

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2013

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Rosedale Association to be held on Saturday 30 March 2013 at 11:00 am on the Cabin Lawns.

AGENDA

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

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It hardly seems any time since we enjoyed Rosedale's balmy – though sometimes stormy – summer, when we thankfully escaped the bushfires that struck to our north and south.

The beach and the bush are looking fantastic, largely due to the assiduous but ever cheerful efforts of our Landcare

Coordinator Jane Enright – she is a star! Read her report (page 3) and think about giving an hour or two to pull out a few weeds – you'll meet the locals, learn a lot and have some fun. Pop in for an hour or two to help her on Easter Saturday – meet at the car park at 2.30 pm (page 2). If you are really time poor, what about a donation in lieu of effort? That will help Jane hire contractors to keep those invasive weeds at bay.

A few notes about finances. As you'll see from the Treasurer's Report (page 2), our funds are dwindling, because membership has fallen. It's only \$10 to join the Rosedale Association and we would rather not raise the fee – so we plead with you to spread the word and help us [join up](#) our new neighbours. After a bit of a hiatus, we now have a number of energetic committee members who live at Rosedale and that means we are more active engaging with Council and local bodies on your behalf. If you can spare a little time (a few meetings and dealing with emails) why not put up your hand and fill one of the [vacancies](#) on the committee?

We have made a number of changes over the last year to the website and newsletter – works in progress. Our very great thanks go to Anton Cook who did so much over so many years maintaining databases and the web; to Paul Mlakar for printing the newsletter for so long; and to Anton and Barbara Cook, and Paul and Penny Mlakar for the onerous tasks compiling and posting the newsletter. We're very grateful to Michael Skipper for taking over the web, Lyla Kere for database work, Tony Sutton for now printing the newsletter – and special thanks to Georgia Shillington, Annie's daughter, who has laid out this newsletter with such flair!

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on Easter Saturday. A big thank you to Jeanette and John Gasson for your generosity in allowing us to use the Cabin Lawns.

And please join us at 6 o'clock for the ever popular Sausage Sizzle on the verge near the Cabins (page 3).

MARGOT MARSHALL



EASTER WEEDATHON

The annual Easter Weedathon will take place on Saturday 30 March at 2:30 pm.

Lasting for as long as you can spare. Meet in the car park.

Easter treats will be provided for all who participate!

Contact: Jane Enright ph: 4471 7431

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION - CURRENT COMMITTEE

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Vacant

Secretary: Vicki Smith

Treasurer David Boardman

ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tim Brown	Margot Marshall
Noel Egan	David Mackenzie
Melissa Gribble	Max Tischler
Robin Oldham	David Palmer

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 send us an email executive@rosedale.org.au

NOMINATIONS

We have several members stepping down and we're keen to have new blood 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 Vicki Smith or Treasurer David Boardman by Friday 22 March 2013. Find the nomination form and how to send it inside the back cover of this newsletter and on our website <http://www.rosedale.org.au/proxy-nomination-committee-member-nomination-forms.html>

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME

Members Subscriptions	\$ 1,130.00
Interest	\$ 744.39
.....	<u>\$ 1,874.39</u>

EXPENDITURE

Fair Trading	\$ 49.00
Insurance	\$ 350.00
Malua Bay Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00
Post Box	\$ 98.00
Flowers Sue Falk	\$ 131.00
.....	<u>\$ 1,128.00</u>

Excess of Income Over Expenditure \$ 746.39

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT OF POSITION

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$ 2,485.20
Perpetual Cash Management	\$ 19,343.05
.....	<u>\$ 21,828.25</u>

ROSEDALE LANDCARE GROUP INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME

Donations	\$ 520.00
Retreat Contributions	\$ 228.00
.....	<u>\$ 748.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Chipping Car Park	\$ 154.00
Plants	\$ 300.00
Labour	\$ 581.00
.....	<u>\$ 1,035.00</u>

Excess of Expenditure over Income -\$ 287.00

ROSEDALE LANDCARE GROUP STATEMENT OF POSITION

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$ 6,573.04
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COMMITTEE

Jane Enright continues as Landcare Coordinator, with Ian Holmes and David Mackenzie as committee members, and David as technical advisor and our link to the Rosedale Association. With only three committee members, we are very keen to hear from anyone else who may be able to join us.

