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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR MARGOT MARSHALL

I can't believe it's almost Christmas - here's to some gorgeous summer days and the same warm currents we had over the glorious long weekend in October.

If you haven't been down to Rosedale for a while, you'll be amazed at the growth. As Michael Skipper says in his fire report (p4), huge rains and warm weather create perfect conditions for bushfire. Be prepared.

We have a lot of safety reports in this issue – among them an alert on private electricity poles (p5, and no, I'd never heard of them either), some news on Angel rings and info on rips – your committee has been busy.

Rosedale has a new Landcare coordinator, full of energy and keen to hear your ideas – meet Daniel Long (p4).

See the lovely story from Noel Egan on p6, part of My Rosedale series – we'd love to have your memories and old pictures too!

Thanks to Roz Clark-Walker and Noel Egan for great pics – and to Bill Mobbs and Cathy Holberry for not only lending us their garden and garage for a wet AGM at Easter – but also for the sausage sizzle that night. Perfect location...the kids especially had a ball!

And lastly thanks to wonderful Annie Shillington, who despite the jetlag has produced a gorgeous looking newsletter. Rosedale is a place of many talents...

Happy Christmas!





Sausage Sizzle, Easter

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on to your friends and
neighbours – we'd be
delighted to have more
members.**

**Application form is at
[http://www.rosedale.org.au/
membership.html](http://www.rosedale.org.au/membership.html) - and it's
only \$10 a year.**

SEWERAGE – IT'S HAPPENING DAVID BOARDMAN

There is progress -Stage 1 of sewerage Guerilla Bay and Rosedale is underway!

Weather permitting, Council expects the sewage pump station on George Bass Drive and the flow balance tank at the Tomakin Sewage Treatment Plant to be completed by May 2016.

Stage 2 is the installation of pressure sewerage through Guerilla Bay and Rosedale. Council has selected a contractor and at the time of writing was awaiting Ministerial sign-off. The contract prohibits construction work being carried out over Christmas (thank goodness!), so work will begin in February. Once appointed, the contractor intends inspecting individual properties and meeting customers.

While the contract period extends to March 2017, the Stage 2 program has work finishing before the end of 2016 – so a chance for sewerage by next Christmas!



TREE OVERHANGING SALTWATER CREEK

VICKI SMITH

Thanks for alerting us to the tree overhanging the footbridge on Saltwater Creek. We reported this to Council, who first inspected in July and again in October. They used a clinometer to measure the lean, assessed it as low risk and will inspect again in six months. As they're unable to continually monitor all trees throughout the shire, they've asked us to report back to them if we observe any noticeable or significant change in the condition of the tree. If you notice any change, please let our committee know and we'll report it to Council.

BEACH SAFETY VICKI SMITH

A big thanks to Yvonne Brennan who raised beach safety at the AGM this year and reminded us all of the risks presented by dangerous surf conditions and rips at our beaches.

After the AGM, Jacquie Leong and I walked the Rosedale beaches with a Council rep, pointing out the various rips and discussing ways we might improve beach safety and education.



Angel Rings at Tuross

SAFETY TRAINING

The surf club at Malua Bay is being refurbished – expect it to be finished by Christmas. As well as meeting the lifesavers' needs, the club will provide a venue for functions and training. We'll be in touch with the president once the work is finished to arrange a new round of training for Rosedale Association members. Council is also looking at running more training programs early next year. We'll keep you informed!

