

# HNTG Progress Association Newsletter May & June 22



## MEMBERS UPDATE

**HELLO**, we have had a busy two months since the last Newsletter, missing a month due to COVID bouts, so this Newsletter is for both May and June.

Around our villages, MCC staff have been busy grading public car parks in Hawks Nest, painting shelters and picnic tables, and noticeably improving maintenance works. Work is also progressing at the Tea Gardens Pool with the pool leak repaired and construction of the disabled access ramp underway.

I have also written to the MCC for regular updates on a number of projects including the Peter Sinclair linking footpath, Hawks Nest Community Hall renovation, Water Tower - Lions Park murals, and Tea Gardens Pontoon projects. I have been assured by Council that they are all progressing with MCC project webpages to be established to share updates.

We have also sent a letter with photos about the rundown state of the Myall Quays Shopping Centre (Coles) including outlining the WHS risks posed by the poor condition of the paths, outdoor benches, carpark debris, and facilities; more to follow.

Sadly, graffiti has been again reported in a number of locations and it is being photographed ASAP and reported to the NSW Police and to the MCC, and the damage repaired.

In terms of grants, we fully acquitted both the NSW Seniors Day Grant and the Stronger Communities Grant (audio visual equipment) and received positive feedback which will hold us in good stead for further grants in the future. We also submitted a grant to upgrade the TG Skate Park – read more below!

In terms of meetings, the Management Committee continues to meet each month with strategic planning to be completed by July 2022. Our next General Meeting is on Monday 8 August 2022 from 6.30pm at the Hawks Nest Surf Club due to our community hall being renovated. We have extended invitations to relevant local, state and federal representatives to attend and will keep you posted about who will be there. I will also be attending the Southern Area Reference Group meeting in July.

Cheers - Bruce Murray, President

## KEY DATES

4 Jul: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

01 Aug: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

08 Aug: General Meeting, VENUE TBC – tentative Hawks Nest SLSC, 6.30pm – confirmation to follow

05 Sep: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

03 Oct: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

10 Oct: General Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

07 Nov: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

05 Dec: Management Committee Meeting, HN Hall 6.30pm

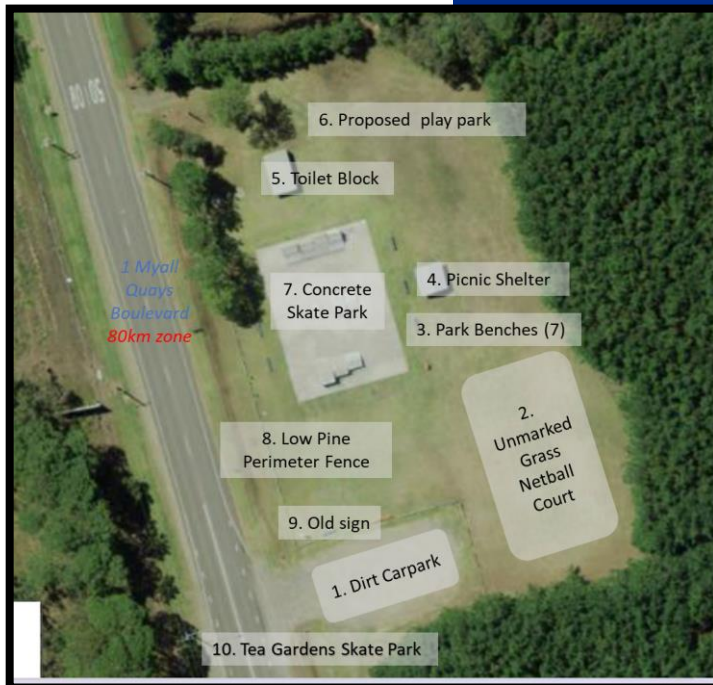
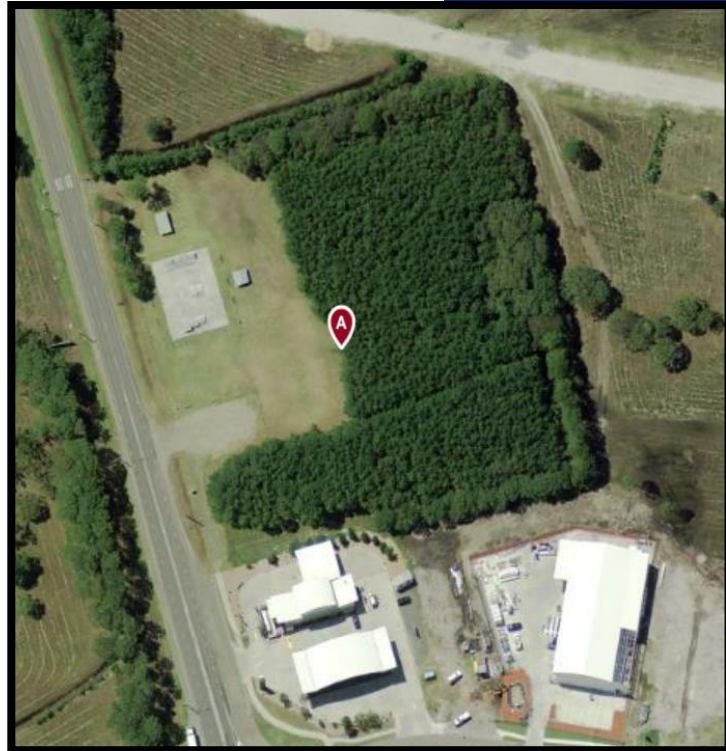
12 Dec: AGM and Christmas Event

# GRANT

On 10 June 2022, we submitted a grant to the NSW Government – Community Building Partnership grants program for \$108K. The objective is to upgrade the Tea Gardens Skate Park by refurbishing the grass netball court, park benches, picnic shelter, toilet block, skate ramp, perimeter fence, car park and signage. The MCC kindly provided a Letter of Support.

