

# Mooney Cheero Progress Association March Newsletter

Welcome to the new MCPA Newsletter. If you have something to contribute, please email [theriverhub@gmail.com](mailto:theriverhub@gmail.com)

## Notes from the MCPA March Meeting

### 1. Chapel Update

- The Chapel recently hosted 2 weddings for local families, both were lovely events.
- PDNSW have completed the repair of the retaining wall next to The Chapel.
- The Chapel Committee is planning to host an info day/ open day in the first half of the year.
- There is another “Fade Into You” gig by Central Coast Music and Arts coming up in May.

### 2. The River Hub Update

- The final grant activities for The River Hub and going to be concluded in in March. These activities included drama workshops, kids art classes (tbc) and some more materials for the community garden.
- The community garden committee is looking to focus on improving the outdoor areas of The River Hub and is seeking outdoor furniture that could be upcycled or repurposed for this.
- All community groups have been given a new venue agreement to sign.

### 3. Walkway Upgrade

The new walking paths working group has been formed and held their first meeting and went for a walk to review the issues. The group decided these are the priorities.

- Pedestrian crossing at the start and end of the bridge
- Footpath, curb and guttering from the Club to the bridge/ pedestrian crossing
- Access to Deerubbun Reserve via one of the underpasses
- Safe walkway from Cheero to Mooney
- There are 2 options for walking tracks, one along the Pacific Hwy, one that goes through The Chapel to Deerubbun and underneath the bridge.
- They have identified the funding from the mangrove walk in Brooklyn came from the “Get NSW Walking” state funded program. This program is administered by Transport NSW and David M has approached Transport NSW who have agreed to consider the need for safe walking paths in conjunction with the safety review taking place.
- It was agreed to argue the walkway is needed as a boost for local tourism as it will connect the Oyster shed etc to Brooklyn in addition to the safety issues..
- The issue of the vegetation along the Hwy between the Club and bridge needing to be maintained was raised and will become an action item.

### 4. Development around Mooney Club

The motion to declare the whole club as non-core property was passed. The MCPA believes the site of the club has to be rezoned from “recreational” to residential before it can proceed to a developmental application.

5. Meetings moved back to a Tuesday night, to be replaced by a quarterly Sunday Social event with more details to come. The next MCPA meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.
6. Parking issues in the top of Point Rd continue, making it difficult and unsafe for the bus to turn around and some residents are having difficulty accessing driveways. David Matcham is talking to Council about the need to permit motor vehicles to park on the road reserve and by implication banning all trailers.
7. Road safety review – the new member for Hornsby, James Wallace, has met with the committee and has undertaken to lobby for some of the actions being proposed, including banning photographers from the road entirely. The committee will meet with Transport NSW in April, once they have received a copy of the findings of the Independent Safety Review, to discuss what Transport NSW intends to implement in response.

### 8. Upgrade of Cheero Point Park

The council have approved \$160,000 in expenditure to upgrade the park but residents are not happy with the scope of work which does not respond to community needs. Local member Liesel Tesch has advocated for council to do some more community consultation before finalising the scope of work.

9. Bus Schedule review – David has started discussions with CDC about the timetable including new stops to link the bus service with Berowra Railway Station improving access to Hornsby.
10. The MCPA meeting notes will be turned into a MCPA Newsletter. It will start with meeting details and a calendar of events with room for more expansion if there’s interest. The Newsletter will be written by Vidette and reviewed and approved by David M.

### 11. Special meeting with counsellor from Central Coast Council

We have a counsellor from Central Coast Council planning to attend a meeting meeting at 3pm on April 13, more info to follow.

12. The issue of the gates not opening properly was discussed and it was decided that the gates should be left open from now and only closed where necessary.

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

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