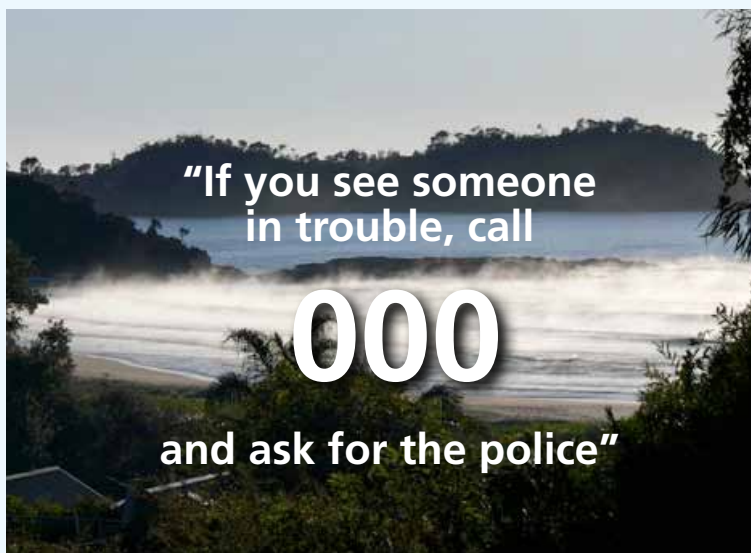


Batemans Bay Surf Life Savings Club delighted with our donation

ANGEL RINGS FOR ROSEDALE

The good news is that Council then helped us to apply for Angel Rings, or life buoys. The angel ring project is run by ANSA, the Australian National Sportfishing Association, in conjunction with the NSW Government, and is aimed at improving safety for rock fishers.

ANSA has set aside two Angel Rings for us and Council has approved our request to have them installed. One will go on the rocks at northern end of Boatshed beach and the other at the far south end of main beach. We were hoping they'd be in place on the rocks by Christmas – but ANSA is now awaiting clarification of insurance issues following a change to NSW requirements. Stay tuned!



RIPS

We also asked Council what we should be doing to alert beach goers to rips. They assessed our current beach signage and advised there was no need for additional signs, as the five signs in place warn of beach hazards, including rips and currents.

Meanwhile, Kristin Moore, the President of Batemans Bay Surf Life Savings Club (BBSLSC) has urged us to take steps to educate ourselves on the risks, before heading for the surf.

- The Beachsafe website is a good starting point. It has great information to help spot a rip, so you can avoid getting caught in one. See: <http://beachsafe.org.au/surf-ed/ripcurrents>. It also has clear advice on your options if you do get caught.
- Second, BBSLSC says it is very important to stay calm and raise an arm to attract attention.
- If you see someone in trouble, phone 000 and ask for Police. That's the fastest way to mobilise a coordinated rescue.

BUSH FIRE REPORT MICHAEL SKIPPER

It has been a wet year! From January to the first week in November we have had nearly 900mm of rain (close to 36 inches in the old scale), much of it since Easter. Late August saw flooding and road closures in Eurobodalla, with still more rain in October and November.

Wild weather brought five rockfalls from the cliffs at either end of our beaches, electricity poles down (see story on p5), a tree falling on a Rosedale house and water seeping out of the ground in areas not seen before.

The rain together with warm temperatures has led to a sudden increase in bush undergrowth and tree canopy.

With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting high temperatures and el-Nino drought patterns for the remainder of 2015 and well into next year, we have a perfect recipe for bushfire.

KEEP FIRE THREATS TO A MINIMUM

Now is the perfect time to get outside and take a few simple steps towards preparing your family and your home for bush fire.

Don't know where to start? Have a "Get Ready Weekend".

For more info VISIT OUR WEBSITE - <http://www.rosedale.org.au/bush-fire-information.html>
Look for the tips in the latest newsletter from Malua Bay RFS

2	MOW	your lawn and remove all the cut grass.
3	REMOVE	material that can burn around your home (e.g. door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture).
4	CLEAR	and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home.
5	PREPARE	a hose or hoses that can stretch all around the house.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
To report a fire
000
ABC local radio
103.5 FM



NEW LANDCARE COORDINATOR

We're delighted to say Rosedale has a new Landcare Coordinator - a qualified horticulturalist, a former town planner and an experienced project manager - how perfect is that!

It's Daniel Long, whose family's holiday house was built in 1974 in Miller Street. Ever since he was seven, Daniel's been spending summer and school holidays here, exploring the fire trails and bush tracks from Guerilla Bay to Sunset and Rosedale Farm to the old Rosedale Estate. So he knows our environment well - and loves it.

He brings with him enthusiasm, fresh ideas and a determination to find out what you'd like Landcare to be doing - so get in touch!

Here's his first report.

ROSEDALE LANDCARE DANIEL LONG

Despite the 36 degree heat, an intrepid group of volunteers turned up for our October long weekend working bee.

