

Mooney Cheero Progress Association April Newsletter

Notes from the MCPA April Meeting

1. The Chapel Update

The Chapel has a special gig coming up on Saturday 31st of May featuring Mia Wray with a stellar lineup of female singer-songwriters from the Central Coast. This special gig spotlights the immense talent, artistry, and storytelling of women in the music industry. The headline act Mia Wray is on the cusp of releasing her debut album following a string of acclaimed singles. She is renowned for her soulful voice and one to check out if you are a fan of Adele's music. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) and this show will sell out so don't leave it too late to book!

We are working on the marketing material for the Chapel to promote it as a venue for music, funerals, weddings and other events. We are also planning an open day/ community forum.

2. The River Hub Update

The last of the workshops as part of the council grant were held with 2 drama workshops and 2 kids art workshops. They were pretty successful, aside from a few bookings being no shows.

We're getting an additional raised garden bed in the community garden in the coming weeks. We'll be working towards getting the venue looking good in the lead up to the federal election on the 3rd May. We're also planning the first "Sunday Social" event sometime in June.

4. Preparation for the election day

We're hoping to make the most of the River Hub being a polling booth by hosting another raffle and cake stall. We've had some very generous donations from the community, but we are still seeking further donations. These funds go towards the running costs of the venues (electricity and insurance) so any help offered by the community is much appreciated. We intend to promote the raffle through our social media, emails and also sell tickets online. For anyone wanting to donate prizes or help out on the day please contact David Matcham.

5. We have submitted a projected budget for year ahead. We're not anticipating receiving any grant monies to cover the insurance cost this year.

\$500 for Chapel electricity

\$1200 for The River Hub electricity

\$1700 for Public Liability insurance

6. Walking Paths Working Group

The next meeting will be held soon. In the meanwhile, Johnny has done some cutting back along the route from Cheero to Mooney.

7. Old Road Committee

It's been announced that a new speed camera and "no stopping" signs will be installed in Cowan however, we believe there will still be many safety issues with the road such as photographers filming people racing. The committee are planning to meet with transport for NSW to discuss these ongoing issues.

8. Peat Island Community Reference Group Update

The Development Application for the construction of the new RFS fire shed next to the Milsons Island Parking Lot has been approved and the next step is construction. This will replace the current RFS fire shed on the corner of the Pacific Hwy and Point Rd and will allow for an upgrade of the RFS fire truck.

9. Upgrade of Cheero Point Playground

Council have started to survey the park for the upgrade but we're still waiting on more community consultation.

10. Bus Schedule review

They are reviewing the timetable and looking at replacing a service that goes to Berowra.

11. Visit from Central Coast Counsellor Jane Smith

The Counsellor Jane Smith will be meeting at The River Hub on Sunday April 13th from 3pm. She'll be invited to tour The River Hub as well as parts of Mooney and Cheero Point. The wider community are invited to come along to join this meeting.

12. Peat Island

David and John have proposed putting together a "Blueprint for the property adjacent to Peat Island" (but excluding the Island) to be done in collaboration with members from other part of the local community such as the BCA etc.

Annual membership for the MCPA is \$5 and can be paid by bank transfer.

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