

THE Rosedale ASSOCIATION INC



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2014

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Rosedale Association to be held on Saturday 19 April at 11:00 am on the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road.

AGENDA AGM 19 APRIL 2014

1. Apologies
2. Treasurer's report
3. Landcare report
4. Fire update and presentation by Rural Fire Service
5. Council and developments update
6. Beach safety issues
7. Election of Committee members
8. Any other business

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This is a jam-packed newsletter – so only a very few words from me.

We've had a cool summer at Rosedale – and a damp one – but no fires! Here's hoping for glorious weather at Easter for our Annual General Meeting. Please note that we are giving the Gassons a reprieve so they can enjoy their Easter without

us all trampling over their lawn! So the AGM and the ever popular Sausage Sizzle will be held on the verge at the very end of Knowlman Road. Hope you can all come.

Thanks as ever to Annie Shillington for her great design expertise and patience in laying out this newsletter.

Happy Easter! MARGOT MARSHALL

COME TO THE ANNUAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

When: 6:00 pm Easter Saturday 19 April 2014

Where: On the grass verge at the end of Knowlman Road

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!

EASTER WEEDATHON

The annual Easter Weedathon will take place on Saturday 19 April at 2:30 pm.

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

Give your local environment an Easter treat!

Contact: David Mackenzie
ph: 6288 6194

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION – CURRENT COMMITTEE

Office Bearers

President: David Boardman

Secretary: Vicki Smith

Treasurer: Robin Oldham

Ordinary Members

Tim Brown

Noel Egan

Colin Enright

Melissa Gribble

David Mackenzie

Margot Marshall

Max Tischler

NOMINATIONS

Would you like to give a few hours of your time to help us look after Rosedale?

If you'd like to stand for the committee, please send your nomination to our Secretary Vicki Smith at committee@rosedale.org.au by Thursday 17 April 2014.

Find the nomination form and how to send it on the back cover of the newsletter or at <http://www.rosedale.org.au/proxy-nomination-committee-member-nomination-forms.html>

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME

Members Subscriptions	\$ 1,510.00
Interest	\$ 295.00
Donations for Landcare	\$ 1,260.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,065.00

EXPENDITURE

Insurance	\$ 350.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 248.00
Australia Post	\$ 104.00
Fair Trading	\$ 51.00
Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club	\$ 500.00
Malua Bay Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00
Payments to Rosedale Landcare	\$ 1,260.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 3,013.00
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	\$ 52.00

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$ 2,242.00
Perpetual Cash Management	\$ 19,638.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 21,880.00

ROSEDALE LANDCARE GROUP

INCOME

Donations (including \$1,260 via RAI)	\$ 1,460.00
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EXPENDITURE

Labour	\$ 348.00
Waste Pickup	\$ 65.00
Brushcutter	\$ 417.00
Labour	\$ 640.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 1,470.00

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	\$ 10.00
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ASSETS

Cash at Bank	\$ 6,563.00
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SEWERAGE UPDATE DAVID BOARDMAN

Council is finalising the design and costing of Rosedale and Guerilla Bay's sewerage project. By now many of you will have had an onsite meeting or discussions with the design contractor PS Solutions P/L. Individual design plans should have been approved by property owners.

Council is behind on the review phase but still anticipate the same construction timeframe.

- **Approvals – June/July 2014**
- **Tendering – September to December 2014**
- **Construction – February to September 2015**
- **With construction float, completion before Christmas 2015**

Since the last AGM, our former Landcare coordinator Jane Enright and a band of volunteers have made big inroads on problem areas such as the Carpark Gardens and the area above Nuns Beach. Council and the Landcare Fund have paid contractors to keep ahead of the task on Banksia Flat and work was begun at the creek mouth.

Creek Mouth Reserve. This public land runs from the beach back to the walkway from Rose Court. Over time a number of serious weeds has taken hold and worked their way into private land from where they disseminate into the rest of the hamlet. We have had a contractor in to cut back and spray the area a few times with the cost being shared by the Landcare Fund and concerned property owners. Volunteers have also helped weed the reserve.

The Retreat Gully. The only access from Cooks Crescent to Nuns Beach passes through private property, The Retreat, owned by the Missionaries of The Sacred Heart. They've allowed public access for many years and recently began helping us remove serious weeds from the steep



banks of the gully and plant natives to hold the soil in place. Volunteers have made a huge contribution, the property owners, Council and our Landcare Fund have met costs and the Koori Crew have done great work in this cooperative effort.

