

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association Inc September 2019

President's Report

(Next Issue November 2019)

It is exciting times in Brooklyn! So much is happening for our community and we would like to share the good news with you.

The new lifts at the station are in progress, final agreements are in place and preparation for construction will start in the coming weeks with an anticipated completion of the end of 2020. Steve Hayes will be joining us at the BCA meeting to provide a more detailed update.

Lock in the date – 19 October 2019 is a celebration, we will be holding a “Grand Opening” of the new footpath and the Art Cottage, with the new name to be revealed. We will start the walk at the Brooklyn Dairy field and walk together along the path to the Art cottage for the ribbon cutting. There will be refreshments available at the cottage. More details will be communicated in the next few weeks.

We are kicking off our sustainability focus at the BCA meeting on 7 September. We will talk about the project implementation with the goal to improve sustainability in our community and will be holding a separate workshop to get your ideas on what is most important and how we can all work together to achieve these goals.

Tom Richmond's first Talking History session was very well attended and Session 2 is scheduled on Saturday 26 October 2019.

The Health Centre will continue to provide services with the same way it always has, with no separation of the building or loss of access to the meeting room. Many thanks to Vicki Lynn for all of her hard work.

We hope to see you at the Spring Fair on 22 September 2019. The fair is the main fundraiser for our community-run childcare centre which also provides after-school care for students at Brooklyn. It is very important that we come out and spend some money, maybe you can win the pony poo contest this year!

If you are interested in getting more involved in your community, please come to our meeting!

Di Bowles, President Brooklyn Community Association

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Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting

**10am-12noon Saturday 7 September 2019
Brooklyn Community Meeting Room**

**Guest Speakers: Alan Barrett and James Donnelly: Update on the proposed Lower
Hawkesbury boating and aquatic facility**

**Ingrid Segovia: Update on the Sustainability project
Steve Hayes: Update on the new lifts at the train station**

BCA Members, Guests and Friends welcome.

Meeting Dates

Saturday

2 Mar 2019

15 Jun 2019

7 Sep 2019

30 Nov 2019

(AGM and
Christmas
celebration)

What's happening at Brooklyn Public School

- Zone Athletics Carnival Fri Aug 30
- Yrs5/6 Canberra Excursion Wed Sep 4-6
- Environment Talks - Hornsby Council Thu Sep 12
- Brooklyn Spring Fair & Markets Sun Sep 22
- Yrs3/4 Botanic Gardens Excursion Tue Sep 24
- End of Term 3 Assembly Thu Sep 26
- CAP Concert Thu Sep 26
- Last Day of Term 3 Fri Sep 27

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Celebrating Education Week at Brooklyn Public School

Showcasing our NAIDOC dance routines



Debbie Aselford <debbie.aseford@det.nsw.edu.au>

Improve Your Golf Performance and Overall Health with Yoga

One of the greatest gifts of yoga is its health benefits. What does good health mean to you? It is important to be clear regarding your intentions, expectations and goals for your health through yoga practice. Now, thinking about your golfing goals: challenges, physical and mental. Write them down, be specific. For instance, do you want to improve your balance in order to improve your swing, "that breaks down." Or do you need to increase club control with the hands, or any mental challenges, such as a wish to improve concentration? Perhaps you intend to hit the golf ball with less tension, enjoy being on the green more and have more joy in your game...Here are a few examples.

Tip for Neck & Traps-

Golf Benefit: Maintain steady head position with comfort.

Health Benefit: Yoga postures such as shoulder shrugs, neck releasers and arm extensions relieve neck and shoulder tension. Learn to create slight "traction" in the neck, relieving compression in cervical vertebrae. This is a common area to hold stress. Yoga relieves tension in the neck and shoulders.

Tip for Low Back Muscles-

Golf Benefit: Increase range of motion and **POWER**.

Health Benefit: Yoga poses such as twists facilitate your synovial or spinal fluid in the joints, acting as a natural lubricant to ease back pain. Postures increase blood flow to the muscles, reducing pain and fatigue and onset of sciatica.

Every golfer wants a better game. For many golf is a chance to relax, relieve stress, do business and exercise. But the wish to lower one's personal handicap is present in even the laid-back recreational golfer-gain that 90% of peak muscle activity when driving a golf ball- bring yoga into your life.

