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Construction Update

The OCR community keeps growing by the day and has almost reached 300 homeowners. There are 187 homes built with 158 homes currently occupied and at least 8 homes waiting for their new owners. Buyers are coming from far afield as they are loving the climate of the mid North Coast.

Our last newsletter mentioned that earthworks had commenced in phase 4. After lengthy delays due to wet weather, the civil works are well under way, roads have been shaped, retainer walls are being put in place and services installed.

This delay hasn't stopped the builder near completing our new Noosa display. We can't wait to show it off !!



Have a look at the magnificent aerial shot below of the OCR taken very recently.



Movie Stars of OCR

Such is the diversity of talent at the OCR, some have now become movie stars.

A professionally produced video made to the song of Live Your Life by Kim Dotcom and has been posted on YouTube demonstrating how the residents relish the life at OCR. This has been such a hit and viewed over 100,000 times through Facebook and YouTube.

Watch the [Video](#) and you'll be caught up in the residents having lots of fun. You might want to get your dancing shoes on first!



Lake Cathie

Lake Cathie (pronounced 'cat-eye') is home to the Ocean Club Resort and just a 15 minute drive south of Port Macquarie.

It is such a well kept secret, a beautiful seaside village free of high rise apartments, bumper to bumper traffic and the hustle and bustle of major cities, yet includes abundant facilities and attractions that tick all the boxes. A large medical centre (including a dentist and optometrist), Woolworths supermarket, bowling club, cafes and other smaller shops and services cater for the growing population.

Tourism centres on the large saltwater tidal lake fed by the ocean and is the essence of the perfect holiday for families with shallow crystal clear water that is safe for children to swim and is also the ideal fishing or kayaking spot. Nearby picnic tables, BBQs, caravan parks and self-contained holiday homes means you don't need the car for an enjoyable day out.

You can venture up to the northern headland where a forest walk has been established, with a viewing platform offering fabulous views across the lake and out to the ocean. Practise your 4WD driving techniques along the vast expanse of Rainbow Beach. Try some hand-hauled prawning in the lake or just find a shady tree and a good book and let the world pass by.



Access from Lake Cathie to the Pacific Freeway will be much quicker when the upgrade to Houston Mitchell Drive (which locals call the Ghost Road), is complete. Work has been underway for some time so here's hoping that it will be finished soon!



Houston Mitchell Drive

The Creative Team of OCR

OCR is proud to announce the first OCR Art Exhibition showcasing the highest professional standard and work of our remarkable creative community.

The team has been frantically preparing their works which includes paintings, drawing, photographs, and sculptures. The exhibition will be open to the public on September 9th and 10th at the Clubhouse, and artworks will be available for purchase. If you're in the area, please come along.



The OCR exhibitors

Winter Activities

The new social committee has been listening to the residents and putting their heads together thinking of new and innovative activities for the winter months.

There is now a fortnightly "Meet and Greet", a chance for everyone to meet up with old friends as well as greet the new arrivals. These get togethers have a different theme each time and a recent one was a soup night where over 100 residents came along to get warm and cosy.



Resident Profile

Jacquie and Vic Rogers (plus their dog Mitzi) arrived from Yarralumla in March 2017. They are enjoying the warmth compared to the cold of a Canberra winter.

After a career mostly in the business skills area of the Canberra Institute of Technology, Jacquie returned to a life long interest in painting, and also took up quilting. Vic followed up a varied career in the Australian Public Service by a long period as a consultant and dabbles in a wide range of hobbies including photography. He has also been conscripted as Jacquie's art framer. Both take a lot of pleasure in Mitzi's company and demands.

They had long been exploring for a new base while motorhoming, and frequently found themselves staying in the mid North Coast. They love the fact that Port Macquarie is not too big but big enough to have key infrastructure and a good range of shops, cafes and interesting places to visit. But most importantly they appreciate the sub-tropical climate, the lovely environment and the many helpful people they have encountered.

"We spotted OCR on the internet and watched the YouTube videos while travelling down the coast. We then visited OCR a number of times on several trips to Bonny Hills. Lovely houses and friendly people. We couldn't get over how generous so many were with their time, stopping what they were doing to talk to us. And Karen went out of her way to show us around and make us feel welcome. We are also very keen to involve ourselves in OCR's facilities and interest groups."

