



Point Lonsdale Civic Association Inc.

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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

NOTICE of MEETING and NEWSLETTER

January 2015

Notice of General Meeting

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Friday, 13 February 2015

Place: Learning Common, Point Lonsdale Primary School, Bowen Road

The guest speaker will be Mr John Fendyk, CEO, Bellarine Community Health (BCH). He will talk about the work of BCH and its future directions. We have advised him that members are interested in matters such as:

- Aged care
- Eric Tolliday units
- Services available to residents and new initiatives and programs
- Membership of BCH
- Parking on Nelson Road

Annual Subscription Payment and Donations

The annual subscription payment for 2015 was due by the date of the AGM, being 9 January 2015. Thank you to the many members who have already paid (and made donations). The subscription amount for 2015 is \$5 per person. Donations are welcome in addition to the payment of the subscription amount. Please specify the amount of any donation in the Membership Renewal and Subscription Payment form included with this newsletter.

The preferred method of payment is by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the PLCA bank account. Alternatively, payment can be made by cheque or cash by hand delivery.

The PLCA bank account details are:

Account Name:	Point Lonsdale Civic Association
Bank:	Bendigo Bank, Queenscliff
BSB:	633108
Account Number:	131346017
Description:	Surname, Initials (for all members if more than one member)

It is particularly important that your surname and initials are shown in the description section of the payment transaction where Electronic Funds Transfer is used. If payment is made by cheque, please write your name on the reverse of the cheque if it is from an account different to your name.

Whichever method of payment is used, please complete the Membership Renewal and Subscription Payment form included with this newsletter. The form can be returned by email to plcasecretary@gmail.com or by post (address on form).

If you know of family or friends who wish to become a member of PLCA, please advise them that new members need to complete the Membership Application form that can be found here: <http://www.plca.org.au/contact/>

Call for Additional Committee Members and/or Committee Support Role

At the Annual General Meeting on 9 January, four of the five ordinary committee member positions were filled (new members are Peter Deacon and Andrew Rogers – see AGM minutes for list of all Committee members). In addition to the one vacant position, another vacancy may arise in the near term. The PLCA Constitution provides that the Committee may appoint a member to vacant positions at any time prior to the next AGM. Accordingly, the Committee is seeking nominations from members for two ordinary committee positions.

Also, the Committee is **seeking a member with expertise in submission writing** who could assist the Committee in drafting submissions to the Borough of Queenscliffe, the City of Greater Geelong and other organisations. This person could also assist in the drafting of other correspondence. This expertise could be provided either as a Committee member or in a Committee support role.

A member may nominate himself or herself as a Committee member or, with a member's consent, may be nominated by another member. Please consider nominating yourself or another member to join the PLCA Committee for 2015. It will be an important year for PLCA and Point Lonsdale given the large number of longer term issues to be resolved within the Point Lonsdale community.

If you have any questions or wish to nominate to become a Committee member, or are willing to provide support to the Committee in submission writing, please contact the Secretary, Jasper Coghlan, via email at plcasecretary@gmail.com or on mobile 0439 009 306.

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve

In her presentation at the PLCA AGM, the Mayor, Cr Helene Cameron, noted that the Council has requested the preparation of a detailed feasibility and financial analysis of Option 2 (Landscape Improvements) as presented in the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Discussion Paper as well as the items identified by the Project Reference Group. She also stated that:

The Consultants are expected to provide the detailed feasibility and financial analysis for Council to consider in March 2015.

Keeping the community informed is a high priority and encouraging participation in future stages of the project will be considered at that time, together with future opportunities for community contribution.

Details of Option 2 as specified in the Discussion Paper and the full list of the on-ground works suggested by the Project Reference Group that are under consideration can be found on the PLCA website here:

<http://www.plca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Pt-Lons-Lighthouse-Reserve-Option2-BoQRef-Group-2014.pdf>

Point Lonsdale Foreshore – Redevelopment and Visitor Information Caravan

Redevelopment

In her presentation at the AGM, the Mayor advised that the relocation of the amenity block to the southern boundary of the Village Park against the Bowling Club boundary is designed to unite the two main uses of the park, allowing parents clear sightlines from the BBQ area to the playground. She listed all the works planned for the Village Park and for the Playground Upgrade. Details can be found here at pages 4 to 6 of her presentation which can be found on the PLCA website here:

<http://www.plca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Mayors-Speech-at-AGM-9-January-20151.pdf>

The Mayor advised that a concept plan for the Village Park works will be produced this year which will be subject to community consultation. She also advised that there would be community consultations regarding the Playground Upgrade.

Visitor Information Caravan

The Pop Up Visitor Information Caravan, which has been located over the summer peak period facing the road in the Village Park, has been declared a “huge success” by the Borough with over 600 individual inquiries between Boxing Day and January 8 (as stated in report in Borough’s new E-Business Bulletin). It remains to be seen what this means in terms of the advice to Queenscliffe information Centre volunteers that, if this initiative proves to be of value, there may be an opportunity to put a more permanent structure in place.

Coastal Repair Works in Point Lonsdale

In her presentation at the AGM the Mayor advised that the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP replacing DEPI) is to invest \$320,000 into coastal infrastructure management in the Borough this financial year. This includes \$100,000 for the construction of a rock revetment at the end of the Point Lonsdale Sea Wall underneath the Bowling Club and \$50,000 for investigations and repairs of the Point Lonsdale Sea Wall.

PLCA Civics and Citizenship Award

In 2014 PLCA initiated the PLCA Civics and Citizenship Award to be presented to a Year 5 student at Point Lonsdale Primary School who demonstrated a commitment to giving back to their community in addition to their work as a learner. This award was proposed by a committee member in part as recognition of the Point Lonsdale Primary School for providing a meeting venue free of charge. It also serves to support students in becoming active contributors to their community. The \$200 award provides funds to subsidise their final year of school and is paid into the student's school account.

In December, the Award was presented to Lucy Naylor in recognition of work both in the School and the broader community. The award selection panel was advised that she is involved in the Board Riders Club and has been a keen helper at their working bees, participated in school based environmental activities and represented the School at sporting events. Lucy is a great role model and will no doubt continue to contribute to the Point Lonsdale community in the future.

March PLCA Meeting

A General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, 13 March 2015. There will be a presentation from a representative of the Point Lonsdale Surf Club regarding their proposed building development (further details in meeting notice).

Jasper Coghlan

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