Jo Scarsbrick, Yoga Teacher and Therapist: Mobile 0414240342

Vision for Sustainability in Brooklyn

Our first step will be at the next BCA meeting where you will have the opportunity to help structure the process.

We hope you will get Involved

*Ingrid Segovia, BCA Sustainability Leader,
Brooklyn resident & Environmental Scientist
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Wharf St

Recently, the Community Association was advised that Wharf Street had been defined as rateable land and that it was now possible to declare the end of the street a reserve. This has been a lengthy process, starting in 2002, the year in which the Association originally formed as the "Brooklyn Ratepayers' Association".

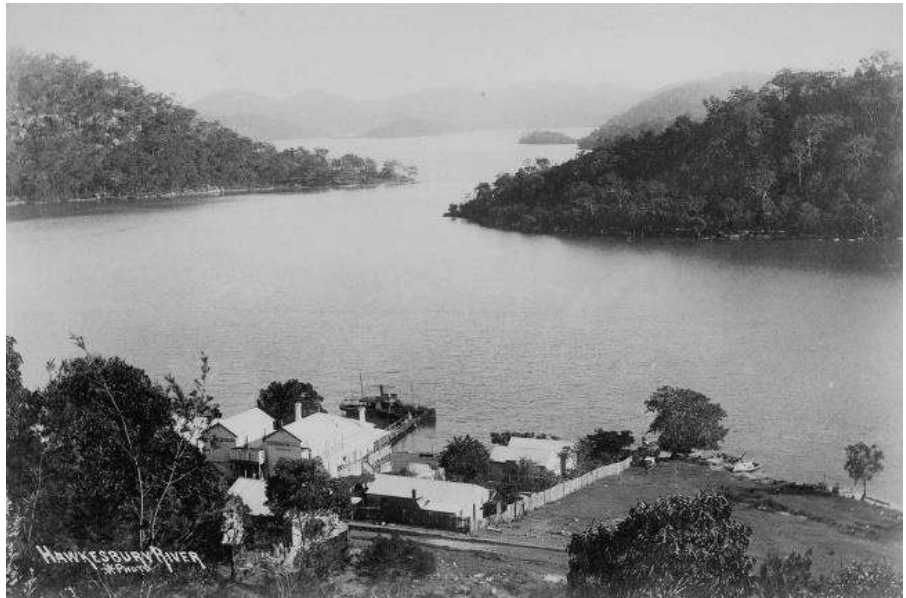
BYGONE BROOKLYN By Tom Richmond

For those who have noticed the large areas of foreshore reserved for public access in other areas such as the Central Coast, the story of Wharf Street is an intriguing one. It begins when Isaac Cole, the son of Mooney pioneer, James Cole, took up a conditional purchase in the 1860s. Cole's land was between Convent Hill and the Salt Pan and stretched back almost to where the Reservoir is now.

Isaac Cole was killed in an accident in 1872 and, because he had not met the conditions of the purchase, the land was forfeited to the Crown. Isaac's brother, James W. Cole, had established himself on the property, which he used as a fishing base. This included a wharf, which the Cole brothers built at the end of what became "Wharf Street".

Because the Crown had taken over ownership, James W. Cole sought to retain the use of the wharf by applying for permissive occupancy of it. When the decision was made to build the railway line, there was obviously going to be an increased demand for land. Informal occupancy was no longer a "safe" option and, probably for this reason, James Cole bought Isaac's whole forty acre block in 1883.

In 1886, Edwin Dietrich bought the block from James Cole and proceeded to apply for permission to sub-divide it. Deposit Plan 2002 was lodged, detailing the blocks of the subdivision and the course of future streets. This plan showed Wharf Street and a small reserve at the end of it. At that stage, Brooklyn Road had not been officially formed, so it was envisaged that those buying land would use water transport. For this reason, Ferry Lane was included on the plan to give access from properties that are now in Peat Street.



In about 1938, Alan Schumacher established a boatshed at the foot of Wharf Street, on the western side. An informal arrangement was that Mr Schumacher would maintain the public wharf in return for the use of it. Hornsby Council had become the owners of the wharf when they formed in 1906. A newspaper article suggests that the wharf was extended in the 1950s to overcome problems with shallow water.

