

Progress Association Update 3/2022

MYALL MATTERS

Hi, welcome to our Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Progress Association Newsletter which will be emailed to all members at least each month. It should also appear in NOTA and on our Facebook Page. It is drafted with input from all the Executive Committee members. If you would like to add anything, please email hntgprogress@gmail.com

Firstly, **HAPPY Australia Day!** I hope you can take time today to “reflect, respect and celebrate” this day and relax at the beach or riverside.

Although it is late in the season, you might see the beautiful flannel flower which is an iconic Australian wildflower that grows along the Myall Coast and represents healing. You can see the careful restoration of the wooden Flannel Flower poem stand on the corner of Yamba Street and Tuloa Avenue, Hawks Nest, recently renovated with the support of the Progress Association. On behalf of the Association, thank you to Kath Verdon, Jeanette Hart, The Men’s Shed, and Jock Fraser for their work - *Bruce Murray, President.*



MEETINGS

Last week we held our first Committee meeting safely by ZOOM. At that meeting we agreed that our General Meetings will be held every second month at 7pm at the Hawks Nest Community Hall starting Monday 14 February.

New members are very welcome with membership forms available on the night.

We are seeking a new Treasurer, and additional committee members are most welcome.

We are also conducting a workshop to update our strategic priorities to guide the Association's decisions and actions.

The outcome will also help to update our Community Action Plan last updated in 2018.

We welcome community input.



TEA GARDENS SKATE PARK SUPPORT

The Totem Collective facilitates skateboarding events with a focus on developing self-esteem, personal identity, and self-image through positive attitudes and activities.

I would like to acknowledge the local MidCoast Council (MCC) staff who recently replaced the badly vandalised toilets and in the Tea Gardens Skate Park.

Brand new toilets were installed by staff within 24 hours of the damage being reported which is a credit to the MCC and great for park users, mostly families and young people.

As previously reported, the graffiti in the skate park was removed by the MCC volunteer Graffiti Buster, Ted Bickford. He will also remove graffiti from the water towers and under the Singing Bridge over the coming week.

The park is now ready for the MCC - Totem Skate Clinic rescheduled to 6 February. The PA has contributed to the Clinic to enable 20 more local young people to participate in what should be an enjoyable day. Registration is required, with bookings filling up quickly online at:

www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/skateworkshops

MCC is also running a Free Grant Writing Workshop from Tea Gardens on 10 February 2022 which some of our members will be attending – register online at: <https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Free-grant-writing-workshops>

MCC Councillor Meetings

I note that Councilor Peter Epov will be attending the Hawks Nest Community Hall on 28 January from 1.30pm. This event is not organised by the HNTGPA although we have been invited to attend as have other community groups and people. It is important that we continue to engage with all our elected representatives to ensure our unique area benefits in terms of building community, improving infrastructure, and supporting sustainable development. Will keep everyone posted...



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