OUR ROLE

Our role in Landcare is "a partnership between the community, government and business to carry out environmental protection in Australia". We have a deep appreciation for our natural environment and so we are constantly on the lookout for serious outbreaks of noxious weeds, diseased or damaged plants and soil erosion - particularly on Council land which is our main focus of work. A reminder that Council land belongs to us all so it can't be used for garden or household waste disposal or for personal private use. Breaches can result in unpleasant dealings with Council!

We are here to help you. We are very ready to advise you how to remove noxious weeds and how to replace them with sustainable native plants – but not to dictate to you. For free garden advice and a plant swap offer, see the info on page 6 from Emma Patyus from Council.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Since our last AGM we have undertaken about the some number of activities as the year before, but the number of volunteers has dropped. We now have just six regulars and at times I have had to do the work on my own. This is not sustainable in the long run so I urge anyone who is able to help to let me know. Please keep an eye on the website - www.rosedale.org.au - for upcoming activities - I also send out emails notifying the date and time.

This year's activities primarily focused on:

- The main car park – South Rosedale
- The Retreat - off Cooks Crescent (a combined project between Landcare and the property owners, Marist Brothers)
- The small circular garden at the eastern end of Cooks Crescent.

Activities usually last about two hours. We target noxious weeds, water existing and newly planted native shrubs and grasses, and clean up litter (mainly empty bottles and cans). We work hard but also have lots of fun!

- In the last 12 months, grants from the Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council helped us with manual weeding, spreading mulch, clearing away the green waste and placing and securing the retaining logs at The Retreat Thanks to everyone for your compliments on how much better it looks!
- We have planted over 250 seedlings, some of them purchased but most provided by Council through Emma Patyus.
- We had the bitou bush sprayed in October and I am very pleased to report that Rosedale is virtually free of bitou at this stage – but we must continue to monitor so please let us know if you spot any
- The blackberry will be sprayed as soon as we have suitable weather and the council contractor is available. I have mapped its occurrence over as much of Rosedale as I could, including the area behind the boatsheds..
- Crassula on the southern end of Rosedale Beach - Banksia Flat, which Council successfully sprayed last year, is starting to make a comeback and will need further treatment.

If anyone has suggestions for Landcare activities please tell us. You might consider asking us to arrange volunteers to assist you with weed control at your place. If the job is large, Landcare might be able to hire contractors to do the job and supervise them for the cost of the contractors.



COME TO THE ANNUAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

When: 6:00 pm Easter Saturday 30 March 2013

Where: On the verge, near the Cabin Lawns

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!

LANDCARE FUND JANE ENRIGHT

Nothing can be done without money. Grants and funding opportunities through Council and Eurobodalla Landcare are becoming fewer and harder to access. All our activities involve a cost and so we are very grateful for any donations that come our way.

We started the year with \$6,860 in hand. We received \$520 in donations and a co-payment from The Retreat for \$287. During the year we spent \$1035 on plants and works and we are left with \$6573 at the end of our accounting year (31 December 2012). Full details are reported in the Treasurer's report..

The Landcare Fund is in reasonable shape. It has always been our policy to keep a sizeable sum in reserve to be able to avail ourselves of opportunities that come our way. Sometimes it has been used to boost Council or other grant monies for contract work - for example on Banksia Flat. In the year ahead more money will need to be spent in that area.

However, donations have dropped and unless we see an increase the money may soon run out and Landcare activities

as we know them may have to cease. Rosedale has a well deserved reputation as the leafy, green nature suburb with native flora and fauna in abundance.

Council is unable to do much of what it takes to keep it that way – we're part of a huge shire. Rosedale's reputation comes about in part through Council's contributions but principally through the hard work of a small band of volunteers and the contract work we can hire with the Landcare Fund.

Landcare needs your time on the ground, whenever you can. It also needs your cash donation - if you are time poor, please give special thought to a cash donation. Help Landcare to help you.

