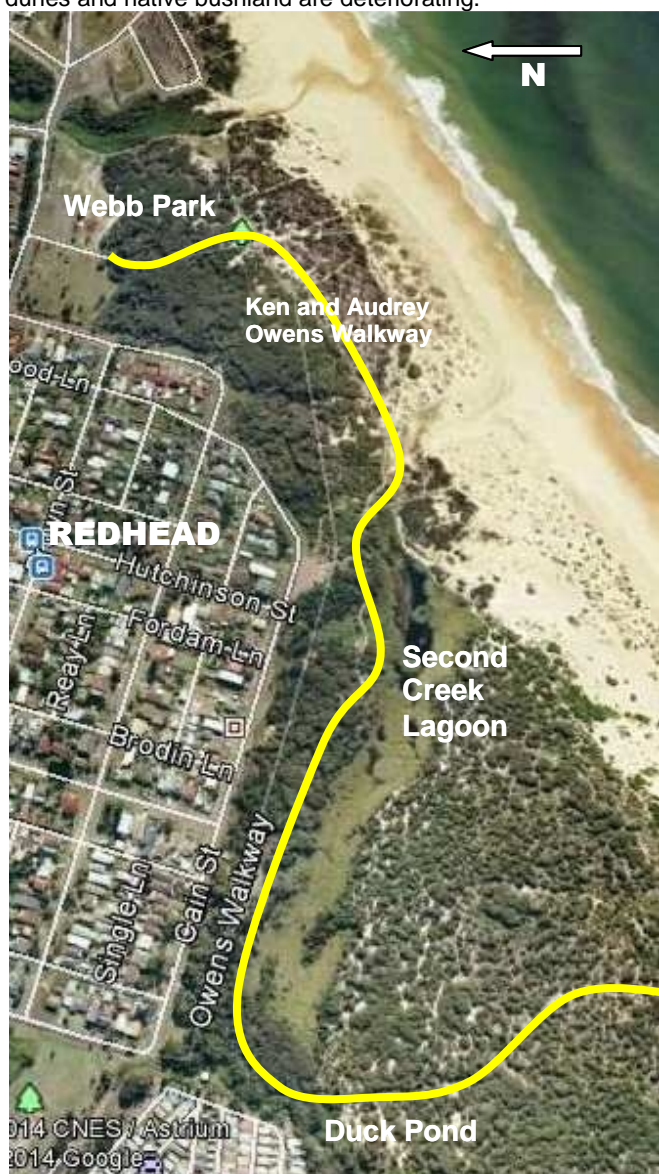




Possible Closure of Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway

David Doggett heads up the Redhead Landcare group and with volunteer support, the group has safely carried out monthly maintenance on the Ken and Audrey Owens walkway and the walkway from the duck pond to the beach, since they were built some 25 years ago. More recently, maintenance has included the George Stanton whale watching tower and the Cain Street car park. In 2013, Lake Macquarie Landcare stopped volunteers using motorised equipment and since then, the Redhead Landcare group has been unable to adequately maintain the walkway. No alternative maintenance team has been allocated to the task and as a result, the environs of the Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway, including the track edges, dunes and native bushland are deteriorating.



The Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway is a valuable community asset threatened with possible closure

In May this year, David wrote to Redhead residents to let them know what was happening to their walkway and to ask for their support. David's letter is reprinted below.

Redhead Landcare letter to residents

"Hello fellow residents. You may have noticed a decline in the standard of maintenance on the walkway from Webb Park to the duck pond. The Lake Macquarie Landcare office has banned the local group from maintaining the site as of mid last year. We have made enquiries as to who will take on board the maintenance and have received no commitment." David wrote

"The budgets have been submitted for year 2015/2016 and no money has been allocated. The latest word back from Council is that they don't even have equipment that will do the job. The Council decision will most likely see the closure of the path, as it will become unsafe. To register your feelings you can ring Council: 49210333, your local councillors or the Landcare Office: 49210392 and ask for Jason Harvey"

The Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group also sent a follow up letter to Council in May asking for a policy review, Work Health Safety training for Landcarers, consultation with Landcare groups and for the ongoing maintenance of the Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway to be resolved.

Community response, but no resolution

Many residents have taken up David's challenge and our East ward Councillors have said that the message has been received. Action has been promised, but to date there has been no effective resolution either proposed or agreed and the fate of the walkway is still undecided. Let's hope that the issue can be resolved promptly so that Redhead Landcare group can resume operations and people can continue to enjoy the walkway.

