

# THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR MARGOT MARSHALL

Another year almost over – and time for us all to enjoy Rosedale in the fantastic summer break!

In this newsletter you'll find lots of updates from a very active committee – most more active than others like me. Vicki Smith has picked up the reins as Secretary as though she has been here forever and together with Treasurer David Boardman - they're a great team - successfully requested an extension to Council to lodge our views on the development of Rosedale Farm. No mean feat, and a lot of work on the submission – but a fantastic job. One of the reasons we support the Association is to make sure that the character of Rosedale is protected from untrammelled or ill thought-out development around us – so thanks to everyone who helped put our objections to the current proposal on the record.

Since the Easter AGM, Michael Skipper has done a great job building our new website and getting information on the very threatening fire season ahead. See his reports later in this newsletter, and please act on the fire tips. You all know how vulnerable we are at Rosedale. Michael has stepped aside from active committee involvement and Robin Oldham, formerly a lawyer with the Commonwealth Public Service and now a full-time resident in Yowani Road, has agreed to fill this casual vacancy. Thank you Robin!

Jane Enright, who gave such a fantastic talk at the AGM at Easter, has been actively driving Landcare and helping keep on top of those invasive weeds. Her report is well worth reading – so much work goes in to caring for our

environment and new weeds challenge us all the time. The Rosedale Boatsheds are now looking great – thanks to a renovation organised by Darren Gribble and paid for by the owners. And look out for the sewerage update – no breakthrough yet, but David Palmer is nothing if not persistent in chasing up our local member and Council.

A big thank you to several Rosedale members for making the Easter sausage sizzle a great event. To David and Barbara Carter and Kit Tischler – you are stars! Thanks to Deirdre Prussak for supplying the power for the lights on the night and for keeping the cooks well lubricated with champagne!

And a big thanks to our silent hero, Lyla Kere, for updating the member database and doing all the IT technical chores that none of the rest of us know how to do – the behind the scenes work that keeps the Association humming along. Finally to Annie Shillington, as always – thanks for your patience and expertise in designing this newsletter.

Over to you - Christmas is a great time to talk to your neighbours and see if you can enlist their support for the Rosedale Association. Residents can join at any time – and it's really important to grow our members so we act for all of you. Please pass on this newsletter or tell any of your friends and neighbours to give a member of the committee a call if they have any questions. Membership forms at [www.rosedale.org.au](http://www.rosedale.org.au) – only \$10 a year!

Happy Christmas – see you on the beach.

# ROSEDALE FARM DEVELOPMENT

After years of hiatus, Rosedale Farm is on the move again. A Development Application (No.73/13) was submitted to Council in early September for a staged development of 134 residential lots, with construction to be undertaken in seven stages.

The Rosedale committee lodged a submission to DA 73/13 – see the full copy on our website

[www.rosedale.org.au](http://www.rosedale.org.au). Our key objections related to traffic and road safety – in particular the DA proposal that vehicles from the Rosedale Farm development access George Bass Drive via an extension to Rosedale Parade.

We urged Council to identify a safe and efficient road network for the combined Rosedale Urban Expansion Zone – a network which does not pose additional risk for vehicles entering

and exiting North and South Rosedale. While we opposed the Rosedale Parade extension for vehicular traffic, we recommended the option be incorporated into Council's planning of pedestrian walkways and cycleways, to connect the proposed development to local amenities and beaches. We also sought Council's commitment to review the proposed design for the George Bass Drive/Bevan Road intersection to the north of Rosedale Farm and upgrade the George Bass Drive/Yowani Road intersection, as traffic volumes increase in the area.

