



Update from North Byron Beach Resort

27th February 2021

Dear neighbours

It has been some years since we have printed and delivered newsletters to our local community and many new residents have arrived during this time. We wanted to update you regarding some key activities and make sure that you know you can contact us with questions and feedback.

North Byron Beach Resort is the overall site which encompasses Elements of Byron, the public beach access, Bayshore Bungalows, the not-for-profit Byron Solar Train and The Sun Bistro.

REPAIR OF THE SANDBAG STRUCTURE FRONTING BELONGIL ESTUARY

You may have heard recently about the repair works we have been undertaking to the existing sandbag wall fronting the Belongil Estuary. Here is a summary and update:

- The 1.5m high geo-fab (sandbag) wall was constructed in 2015 under the Coastal Protection Act.
- The works sit wholly within the Elements of Byron property.
- In 2017 an application was made to the Coastal Panel for a permanent approval, however they informed us that this was not required.
- As landowners and under this regime we are required to maintain the structure in perpetuity for safety and integrity.
- This is the first time since 2016 that we have needed to carry out any maintenance works. These works are limited to a small section of the overall structure.
- All work health and safety plans and protocols were drawn up, which included having two full time spotters on the beach for public safety.
- The contractor commenced work on Thursday 4th February.
- Under direction from the Fisheries Department we stopped work on Friday 5th February and submitted an application to DPI (Department of Primary Industries). We were not previously aware that this was required.
- The Fisheries permit was issued on the 19th February and the stop work order lifted.
- It is possible these bags may be buried again for many years due to the dynamic nature of this ICOLL (intermittently closed and open lake or lagoon).

It was not our intention to leave the work incomplete and untidy in the short-term. We are now planning the right time to get back in and complete the works.

BYRON SOLAR TRAIN

We truly appreciate the business that our local community brings to our train service. Without you we could not keep operating. We have introduced memberships for locals which include unlimited travel to make it more affordable for regular travellers. There is also an adult ten trip saver pass priced at \$40 which can be purchased on the train. We operate ten return services daily between 10:30am and 6:00pm. We are very happy to say that we are still the only full sized fully solar powered train globally. To find out more about memberships or to view the timetable visit www.byronsolartrain.com.au

PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR LAND TO THE WEST OF ELEMENTS OF BYRON

The planning proposal to rezone part of the North Byron Beach Resort site to E2 (Environmental protection) and E4 (Environmental Living) is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment. We anticipate Gateway Determination in the next few months and at that time the proposal will be publicly exhibited for 28 days. You can find more information including FAQs on www.northbyronbeachresort.com.au under "planning proposal". Please contact us with any questions, concerns and feedback.

SUN BISTRO

We are currently in the process of selling The Sun. You may hear this soon from other sources, hopefully we make it to you first. We have proudly developed and operated the pub here since 2014 and now feel that it is time for another operator to breathe new life into this incredible venue and local facility. It's early days, we are only just getting out to market.

Please contact us at any time with questions and feedback. You can reach us on enquiries@northbyronbeachresort.com.au or 0283794044.

Thank you.