The Carpark Garden was planted by the Rosedale Association in the early 2000s and has been maintained by us since – part of a deal with council to get the low grade gravel carpark replaced. The garden is looking fantastic at the moment thanks to the splendid efforts over the last couple of years under Jane's stewardship. We need to keep up the work so that this 'gateway' to Rosedale remains vibrant and healthy.

Banksia Flat. We've substantially cut back the bad weeds in the last few years – a great result after years of effort. However, the weeds are still present as is their seed bank, built up in the years of no control. Council funds a few days contract work each year, which is augmented from time to time from the Landcare Fund. Community support is almost entirely through cash contribution to the Landcare Fund.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who've helped us over the past year!

CALL FOR A NEW LANDCARE COORDINATOR

The Landcare committee (which is separate from the Rosedale Association) has now shrunk to two – Ian Holmes and I. Rosedale's topmost need right now is for a full time resident to come forward to be Landcare Coordinator.

Landcare plays a vital role in maintaining Rosedale's natural environment – working to keep our plants and animals, the creek and beach healthy. We also give advice on plant identification, weed control and garden management

Jane Enright made an enormous contribution as Landcare Coordinator. She rallied volunteers, organised the work schedules, provided coffee and cake and even a BBQ at one event! She regularly harnessed assistance from Council's Project Officers, the CMA's Landcare Support Officer and the Koori Crew. Jane continues as a community volunteer at sites around the hamlet, just as committed but at a quieter pace. On behalf of the Rosedale community, our heartfelt thanks, Jane.

We must maintain the battle against serious weeds, if we're to keep our healthy bushland environment with its wealth of birdlife. We especially need to maintain the attention to several hot-spots in Rosedale and stop seed disseminating into the hamlet at large.

Every Landcare Coordinator has been different - the job is largely defined by the incumbent. There are plenty of hands to help you get started. How about it? Talk someone into taking it on. Yes, it can be hard work but there's lots of help and it's immensely rewarding. Please contact landcare@rosedale.org.au.





Remember in case of emergency – call 000.

We've been lucky to have a mild summer, with cool and damp conditions keeping fire risk at bay. But the wet conditions have led to a lot of recent vegetation growth - so we need to stay aware.

Know where your nearest fire hydrant is

The Malua Bay Fire Brigade have been checking all fire hydrants in the Rosedale area - in the event of a fire threat, they need to know that all hydrants are easily located and are working properly.

The fire hydrants are the brigade's main source of water in the immediate vicinity of your property and knowing where they are can mean the difference between saving a property or not.

A fire hydrant is identified by a blue cats eye marker on the road, along with a yellow arrow on the road pointing to the hydrant which is usually at right ground under a yellow cover. They seem to be about 150 metres apart in most of Rosedale.

Unfortunately many Rosedale fire hydrants may be buried or disguised by landscaping, or covered by shrubs – they may be round and not as clean as the yellow one below.

Please look around your area and see where the hydrant is, If you have doubt about the location or whether it's working, please email the Malua Bay RFS mbrfb@bigpond.com and they will be happy to help.

AGM

Come along and ask your questions of our local fire service – they'll be there!



SAND SCULPTURES

VICKI SMITH

It was lovely to have Sue Foster return to Rosedale over the Christmas period to create some more of her beautiful sand sculptures.



ROSEDALE CPR TRAINING VICKI SMITH

We had a great response to our invitation to members to attend an informal CPR training session before Christmas. Anthony and Alice from Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club delivered a fantastic session, providing



us with the skills to help someone in an emergency situation, prior to the arrival of lifesavers and emergency services.



Thirty-three people attended - 22 permanent residents and a good mix of age groups, from about 10 years to the late 70s.

After Anthony's initial demonstration, we split into three groups to practice our skills on manikins. Then, back together for more discussion and lots of questions! We received very positive feedback - for example "a really worthwhile exercise" and "there is nothing like actually doing it to understand what is involved".

We also raised \$100 through donations for the surf life saving club.

YOUR NEXT CHANCE

We are trying our best to organise another training session. If you and/or your family would like to attend please email Vicki at executive@rosedale.org.au or phone/text to 0419 425969.