A site inspection was conducted in June 2022 and confirmed the fact that the park has not been updated since its establishment in 2007 by the former Great Lakes Council (DA 624/2005). Park development was then contracted to Cordell Civil Engineering and cost \$100,000. There is no site nor documentary evidence of any capital works or major refurbishment to the park since that date. The site inspection indicates the skate park has a grass netball court area with damaged rings (rusted and bent out of shape), no line markings, drainage issues, and in the current state is rarely used for ball sports.

The Management Committee acknowledges that there are many other local infrastructure, and environmental issues that also need attention. The submission was motivated by visual evidence, a community poll, and member input. It was also based on how each project concept “best fits” with the criteria for the grant - which can vary significantly. Each grant is a resource intensive and competitive process. To that end we have advised MCC and state government that the need for the renewal of the skate park stands irrespective of the outcome.





# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## Community Sharing

It was great to hear from other local service groups at the last General Meeting held Monday 20 June 2022 at the Hawks Nest Community Hall. Updates were shared from the:

- ✓ Myall Koala and Environment Group
- ✓ Pindimar & Bundabah Community Association
- ✓ Tea Gardens Family Research & Local History Inc
- ✓ Myall Coast Radio
- ✓ Myall U3A
- ✓ Hawks Nest Development Page
- ✓ North Arm Cove Progress Association
- ✓ Meals On Wheels
- ✓ Myall River Action Group
- ✓ Lions Club

Information sharing with local community services groups will remain a standing agenda item at all our General Meetings so that we can identify opportunities to consult and support each other on future initiatives.

## NAIDOC Week

The 3-10 July is NAIDOC Week which is time to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme is *Get up! Stand up! Show up!* – encouraging all of us to champion institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative change: as important as ever.

The HNTGPA has been asked by a number of community members to help install another flagpole next to the current one at the Hawks Nest Summer Bay Park (Moirra Parade). This is a great idea and would enable the community to fly the Australian Aboriginal Flag at the park: inquiries are underway and updates to follow.



# OUT & ABOUT

HNTGPA was represented at the:

- ✓ Tea Gardens Public School Student Parliament showcasing local young leadership; we have great young people and teachers in our community!
- ✓ A comprehensive Sheargold Community consultation session about the proposed Parry's Cove Marina which is in its early stages so we will continue to monitor this and other developments & share progress and risks.
- ✓ Opening of the fantastic Galleries in Gardens Winter Warmer Exhibit "Movement" closed Monday 27 June but please take time to support our local artists.



# OUR WEBSITE

This month, following MC approval we launched our new website which will expand to include a member's area for meeting documentation and information about grants, projects and our history: take a look and feedback is welcome:

<https://www.hntgprogressassociation.com>

The webpage is hosted by WIX with full security. Additional volunteers are being trained so that updating continues. Our FB site management and security has improved with additional checks on public postings. Visits to our FB site increased 250% in the last 2 months, with 3,517 visits. Our first FB Poll had 219 votes from the community and was another tool for communication & consultation.

HI - the Progress Association has been invited to submit for a grant under the NSW Community Building Partnership CBP2022. These grants are for local infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental, and recreational outcomes, while also promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion (outside government core responsibilities). So here is a poll on current ideas with more welcome (please ensure ideas are within grant guidelines):

- Upgrade TG skate park: Upgrade amenities block, outdoor furniture, basketball court, carpark, fencing, paths, play area etc 31% >
- Upgrade Lions Park: Upgrade amenities block, outdoor furniture, fencing, look out, garden, road sealed, signage, etc 12% >
- Upgrade Hawks Nest Community Hall: Internal painting, floor resealed, stage upgrade, carpark sealed, toilets, signage, etc 19% >
- Added by Gordon Grainger: The parking area at junction of Anchorage and The Boulevard needs attention-current disgrace 7% >
- Added by Graham Uff: Extending the footpath on Myall St TG from Copeland St to Yalinbah St. This would complete to footpath from Coles to the TG shopping strip. 22% >
- Added by Roz Weitenberg: A dedicated off-leash park for dogs 5% >
- Added by Rob Collins: Rebuild Hawks Nest boat ramp for safety and tourism. 0% >

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## Welcome to the Hawks Nest Tea Gardens Progress Association

Working together for the benefit of the Myall Coast community and our environment.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this land and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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### Grants & Projects

The HNTG Progress Association submits local projects & applies for grants that deliver positive social, environmental, and recreational outcomes, while also promoting community participation, inclusion & cohesion.

**NSW Seniors Week 2022 Grant - NSW Government**

Hawks Nest Senior 'Live Life' Expo 2  
April 2022 \$4000

WELL that was FUN!!! - over 1000 people enjoyed the free all day & night BBQ, live entertainment & to say THANK YOU to the staff, volunteers, local businesses and musicians plus HNTG Senior Team and HNTG Live Council. We will apply again in 2023.

# SNAPS