Other issues covered in the Rosedale Association submission include:

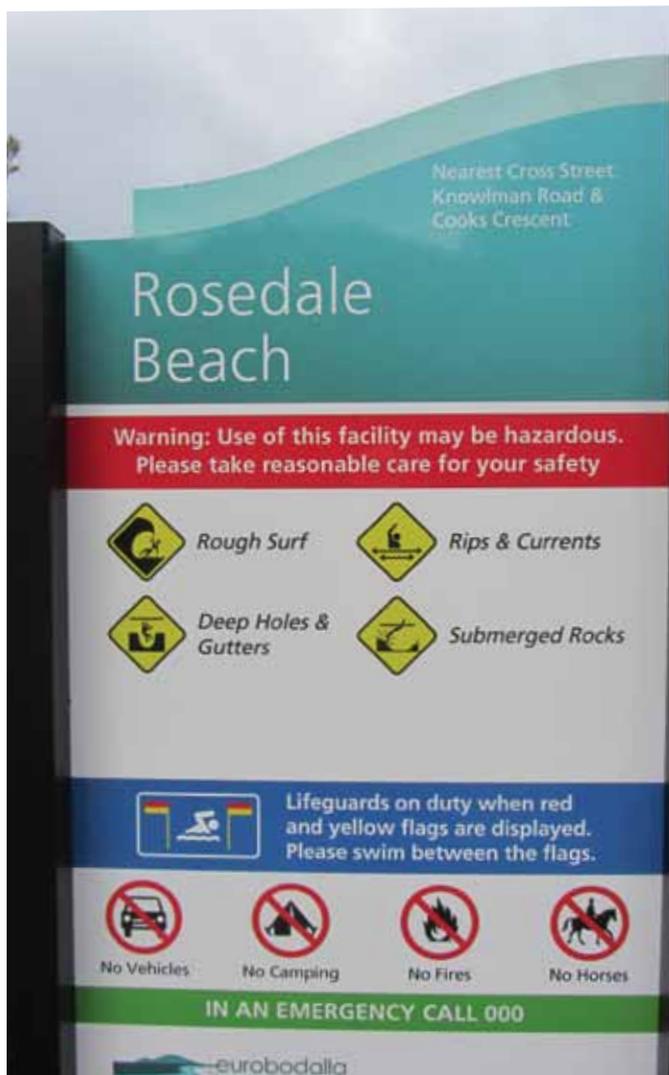
- the need for sewer reticulation to be mandatory for the proposed development
- for the mandated riparian buffer

strips to be extended to widths greater than normally required, in order to protect the environment of Saltwater Creek and its link to Batemans Marine Park, and to preserve the integrity of the Chain of Ponds features in the upper reaches of Saltwater Creek

- for the Vegetation Management Plan to specifically recognise the desirability of re-uniting the two identified Endangered Ecological Communities to restore their bio-corridor function.

The submission was lodged by the 15 October 2012 deadline. At the time of writing, Council's website states that more information has been requested from the applicant.

DAVID BOARDMAN AND  
VICKI SMITH



## NEW BEACH SIGNAGE

Council has placed new beach safety signs at every beach in the shire, providing information about beach hazards, the nearest cross streets and beach patrol information. Five signs were installed at Rosedale: two in the carpark area, one at the end of Knowlman Road outside the cabins and two in Yowani Road.

None of Rosedale's beaches is patrolled. Over the coming summer the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club, based at Malua Bay, will continue to make ad hoc visits to beaches to their south, including Rosedale. The visits are part of their ongoing volunteers' skills training in Inflatable Rubber Boats (IRB) but are also conducted when conditions are particularly rough. This was the case last summer, when they assisted people from the water along Rosedale's beaches on more than one occasion. The Surf Life Saving Club has assured us that they are always aware of conditions at Rosedale and other unpatrolled beaches on the coast, and will increase their roving IRB patrols when possible.

The Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club advises people to swim at a patrolled beach when conditions are bad.

The Club does not recommend that the Association install and manage our own flags or beach signs to alert people to rips or other dangerous conditions, as conditions can change rapidly.

**Emergency contact:**

**Batemans Bay SLSC at Malua Bay: (02) 4471 1315, or phone triple zero - 000, if urgent assistance is needed over the coming summer months.**

Most experts say this coming summer period has the potential to be one of the most dangerous fire seasons on record.

We all need to be very aware of the threat – remember the Canberra and Victorian bushfires - and make plans now to ensure we've done everything we can to ensure the safety of people and property in Rosedale.

## GRASS CONDITIONS

While the last few months have been reasonably mild, the forecast and outlook for the next few months is hot and dry.