Alan Schumacher passed away in 1963 and his family continued the business until about 1966. Older residents will recall that the area at the end of Wharf Street was a reserve. It had a seat and a sign proclaiming its status. Its grass was mown by the Council and it was a pleasant place for locals to meet by the river or use the wharf.

Back in 2002, the Ratepayers' Association sought an answer to a simple question. It observed that the reserve had been levelled and sealed, with the seat and sign removed. It also appeared that the wharf had been demolished. Boats appeared to have been moored in such a manner as to be swinging across the reserve frontage.

When the Association asked for the reserve and wharf to be restored, Council provided an answer that it did not own the area. The Association did not ever receive an answer as to how the area came to be sealed if no-one owned it. Let us hope that it will not be long before the pleasant grassed area is restored and the public wharf made available for local boaters once again.

Tom Richmond OAM uncletom@optusnet.com.au

UPDATE: After more follow-up from Chris Haywood and the BCA, we understand that on 22 May 2019, Council's ownership claim has now been approved, and Certificate of Title 102/1250467 was issued for the land recording Council as owner.



A message to those who would sell out to the get rich quick developers and to those who appreciate the beauty of Brooklyn, we offer you the modern history of our home in Brooklyn, NSW and all the people who have made it their home over the years.

It would be hard to guess how many Aboriginal people camped here over many thousands of years, so let's start with later arrivals.

On the 27 December 1883 James William Cole purchased thirty-one acres, two rods and thirty perches of land for 30 pounds, 13 shillings and 9 pence. Next to arrive was Maximillian Dietrich 24 January 1893, living there for the next 20 years.

During the First World War, on the 27 August, 1913, shown as tenants in common (minors) were Martin Thomas Donohoe, Joseph Fredrick Donohoe, Bede Nathaniel Donohoe and David Sidney Lord.

On 1st July 1925 Bernard John Conaty and James Brennan, First World War diggers and joint tenants. They named the house "THE REHAB'. Post war 18th May 1949, Bernard John Conaty and Thomas Michael Conaty were residents.

5th September 1949 Stanley Fredrick Bass, Hugh Henry Archibald, James Thompson. Sitting in the sunroom, views of the healing waters of the Hawkesbury, these fellows must have enjoyed their time there.

27 June 1963, Basil Steve Snowden and his wife Una Jean Snowdon settled there. 16 September 1976, Mavis Hewitt and Louis Gordon Emanuel resided for a short while. 3 November 1976 Thomas Hayes and his wife Brenda Hayes settled there.

In 1991, Robert George Davis and his wife Beverly, renamed the house 'DUNMOWEN" and settled into the peaceful Brooklyn community that has been their home for nearly 30 years.

What is our home worth today – who cares? To Bev and I, it is priceless.

Bob & Bev Davis



Hawkesbury River Yacht Club

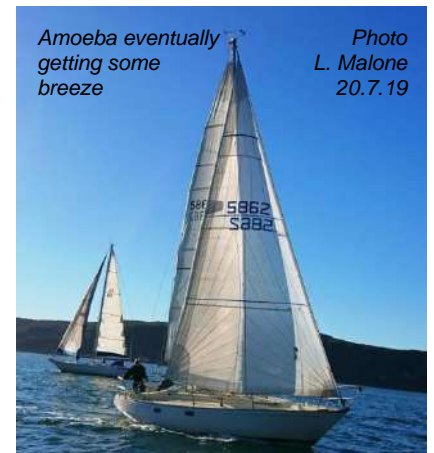
Midwinter is usually a quiet period for most sailing clubs due to the lack of wind – and the colder weather. In fact most clubs have a mid-winter break, but not HRYC, whose members seem to look for any excuse to be on the water.

This lack of wind means that the our races can be more of a drift-in – or out - due to the fast running tides experienced on the lower Hawkesbury. Learning to factor in such tides is an important part of boating in the area, and sailors who come from Pittwater or the Harbour, are often surprised at its effects.

Many of our members have been in Parsley Bay for decades, or are locals, and as such have learned about the variables of tidal sailing. This often means starting races at midday with little or no wind, and drifting around for a while. As the afternoon wears on the breeze usually kicks in, and then it's on for young and old, with the final outcome – in terms of placings – depending on where the tide has left you.