We worked on a section of Paul Street that had become weed infested with *Polygala myrtifolia* and asparagus fern, both of them listed by Eurobodalla Council as environmental and noxious weeds. We also did some clearing of the culvert at the bottom of Knowlman Road - the drainpipe had become so overgrown with weeds it blocked, so that recent heavy rain

brought local flooding threatening nearby houses. Ensuring the drain is properly maintained is a Council responsibility - we've put in a work request.

After all the hard work it was good to be able to enjoy a BBQ and a chance for me to meet some of the dedicated volunteers and long-time Rosedale residents and holiday makers. A big thank you to Helen Baxter, Michael Freer, Murray and Christine Shiels, Ian Holmes, Harry Tischler, Jeremy Long, Louisa Long and David Mackenzie.



ROSEDALE LANDCARE - DANIEL LONG



Above : *Asparagus fern*
Right: *Polygala myrtifolia*



My thanks too to everyone who has worked tirelessly over the years to protect our fantastic landscape. I'm looking forward to working with you and also to welcoming a new generation who want to help maintain the beauty of Rosedale. There are many locations around us that could do with some help – I'd love your suggestions of important areas we can attack in future working bees.

If you have any ideas – or if you want to receive Landcare updates – please email me at danielmlong@optusnet.com.au.

PRIVATE POWER POLES ON YOUR PROPERTY MICHAEL SKIPPER

At least two power poles which fell in the recent storms were designated "Private Pole". If you have a private pole on your property, you are legally responsible for its maintenance.

IDENTIFYING PRIVATE POLES

An older type timber pole will generally have a yellow tag and an ID number. A galvanised pole will have a black and white sticker attached.

Some private poles may not be marked yet. Not sure? Check by calling Rosedale's 'poles and wires' company, **Essential Energy** on **13 23 91**.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Powerlines become the customer's responsibility at the point at which they are connected to the electricity network. This is known as the 'point of supply'.

See the diagrams below which show who is responsible for maintenance and safety.

KEEPING YOUR PRIVATE POLES SAFE

While energy suppliers regularly undertake inspections, there are simple checks you can make to keep your private poles and powerlines safe and to maintain a reliable power supply to your home:

- keep vegetation clear of the base of the poles
- keep trees well clear of overhead powerlines
- look for broken strands of wire or loose or damaged insulators
- check for broken or damaged pole stay wires.

Don't try to undertake repairs yourself - engage an accredited electrical contractor. Ring 13 77 88 and ask NSW Trade and Investment for details of contractors who work in our area.



STAY SAFE AROUND FALLEN POWERLINES

After this year's storms, some people walked or drove close to – or even over!- fallen powerlines.

- Always stay at least 8 metres away from fallen or low hanging powerlines – and from fences or trees that may be in contact. You can be seriously injured if electricity arcs to you.
- Flickering or no power, fallen trees, smoke or steam, burned ground or visible pole damage may all indicate a problem – report to Essential Energy on **13 20 80**.

About 34 years ago I came home from work and my wife Wendy asked if I remembered a particular house at Rosedale that we had seen on holidays. I didn't - and neither did she - but she had bought it that day!

This is how it happened. Shortly after we holidayed at Rosedale, Wendy drove her sister, Claire, to Bega to catch up with friends and then, on the way back, to Rosedale. They must have noticed that various houses were for sale. Claire then visited their parents, in their unit in Coogee. She started chatting to a woman called Winne in the shared laundry and mentioned Rosedale. Winnie said she was selling a house in Rosedale, as part of her brother's estate. She had taken it from an agent, after he sold her brother's car to one of his mates cheap. She asked for Wendy's number and phoned to offer her the house for \$5,000 less than the reserve but Wendy had to accept on the spot. Thank goodness that Wendy did! Winnie was later offered two amounts more but she stuck to her arrangement with Wendy. (Good on you Winnie!)

When settlement was complete, we hot footed it to Rosedale to find we had bought "Jimmy's House" - a Miller



house in original condition. The children were ecstatic and set off to explore, while Wendy and I caught up with the neighbours. We immediately felt a sense of belonging.