Rainfall events over the last 12 months have increased grass growth and as this grass begins to dry out, there's an increased risk of grass fire. Grass fires outside the area have the potential to spread into bush and scrub in Rosedale where the terrain is difficult for fire-fighters to protect.

Grass fires can be especially dangerous because they can start quickly and spread rapidly, catching people off-guard. They can be very hot and produce large amounts of heat which can kill and destroy very fast.



## PREPARING FOR FIRES

There are things you can do now to protect yourself from grass fires or bush fires.

- The first step is having a **Bush Fire Survival Plan**. Download a draft from [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). Everyone's bushfire survival plan will be different, so it's important to talk about it with your family as you fill it in – and make sure everyone in your house knows what your plan is and where you might go during a fire. Make sure your tenants know your plan and where it is.
- Note the local ABC radio station on your plan – it's **103.5 FM** – and make sure all household members and tenants know it. It is your best way of getting local information in



an emergency – it may be the only operating communication channel.

- Ensure you have an **Emergency Survival Kit**. You might want to include a battery powered radio, spare batteries, a torch, first aid kit, candles, woollen blankets, emergency contact numbers and a bag for valuables. You can then add items like clothing, money, ATM cards and medicines if you need to leave before or during a fire.

## PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

- Have well maintained firebreaks mowed along fence lines or around your home, shed and storage areas which can slow a fire's spread. Clear shrubbery from around the house – especially important for Rosedale.
- Have a well maintained area around your home, such as lawns, paths or gardens. Keep the grass cut and weeds down.
- Seal under floor spaces to stop embers entering under your house.
- Make sure you've got water for firefighting, in case a fire is on your property. Have water tanks filled and connected to a pump. Leave hoses connected to taps.
- Have a diesel pump. Electric pumps won't work during a fire if the power goes out.
- Store things like fuel or woodpiles well away from your house.
- Make sure you've got adequate levels of insurance.

## WHAT TO DO DURING A FIRE

- **Report any fire immediately to Triple Zero - 000**. The earlier you report the fire, the earlier the Rural Fire Service can get to it and start to protect you and your community.

The safest place to be during any fire is well away from it but because fires can start and spread so quickly, it's important you know what to do if a fire starts.

Fires can generate large amounts of heat, so make sure you protect yourself by covering up all exposed skin with protective clothing like:

- Long sleeved shirt and pants, made from a natural fibre such as cotton.
- Sturdy leather boots and woollen socks.
- Leather gloves.
- A wide-brimmed hat.
- A face mask or towel to cover your mouth or nose.
- Eye protection such as goggles.

Make sure you drink plenty of water to keep hydrated and be aware of your level of physical fitness, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and sunburn.

If a fire starts, follow your Bushfire Survival Plan. Monitor your local radio station - ABC 103.5 FM - or check the RFS website for advice and information.

The new Rosedale Association website [www.rosedale.org.au](http://www.rosedale.org.au) has further information, links to Fire Information and updated fire incidents across the state and in the local area.



Take a look at our new website for the Rosedale Association:  
[www.rosedale.org.au](http://www.rosedale.org.au)

I'm really please we've managed to get this up so soon after the Easter AGM - I hope you agree it's easier to use and has great potential. Our aim is to make this your first port of call for all things Rosedale! Our challenge is now to keep the site updated, and to make it more alive with photos and comments - and for that we need your help!

There are lots of new features. Look for continually updated News & Weather, Up to date Bush Fire Information, current Rosedale Real Estate for sale as well as information on Rosedale Landcare activities and Rosedale History, Documents and Newsletters.

You will also find photo galleries (we need your pictures!) as well as links to important websites for further information on the south coast.

An important addition to the site is the Membership area, where all documentation for renewal and application to the Rosedale association can be found along with payment information which now includes the option for credit card payment via PayPal.

Our website will always be a work in progress. In the New Year, we will investigate other communication options such as the use of social media tools (ie Facebook & Twitter) to deliver information to our interested membership.

