

HNTG Progress Association Newsletter Oct & Nov 2022



MEMBERS UPDATE

HELLO, well the countdown is onto AGM on 13 December which is an opportunity for our community to be involved in what we do in 2023 with a Strategic Plan and the President's / Management Committee reports to be tabled as well as meeting our legislative reporting requirements and election of a Management Committee.

Community Conversations

A quick update in the last few weeks. On 27 October, the HNTGPA was well represented at the Community Conversations with the MCC, and we raised a number of well documented issues with the Mayor and senior executives. I have since been advised by the MCC that this approach will, to a degree, replace the old Southern Area Reference Group (SARG). The SARG has been useful to date for representing issues about our broader area to the MCC. This new consultation approach, which also includes their interactive portal, enables broader access and input from locals. Significantly, it improves accountability in terms of getting things done as we can track our submissions to outcomes. The HNTGPA also attended the MCC Open Space Workshop on 5 November, providing input to help inform a new Open Space and Recreation Strategy (note submissions close 30 November and open to all). We collated and submitted community ideas, including improving the following: pool, skate park, dog park, footpaths, bike tracks, beach access / car parks, sporting facilities, etc.



KEY DATES

05 Dec: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

Every Friday 9am-11am – Scout Hall Clean Up – Volunteers Needed!

13 Dec: AGM & Christmas Nibbles as advertised: 6.30pm HN Golf Club

11 Feb: NSW Seniors Festival "Let's Celebrate" 10am-3pm – Hawks Nest Scout Hall & surrounds

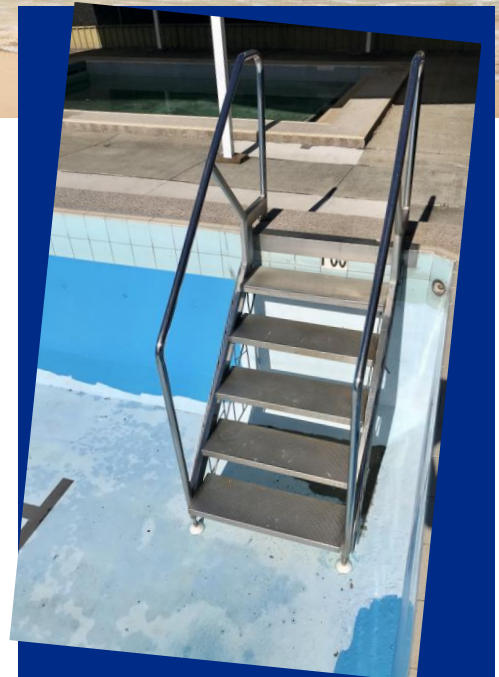
MONTHLY SNAPS





The HNTGPA continued to work closely with MCC to progress long standing infrastructure and maintenance issues including:

- The pool’s extended closure has been an ongoing source of considerable community anger. On 11 November, I inspected the pool with MCC executives and expressed our dismay with the delays and reduced scope. There remains outstanding works including concreting, painting, aquatics and cleaning. We have been advised the opening date is now 12 December, however I have concerns with the viability of this date. The PA will be assisting where possible, including with painting and equipment upgrades (refer photos), as well as identifying opportunities for future supported grants.
- The replacement of the old library building will commence at the end of summer. In addition, the PA will be submitting a grant for minor works to the main hall including floor upgrade, stage upgrade (new curtains), new stove, and minor improvements.
- The PA continues to submit and track over 25 local work orders with MCC, noting a compelling need for increased general maintenance staff to be permanently located at the MCC Tea Gardens depot.



MCC Community Resilience & Disaster Recovery Reference Group

Of note, our Secretary / Grants and Public Officer, Sandra Bourke, has been appointed to the MCC Community Resilience & Disaster Recovery Reference Group. This Group provides strategic advice and feedback to the MCC to improve community resilience here and across the LGA. The appointment was on merit application and reflects the HNTGPA commitment to improving representation and engagement across all levels of government.

Myall River Art Walk Group Update

The Myall River Art Walk Group continues to renew several established murals around our area. The Group completed the Hawks Nest surfers wall last weekend after work was suspended during COVID and it looks great. The Group will also renew the Bennett's Beach mural squares next to the surf club. These murals were painted by local children and seniors back in 2008 and now need rust removal, renewal and protection. The PA also reinstalled the original iconic "Lost Thong Wall" which almost disappeared when the old facilities were demolished in October. We will continue to ensure that the landscaping and new external showers are completed ASAP, given community disappointment with the reduced amenity provided by the new block (refer photos).

Our Second NSW Seniors Festival – “Let’s Celebrate” – Hawks Nest 11 Feb 2023

The Senior's Festival Sub Committee has commenced detailed planning for the Hawks Nest “Let’s Celebrate” NSW Seniors Festival with over 25 stallholders already in! We will also have a fun side show alley, live music, Red Cross Cake kitchen and a free Lions BBQ – a family friendly event. We welcome any stallholders. The PA has commenced weekly working bees at the Hawks Nest Scout Hall to ensure it is ready for the day, with great support from the nearby Croquet and Tennis Clubs – join us to celebrate a great community space– see you there! This Festival is funded through another successful grant application to NSW Seniors.

Our volunteers will be very visible on the day with new HI VIS vests and PPE funded by another successful Federal Volunteer Grant supported by Hon. Dr David Gillespie MP, Federal Member for Lyne. We really need volunteers from the PA to assist with cleaning, minor repairs (every Friday 9am-11pm) and as Marshalls on the day. Please register your interest. All volunteers are trained, insured and provided PPE.

New Life Members to be recognised

Finally, at our upcoming AGM the Membership Committee is excited to be acknowledging the long-standing commitment and community service by some of our members by awarding them Life Membership. Currently we have one Life Member, Kevin Green, with over 15 years’ service, including over 5 years on committee. These criteria, which are reflected in our Constitution, is how we identified new locals whose extended community service will be commemorated at the upcoming AGM on 13 December. All members are welcome to nominate. I look forward to the AGM and sharing Christmas drinks and nibbles.

Bruce Murray on behalf of your Management Committee

Working together for the benefit of the Myall Coast community and our environment.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this land and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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