Please click here to contact any of our small committee - me, Ian or David – on any of these issues.

JANE ENRIGHT

phone: 4471 7431

email: colinenrightphotos@bigpond.com

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE DAVID BOARDMAN

Development Application (73/13) Rosedale Farm is still undetermined. Additional information has been requested but as yet the applicant has not provided an adequate response. The Committee will keep a close watch over any further progress.

The Marsim development on Bevia Park had their concept plan approved by NSW state planning in 2008. They are yet to submit a Development Application to council.

SAD OUTCOME FOR RESCUED TURTLE VICKI SMITH



A female green turtle rescued at Rosedale over the Christmas break has died, despite the best efforts of a rescue crew to save her. Green turtles are listed as vulnerable in Australia.

A family holidaying in Rosedale spotted the turtle in trouble around the rocks at the northern end of Boatshed beach. They phoned the Eurobodalla Wildlife Information Rescue Service (WIRES) and a representative rushed out to Rosedale and retrieved the turtle from the water (see photo).

The Bay Post reported that 1.8 kg of sand and seaweed were removed from inside and on her shell. She was thoroughly exhausted when she came in, and was given a drip, antibiotics, vitamin B injections to stimulate her appetite and treated in warm salt water to flush out toxins. But after eight days in care, she had still not eaten and was flushing huge amounts of toxins out of her system. Her kidneys failed.

WIRES had planned to move her to a large tub at the Merimbula Aquarium, which helped the rescue service save and release a Hawksbill turtle last year. While Rosedale's green turtle showed no sign of plastic ingestion, marine debris is one of the turtle's key threats – a reminder to us all to leave no trace of plastic bags or fishing line.

PLEASE CONTACT THE RESCUE SERVICE IF YOU FIND ANY INJURED OR ORPHANED NATIVE AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE NEEDING ASSISTANCE.
PH: 13000 WIRES OR 1300 094737.

BRUSH-TAILED POSSUMS MAX TISCHLER

THERE IS NO MISTAKING A BRUSHTAIL POSSUM RUNNING ACROSS YOUR ROOFTOP - IT SOUNDS NOT UNLIKE A SMALL HERD OF ELEPHANTS. I'M NOT SURE HOW AN ANIMAL THAT WEIGHS MUCH THE SAME AS A SMALL DOG CAN CAUSE SUCH A COMMOTION BUT AT TIMES I'VE WOKEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT THINKING THE ROOF IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE.



Brush-tail possums are solitary animals (mostly) and can be quite territorial. They mark their 'patch', which is usually about a hectare (100 m x 100 m) in size, by rubbing secretions (from glands on their chest) across tree trunks and branches. In situations where the density of possums is high - such as Rosedale - it is likely that territories overlap. Here encounters between unfriendly neighbours are common and inevitably lead to pursuits through trees and across rooftops, often accompanied by loud guttural grunts and growls.

Like most possums brush-tails are nocturnal. They spend their daylight hours resting in tree hollows and forked branches but often find the crawl spaces in houses inviting. At night they climb through vegetation eating mostly leaves (they are tolerant to many plant toxins that are poisonous to other animals), but will also consume fruits, flowers, seeds and at times insects, grubs and birds' eggs. They love going through compost heaps and are easily seduced by bread and honey - neither of which is good for the health of the possum (something I didn't realise as a kid).

Brush-tail possums can breed all year round but reproduction is most common in autumn and spring. Males court females but the relationship is fleeting. After a gestation period of just two and a half weeks the female gives birth to a single young that is as small as 1.5 cm and weighs only 2 or 3 gm. Like most marsupials the newborn then has to find its way to the mother's pouch where it attaches to one of two teats. It will stay suckling in the pouch for

the first four or five months of its life. Once developed and old enough it can be left by the mother but often clings to her back until it's about nine months old.

