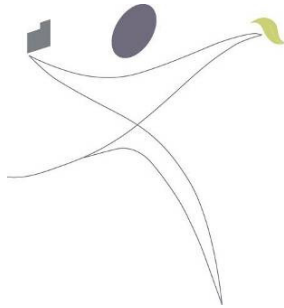


News and Views

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Edition No. 12 Enjoy the feature on Lord Howe Island and if you can get a chance to visit, take it!

You would be aware that reform of NSW's planning laws was a key election platform of the Coalition. We should keep an eye on what the State Government is doing with their Coal and Gas Mining Policies for NSW and also on proposals to replace/significantly amend the current NSW Planning Act.

Kind regards, **Peter & Michelle**

FOCUS ON LORD HOWE ISLAND



Michelle with LHI Lagoon in background and Banyan Fig and Kentia Palms



Mt Lidgebird and Mt Gower



Mt Gower with cloud cover

Over the past year and a half Peter and I have had the great pleasure of working for the Lord Howe Island Board as their consultant town planners. We have loved our trips to the island during this time and hope you enjoy our short feature on this special World Heritage Listed place. Lord Howe Island (LHI) is located 600km N/E Sydney and directly east of Port Macquarie.

LHI is surrounded by a beautiful coral reef and contains abundant marine and bird life. To get around most people either walk or ride a bike. **LHI is unique in that the visitor numbers are set at a maximum of 400 at any one time. Furthermore, only 25 new dwellings are currently permitted until the year 2025.**

Mt Gower on Lord Howe Island has just been listed as one of the top 5 walks in the world by NineMSN.



Blinkys Beach - LHI's surfing beach



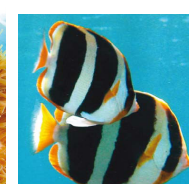
Neds Beach - excellent snorkelling and King Fish feeding opportunity



The Island Trader Wharf Precinct in northern section of LHI



Peter on North Bay Snorkelling and Turtle Viewing Cruise with southern mountains in background



LHI Marine Life -
 images courtesy LHI
 Marine Park Authority

We have assessed a significant number and range of applications during our time with the Board including:

- Installation of an Autosonde at LHI Bureau of Meteorology
- LHI Pre-school
- New tourist accommodation and modifications to existing tourist accommodation
- Two new dwellings and alterations to a number of existing dwellings
- New or modified Commercial/Retail Developments
- Airport Upgrade Works

Some important strategic planning initiatives on LHI, most ongoing, that AAP has been involved in, are:

- Review of the current LHI LEP and DCP Controls
- Review of the LHI Dwellings Allocation Policy
- New Heritage Study
- Community Development Strategy
- Relocation of the existing Powerhouse



All financial assistance for our local school leavers received in the committee's first year will be matched by the Country Education Fund of Australia (head office) and of course - **All donations are fully tax deductible!**



To be eligible for financial assistance LGA resident students must show commitment to achieving their goals and that they have financial need.

Applications will be invited from eligible school leavers by the Hastings Education Fund in the next few months.

For more information on the HEF you can email: hastingseducationfund@gmail.com

Alternatively you can contact Chairperson Peter Cuskelly on: Ph: (02) 6582 2429

In the News

- **Major Planning Review by NSW Government**
Alexandra Smith from SMH wrote on July 13, 2011: THE state's planning laws will be overhauled following a major review of the system to be overseen by the Land and Environment Court commissioner, Tim Moore and former state minister, Ron Dyer.

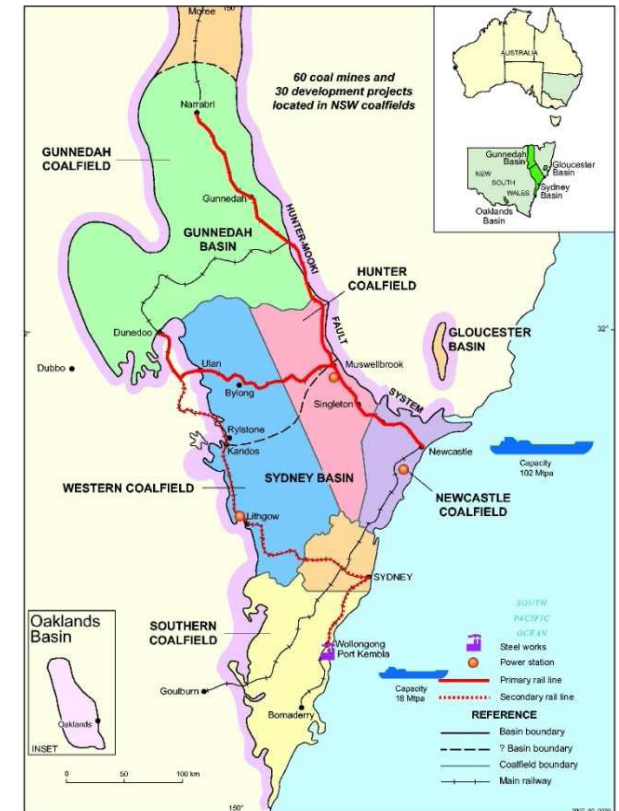
Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, said it would be the biggest overhaul of the system in more than 30 years and would "kick-start an era of integrity and transparency". **Hazzard said businesses which had fled NSW needed to be given the confidence to return to the state.**

The review would start with a four-month "listening and scoping stage", followed by a green paper on the options for the new planning system and then a white paper which would include the new legislation.

AAP will keep you informed through our newsletter of significant recommended changes to the current NSW planning system as this review progresses.

- **NSW Gas and Coal Policies are under development for various regions of NSW by the NSW Department of Planning**

These policies on coal and gas mining will have interesting implications for affected landowners and local communities.



NSW Coalfields Map - NSW Department of Planning



Image courtesy Lord Howe Island Board

Local Hastings Education Fund Needs You

Please consider making a donation to the Hastings Education Fund at: www.cef.org.au

Michelle is pleased to support and be a Committee Member of the newly formed Hastings Education Fund.

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