Please take a moment and navigate through our new website and become accustomed to the various areas of the site and the links it provides.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the content – and especially if you want to help us - please feel email us: [committee@rosedale.org.au](mailto:committee@rosedale.org.au)

## A REVAMP FOR ROSEDALE BOATSHEDS DARREN GRIBBLE

Take a look at our newly painted and renovated boatsheds at the northern end of the beach. Rosedale Boatsheds Pty Ltd has just undertaken a major program of periodic maintenance, at a cost of \$20,000 – paid for by the boatshed owners who form the company. The sheds have a new lease of life after repainting in the same bonze olive (to blend in with the surroundings), replacement of structural timbers and some metal cladding, re-hanging of doors and replacement of hinges.

Maintaining the boatsheds in good order is a constant challenge because of the harsh seaside environment and the presence of termites in the area. We've found that extensive maintenance is required every seven years or so.

We deliberately undertook the maintenance work in May when the salt laden north easterlies had abated and when there was minimum inconvenience to those using the beach. The diamond python was not "in residence".

The sheds have a rich heritage stretching back many decades – they are an icon of Rosedale Beach. They feature in many artists' impressions of the area. A history of the boatsheds (yet to be written) will appear in a later newsletter.

The land on which the boatsheds are located is private property, owned by Rosedale Boatsheds

Pty Ltd. Shareholders in the company are the owners of the 35 sheds which stand on individual allotments. The company has five directors who are elected at the Annual General Meeting which takes place, on location, between Christmas and New Year. Maintaining the boatsheds in good condition and appearance is a high priority of the company.



## 1. APOLOGIES

Noel Egan, Wendy Egan, David Mackenzie, Rick Marshall, Alan Bagnall, Barbara Bagnall, Peter Hoad, Dierdre Prussak, Lotte Klebba, Nicholas family, Ruth Friend, De Jong family, Susan Brahame, Rohan Kent, James Garrett, Yvonne Brennan and Greg Ramsay.

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT: DAVID BOARDMAN

The Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2012 newsletter (No.113), was presented by David Boardman. He noted that Noel Egan had resigned the position, due to family commitments, but would continue on as a Member of the Committee. He commented that the financial position of the Association was slightly better than last year, with approximately \$20,000 available for projects. In response to questions or comments, Darren Gribble noted the Committee's proposal to maintain the annual donation to the Malua Bay Fire Brigade at \$500.00.

*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and annual donation to the Malua Bay Fire Brigade*

*Proposed: Michael Skipper  
Seconder: Darren Gribble Carried*

## 3. LANDCARE REPORT: JANE ENRIGHT

Jane Enright presented the Landcare report, as Landcare Coordinator, and thanked volunteers for their help over the last 12 months. Members who were not able to volunteer were encouraged to make a cash donation to Landcare. Jane also showed members the five most noxious weeds likely to be present in their gardens and recommended methods for removing them.

*Motion to accept the Landcare report*

*Proposed: Jan Holmes  
Secinded: Joan Bryant*

## 4. COUNCIL, DEVELOPMENTS AND FIRE UPDATE: DAVID BOARDMAN, DAVID PALMER AND MICHAEL SKIPPER

David Boardman presented an update of local development plans, with the previously proposed retirement village on the Rosedale Farm site now amended to a residential development proposal, involving a 150 site sub-division. He commented that the developers expected approval of the Development Application to take at least another 12 months and the project was expected to move slowly over the next 20 years. David Boardman also reported that Bevia Park had changed hands, with the new owner focusing on the Barlings Beach Caravan Park.

David Boardman advised that David Mackenzie had been corresponding with Council in relation to the repair and maintenance of Rosedale paths, noting that Council was not prepared to maintain any additional paths in the Shire and highlighted the potential legal risk, if the work was conducted by the Association. It was also noted that sewerage plans for Rosedale had been placed on the backburner by Council and that David Palmer had undertaken to lobby Council, the NSW State Government and other relevant authorities to press for a renewed focus on the project. Mr Palmer commented that the Council was generally supportive of the project but the lack of State Government funding had stalled it.

Michael Skipper was announced as the new Fire Officer and reported on his preliminary discussion with the Malua Bay Fire Brigade. While there was no current bush fire threat, he undertook to maintain contact and prepare a report for the next newsletter. In response to a question from Jane Enright, he confirmed that members with concerns about fire risks on neighbourhood blocks should contact him in the first instance. He also drew members' attention to the AIDER Program offered by the Rural Fire Service, which offers a one-off free service to infirm, disabled and elderly residents to reduce bush fire hazards.

