

# Redhead Village Newsletter

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## Clean up Australia day report

We had 52 volunteers turn up ready to work and they picked up 51 bags of rubbish including 8 bags of recyclables. We picked up about 1/2 tonne of various debris including two TVs and a car door. So a great big thank you goes to these people who work to improve Redhead and its environs. Whoo hooo!!



Trouble spots are still above Redhead Gardens where the Sunset squad love the place and the view and pollute it to death, and the drug and alcohol good time gangs who create polluted campsites near Cain Street reserve in the ti tree scrub and then move on to another. If you know anyone in these groups give them a word of gentle encouragement to enjoy the place and clean it up after.

## Pedestrian Safety on Beach Road, Redhead.

Since our community meeting Lake Macquarie City Council have had two site inspections and have come back to the Redhead Community with four proposals to attempt to improve pedestrian safety along Redhead Road. The Redhead Foreshore Action Committee favours the Webb Park entry option at Allard St (1b) with the provision for a footbridge (2a)

as it allows for access to both the park and the beach. It also takes pedestrians out of harm's way, avoiding the intersection between Beach Rd and the car park entry. While this is unfortunately a longer term proposal we feel it will likely result in the best long term outcome. Funding of all four proposals remains an issue in both the short and long term.



Beach Road, Redhead

Thank you to all of you who took the time to express your opinions regarding pedestrian safety along Beach Rd and to forward them onto Lake Macquarie City Council. Evidenced by the Council response they have heard you. If you have written to council you are likely to be approached for feedback by them. We encourage you to check out all proposals as we have done and reply.

Review the Council's four proposals and have your say at: <https://shape.lakemac.com.au/pedestrian-safety-redhead>

Submissions must be in by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The Redhead Foreshore Access Committee recommends the compromise of a footbridge solution across first creek.

## Earth Hour 2018

A big thank you to Club Redhead for generously donating their outdoor function area to Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood's first ever Earth Hour event.



Members and friends met at Club Redhead to enjoy a candle lit meal and to reflect on the importance of energy conservation and environmental sustainability.

## Police Advice to Protect Our Property

Our village of Redhead is generally a very safe and secure neighbourhood, however over the last few months there has been a recent spate of attempted break-ins and property thefts. They have been reported to the police, but are still a bit of a worry.

In response, local residents Tim Madison and Matt Unwin organised a meeting of about 30 neighbourhood friends with Belmont police on 24 April in the park at the end of Beach Road. The discussion was about what we could do to reverse this apparently growing trend in Redhead.

Tim handed out a community notice and spoke about the need to be vigilant. "We need to make sure that we lock the house, the

car and the garage, that we don't leave garage remotes or spare keys in cars, and we keep keys, wallets and phones in a safe place at home" he said, "and make sure outside sensor lights work and let your neighbour know when you are going away."

He drew a probable connection between the hoon activity around the Beach Road carpark and the apparent increase in criminal activity. "They get away with it there and they think Redhead is an easy target".



**Tim Madison with DI Kylie Phillips and SC Sharm Whitehead discuss crime prevention at the Beach Road park meeting**

Police District Inspector Kylie Phillips strongly supported Tim's suggestions and assured the group that the police were responding to the situation. Investigations were under way and there are now more police patrols in Redhead.

Police Crime Prevention Officer, SC Sharm Whitehead said that policing is a partnership with the community and the police rely on us to report anti-social and suspicious activity. "All reports go into a database which highlights hotspots for police attention. I encourage you to report crime, by contacting Belmont Police or Crime-stoppers. Your reporting will enable police to schedule patrol numbers and times of day or night to get the best results"

she said. "But if you witness a crime being committed, call **000** and we will respond immediately." Talking about car theft, Sharm added: "Since 2003 all cars have been fitted with immobilisers, and car thieves need your keys to steal your car. So keep your car keys secure!"

Police contact details for putting on your fridge door are:

**Belmont Police: 4922 8899**

**Crimestoppers: 1800 333 000**

To report online, Google **Crimestoppers NSW** and follow the prompts. Reporting can be anonymous if you wish.

### **Redhead Community Library Reopens After Refurbishment**

You may have noticed the activity and temporary fencing around the Community Library in 16 Hutchinson St next to the Anglican Church. This building has been staffed by volunteers from the local community under an agreement with Council since the restructure of Lake Macquarie Libraries in 1985. Council funds a yearly grant for new books. It was threatened again with closure again in 2011 but strong Community opposition kept it open. Council renamed it Redhead Community Library Facility.

It operates still as a library Thursday & Friday 3-5pm and Saturday morning 10-12. It's also available for hire through the Library Committee chaired by Maggie Lavercombe. Eastlakes U3a conducts classes for seniors in painting and drawing, creative writing, guitar and china painting at the facility.

Come in and check out the renovations which include disabled parking, a bike rack and a wide ramp easily accessible for

wheelchairs and prams. A Justice of the Peace (JP) is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. The Library belongs to our Community.

Pop in and meet the friendly staff. We stock the latest fiction and have a great collection of junior fiction and picture books for the kids.

Phone no **49447473** on the library days only.

**Anne Davy, Secretary**

### **Webb Park update**

Construction work has begun on toilet facilities for Webb Park with the block set to be completed within the next two months.



All patrons using the park are reminded that the nearest public toilets are located at Redhead Beach.

### **Redhead Oral Histories Project**

In conjunction with Redhead Primary School, Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood is organising an Oral Histories of Redhead project. The project will involve conducting interviews with long-term residents of Redhead and asking them to share their stories of years gone by in Redhead. If this sounds like something you or someone you know might be interested in, please contact Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood via the 'Contact Us' section located on the back page of this newsletter.



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## Getting ready for the greener 3-bin service

Council's greener 3-bin service will launch from 30 July. Food will now go into your green bin along with garden waste, and will be emptied each week. One week your green and garbage bins will be collected, and the next week your green and recycling bins will be collected. Before the service changes, a Starter Kit will be delivered to all homes in the City and will include:

- a food scraps bin for your kitchen
- compostable bags
- new green bin stickers
- an information pack, including a 'when to put your bins out' calendar

Starter Kits will be delivered between 4 June and 13 July. To find out when the Starter Kits are coming to your suburb, and for more information on the changes, visit [lakemac.com.au/food-garden-green](http://lakemac.com.au/food-garden-green).



A representative from Lake Macquarie City Council will attend the next Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Meeting to give a seminar on the new green bin service. The meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6:15pm at the Redhead Community Library, all are welcome to attend.

## Redhead Find-a-Word

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## June Bevan Trophy

The June Bevan Trophy for U17s Badminton was recently contested in New Zealand and attended by June Bevan herself – but did you know the prestigious trophy is named after a long time Redhead resident?

June Bevan OAM competed nationally and internationally and won countless trophies and accolades, including 12 Australian titles and an unprecedented 30-year career representing NSW in the sport she continues to love today.

The trophy was originally Australian and is now a multinational event.

Now in her late eighties June is still full of pep and loves keeping active – a true living legend and inspiration to all Redhead residents!

## Get involved with Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood

Ever wondered what we do at Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood Group?

Our vision is: "To celebrate and sustain our coastal village community, its assets, and the surrounding natural environment for all to enjoy"

There are lots of different ways you can volunteer and help your community, whether you've got a little bit of time to offer, or a lot.

If you'd like to be involved with our group in any way, we would love to hear from you! For more information check out our website or send us an email (see Contact Us section below).

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