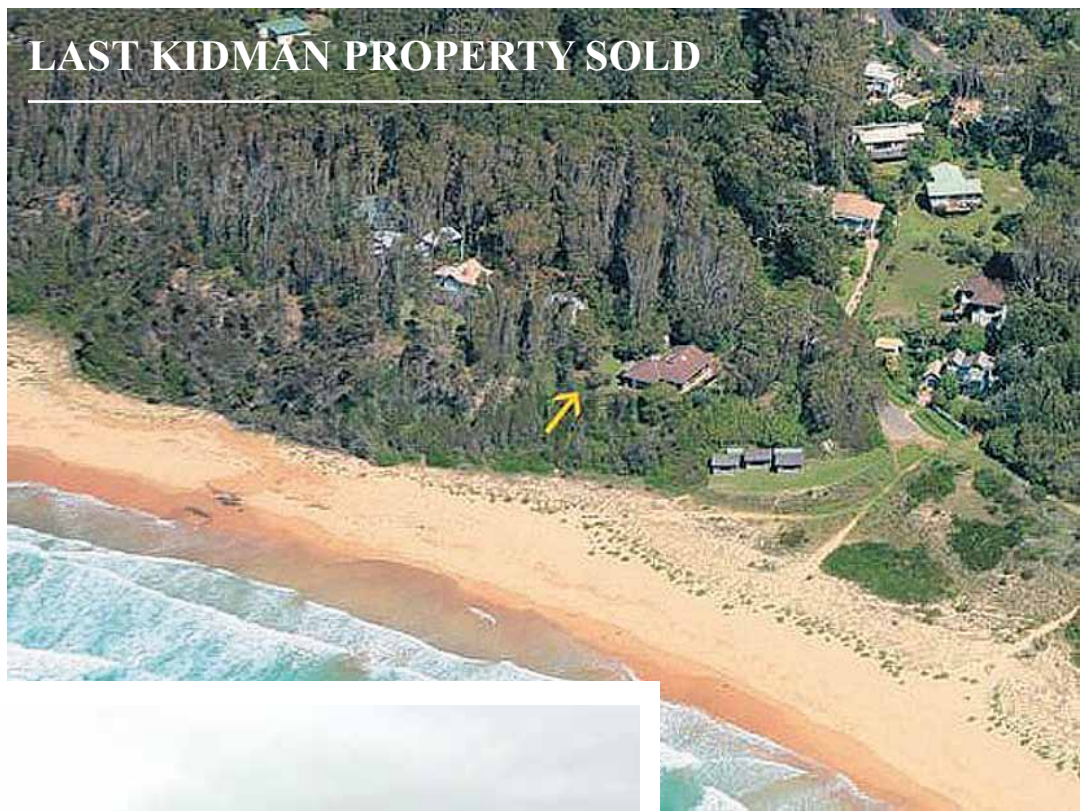
The Batemans Bay Marine Park is a big area and it's impossible for the rangers and authorities to keep an eye on all of it! If you do see divers or recently shucked abalone, please call the ranger, Damien, so he can search for more poaching over the next couple of days.

Damien can be reached on 02 4467 0806 or 0417 438 510.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

BATEMAN'S MARINE PARK 02 4476 0800 BATEMAN'S FISHERIES OFFICE 02 4478 9100 OR 0427 855 008

Nicole Kidman's 1009 square metre beachfront block on Knowlman Road - up for sale since 2008 - seems to have sold. Michael Skipper spotted the news on line in the Property Observer, which claims that \$800,000 was expected at auction on February 11. The estate agent confirms the property is under offer and is expected to settle soon.



SALTWATER CREEK GETS A CLEAN OUT

Our creek has broken through after 100 mm in 24 hours on 1st March - thanks to Michael Skipper for this pic!

A FISHING REVERY – SUMMER 2012 Tim Brown

Once again a great summer at Rosedale was had by all. The daily camp of the Bell/Brown, Baxter/ Hindmarsh/ Crisp, Grahams, Tischler, Allen, Braham, Carter, Knight etc tribes was easily seen on the beach. The hive of activity involving kids swimming, surfing, snorkeling, cricketing and fishing was a sight to be seen.

The fishing flotilla was once again in action. The big swells from before Christmas to shortly after the New Year kept the super keen Tischlers on the beach, much to the delight of their children and wives/ girlfriends - otherwise known as the Rosedale fishing widows when the conditions are good!

The seas soon abated and the boats were in the water before the sun was up. There was particularly good flathead to be caught in the bay which was good because the northerly was blowing up earlier than usual so the channel and other good spots further out were not particularly comfortable with the chop.