*Motion to accept the verbal reports*

*Proposed: Tim Brown  
Seconder: Barbara Carter Carried*

## 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margot Marshall announced that since the number of nominations equalled the number of places available on the Committee, no election was necessary. The following are the executive and committee of Rosedale Association Inc. for 2012:

**President:** ..... Vacant  
**Secretary:** ..... Vicki Smith (new member)  
**Treasurer:** ..... David Boardman  
**Members:** ..... Tim Brown  
..... Noel Egan  
..... David Mackenzie  
..... Margot Marshall  
..... David Palmer  
..... Michael Skipper  
**New Members:** Melissa Gribble  
..... Vicki Smith  
..... Max Tischler

Margot Marshall thanked departing Committee Member, Darren Gribble, for his many years of valuable contribution to the Committee.

*Motion to accept the proposed Committee Members*

*Proposed: Ian Holmes  
Seconder: Michael Graham Carried*

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Margot Marshall spoke about the Committee's need to source IT web technical capability to redesign the Association's website. She also advised that the Committee had prioritised the purchase of a simple domain name to make the site more accessible.

Bruce Kent reported that Tim Brown had assisted him out of a rip at the north end of Boatshed beach on New Years Day. He was subsequently informed that another three people had been assisted and called for additional signage in each of the beach areas to advise people of the dangers. Margot Marshall said the Committee would talk to Council about signage. Mary Boardman suggested that signage could also direct surfboard riders to main beach to remove a potential risk to swimmers at Boatshed beach from large surfboards. Penny Mlakar suggested that Rosedale's resident sign writer could be asked to make informative signs or 'do not swim' flags to advise people of rips. David Boardman said that the Committee would seek advice from local surf life saving clubs.

Keith Boardman noted there was no Secretary or President of the Association and asked Committee members to consider taking on these roles. Margot Marshall advised that Vicki Smith had accepted the role of Secretary.

Margot Marshall issued a vote of thanks to Anton Cook and his team for their hard work on the newsletter and website over many years and also thanked John and Jeanette Gasson for making the cabin lawns available for the meeting.

Members were reminded about the weedathon and sausage sizzle.

Meeting closed at 12:05 pm.

\* 80 members were present at the AGM





Over the last two months the small group of Landcare volunteers in Rosedale have continued to monitor and maintain the main beach car park and the area behind the Retreat.

Since September, two significant falls of rain have allowed us to stop hand watering – and the rain has brought visible new growth on both new and established plants at both these sites. Over 120 plants have been planted at the Retreat site and the area is certainly looking much better!

#### GRAFFITI

Unfortunately, we have recently been on the receiving end of some very disturbing behaviour in Rosedale with some young people leaving their mark by painting graffiti on the rocks around Nuns Beach and on the point at Jimmy's Island. We can be thankful that Rosedale locals worked very hard to remove the damage and luckily no trace of the damage remains.

We reported the incident to the police, the Batemans Bay Marine Park and the Eurobodalla Shire Council. The only reply we received was from Council:

*" Council has determined that the land that the graffiti has been carried out is land not under the care or control of the Council. This land is the responsibility of either National Parks & Wildlife Service or Marine Park Authority.*

*As you previously advised, some cleaning up of the graffiti has been undertaken by locals and Council is very grateful at the pride the Rosedale community have in their local environment."*

#### FUNDING AND BANKSIA FLAT

Michelle Tribolet, our private contractor, has recently completed the last of her hours in the Banksia Flat reserve, completing the work funded through the current Community Action Grant. We need to investigate further funding opportunities to support ongoing contractor hours to keep on top of weeds in Banksia Flat in 2013. It will soon be time to look at what is available and put in our submission. We may need to consider spending some Landcare dollars until grant money comes through to enable work in weed control to continue – I'll keep you posted. The work so far has been enormously important and has had a huge impact on the health of the native flora and fauna in Banksia Flat.





### WATCH OUT AND REMOVE THIS DAISY

I recently spent four hours at a Dune Care information session held at Broulee Beach – a really informative and enjoyable afternoon. It was run by Peter Gow who is the Eurobodalla Landcare Community Support Officer.