Amoeba from Brooklyn, and Crossbow from Dangar Island, found this out in the last two races, with the tide sweeping the former, way off course to Flint and Steel Point, and parking the latter off Little Patonga – thus making it difficult for either boat to finish within the allotted time. This said, everyone still has a great day on the water, and the comradery of sailing is not to be missed.

We invite anyone interested in sailing to join us. Visit our website <https://www.hryc.asn.au/> or find us on Facebook. For more information call Cliff on 0425 310 930.



*Photo
L. Malone
20.7.19*

Lee Malone HRYC



Tom Richmond – Talking History Program

About 60 interested attendees were enthralled by Tom Richmond's first "Talking History" session, covering:

- Aboriginal and Pre-Railway Peat's Ferry (1788-1880)
- Railway Construction period and early Brooklyn. (1880-1900)

Tom talked about people from the period and showed many interesting historical photographs. Councillors Warren Waddell and Mick Marr were in the audience, and everybody had a chance to talk to Tom after the session, and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon tea.

Sessions 2 and 3 will cover the following subjects:

- Peace and War (1900-1918)
- Depression and War (1919 - 1945)
- Post War Village (1946-1980)
- Suburban Brooklyn (1980-2019)

Session 2 will be held on Saturday 26 October 2019. You can register for this free event on Eventbrite under Talking history / Brooklyn. The event will be promoted in other local news and social media.

Enquiries: Miriam Moloney miriammoloney@gmail.com



Brooklyn Spring Fair Sunday 22 September 2019



The Brooklyn Spring Fair is the main fundraiser for the community run non-profit Hawkesbury River Childcare Centre that also provides before and after school services. The centre was opened over 31 years ago and has been an important and vital facility for our community. Please come out and support the Fair.

“YOGA WITH JO”

Brooklyn

Registration for Terms 3-4, 2019

All Levels-10 or 20 weeks

Where: Brooklyn Meeting Room

Brooklyn Medical Centre, Brooklyn

If you have any enquiries regarding enrolment or costs, please call Jo on mobile 0414 240 342.

Jo Scarsbrick

MSc., Dip. Hatha Yoga, Grad Cert. Yoga Therapy,
(Candidate) PhD & Doctorate Integral Medicine, Board
Registered Drugless Practitioner (AADP).

Hatha Yoga 10 classes

Available over 2 school terms

27 August 2019 -11 December 2019

Course fee 10 weeks 1.5 hour classes \$165.00,
Casual \$25.00 per class.

Course fee for 20 weeks, both Tuesday morning
(9am-10:30am) & Wednesday evening (6:30pm-
8pm) classes \$299.00 *
Save \$31.00*

*All sessions must be completed by 11 Dec 2019

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Marine Rescue Hawkesbury

Members well prepared for Search & Rescue operations

On 22-23 June 2019, 7 of our members participated in a multi-agency Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) for the Greater Sydney Region. Held at the Westpac Life Saver Helicopter Rescue Base at Cape Banks, we were joined by NSW Police Force, Surf Life Saving, Surf Rescue and Border Force. On day one, participants practiced Navigation and Search pattern theory whilst day two saw all units on the water putting the theory into practice.

Our members also attended the Hornsby Volunteer Expo which gained a lot of interest from perspective new members and provided the community with an insight into Marine Rescue as well as boating safety advice.

In the coming months we will be focusing on training and preparing for the annual Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. This will see all members on duty 24/7 for the weekend to ensure the smooth running and safety of participants. As always, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for real time updates on what we are doing as well as boat and safety tips!

Sarah Adair, PR & Media Officer, Marine Rescue NSW Hawkesbury Unit pr.Hawkesbury@marinerescuensw.com.au



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Sailing Club

13's Hit the Hawkesbury

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Sailing Club will blast open its 51st sailing season in September with the introduction of a new young adult class – 13 foot skiffs.

The 13's are a relatively new creation, designed as a transition boat from youth classes to the "invigorating" world of high speed skiffs. The lightweight and streamlined hull is driven by a powerful rig, and - with a talented and audacious crew – speeds in excess of 25 knots have been recorded. **YOWZAH!**



This is a complex but necessary step in response to growing participation and retention at HKSC. With a fully subscribed Learn to Sail program for the 7th year running, and our Dead Horse Beach boatshed bulging at the seams, the decision to grow and diversify was not an easy one.

