## RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION (Inc)



North Bendalong, Bendalong, Berringer, Cunjurong, Manyana

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27th February 2024

The Hon. Stephen Kamper Minister for Lands and Property NSW Government

Dear Minister Kamper

**Re: URGENT:** 

Preservation of Don Hearns Cabins

**Cunjurong Pt NSW** 

I write on behalf of the Red Head Villages Association, representing the residents, ratepayers and other interested parties of Bendalong, North Bendalong, Berringer Lake, Cunjurong Point and Manyana on the NSW South Coast.

It was unanimously resolved at the RHVA general meeting on 30 December 2023 that the Association write to indicate its support for the continued operation of Don Hearn's Cabins at 1 Ottawa Street, Cunjurong Point NSW 2539.

The cabins have been a part of village life for over sixty years. Many who live here now first visited the area when staying at Don Hearn's Cabins, and stayed there again while building their houses. The guests from the cabins purchase goods from our two local shops and use their services to cater events, helping to support the shops' commercial viability, particularly through the winter season.

This facility has helped shape the character of the local area. There have never been any doubts about the strong identity that Don Hearn's Cabins have formed in our coastal villages, associated with surfers and environmentalists alike.

More recently, the ravages of the 2019/2020 bushfires and COVID-19 have not dampened the spirit of the current operator, Lexie Meyer. The many roles she has undertaken as a volunteer supporting the local community has made her as much a local icon as the cabins themselves.

The local community supports the continued operation of Don Hearn's Cabins and preserving it's wonderful character and atmosphere in the village.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chris Hayes** 

President

Red Head Villages Association