



## Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Progress Association Newsletter - May 2023

**Hi Members,**

April and May have come and gone, and lots to report. The Management Committee has continued to meet each month and we all hope to see you at our next General Meeting on Monday evening on the 19 June 2023, 6.30pm at the Tea Gardens Hotel Dolphin Room (later in month due to public holiday).

High on the agenda will be developing our collective response to the MidCoast Council (MCC) draft [Open Spaces & Recreation Strategy 2023-2035](#). This policy will guide the expenditure of our area's Section 94 developer contributions which are over \$1M (to be confirmed). It appears that some of the priorities for this area have not been updated since 2014 and we are keen to ensure they reflect current community priorities. We will also be providing updates on several projects including the TG Pontoon & Jetty, HN Community Hall Extensions, Library, HN Fishing platform, LGA Pool Review, and relevant Water & Wastewater Asset Renewal projects.

Upfront is exciting news that finally the Regional NSW grant for our new three outdoor gym stations in Providence Bay Park, has been banked with the deposit paid this week. Our first of many regular joint project meetings between the MCC, [Moduplay](#) (supplier), and the HNTGPA, was conducted last week with many more to follow. Updates about this great project and the positive impact at the park will be shared at our meetings, via member emails, in NOTA, and on local social media sites.

The Tea Gardens skate park has also seen a flurry of activity these last few weeks:

- The new Tea Gardens entry services sign is up with a huge thanks to Glen Henry, plus all the nine community groups who contributed. There is also a new solid surrounding native garden built by the Men's Shed – another big thank you!

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- Local young people and children have submitted over 30 entries into our “Redesign the Skate Park” competition which will be judged by the Myall River Art Walk Group and the Worimi Aboriginal Reference Group this week. The winners will be announced 5 June; however, all the entries will be submitted to the MCC to inform their Open Spaces and Skate Park strategies, plus used in an updated grant application for funds to put their ideas into action. Thank you to Principal Mark Clemson for the Tea Gardens Public School support.
- The Myall River Art Walk Group (Jeanette Hart) & HNTGPA Volunteers are repainting the outdoor skatepark walls in readiness for young person’s mural designs (based on competition).

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- The Myall River Art Walk Group (led by Jeanette Hart) & HNTGPA Volunteers painted murals (reflecting young people's input) inside the toilet amenities to help prevent vandalism and encourage safe use.



- MCC repaired the damaged skatepark seats with replacements scheduled next month (June).

### May Highlights:

- HNTGPA volunteers, with support from IGA Hawks Nest, installed a bike rack following public requests. We remain committed to supporting improvements to the Hawks Nest Plaza area.

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- 5 May: The long-awaited footpath from Peter Sinclair Gardens to Hawks Nest Plaza was commenced. Sincere thanks to all who lobbied over many years. It has been frustrating however the path is almost completed with a native tree grove to be planted by HNTGPA volunteers.
- 15 – 21 May: We registered HNTGPA with National Volunteer Week, and we formally sent each of our members a **thank you** email acknowledging that your support which has and continues to make a positive difference to our local area and advocacy.



### April Highlights:

- 18 April: The HNTGPA formally responded to the MCC draft Delivery Program (2022-2026) and Operational Plan (2023-24).
- 25 April: The HNTGPA was represented at all the local ANZAC Services, paying tribute with a wreath and providing a donation to the Tea Gardens School Library.
- 21 April: In conjunction with the MidCoast Council, The Y, the Lions Club of Tea Gardens (BBQ), and Myall Masters, we held a very successful fun-filled Youth Day on last pool open day with over 100 participants. Since then and with written MCC approval, we have commenced conducting fortnightly Winter Working Bees at the pool to remove the duck/bird poo, conduct minor maintenance, gardening, etc – volunteers are always welcome every second Thursday 10am next one being 1 June.



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We have also been successful in stage two for a minor Federal grant to replace and upgrade the pool lap timer clock; install flags (to deter birds); and to fund minor upgrades and repairs. We also supported a Lions Club request to MCC for a shed location, as well as finally completing the Community Defibrillator Project Plan, plus participated in two local Disaster Recovery and Resilience workshops (more to follow).

### MidCoast Council

We continue to monitor all MCC meetings and draft policies and note a number of issues for discussion at our next General Meeting including:

- a) Provision of Visitor Information Services
- b) Roads Strategy – date collection ongoing due December 2023.
- c) Rates Increase
- d) Loss of MCC provided Xmas Lights

### Upcoming Events:

Our first Bunnings BBQ fundraiser is on **Saturday 10 June from 7.30am** and we really **need** at least five **more volunteers** (AM and PM shifts available). The funds raised help to pay for volunteer insurance costs plus the stuff we use at working bees etc. Please email or call to volunteer with all training provided in advance.

Finally, we have commenced early planning for several events over 2023-24, notably the Singing Bridge Golden Jubilee Commemorations on Saturday 6 April 2024 with ideas, photos and stories all welcome – check out the new community Facebook page by the Singing Bridge!



Thank you.

Management Committee of the HNTGPA 😊

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