

# Mooney Cheero Progress Association May Newsletter

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## Notes from the MCPA May Meeting

### 1. Treasury Update

The Election Fundraising has boosted funds in May. Outgoings over the month related to various workshops funded from the last Council Grant, which is now expended. The MCPA has now taken over the electricity account for the Chapel, lifting annual running costs to around \$3400. The MCPA will need to look at ways of lifting income to match costs.

### 2. 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! The open day/ community forum is still being planned and there is a Harry Potter movie night in the works.

### 3. The River Hub Update

The River Hub was a polling place for the federal election on the weekend. The raffle and cake sale raised \$912 for MCPA/ The River Hub which makes quite a considerable contribution to the projected annual running costs for The Chapel and The River Hub of \$3400.

This fundraising is only possible due to the support from generous local businesses and people from our community.

Thank you to these businesses and individuals for their donations to the raffle; Jacquie Foley Photography, The Hawkesbury River Oyster Shed, Mooney Club and Estuary Restaurant.

Thank you to David and Jim for organising the prizes and running the stall.

Thank you to all the bakers who make items for the cake stall.

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket, or from the cake stall and sausage sizzle.

### 4. Walking Paths Working Group

David M has sent a detailed justification for pathways based on safety issues to Transport NSW.

The proposals include a map of pathways produced by the working group which are predominantly behind the armco barricade or run through Deerubbin.

The issue of not having safe passage for pedestrians was also raised with Jane Smith from Central Coast Council who said that she could ask some CCC staff to come and review the area of road between the bridge and Mooney club.

### 5. Old Road Committee

The committee has met with Transport for NSW to receive the Independent Safety Report on the Old Pacific Hwy and the planned work to be undertaken by Transport NSW.

Some of the safety measures are already being implemented such as the new speed camera and there is a large body of work planned, mainly around making the road safer for cyclists and motor vehicles. Unfortunately, the issue of speeding vehicles, which are responsible for most of the crashes, is not being effectively addressed by Transport NSW. The Committee are continuing to provide feedback to authorities.

### 6. Parking

The issue about parking at the top of Point Rd is currently under review by council.

### 7. Upgrade of Cheero Point Park

\$160,000 has been budgeted to upgrade the playground, including soft-fall asphalt and the council are trying to find budget for shade cover, seating and possibly a BBQ/firepit, located in the park. David is meeting with Cheero Point residents to scope out the additional items.

### 8. Peat Island Development

David has started discussions with committee members from other community groups from the river with the aim of completing a "Blue Print" of what river communities would like to see in any future plans for Peat Island Land.

### 9. Replacement blinds for The River Hub.

Vidette requested that we replace the blinds in the River Hub as they are all broken. It was proposed that they be replaced with cheap blinds from bunnings and installed by volunteers. Each blind will cost between \$20 and \$50 depending on size. The motion was moved by Vidette and unanimously agreed to.

### 10. Outdoor furniture for the community garden

Vidette has requested a small budget for some additional outdoor furniture for the community garden to enhance its use for social functions. The committee are trying to source free furniture, where possible, but we may look at buying a few cheap second-hand items such as large tables.

### 11. Visit from Central Coast Counsellor Jane Smith

Counsellor Jane Smith came to meet at The River Hub on Sunday April 13th to discuss issues from our local community. Some issues that were discussed include; The safety issues on the highway and lack of walkways, the parks in Mooney and Cheero, parking on Point Rd, slippage of the road in Milloo and continuing support from the council for The River Hub and other community assets and infrastructure.

Action Items from the meeting;

- The vegetation along the pacific hwy between the club and bring needs to be cut back
- John Andrews to organise a meeting with councillor Belinda Neal at an MCPA meeting or at a time suitable to her.

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

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