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Catherine Hill Bay Open Day

Residents of historic Catherine Hill Bay are fighting to save the coastal hamlet from overdevelopment. To increase awareness about the plight of this coastal gem, Catherine Hill Bay residents will hold an open day on Saturday April 5. Visitors are invited to spend a day at the Bay, to learn about its history, enjoy its natural beauty, and inspect its heritage buildings which have been listed by the National Trust (NSW).

10:00 am Saturday, 5th April

ESCORTED HERITAGE WALK THROUGH MIDDLE CAMP - FREE

(2nd village in Catherine Hill Bay)

Visit an original miner's cottage

Tour the historic teacher's residence

Inspect the heritage cemetery

Devonshire teas will be served in the garden.

Meet at the corner of Flower Drive and Colliery Road.

Lunch – bring a beach picnic or head for the Catho Pub or Bowling Club

2:00 pm Saturday, 5th April

ESCORTED WALK OF CATHERINE HILL BAY VILLAGE - FREE

Visit an original miner's cottage

Inspect heritage buildings including the old Police station and lockup;
the former Post Office and Maternity Hospital.

Devonshire teas available will be available in a garden setting.

Tour departs opposite the pub

Catherine Hill Bay is located 30km south of Newcastle.

It comprises around 100 historic buildings dating back to 1870, set in natural bushland.

The township has a rich heritage as a coastal coal mining town with many original public buildings and homes still intact. It has also been recognized as an area high in biodiversity with many threatened and endangered species.

The National Trust (NSW) is strongly opposed to the current proposals from two developers (Rosecorp and Coal & Allied) to build 900 homes within the township. National Trust (NSW) Director Tina Jackson says this proposal "would totally engulf the historic village and obliterate its historical and environmental value as an unspoiled relic of our past".

For further information go to

http://www.catherinehillbay.org.au/save_the_bay_campaign/save_the_bay_campaign.htm

The National Trust is Australia's oldest conservation charity. It is not-for-profit and independent, relying on support from its members and the community to assist its work – which includes advocacy for the protection of built, natural and cultural heritage, conservation and education.

