



# **Point Lonsdale Civic Association Inc.**

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*Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910*

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **April 2013**

#### **Next Member Meeting**

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Friday, 12 April, 2013

Place: Uniting Church, Kirk Road, Point Lonsdale

Part 1: Planning for a New Surf Life Saving Club Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Michael Doery, President, Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club

Will include details on planned features for the clubhouse, locations under consideration as well as the process and the time-table to decide the location.

Part 2: Briefing and Discussion regarding:

- Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve – Council's Consultant Brief
- Front Street and Foreshore Revitalisation Plans

#### **Membership Status**

Given that no membership fee is payable for 2013, the Committee wishes to advise that all those who are presently on the Membership Register of PLCA are considered to be full members of PLCA so long as no subscription fee is payable. This includes those who did not pay a membership fee in 2012 or in recent years. However, if you no longer wish to be treated as a member of PLCA nor wish to receive communications from PLCA, you are requested to send a letter of resignation to the Secretary.

The background to this is that the PLCA constitution in effect up to 11 January 2013 provided that membership ceased only upon death or resignation. However, the new constitution adopted on 11 January 2013 provides that those who are un-financial for 12 months are deemed to have resigned if

subsequently they do not confirm within 3 months that they wish to remain a member. This new approach to any member who does not pay a required membership fee will be adopted in the future if and when a membership fee is payable.

## **Recruitment of New Members**

About 20 new members have joined PLCA so far this year bringing our total membership to just over 330. We are finding that extended family members of PLCA members are joining and that members of the younger generation are also joining, with all enjoying the benefit of receiving correspondence about current issues directly to their own email address.

It is considered that PLCA will have a stronger representative and advocacy voice if its membership is even greater than at present. With this in mind, the Committee is urging **all members to recruit at least one new member**. This is an ideal time for such recruitment given that membership is free and given that there are a number of current issues that will impact the future of Point Lonsdale, especially the Lighthouse Reserve development.

To assist in this recruitment, you are welcome to bring potential members to a member meeting.

To obtain membership application forms please contact the Secretary via [plcasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:plcasecretary@gmail.com) or via mail to PO Box 28, Point Lonsdale, VIC, 3225. Forms are also available at member meetings.

## **Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve**

The Committee has corresponded with and met with the Mayor, other Councillors and the Borough CEO regarding the consultant project brief for the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserves Study. The focus of these discussions has been on the scope of the consultant project brief and on the need for effective community consultation on any developments planned for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve. Advice has been received from the Council that the Rip View Carpark area is not part of this development study.

Please attend the member meeting on 12 April for a briefing and discussion of latest developments.

## **Sale of Stockland Development**

Stockland has announced that it is to sell the areas of The Point that have not yet been finally approved for development but that they would continue to sell the 75 or so blocks that have been approved for development. The Committee will monitor all of this and will work with other organisations to ensure the appropriate treatment of the area to be sold, e.g., at minimum to ensure that all environmental requirements that have applied to Stockland also apply to any new developer. We have been advised that the Borough Council is contacting the Federal Minister for the Environment to urge such a requirement.

## **Bellarine Peninsula as a Place of Regional Significance**

In February the Planning Minister, Matthew Guy, announced that funding will be provided to local government to undertake formal community engagement and consultation to determine a Localised Planning Statement in regards to the Bellarine Peninsula as a Place of Regional Significance for inclusion in the Government's Regional Growth Plans. The Committee has advised the Mayor that this is a matter of importance to it and that PLCA wishes to be fully involved in this consultation process. It is considered that such a Localised Planning Statement is critical to preserving the future of Point Lonsdale.

## **Celebrating 150 Years of the Borough of Queenscliffe**



PLCA is supporting the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and encourages members to participate in the range of activities to be held on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May. PLCA has requested that material about the role of PLCA and some of the current issues in Point Lonsdale be included in the Time Capsule that is to be buried as part of the celebrations.

## **ANZAC Day Ceremonies**

The RSL is requesting full community participation in the ANZAC Day ceremonies given that this will be the first without the participation of the Fort Queenscliff Military Unit. The Dawn Service will be at 5.45am at the Bullring at the Ocean View Lookout in Queenscliff. The Point Lonsdale March will assemble at 8.45am at the shops and then proceed along Kirk Road to the Cenotaph. The main March will assemble at 10.45am at the Post Office on Hesse Street to proceed to the Fort Parade Ground for the service at 11.00am.

**Jasper Coghlan**  
**Secretary**