Clean-Up Redhead (Australia) Day

Thanks to the 50 volunteers on Clean-Up Australia Day in March 2014 who collected 25 bags of rubbish, 25 bags of recyclables, mainly plastic bottles and drink cans, 5 large tyres and 2 damaged air conditioner units. Every collector picked up plastic bags of dog faeces. One collector picked up 5 bags of dog faeces just along Freshwater Creek Reserve on Allard Street.

Rubbish Dumping

Although largely hidden from view, accumulated rubbish behind the dunes near Cain Street Reserve south of Second Creek lagoon included broken bottles, aluminium cans, mattresses, chairs, and prams, too bulky for our volunteers. The Council Ranger inspected this area with clean-up organisers again in June and a Council team will be removing rubbish from the area soon. Motion sensor cameras will be installed from time to time to identify dumpers.

Bins have been provided

There are sufficient bins provided on the beach and beach carparks. There are now bins for bags of dog faeces at each end and the middle of the Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway on Webb Park and Cain Street Reserve. Everyone needs to be encouraged to use them.

New Playing Field at Liles Oval

Liles Oval has been progressively upgraded over the years to meet the growing needs of local sporting clubs and it is due for some more big improvements over the next four months. Work to be done includes: new cricket nets; drainage on field no 2 which is the field with lights and the creation of new field no 3, in the area close to the industrial area.

Playing surfaces are at a premium on the weekends and the new field will mean that more local teams can be play here. Work on the field will involve major earthworks to be undertaken by Lake Macquarie City Council to raise the level of the field by about 30 cm plus topsoiling and returfing the new field. The existing synthetic cricket pitch will also be replaced to accommodate the new playing surface levels.

The ovals are managed by the Liles Oval Board on behalf of the Lake Macquarie City Council. The Board represents the various clubs that use the grounds and the wider community. The aim of the Board is to make the Liles oval area an excellent recreational facility for the Redhead area.



Liles Oval off Cowlishaw Street Redhead

Any team use of the grounds or improvements are approved by the Board or in the case of major works, by the Board and the Council. Any questions or suggestions for ground improvements at the ovals can be directed to: President: Phil Davies (4944 9155), Secretary Neil Bowd (4944 7509) or David Haddon (49460793)

New Surf Club Amenities Block



Concept for the new beach amenities block

Lake Macquarie City Council is planning to demolish the existing outdated toilet block and build a new amenities block at Redhead Beach, adjacent to the surf club. The new facilities will provide improved access for all patrons and will include disabled showers and toilets. Work will start shortly and will be completed by the start of the summer beach season.

Council is inviting feedback. Write to LMCC Box 1906 Hunter Region Mail Centre or email: council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au



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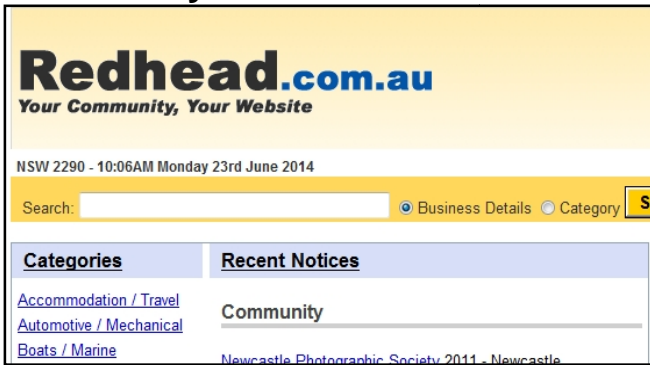
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is an annual Cancer Council effort to raise funds for cancer research. The Council's aim is to raise \$13M in 2014.

In Redhead, the Biggest Morning Tea, was held this year on 22 May at the Bowling Club. The event was organised and hosted by Judy and Ray Sleaf, and Lee Anne and Ross Killen. The Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group helped by printing and distributing flyers into Redhead letterboxes.

"Everyone had a very nice social time with all of the raffle prizes on offer, mostly donated by local businesses and residents, and there was no shortage of village friendship and chat." Ray Sleaf said.

"Being hosts of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea we would like to thank the Redhead Bowling Club and the Redhead community. Their generous support and donations made our day very successful. We were one of the top hosts in the Hunter region and raised \$4,500."

Community website for Redhead



Redhead has its own dedicated community website. It is operated by GeoDomains and provides a forum for Redhead community groups and sporting clubs to post community notices. It also provides a place for local businesses and tradespeople to advertise their products and services.