We started improving the house, bit by bit, but it was not cost-effective. Around June 1983, Wendy sat down with the builder, Bob McKibbin. Her ideas for the house were drafted and the work was finished by Christmas. What a terrific Christmas that was! We have had Christmas at Rosie since and what fabulous, happy and joyous times they have been for our family.

We met more and more people and strong bonds were established between families. This only enhanced the joy of Rosie and all our houses were open houses, so the kids would be here, there and everywhere and so would we. At our place, we would spill

onto the deck in fine weather and be in the house in front of the fire when it was wet or cold. Sometimes, there were masses of kids, with some staying overnight and often sleeping on the lounge room floor.

But Rosedale became more than a fun escape. Rosedale was, and is, a chameleon, as it changes and adapts to our needs. As much as it is a place of noisy, happy, rollicking fun times, it is also a place of peace, comfort and serenity. When Wendy was sick in the late 1980s, we came to Rosie each weekend and the peace of the place would cast its restorative spell upon her. Many of our friends used Rosie for the same purpose. Is it the sound of the sea, the wind in the trees or, as another Rosedalean said, the "sound of the stars"? Whatever it is, Rosedale has mystical healing properties. No one I know leaves Rosedale without a pang of regret and a hope of returning.

Rosie became the "soul place" of our family and we have a powerful sense of place and belonging. While we sadly lost Wendy to illness this year, she will always remain especially close to us at Rosedale.

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



Wendy and her sisters



Happy times



Christmas at Rosie



The Egan kids



Held on Sat 4 April 2015, Rosedale NSW
Margot Marshall opened the meeting at 11:15 am at 19 Knowlman Road, South Rosedale.

1. APOLOGIES

Al Baxter, Mary Boardman, John Braham, Noel and Wendy Egan, Katie Friend, Ruth Friend, Onko and Jennifer Kingma, Judy Mallett, Rick Marshall, Jane Nicholls, Jan Oldham, Faye Reynolds, Elise Stutchbury, Tony Thatcher, Nick and Max Tischler, Bill Williams, Ben and Emma Wyndham.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: ROBIN OLDHAM

The Treasurer's report, as published in the March 2015 newsletter (No.119), was presented by Robin Oldham. He provided a breakdown of assets and income, noting that income was slightly down and that the funds in the NAB term deposit represented the sum paid out when the Perpetual Account was closed. In response to a question from John Gasson about why money is not being spent, David Boardman explained that the funds had slowly accumulated over 20 years and invited members to suggest projects to spend it on.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as published:

Proposed: Ian Holmes

Seconded: David Mackenzie

Carried

3. 2014 AGM MINUTES

It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2014 AGM, as published in the November 2014 newsletter (No.118), be accepted.

Proposed: Margot Marshall

Seconded: Joanna Nicholas

Carried

4. LANDCARE REPORT: DAVID MACKENZIE

David Mackenzie briefed the meeting on principal Rosedale Landcare (RL) activities, including works in the carpark, Creek Mouth Reserve, the Retreat Gully leading to Nun's Beach and Banksia Flat. He noted that opportunities to utilise Green Army resources

had been secured for May and that further opportunities existed over the next 18 months. He proposed that Banksia Flat continue as RL's major project for 2015 and outlined the estimated funding allocation for this and other projects. Lengthy discussion followed on the need for RL to spend the funds already donated by members and define additional projects, as an incentive for members to contribute more funds. While Darren Gribble's suggestion to introduce a mandated levy of \$15.00 to support RL did not receive overwhelming support, the meeting agreed that RL should be proactive in asking RAI members to donate to specific projects.

Motion to accept the Landcare report

Proposed: David Mackenzie

Seconded: Tim Brown

Carried

5. FIRE REPORT: MICHAEL SKIPPER

Michael Skipper advised that the immediate fire danger for the local area had been classed as 'Low' but cautioned against complacency, pointing to the growth in vegetation and noting that it could be a different scenario this time next year, if action was not taken to reduce fuel loads.