MEMORIAL SEAT FOR CLIVE MURRAY VICKI SMITH

Many of you will remember Clive Murray and the tragic day on 27 December 1985, when Clive lost his life trying to save a 12 year old girl who got into difficulties in a strong rip at Rosedale. Clive was awarded a posthumous Bravery Medal by the Governor-General in 1986, in recognition of his "act of bravery in hazardous circumstances".

Clive's medal citation rings the story of his courage. The girl had called to other young girls for help but Clive saw that they could not assist her. He entered the water, swam out and told her to place her hands on his shoulders. He began to swim towards the shore against the current but was not making any headway and began to tire. Waves broke over them and Clive collapsed and died.

The young girl was subsequently rescued by David Boardman and brought safely to the shore. David then returned to the water to retrieve Clive's body, assisted by Peter Cordy.

The Murray family were early lovers of Rosedale, buying and holidaying since the 1960s. The Rosedale Association and Rosedale Boatsheds believe that Clive's brave legacy should be remembered here, with approval given to the Murray family to have a memorial seat should be placed on the boatshed lawn.



Clive's widow Pam and his son, John, started preparing the site in February and hope the seat will be in place in the next few months.

Pam's memories of Rosedale will be published on our website and in our next newsletter as part of My Rosedale.

MY ROSEDALE COLIN ENRIGHT

The first in a series of Rosedale stories capturing the memories of our visitors and residents. They will all be placed on our website – please send to committee@rosedale.org.au your stories (short or long!) and photos to help us treasure what has made Rosedale what it is today.

I first met Rosedale in 1965, as a student at Narrabundah High School in Canberra. I'd become the bass player in a band that was led by Dave Stirling, lead guitarist and vocalist, with Phil Richardson as rhythm guitarist and Ian Shapter as drummer.

Dave arranged for me to visit Rosedale with his dad, Tom Stirling. I considered myself a cool Melbourne export and knew the delights of the sea, as I had lived close to Port Phillip Bay. But I was totally unprepared for what lay ahead of me!

We approached Rosedale through the winding one lane dirt road, with a hand on the horn at each turn to warn oncoming traffic. I was then introduced to the fibro shack at number 16 Rosedale Parade, complete with open stud walls. I thought it was great! But the shack proved to be just a support act for the main show that greeted me as I stepped up the sandhills of Rosedale beach.... to find a wide unpopulated vista of sand and surf. For me - was it nirvana? - and did I mention the surf? I was entranced.

Dave and I were soon making regular coastal runs to Rosedale, in my part-owned VW 1963 beetle. We enjoyed the surf and boating activities from Boatshed Beach (see my blurry black and white Instamatic image of Dave and me and his dad's clinker built boat).



We brought our acoustic guitars and a small portable gramophone, as Bega's radio 2EC signal on the AM band rarely made it into Rosedale. Popular musical items on the gramophone at the Stirling residence included Cream's "Wheels of Fire" album, with the often repeated lyric line from the song Crossroads "going down to Rosedale, with my rider by my side".

Later in the 1960s, Dave and I expanded our trips to Rosie to include John Mallet - and his pink Mark 2 Zephyr - and larger groups with Dick Cordy to Yowani Road. On our last trip with Dick Cordy and crew on a wet Friday night, we pushed a car being driven by a group of nuns heading to The Retreat – they had managed to bog their car in the mud on George Bass Drive, which was then under construction.

Later, I helped fellow band member, Ian Shapter, by driving my 1959 Kombi to Rosedale twice in one day to move furniture to establish the McAuslan's

residence in Yowani Road. My assistance led to frequent weekend retreats to this North Rosedale house – culminating in 1979 in a marriage proposal to my wife, Jane, at the Steam Packet in Nelligen on the way down. The photo shows the youthful exuberance of the recently engaged couple that Sunday in the Rosedale sandhills.

We raised our family of three boys in Canberra, with frequent visits over a 14 year period to a mobile home at Barlings Beach Caravan Park. Lastly, as an empty-nested couple, Jane found our new residence at - where else, but Rosedale? We moved in as permanent residents in 2009. Another member of the original band, Phil Richardson, now owns a house in Cooks Crescent in South Rosedale.

This is My Rosedale story. What's yours?

We would love to have your memories recorded on the Association I website.

Please email your stories to committee@rosedale.org.au



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 _____
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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 - 2014

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 Thursday 17 April 2014 OR
hand it to the Secretary before the AGM on Saturday 19 April 2014.

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: _____

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