

# BANORA POINT & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Tuesday, 15 July 2014

The General Manager,  
Tweed Shire Council,  
P.O. Box 816,  
MURWILLUMBAH, NSW. 2484

Dear Troy,

**Re: Vandalism Honeymyrtle Drive, Banora Point**

The issue of vandalism in Honeymyrtle Drive, Banora Point was first raised by us in correspondence to the Tweed Shire Council on three separate occasions, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 and the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The situation at that time was resolved thanks to the involvement of the State Member for Tweed Geoff Provest and the Tweed Heads Police Liaison Officer at that time who was Senior Constable Andrew Eppelstun.

It is regrettable to have to report that once again, the residents affected previously are now being subjected to similar acts of vandalism and unacceptable disturbance and damage to their property.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014:** During the night, a caravan and car which were parked in the yard of 74 Honeymyrtle Drive (on the walkway side of property) was splattered with blue/purple acrylic paint thrown from the walkway. Fortunately in this instance, the paint was able to be removed.

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014:** As a result of Friday night's activities, the car was parked at the front door of the property to keep it away from the walkway. The car was once again targeted with the same paint so it was then reported to the Police who gave an event number of E107018702.

Meanwhile, the residents at 72 Honeymyrtle Drive are being subjected to empty bottles and rubbish being thrown over the fence and onto their roof which is very frightening for the elderly residents. At the same time, these youths are using bad language and pulling palings off the side fence.

The gated area behind the Honeymyrtle Drive residences, has broken branches and leaves which could be a fire hazard to properties if not cleared up. This should be checked and cleared on a regular basis by Council staff to prevent it becoming a problem in the near future.

There is also the question of who is responsible for cleaning up the rubbish from the two walkways. It has become too strenuous a task for seniors living in the area to continue cleaning it up. As it is Council property, surely it is the Council's responsibility to ensure these walkways are cleaned especially following the weekend activities of youth in these present times.

During on-site discussions in 2009 with Senior Constable Andrew Eppelstun, Geoff Provest, and members of our Association, Andrew was of the opinion that Council should consider closing the walkways permanently as he could see that this would be an ongoing concern for everyone. How right he was.

We therefore request that Council consider Andrew's suggestion and revisit the idea of permanently closing these two walkways to give residents the peace of mind they surely deserve and not have to suffer the consequences of acts of vandalism as described in all our correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Tate".

PAT TATE  
Secretary

c.c. Geoff Provest MP  
Superintendent Wilkins, Tweed/Byron Local Area Commander.