Motion to accept the Fire report

Proposed: Margot Marshall

Seconded: Barbara Carter

Carried

6. COUNCIL ISSUES: DAVID BOARDMAN

David Boardman reported his recent discussion with one of the developers of Rosedale Farm, who said they had no plans to start the development in the immediate future. He said they may, however, submit a Development Application for a residential development on the Lot that had previously been identified as the site for a retirement village. David also noted his understanding that the Marsim development was still on hold.

From his discussions with Council, David said he was confident that they were wanting to push ahead with the sewerage project and that tenders for a pump station on Rosedale Farm were set to close on 30 April 2015.

If satisfactory tenders were received, he had been advised that Council would invite tenders for the installation works at Rosedale. He explained that Council wanted a clearer idea of the costs involved before tendering for the next stage and acknowledged that this meant that timing for completion of the project was again delayed. He confirmed that the Minister had stated some time ago that funding was available and that we needed to keep pushing Council to progress the project. He also acknowledged the efforts of other RL members to keep the project moving.

David advised that the amnesty for line fishing within the Marine Park had been removed, so these areas were again No Take Zones. He briefed the meeting on the increased incidence of poachers being observed in Rosedale and his discussions with relevant authorities, who urged members to continue to report suspected poaching.

David reported that Council had applied for a 6.5% special rate variation over three years, which was less than the original 8% considered, with the outcome not known until May.

On the project to repair the stairs at the end of Yowani Road, David said he was disappointed with the slow progress and felt that Council wanted a 'Rolls Royce' set of stairs that would be expensive. He undertook to go back to Council to discuss the possibility of doing the work in stages, with the first stage being the steps to the beach. He confirmed that RAI was happy to contribute funds for the project and that the Committee was also writing to seek a grant from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. Michael Skipper raised concerns about the longevity of the small bridge over the creek leading to Nun's Beach, with some question as to whether or not it was on private land. A motion was proposed for the Committee to look at the track and bridge to Nun's Beach, consider projects to address issues and identify funding options.

Proposed: John Nicholas

Seconded: Tim Brown

Carried

MINUTES OF THE ROSEDALE ASSOCIATION INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7. BEACH SAFETY: TIM BROWN

Yvonne Brennan addressed the meeting, stating she wanted to see some devices to improve beach safety at one or both ends of the beach. Tim Brown advised that he and two other members had their Bronze Medallions and that the Committee had looked at ways to improve beach safety, with the relationships with Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club (BBSLSC) significantly strengthened and an increased focus on education programs. Yvonne asked about Silent Angels, noting that it would give people peace of mind to know that floatation devices were available on the beach if needed. David Boardman undertook to report back to members on this. In response to a question from Cathy Holberry, Vicki Smith confirmed that members should phone triple zero to report incidents in the water and ask for Batemans Bay police to ensure a coordinated rescue. She also reminded the meeting that the surf lifesavers based at Malua Bay were, in fact, members of the BBSLSC. A motion to donate \$500.00 every year to both the BBSLSC and the Malua Bay Rural Fire Service was then proposed.

Proposed: John Nicholas

Seconded: Tim Brown

Carried

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margot Marshall advised that 10 nominations had been received, which equalled the number of places available on the Committee and no election was necessary. As a result, the following are the executive and committee of Rosedale Association Inc. for 2015:

President:David Boardman

Secretary:Vicki Smith

Treasurer:Robin Oldham

Members:Tim Brown

.....Noel Egan

.....Melissa Gribble

.....Tom Hickey

.....Jacquie Leong

.....David Mackenzie

.....Margot Marshall

Margot thanked Colin Enright for his contributions to the RAI Committee, saying he had been fantastic and would continue to put his time in on the Rosedale Landcare Committee.

Motion to accept the proposed Committee members

Proposed: Margot Marshall

Secunder: John Nicholas

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Brown encouraged members to be proactive in presenting projects to the Committee for consideration. Members were also reminded about the weedathon and sausage sizzle, with Bill Mobbs and Cathy Holberry thanked for their generosity in allowing the meeting and sausage sizzle to be held on their property due to the inclement weather.

The meeting closed at 12:28 pm.

**** 73 members were present at the AGM***

Minutes prepared by Vicki Smith, Secretary
28 April 2015.



(Margot Marshall)

RAI Committee Member and AGM Chair.

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