

MacMasters Beach Progress Assoc. Newsletter April 2025

‘A Voice for MacMasters Beach’

Easter Saturday Book Sale at the Progress Hall

There'll be a wide selection of pre-read books for you to choose from, to top up your winter reading.

And there'll be some home-made cakes, slices and cookies to buy to nibble on while you're reading.

Proceeds will top-up our bank account so we have funds to cover our costs and to provide extra for future events and activities.

Want to donate some books?

We'll gladly accept them, but they must be in good condition; clean, no tears and no mould.

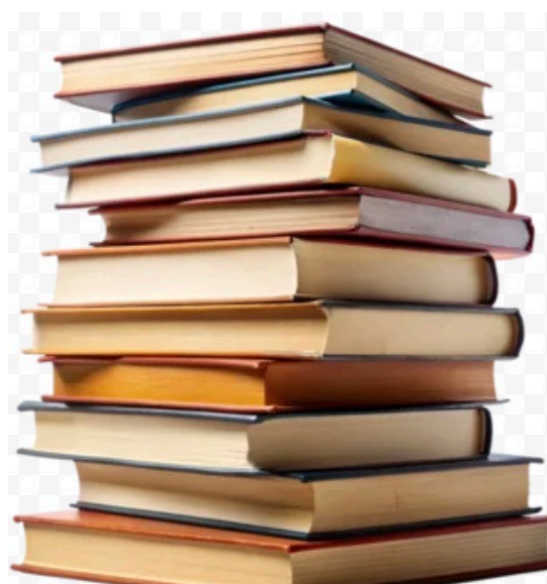
We love;

- children's books
- novels
- biographies
- sport
- history

We hate

- magazines
- encyclopedias

Books can be left in boxes well under cover near the back wall of the hall veranda over the next two weekends.



Meet Your Local Councillor



A special guest speaker at our next General Meeting

Councillor Jared Wright, one of the three Councillors for our Ward, has accepted our invitation to attend our next meeting. We've given him a list of questions covering topics of concern to our community, such as the status of the rock wall below the Surf Club building, the "Hole in the Ground" in Marine Pde and speeding on The Scenic Road, so he'll be able to do the research and come along and give us the latest.

Monday 28 April
7.00 pm
Progress Hall
Cnr Tudibaring Parade and Three Points Ave

New suburb signage for MacMasters Beach

Council will be installing a new suburb sign in MacMasters Beach on The Scenic Rd, near the RFS sign near Doyle St. Here's an example of what to expect, but with MacMasters Beach on it, not Towoon Bay!

The sign's location is determined based on factors including existing suburb signage location, traffic volumes, proximity to the suburb boundaries, underground utility locations and line of sight for traffic and pedestrians.

Our sign is part of Council's rollout of standardised suburb signage across the LGA.



The next General Meeting of the Association

Time: 7.00pm 28 April 2025 Place: Progress Hall

cnr Tudibaring Parade and Three Points Ave.

Anyone can attend, but only financial members will be able to vote on any matters arising. Come along and contribute to discussion on matters affecting our community or raise any issues you think the Association should consider.

Meeting dates for 2025

23 June
25 August
27 October
15 December

Local voices on Council's 'Lagoons Community Reference Group'

In our last Newsletter, we reported that Council has established a Community Reference Group to seek input from the community about the future management of the four Coastal Lagoons - Wamberal, Terrigal, Avoca and our own Cockrone. They will assist in the development of the Coastal Lagoons Coastal Management Program (CMP).

We reported three residents had joined that Group. What we didn't know was that three other community members have also joined, including Ben McDonnell and Shelley Van den Hooven (famous for her fabulous photos of birdlife on the lagoon).

The Group's first meeting showed that our Cockrone Lagoon has many friends from Copacabana and Kincumber as well as Macs, so it is well represented in the Group's deliberations.

While each lagoon is unique, they share many of the same issues. We have asked that these common concerns as well as the unique aspects are factored into the planning process. The basis on which Council must open the lagoons, known as the "let-out policy" was the most controversial. We hope that an improved and better communicated policy is one of the outcomes of the Group's participation in the process.



ADD YOUR VOICE



Your Progress Association has been an important voice for the community since the 1940s.

To be an effective voice, we need a large membership, representing all the views of residents and landholders in the community, so we can hear what's important, and pick up the issues that are going to benefit our community.

The bigger our membership, the more funding we have. And importantly, the more credible our submissions can be to Council, State and Federal Governments and any government agencies which are making decisions that affect our community.

If you've recently joined or renewed your membership – thank you. Now come along to our meetings and add your voice.

If you haven't renewed your membership, you are no longer a financial member, and only financial members get to vote. Renew now, so you're back on the right side of the ledger: Click here
www.macmastersbeachprogress.com/membership/

If you're not a member, give joining serious consideration. It's only \$10 per person per year or part of a year. Click on this link to go to our www.macmastersbeachprogress.com/membership/, complete and submit the application form, then go to Pay Anyone on your on-line banking and send in your membership fee.

Got any questions? Email us on macbeachprogress@gmail.com. We'll direct your question to the right person and get back to you with an answer.



May 25 at the Progress Hall

11.00am to 1.00pm

Local identity Ellen Revello will be hosting her contribution to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Progress Hall.

This nation-wide initiative, raising funds for Cancer Council, is a great way to meet old and new friends, have some fun and raise some funds to help the Cancer Council help cancer sufferers around Australia. Last year the Cancer Council used funds from the Biggest Morning Tea to

- Give over 38,000 people impacted by cancer practical and emotional support via our 13 11 20 Information and Support service
- Provide 102,922 nights of subsidised accommodation to cancer patients going through treatment
- Transport over 32,000 people with cancer and their carers to treatment
- Support people affected by cancer with almost \$2million worth of free legal and financial advice
- Distribute over 727,000 free information booklets to better help Australians understand cancer.

**Raffle tickets start at \$5, and prizes include:
\$200 voucher from Mitre 10,
2 x 1 month gym memberships from Kincumber Gym,
A grocery gift basket from IGA,
Seafood Tray from Sea Coast Fishing
and many more!**

If any other locals would like to donate to our Biggest Morning Tea raffle please call Ellen on 0403 222 447

Voices from the Community

Bushcare

Allelopathy – Lantana's fiendish survival strategy

Ever wondered why Lantana is such a bad weed? Why is it one of the 32 plants on Australia's Weeds of National Significance, making it among the worst of the worst? Why is it so successful at taking over native vegetation in over 60 countries?

Lantana comes from Brazil, loves our climate, and has no natural enemies here. So it thrives – a lot!

And its fiendish, secret survival strategy is Allelopathy! That's the ability of a plant to poison the soil around it, so other plants can't thrive. So quite simply, Lantana poisons its competitors. Any seed from a local native that germinates near Lantana is quickly snuffed out by its toxin, and the Lantana dominates. We said it was fiendish!!

Removing Lantana removes the toxin and allows natural germination to take place and the land can start to rehabilitate itself. That's why bush regeneration actually works.

Smaller Lantana can be pulled out, larger Lantana is best cut off near the ground with loppers or a bush saw and herbicide quickly applied to the stump with a small paint brush to kill the roots, a technique known as 'cut and paint'. Then follow-up a few months later. It has to die!!

For more information about our Bushcare Group visit macmastersbeachbushcare.org



**We look forward to seeing you at our
next General Meeting meeting
on April 28 at 7pm**

**At the Progress Hall on the corner of
Tudibaring Parade and Three Point
Avenue**