**President’s Report 2020**

**Significant figures 2018/2019:**

* 22 financial members (32 last year)
* 98 people are currently receiving our monthly newsletter; 48%- 58% are opening it each month; 5 have unsubscribed in the last year but 10 have signed up.
* 9 enquiries received via our web page; 4 seeking to join LHLC, 1 query re our hosting community days for a Special Ed class at BCH each Wednesday for a term.
* Facebook page – 368 followers.

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|  | **Working Bees** | **av. Volunteers** | **total vol. hrs** | **plants planted** |
| **‘core’ gp** | 31 | 9.5 | 690 | - |
| *(2 cancelled by weather; 8 replaced by Covid-19 exercise groups)* | | | | |
| **Skennars Hd gp** | *-* | - | *-* | - |
| **Shorty’s Stairs gp**  **Pinnacle Row gp** | -  0 | -  1 | -  1100 | -  over 1600 |
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We continue to be represented on Ballina Shire Council’s B Ward and Coastal Advisory teams and also on the Lake Ainsworth Interest Group. As well we were invited to participate in a community workshop developing concept plans for LVV.

**Sites:**

We continue to cover 10 sites in total; 9 of which are on land managed by BSC and 1 on land managed by NPWS.

**Projects:**

Water Weeds –BSC and Rous County Council continue to collaborate with us to manage both Salvinia and Water Hyacinth in Lake Ainsworth. Peter Briggs is invaluable in monitoring the Water Hyacinth and alerting Kelly when “all hands on deck” are required. Sport & Rec staff have not been at work to assist during the Covid-19 disruptions for much of this year.

Backyards For Habitat – This project continues to grow with income exceeding any previous year despite the cancellation of the Love Lennox Festival - see Treasurers report

Birdwing butterfly vines – The plants sent to the BSC nursery were targeted for planting on Council land by BSC and not available for us to sell on to private landholders. (They are available for any of our sites if we are interested). Fortunately we now have seed planted from this year's fruit plus a few tube stock which will be available for sale to the community to live up to our former promises.

Native Bee Hotels – Shaun has not progressed very far with this at this stage...

Planning for Climate Change – Malcolm has received tuckeroo stock from Bundaberg and BSC nursey are raising it until Malcolm is ready to use it.

**Local Issues:**

Lake Ainsworth – the final LACMP was endorsed by BSC Council and was to be sent on to State Government for gazettal in August this year. We have not been able to confirm that gazettal to date. If on schedule then revised b-g algae signage is die in Sept 2020, the management group is to be finalised in November 2020 and wildlife warnings were planned for Camp Drewe Rd by Dec 2020, though only the management Group was classified as essential.

Coastal Recreation Path / Shared Path – Both of these due for completion in the near future. Both impact on the Boulder Beach site and will open up new areas which need work once construction is completed.

Review of 4WD access to Seven Mile Beach - We made a submission to Council noting our members concerns re continuing misuse of the beach by 4WD drivers.

Lennox Village Vision - we participated in a community workshop to assist in developing the draft plans which went out to public comment. Following the public exhibition we made a further submission based on member comments which was sent out to contributing members and the committee.

All the feedback we receive continues to indicate that we are seen as an informed and valuable group by the Lennox Head community at large. I believe that this is largely due to the extensive expertise contained within our team, the regular article in the Wave and the friendly yet professional way in which our members engage with members of the community.

As always this year’s achievements would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of the following people;

* all of our working bee volunteers
* all of those who value our work and speak up for us in a variety of ways
* Mike, Pat C, Malcolm, Kelly and Sue for co-ordinating the rehabilitation of their respective areas and keeping up with the paperwork involved.
* Malcolm, Spider and Paul Brown (BSC nursery) for continuing to propagate stock with appropriate provenance for planting
* Kelly and Peter for managing the Water Hyacinth program
* Kelly and Spider for continuing to produce such engaging articles for the Wave each month.
* Kelly for being such a supportive and enthusiastic VP.
* Malcolm for keeping track of the bulk of our equipment and ensuring it is in good condition, and for continuing to share his vast wealth of knowledge and experience with us.
* Warren and Sue for their work as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.
* James Brideson and Paul Brown for their support on behalf of BSC.

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