"After a decade of commitment to coaching, development, and improving facilities at the Club, we're now seeing more kids put their hands up to come sailing, and more interest in staying with it into the teenage years" said HKSC Commodore Dave Downey. "It's great to be able to offer the 13's to young adult sailors on the Hawkesbury River"

HKSC runs sail training and regular racing out of Brooklyn between September and Easter each year. For information or enquiry, please visit our website at www.hornsbyisailing.com

Alan Barrett Vice Commodore HKSC 0402 113 885 hornsbyisailing@gmail.com

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a community free program offered to people throughout the area of all ages and health conditions, from: rehab for hips, knees, ankles and lungs to those with neurological conditions such as MS and Parkinson's, recovery from cancer to those currently experiencing general fragility. In addition, many studies show positive benefits of yoga on diabetes. In 2018, an article in *Endocrinal Metab* described how yoga techniques had a positive behavioural, psychological and physiological effects for people diagnosed with diabetes.

Chair Yoga is targeted at increasing:

- Physical balance
- Mobility and strength of joints and muscles
- Breathing capacity
- Circulation to feet and hands
- Sound sleep
- Relaxation and relaxation techniques
- A sense of purpose
- Reduce loneliness

Come to Chair Yoga, free of charge at the Brooklyn Medical Centre Meeting Room, Brooklyn. If you need a lift the KCM, the Brooklyn and Dangar Island volunteer group can collect/meet you and take you back home after you have enjoyed morning tea, a chat and lots of laughs...**PS Learn how to get up off the floor!**

*Jo Scarsbrick, Yoga Teacher and Therapist: 0414 24 0342
Vicki Swain, Brooklyn Medical Centre: 02 9985 7717*

The Arts Cottage

The Art Cottage is looking fantastic! A big thank you to the Hornsby Council. With advice from the Heritage experts, work has included improving and painting the exterior, electrical connection, fitting a kitchen, new flooring, and cleaning and painting inside.

The plans will be finalised soon for the BCA to have an agreement with Council to operate the Cottage for the next twelve months, on behalf of the Brooklyn and Lower Hawkesbury communities. All communities are very welcome to participate.

We plan to launch the Cottage on October 19th to coincide with the Hornsby Arts festival, and to combine with the Opening Ceremony for the new shared Cycleway and footpath starting at the Brooklyn Dairy field.

The Cottage will be open initially on Saturday and Sunday, with plans to extend later. Hours are planned to be from 9-5. The Cottage will be manned by 3 volunteers per day, *so volunteers are needed*.

Rooms will be divided into history (with some of Tom Richmond's old photographs); tourism, walks, local information; sustainability and revolving art displays/exhibitions. One room can be used for various workshops.

We will plan a monthly calendar of events and workshops, with possibility of guest speakers.

Expressions of interest will be sent out soon to local artists. Please contact us at the email below with any questions or interest.

Di Bowles & Myff Sharp BCA president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

R.W. Corkery and Co.

Many Brooklyn and Lower Hawkesbury residents will know Rob & Cindy Corkery, who moved their leading geological and environmental consultancy company, R.W. Corkery and Co., from Orange to Brooklyn in the late-2000's, to their building in Dangar Road.

"RW Corkery & Co delivers an integrated suite of project services from advice to auditing, due diligence, environmental monitoring, planning and consultation through to the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements to the mining, quarrying and waste management industries in Australia and internationally".

www.rwcorkery.com.au

In July 2019, Rob and Cindy passed over management of RW Corkery and Co to Mitch Bland, who has worked for the organisation for some time based in Orange. Mitch is a regular visitor to Brooklyn and the office here will remain the Company's largest, with 9 staff.

Rob and Cindy have been strong supporters of the Brooklyn Community Association and the community generally for many years and Mitch has indicated that that practice will continue. For the BCA, RW Corkery print the Gateway newsletter and provide committee meeting facilities.

The BCA welcomes Mitch to Brooklyn, and thanks Mitch and his staff who have very kindly agreed to continue to print the Gateway. This issue is the first to be printed under the new ownership.