Although brush-tail possums have disappeared from much of central Australia and other regional areas, they seem well adapted to urban areas and settlements. Their population seems to be doing reasonably well along most of the east coast - in fact they're considered a pest in some areas due to the damage they can cause to agricultural crops such as fruit trees and plantations. They are routinely controlled in Tasmania for these reasons. Interestingly, in New Zealand where brush-tail possums were introduced in the mid 1800s their numbers have thrived and are estimated to be around 60 million. In fact, a successful industry has been established in NZ where possums are harvested for their fur and pelts to be turned into fibre, and for their meat which has a high demand in countries such as Malaysia and Taiwan where it is marketed as 'Kiwi Bear'.

Brush-tail possums at Rosedale are a comforting reminder that some mammal species are doing well whilst many others (like bandicoots and gliders) continue to struggle. They can cause a shock at night, and at times need to be evicted from your garage but *Trichosurus vulpecula* which translates as "furry-tailed little fox" are an important part of the natural ecosystem and deserve their place at Rosedale.

SUMMER SAND SCULPTURES VICKI SMITH

What a treat it was to have Sue Foster visiting from Canberra and practising her sand sculptures on our beaches over summer. Sue was refining her designs for the annual sandcastle competition at Broulee, which was held in early January. We know that many of you stopped and admired her beautiful work. Let's hope she returns again next year!



DIAMOND PYTHON'S UPDATE MAX TISCHLER

Since our piece on diamond pythons in 2010, many people have shared recent sightings, encounters and anecdotes. This picture was snapped by Vicki Smith in Knowlman road – it may have made its way from Noel Egan's property (see March 2012 newsletter) to hers!

It is heartening to know that the population of diamond pythons at Rosedale is continuing to do well. Not surprisingly most of these sightings have occurred during the warmer months when the snakes are most active and there are more people roaming about Rosedale. Interestingly the snakes appear to be widespread across both North and South Rosedale. Some are continuing to find suitable lodgings around dwellings, whilst others have been spotted crossing roads and walking trails.



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE SNAKES ARE NOT VENOMOUS AND POSE NO DANGER TO HUMANS IF LEFT ALONE. IF YOU DO HAPPEN TO SEE A PYTHON IN YOUR TRAVELS AROUND ROSEDALE LET US KNOW - THE MORE WE KNOW ABOUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS THE BETTER WE CAN ENSURE THEIR PROTECTION.

SURF LIFESAVERS ON ALERT VICKI SMITH

A big thanks to Batemans Bay Surf Life Savers who made ad hoc visits to Rosedale's beaches over the busy holiday period, both by road and sea. It was reassuring to know that they were keeping an eye on conditions at our beaches.

If you see them arrive in their Inflatable Rubber Boat (IRB), or parked on the dunes in their 4WD, please give them a wave to

acknowledge their presence. The 4WD has a range of life saving equipment on board and is manned by trained lifeguards, who are in radio contact both with the IRB and their team at Malua Bay Surf Life Saving Club.

IF YOU SEE ANYONE IN TROUBLE IN THE WATER, PLEASE CALL 000 FOR A COORDINATED RESPONSE AND RESCUE.



FREE GARDEN ADVICE AND NATIVE PLANTS EMMA PATYUS

You may not be aware that some plants in your garden have the potential to jump the garden fence and invade local bushland. These plants can spread by wind, birds and water. Other means of dispersal include cuttings that are dumped in bushland. These plants are known as environmental weeds.

To assist the work of Rosedale Landcare, and to benefit local bushland, Rosedale residents are being given the opportunity to receive free garden advice on how to make your gardens bushland friendly. This offer also includes the opportunity to exchange environmental weeds from your garden for five free native plants.

By replacing environmental weeds with native plants, you will be

gardening sustainably, reducing impacts on local bushland and providing an indigenous food source for native birds.

This offer extends to vacant land and new developments. We encourage absentee owners to notify your tenants/rental agencies to participate as well.

This project is being administered by Council with funding from the Australian Government Caring for our Country program and will be managed by a part-time project officer available on Mondays.

For further information and to take up this free offer please contact me:

EMMA PATYUS PH: 4474 7300.

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:

www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html

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 - 2013

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: committee@rosedale.org.au by Friday 22 March 2013 OR
hand it to the Secretary before the AGM on Saturday 30 March 2013.

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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