Good buckets were regularly had by all. Gerry Crisp and Nick Tischler landed a squid one day but did not escape unmarked. Gerry and Nick both got inked however Nick reported the squid they had for lunch that day was an experience he will long remember.

I was also witness to an extraordinary morning of fishing with Al Baxter the day before he headed back to Sydney. The conditions were perfect - a pleasant nor easterly blowing, causing the boat to drift at the perfect speed across a series of sandy platforms, a flathead's favorite hang. Al was using a plastic lure on one hook and bait on the other and he couldn't miss! One fish after the other, including a number of double hooks that morning made for a healthy bucket. Fortunately there was a skipper's cut of the catch so the Browns got fed that morning too.



NICK TISCHLER AND TIM BROWN

The summer came to an end and we all scattered to the winds again, but the thought of Easter looms with more time on the beach with family and friends and the chance of fish in the frypan will get us through this term and back to the beach again.

COUNCIL UPDATE David Boardman

Those of you thinking of renovating or building will need to know that there are new design rules in the wings.

A Draft Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2011 was adopted by Eurobodalla Shire Council on 18 October 2011 and has been sent to the NSW Government for processing and gazettal. Rosedale is zoned E4 - Environmental Living compared with 2ec- Environmental Constraints under Urban LEP 1999.

Both E4 and 2ec zones allow for the erection of dwelling houses with consent. Other activities associated with residential development (including home business, home-based childcare, keeping of animals, erection of sheds, garages and outbuildings) are permitted in both zones either as exempt development, complying development, development that needs consent or as activities that are ancillary to a dwelling house.

CHANGES

There are several changes in this draft plan compared with the 1999 Urban LEP. Dual occupancy and secondary dwellings will now be permitted with consent, rather than prohibited.

Bed and breakfast and eco-tourism facilities will now be

permitted with consent, rather than given blanket approval.

Some agricultural activities will now be permitted, including bee keeping, viticulture and farm buildings, compared with a previous prohibition except for personal use (for example, vegetable gardens).

Under the 1999 Urban LEP the controls for floor/space ratio and height were in the Residential Design Code. The code stipulated a maximum floor /space ratio (FSR) of 0.35:1 and a maximum building height of 8.5 metres from natural ground level with a two storey limit.

In contrast, the Draft LEP 2011 contains maps outlining the maximum building heights for particular areas. The land within and surrounding Rosedale falls within category 1 which has a maximum building height of 8.5 metres. The Eurobodalla Shire Council has not adopted maximum FSRs in the Draft LEP; instead the building envelope will be planned through other controls in the Residential Zones Development Control Plan such as minimum setbacks, landscaped area and the maintenance of neighbouring views and privacy.

For more information see www.esc.nsw.gov.au – there is a link which promises to explain the plan in plain English.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, RENEWAL AND PAYMENT FORM

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

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

The Treasurer
 The Rosedale Association Inc.
 PO Box 4134
 Manuka ACT 2603

You may renew your membership and make payment by bank deposit. Please use the form on the Membership page of the Rosedale Association website: <http://sites.google.com/site/rosedaleassoc/membership>

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

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES (please print carefully)

1 _____
 2 _____

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

NO Please send notices and newsletters by post

NAME AND ADDRESS FOR MAILING

Rosedale address

Telephone numbers

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

Rosedale telephone number

WEED NOTICES (Please tick one)

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

PAYMENTS

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

Landcare fund donation (optional) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM - 2012

Please print and complete this form and forward it to reach: The President
The Rosedale Association Inc
PO Box 4134 Manuka ACT 2603

Or scan and email to: rosedale.assoc+Secretary@gmail.com by Friday 30 March 2012 OR
hand it to The Secretary before the AGM on Saturday 7 April 2012.

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

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

Nominator: _____ Signed: _____

Seconder: _____ Signed: _____

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

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership has fallen – please encourage your friends and neighbours to join up!

We're a non-profit association of people who love this place. We represent the community on regional committees and to state and local government agencies. We're involved in Landcare and conservation workshops and we keep a watching brief on how we can improve safety in the neighbourhood. We make every effort to keep track of planning proposals – development plans, transportation, roads, sewerage and traffic issues. The Eurobodalla shire council often consults us.

SOME REASONS TO BELONG

- Have a voice in planning issues that affect you
- Feel part of a great community – get to know your neighbours
- Improve safety in our community
- Influence environmental issues
- Collaborate with people with a wide range of interests and expertise
- Have a voice in changing what you don't like about the Association!

Associations are a lot like insurance. When one has no problems, there is no need for it – but when there is a problem, and there is no insurance, it is too late to help!

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