All at no cost!

If you wish, you can also create your own Redhead email address: eg johnsmith@redhead.com.au. The email system runs on gmail with appropriate spam filters and some 5GB of storage capacity.

If you are interested, just google **Redhead.com.au** and follow any prompts.

Redhead crime statistics



Over the three months to the end of June there have been:

- Four break, enter and stealing in Beach Rd, Dodds St, Shortland St and Steel St.
- Three stealing, in Beach Rd, Allard St and Cowlshaw St.
- Nine malicious damage/graffiti in Alison, Bentley, Brown, Burns, Elsdon, and Kerle streets, plus Redhead and Kalaroo Roads.
- Twelve stealing from a motor vehicles, across Redhead
- Four stolen vehicles at various locations.

Since the beginning of the year stealing from motor vehicles has increased, so please remember to lock your car. There has also been a sharp increase in malicious damage including graffiti. To combat graffiti, any graffiti appearing on your walls or fences should be photographed and sent to Charleston police for their records.

Worried about that S word?

Being sustainable - Leaving a place in at least the same or better condition as when you found it. It is more than stopping pollution, saving energy, and looking after the plants and animals of the planet. It means having a community that is friendly and strong and supportive.

Redhead has a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan prepared after several community meetings in 2011. Redhead's Vision for a Sustainable Future:

To enjoy, celebrate, and sustain our coastal village community, its assets, and our beautiful natural environment so that Redhead has a healthy future.

As you can read in this newsletter lots of people are doing what they can to make Redhead a better place. Join in and see what you can do.

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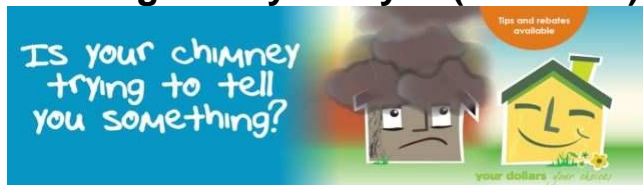
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Wood Smoke Reduction Program 2014

Make a difference to the air you breathe ...

Wood smoke affects the quality of both indoor and outdoor air. The impacts to human health come from fine and coarse particulate matter. Fine particles in particular are linked with the most harmful effects. Wood smoke is composed mostly of fine particles.

Residential wood smoke is produced from wood heaters, open fire places and back yard burning. Pizza ovens found in many backyards can also be a source of smoke.

Up to 70% of wood smoke can be retained in your home and may affect your health if your indoor wood-burning appliance is poorly situated, operated or maintained.

The NSW Government and Lake Macquarie Council are working together to reduce wood smoke in your area and are seeking your help. Here are some suggestions on how you can reduce the smoke from your wood fuelled appliance:



Wood smoke contains a range of air pollutants including; carbon monoxide; oxides of nitrogen; fine particles, benzene, toluene, benzo[a]pyrene and formaldehyde. In wood smoke, these pollutants can go deep into the lungs and can affect your health. If you can see or smell wood smoke from your wood-fired appliance, you may be exposing yourself, your family, and your neighbours to a potential health hazard. Please see the NSW [EPA wood-smoke](#) website or contact Lake Macquarie Council for more information on wood-smoke and health.

Rock Quiz Saturday 3 May

It was another big Saturday night at Redhead School Hall as about 100 people rocked to a great band "the Tradgics". The dancers and quizzers who turned up for a great time were also generous and raised \$800 for the Redhead Public School P&C and for Sustainable Neighbourhood community projects.

Rock Quiz Sponsors

A big thank you to our local community businesses: Truevision Photography, Chrysalis Gift Shop, Kuta Lines Pty Ltd, Lautan Hair Design Unisex Salon, Redhead Cellars, Redhead Pharmacy, Redhead Seafood and Takeaway, Redhead Service Station, Redheads Hair Art, Redheads Quality Bake, Oz Tukka and Pancho's Cafe.

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Redhead Mens Shed Thanks

Gale Hays from the Redhead Library Committee writes: "The Redhead Community Library would like to sincerely thank the members of the Redhead Men's Shed for their expert work in providing us with a book display unit for our young readers. This valuable addition has made Picture Books more accessible for this age group. Thank you all for your hard work and your community spirit and contribution."

Whale Census

The annual ORRCA whale census was held at Ocean Street Redhead on Sunday 29 June from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. In strong west south westerly winds, 36 whales and 6 dolphins were recorded. (ORRCA)

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