And if you are trudging up the steep concrete path early one morning towards Porto Ridge, you may find Rob coming the other way or you may get an SMS at 6am with a picture of the river or the sunrise from the Ridge.



Robert Arnold BCA Secretary

Brooklyn Theatre in the Park

2 November 2019 at the Bird Park

The new stage has been finalised with the grant from The Stronger Communities Program.

Now we plan for Stage 2 of the stage project! We would like to design a roof for the stage. Many thanks to Ian Allen who helped project manage the new stage, Brett Hughes for the initial design, to Nick Cain and his Dad for landscaping and to all the other volunteers that helped to get Stage 1 completed.

We are all looking forward to coming on 2 November for the annual production.

Di Bowles president@brooklyncommunity.org.au



Mooney ~ Cheero Information

- The State Government "Reverse Vending Machine" which used to be available at the Mooney Mooney Workers Club has been moved to Berowra Tavern, 1A Turner Rd, Berowra Heights
Details are here: https://returnandearn.org.au/return_point/berowra-tavern
- The Mooney ~ Cheero Progress Association meets every month from February to December on the first Tuesday of the month in the Mooney Library (in the old School) at 7:30 PM.
- The Mooney Library is one of Central Coast Council's libraries. Professionally organised StoryTime for pre-schoolers every Monday during school terms from 10:00 to Noon. The library is open to the public (including folks from the wrong side of the river) on Tuesdays from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to Noon (with support from volunteers).
- The library and the Mooney Chapel are available for use by community members by arrangement. Events at Mooney chapel includes civil celebrant weddings. The choir meets there weekly as well.

Call John Andrews on 0418 276 492 for further information

Activating Parsley Bay for the Community

Attendees at the last meeting of the BCA in June heard about a vision to create a mixed-use facility at Parsley Bay.

Since 2017, members of local sailing clubs and the Hawkesbury Dragons have met to discuss options for better collaboration and facilities, and early this year the Brooklyn Community Association and the Brooklyn Community Hall Project Committee joined the conversation.

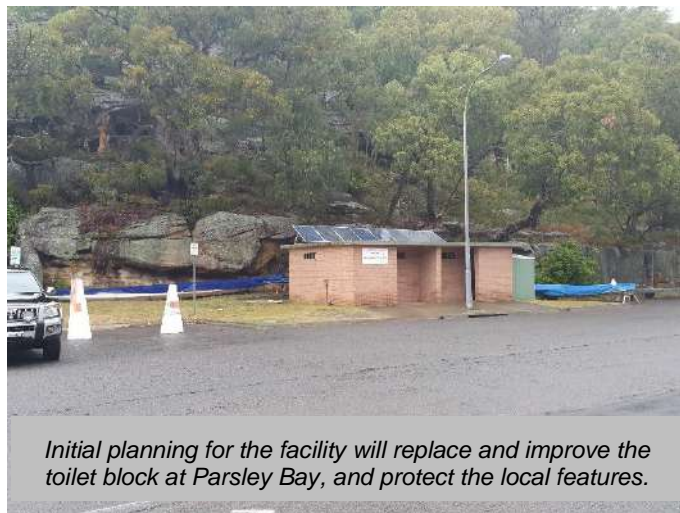
In August, the Lower Hawkesbury Aquatic Recreation Association (LHARA) was incorporated as a vehicle to progress the Parsley Bay Centre (working title) concept – a two story facility proposed on the site of the existing toilet block.

Leveraging existing use and services, the first floor would be dedicated to community activities and events, as well as learning and development uses, and the ground floor would serve as storage and "back of house" for aquatic sports and recreational stakeholders. Public toilets would remain within the building.

The thrust of this proposal is the activation and enhancement of the Parsley Bay precinct, and establishment of a place to support the use and enjoyment of the area by users of the Hawkesbury River, and the broader lower Hawkesbury community.

At the September meeting of the BCA, representatives from LHARA will expand on the vision, and discuss concept plans. It's early days, but we hope you will take this opportunity to learn more and get involved.

LHARA Committee (contact details to come at the BCA Meeting)



Initial planning for the facility will replace and improve the toilet block at Parsley Bay, and protect the local features.