

HNTG Progress Association Newsletter July & August 22



MEMBERS UPDATE

Hello, firstly happy spring and a special warm welcome to our new members who bring new ideas, more volunteers, and empower a stronger advocacy group: all this makes community groups work – thank you and hope to see you soon!

Our Association was established in 1953 and has been registered with the NSW Department of Fair Trading since 2014: almost 70 years of community service and advocacy.

These bi-monthly Newsletters provide a quick wrap up on what your Progress Association has been doing these eight weeks and we welcome feedback and/or input!

Thursday, August 18 was Vietnam Veterans Day. I join our community in saying “Thank you for your service” to all Vietnam Veterans and Peacekeepers.

Following on from our successful Senior’s Week celebrations, we were invited directly to submit another request for a (bigger) grant for next year’s Senior’s Week. This is exciting and we have commenced planning for the festival to be held on Saturday 11 February 2023. There will be a change of venue due to the much-anticipated upgrade of the Hawks Nest – update to follow.

We are also working with MCC and relevant suppliers to finalise the location and construction of the previously approved three external gym stations at Providence Bay, Hawks Nest. This will also be subject to a separate NSW grant.

Both are significant grants and if we are unsuccessful in the first rounds, the Management Committee team will refine and continue to re-submit until we have progress.

KEY DATES

05 Sep: Management Committee Meeting, HN Side Hall 6.30pm

03 Oct: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

10 Oct: General Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

22 Oct: Masquerade Comedy and Music Night – our annual Fundraiser at the Hawks Nest Community Hall

07 Nov: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

05 Dec: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

12 Dec: AGM and Christmas Event

11 Feb: NSW Seniors Festival “Lets Celebrate” 10am-3pm – location TBC



MEMBERS UPDATE – CONTINUED...

The Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Art Walk Group have formally requested to come under the auspices of the Progress Association. This was approved at our July Committee Meeting and the Art Walk Group is now a permanent sub-committee of the Progress Association. This is a great development in terms of sharing ideas and accessing volunteers. The Art Walk Group, notably Jeanette Hart, has worked with the TG Lions Park, Aboriginal Reference Group and MCC to progress a Pelican or *Dhunggaarr* mural that acknowledges Worimi *Barray* or country. Work is underway and should be completed by the end of September – photos to follow.

In addition, the HNTGPA is working with MCC to help plant new gardens at Providence Park, improve the footpath access around the new Bennett's Beach toilet block, and renew the Tea Gardens Cemetery retaining wall & garden.

MCC have advised that the upgrades to the Hawks Nest Community Hall and the Singing Bridge boat ramp have been delayed and are unlikely to be completed until early next year. I have also expressed concerns that the Tea Garden's pool upgrade (as well as the recurrent risk of insufficient staffing and ad hoc hours) will not be ready by the schedule date of 1 October. Be assured that the Association regularly requests the MCC for updates and raises a range of concerns. These concerns and other local needs are being documented in our draft Local Community Plan - our strategic blueprint which once finalised will be presented to relevant government representatives to drive action and accountability at all levels.

August is our membership drive and renewal month, so please join or renew membership as soon as possible. Membership forms can be found on our Facebook page or our webpage www.hntgprogressassociation.com. Membership is just \$15, and numbers really matter when we engage with the Government or apply for grants so, please sign up. Please note that **only members** receive this Newsletter, and our Members Register will be updated by the end of this month (August) to ensure an accurate mailing list in compliance with NSW Fair Trading. The updated Members Register will also be referenced by our volunteer team of Facebook / Web page moderators to assure membership access.

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for **Monday 10 October 2022** and **Councillor Paul Sandilands** will be attending. Since being elected last year, Paul has been a strong advocate in Council for our community so please come along to hear what Paul has to say and share your concerns.

Best news for last! We are hosting our first **Masquerade Comedy and Music Night** at the Hawks Nest Community Hall on **22 October 2022** from 6pm. This will be a great evening and our first fundraiser since COVID, also benefiting other local service groups. It is also sponsored by several local businesses, and more are invited if interested. There will be fun entertainment by our great locals, Mungo Jack, and Greg Hayes, as well as raffles, prizes and lucky door winners. Please show your support and join the community for a fun evening - tickets are only \$25 available online at or call 0434 151 375.

Happy Spring & Cheers - Bruce Murray on behalf of your Management Committee



Councillor Paul Sandilands has confirmed his attendance at our next General Meeting – please come along!

