



Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Progress Association Newsletter - January 2023

Hi Members,

Hope you are enjoying the beach and great summer weather – the water has been fantastic to swim in. This is our first Newsletter for what is shaping up to be a big year so please come along to our first General Meeting on 13 February at the Hawks Nest Community Hall.

Please find an update of some of the matters we are currently working on with three **MEMBER SUPPORT REQUESTS** for your consideration – thank you.....

Tea Gardens Pool

Tomorrow, 16 January 2023, the Tea Gardens Public Pool will re-open under operational management of The Y with limited hours due to a lack of staff. Information is at: [Our Centre | Tea Gardens Swimming Pool \(ymcansw.org.au\)](#)

Despite our formal request to the MCC, the season will not be extended, nor the entry cost reduced due to contractual commitments between The Y and MCC ratified in 2021. The Y's management of the MCC pools is under review by Council and if you have issues, please write direct to Mayor Pontin on Cr.Claire.Pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

Volunteers from the Progress Association and Myall Masters assisted MCC in getting the pool ready including cleaning, painting (seats, fence, etc), planting & daily watering (turf & new plants), as well as purchasing the new lane ropes and reels. Thank you for the help & support – including on social media which improves our visibility to the community and stakeholders.

Volunteers from the Myall River Art Walk Group also repaired and repainted the underwater mural on the front of the pool – once again thank you it looks great!

Last week, Leon Bobako (President, Myall Masters), Sandra Bourke (Secretary & Public Officer, HNTGPA) and I conducted an inspection last week which was attended by the MCC Project Manager. Here is the list of outstanding works required at the TG Pool:

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1. Complete the concreting at the entry (now half pavers / half concrete), seal and paint the incomplete entry façade:



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2. Replacement of the inground automatic watering system which was removed during project. Both the new turf and old grass are dying and watering to date has been manual by volunteers.
3. Additional turf needed ASAP to cover approx. 40M2 of exposed dirt which will end up in the pool once open.
4. A new bubbler: repairs were attempted to current one but needs replacement as not working.
5. All the toilet handbasins frames are rusting away and need to be replaced in short to mid-term.
6. Shower Wall Tiles in all bathrooms along the floor line require resealing (even replacement and resealing).
7. The gutters above the new point above the ramp are INCOMPLETE and useless also placing swimmers at risk.
8. Replace the old unsafe pool access ladder with a new safe modern one that is easy to use.
9. Trim expansion joint rubber as it exceeds concrete path and is a trip hazard.
10. Repaint the entry building and pump room shingle style fascia – they look terrible with mould and salt damage.
11. The two picnic shelters need minor repairs, cleaning and repainting as well as minor repairs.

Please advise if you are aware of other matters and note that this list has been submitted to the MCC portal reference MCCR&R12748 with photos.

MCC has indicated some of these issues cannot be completed as part of this project due to budget and scope constraints and I have sought a specific response. **MEMBER SUPPORT REQUEST: We are seeking views from the HNTGPA with respect to fund raising to complete any works not completed by MCC in 2023 to improve the amenity of the pool.**

Seniors Festival Sat 11 February 2023 - Hawks Nest Scout Hall

Thank you to the additional volunteers (we now have 15!) as we countdown (4 weeks) to our second NSW Government funded Seniors Festival at Hawks Nest Scout Hall. We have over 30 stalls plus 4 artists on stage – it will be a wonderful day and fingers crossed for great weather!

The Scout Hall has been very well cleaned, insect sprayed, toilets painted, minor repairs completed, and we have donated a new fridge, baby change table and a tip run completed. The MCC also provided \$150 to replace all the Fire Extinguishers in the Scout Hall.

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In terms of publicity, we are listed on many sites, featured in a number of local papers and completed a mail out to our local residents. Check out: ["Let's Celebrate" Seniors EXPO - Hawks Nest Beachside | NSW Government](#) – please come along and support our event with family and friends on the day!

MEMBER SUPPORT REQUEST: This year we will also be fund raising at side show alley and plus a chocolate wheel (gold coin donation) – to that end we are seeking **DONATIONS** of new items that would be suitable for great prizes (please no alcohol). Please email with the item description, address etc and we will collect – thank you!

Federal MP Meeting with Management Committee

Our local Federal Member, Dr David Gillespie MP, has booked to meet with the Management Committee on Friday 27 January which is a great opportunity to raise issues of concern. To date this includes the following:

1. **PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE UPGRADE** - URGENT installation of the flashing lights at the Pacific Highway exit. This would be a safe interim measure (2023) for an overpass given the projected population increase in the next 5 – 10 years.
2. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS:** URGENT support to upgrade telecommunications infrastructure.
3. **GRANTS:** Foreshadow a large grant application for a major renewal of the Tea Gardens Pool Area – transforming into an aquatic sports precinct in the same location. Reference: Blayney Public Pool completed with a Federal Grant \$4.3M [Our Centre | CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre \(ymcansw.org.au\)](#) OR [CentrePoint Sport & Leisure Centre - Hines Constructions, Bathurst & Central West NSW](#)
4. **GENERAL:**
 - a. Update on the 2021 grant to the Tea Gardens Pool and outstanding issues.
 - b. Acknowledge ongoing support from the Federal Volunteer Grants program which funded audio-visual equipment in 2022.

MEMBER SUPPORT REQUEST: The Management Committee welcomes additional agenda items that fall within Australian Federal Government remit. Please email before meeting hntgprogress@gmail.com

Thank you & keep supporting local – Management Committee team

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