We noticed this dune daisy – a threat to our beaches - growing in several spots. It has been introduced from South Africa and has become a huge problem but has only recently been spotted in our Eurobodalla area. Please help us keep this one out of Rosedale. It is easily removed by hand and should be discarded in the rubbish.

### COOKS CRESCENT CLEANUP

On Saturday 10 November, five Landcare volunteers worked for three hours weeding, pruning and doing a general tidy up of the small round garden at the very end of Cooks Crescent. We removed a lot of dead wood from the trees, pruned back some shrubs and made the area ready for some planting after the heat of summer. I think you will agree that the photos show a great result! Thanks to Ian, Maurice, Noel and Colin for their help.

If you live in Cooks Crescent and are happy/impressed with the work that has been carried out and would like to help us fund replanting with suitable natives, we would be really appreciate any donations into our Landcare funds. David Boardman can accept and receipt any donations.

Enquiries to me, **Jane 4471 7431**

### STOP PRESS!

We hope to have sprayed the blackberry around the boatsheds by the time you get this newsletter.

Council have advised that their blackberry spraying of the Rosedale area will take place after the Christmas holidays - in February.

We have notified Council about damage done to some of the pine poles at the main car park – they've asked us to repair them as they are an injury hazard.

Asparagus fern is really getting out of control in many gardens and areas around Rosedale. If you are down over the summer holidays to please help us by removing what you can from your gardens. If you require any advice or assistance please ring me.

### NEXT LANDCARE WEEDING

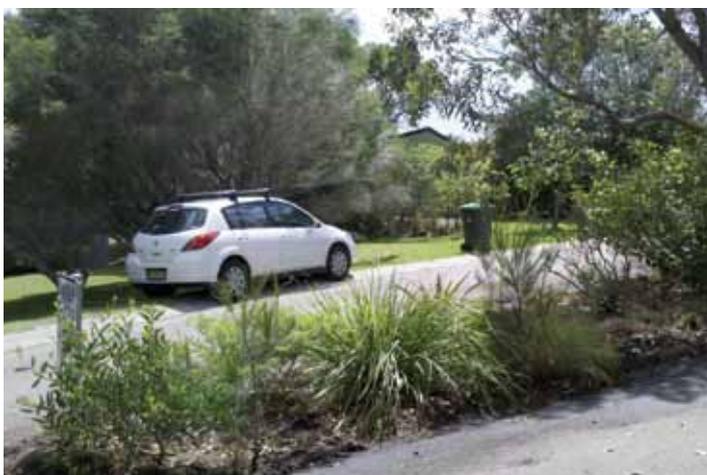
**Thursday 13 December at 9.30am, main car park.**

We will be working with some members of the Koori Crew who have assisted us on three other occasions- any helpers gratefully welcomed!!

Please visit [www.rosedale.org.au](http://www.rosedale.org.au) for upcoming news and activities and also for a quick and easy way to donate to Landcare funds to help us with our work. If you have any suggestions or concerns about work needed in your area of Rosedale please let me know.



*Cooks Crescent cleanup BEFORE*



*Cooks Crescent cleanup AFTER*

## SEWERAGE UPDATE – STILL A QUESTION MARK DAVID PALMER

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At the Rosedale Association's AGM at Easter, it was agreed that we should pursue State Government funding to assist the design and construction of the Rosedale sewerage plan. You may recall that the state election and change of government put a question mark on the State Government financial assistance previously promised.

I prepared a submission for the local member, Mr Andrew Constance. While I have been unable to secure a meeting with Mr Constance, in the interim his office has taken the matter up with the Eurobodalla Council. Council have confirmed previous advice: that work will be scheduled in Financial Year 14/15, if State Government funding is forthcoming for Financial Year 13/14..

We are still awaiting Mr Constance's written response and we have again requested a meeting with the local member.

At this stage it appears the Council and the Association are of like-mind in that funds for the design are earmarked for the FY13/14 with construction set for FY14/15, but is all dependent on the State Government reinstating the assistance previously available.

Progress is slow but determined!

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