GENERAL

Grants Update

We have been busy applying for grants to get things done. The following have been submitted:

- Seniors NSW Grant for “Let’s Celebrate” Expo scheduled 11 Feb 2023: \$5000 – Decision Pending
- Stronger Communities Grant to upgrade the skate park / netball court following community poll: \$125k – Decision Pending
- MCC Grant for recurrent cost coverage (insurance) for service organisation: \$1300 – Decision Pending

The following grants are in the pipeline:

- MCC sponsored grant for the installation three outside gym stations at Providence Park: NSW Stronger Communities: Estimated \$100k – primary vendor UrbanFit Design.
- Federal government grant to purchase HI-VIS vests, sunhats and PPE for our volunteers working at events and / outside (specific criteria grant) invited by Dr David Gillipsie, MP.
- NSW government grant for the installation of vandal proof safety solar lights in key locations – primary vendor Greenfrog.

Social Media: Facebook

Our Facebook Page is administered and moderated by four volunteers – we welcome anyone who would like to assist!

You can “Like”, “Follow” or join our page to see weekly updates on HNTGPA activities, MCC updates and information from our local community. Any member of the public can see these posts and comments. Please note that all posts and comments are moderated with reference to Facebook and HNTGPA standards.

Members can “join” the Page however the public can see all the same information and post. No member has ever been blocked. However, false accounts and non-members may be suspended from commenting on the Page until their bona fides are provided to the Moderators via email. All suspected false accounts are reported to Facebook. We have around 261 ‘members’ and we average around 1,500 views per month.

If you are not a Facebook user that’s ok you can access our public website which has a Facebook feed plus all our newsletters etc. (which are also emailed directly to all members). We are in the process of building a private member’s page with access to minutes, past documentation etc. – update in our next Newsletter.

Please note our digital presence is conducted in compliance with the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

OUT & ABOUT

HNTGPA was represented at the:

- ✓ Lions Park Lookout upgrade: volunteers are supporting the TG Lions by painting the lookout base, picnic tables, toilet floors, planting, and gardening. Jeanette Hart, with funding from the Lions Club & input from the Aboriginal Reference Group, is painting an MCC approved Pelican Mural on the toilet façade – great community teamwork!
- ✓ Bruce Murray, President, gave the Remembrance Address at the Vietnam Veteran’s Day Ceremony at TG ANZAC Park on 18/08.
- ✓ Bruce Murray, President, spoke with Myall Coast Radio Community Connections host – Annie Rutter about the HNTGPA – listen at: <https://myallcoastradio.com.au>

WELCOME TO OUR NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS: AUGUST 22-23

To help make administration easier, the MC agreed that August is **Membership Month** (and in accordance with our Constitution) for both new and returning members. This improves the management of our Members Register and our compliance with NSW Department of Fair Trading. We are pleased to say that as of 31 August 2022 we have 58 members with more yet to join and renew – our target is 150. Why? More members mean more community input and wider representation and a louder our voice to all levels of government – great for getting things done (thinks grant applications, MCC Work Requests, etc....) ...so help us reach our target. Welcome:

William Bosma, Dianne Kiss, Mary Leafe, Diane Russell, Stan Russell, Marjorie Taylor, Trisha Jarvis, Denis Hainsworth, M.J Kiss, Helen Maguire, Jan Peeters, Johanne Smith, Jeanette Hart, John Hart, Michele Weir, Shane Andrews, Judith Glover, David Mathieson, Kathy Poldmaa, Jane Compton, Carmel Watson, H J. Gall, Roslyn Jones, Anne Collins, Jane Collison, Helen Nesbitt, Sonja Ridden, Leslie Turner, Sandra Bourke, Leigh (Barbara) Allen, Kerri Bunton, Shirley Darch, Glenis Hartcher, Daniel Holmes, Colleen Inskip, Dianne Islaub, Chris Lock, Lorraine Lock, Shahan Mekertichian, Yvonne Pagett, Christian Patterson, Carol Robinson, Jenny Ross-Henry, Kath Verdon, John Verdon, Clare Yates, Glenn Conroy, Linda Conroy, Shirley Cox, Arne de Neef, Elvira de Neef, John Durrant, M. Fitzmaurice, Suzie Fletcher, Gaye McKay, Vicki McMillan, Gail Morphett

Please note IAW the Constitution, if membership dues are unpaid as at 7 November 2022, membership is forfeit – please renew.



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