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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

NOTICE of AGM and NEWSLETTER

December 2013

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Friday, 10 January 2014

Place: **Learning Common, Point Lonsdale Primary School, Bowen Road**
(enter via main school entrance)

Please note that the venue for this meeting and future PLCA meetings is the **Learning Common, Point Lonsdale Primary School, Bowen Road.**

The guest speaker will be Cr. Helene Cameron, Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe who will talk about the key achievements of the Council during 2013 as well as key issues and initiatives in 2014 with a focus on Point Lonsdale. No doubt one of the key issues for 2014 is the plan for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve (includes Toc H site).

There will be an opportunity for Q&As with the Mayor.

In addition, our new constitution requires that the following matters are handled during the AGM (proposed resolutions below):

- Election of office bearers and other (ordinary) committee members for 2014
- Resolution: That for 2014 the number of ordinary committee member positions be five
- Resolution: That the annual subscription for the 2015 year be \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family
- Resolution: That the annual subscription due date for the 2015 year be 9 January, 2015;
- Resolution: That where a new member joins the Association after 30 September in any year, the annual subscription paid for that year will also be considered as payment of the annual subscription for the following year

Call for New Treasurer and Committee Members

Our present President (Fay Agterhuis), Vice-President (John Goodman) and Secretary (Jasper Coghlan) are offering themselves for re-election to these positions. However, as John Crisp is not offering himself for re-election as Treasurer, there is a need for a new Treasurer.

Three ordinary committee members are offering themselves for re-election (Merv Jaensch, Laurie Muscat and Gaye Wilson). Assuming the passing of the proposed resolution above, there is a need for two new ordinary committee members in addition to a new Treasurer.

Nominations for all positions will be called for at the AGM. A member may nominate himself or herself or, with a member's consent, may be nominated by another member. It is requested that nominations be made via the enclosed Nomination Form and that it be provided to the Secretary preferably by 3 January, 2014.

Appointment of A Proxy

A member may appoint another member as his or her proxy at a general meeting. The appointment of a proxy must be in writing but it is optional to use the form approved by the Committee for the appointment of a proxy. Please find included with this newsletter a copy of the Proxy Form approved by the Committee should you wish to use it to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf at the AGM. The form appointing a proxy must be given to the Chairperson of the meeting before or at the commencement of the meeting. If the form is sent by post or by email, it must be received no later than 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting (send to the Secretary via the PO Box or email address shown on the Proxy Form).

Annual Subscription Payment and Donations

No annual subscription was payable in 2013 in celebration of the Borough's 150th Anniversary. However, the prior annual subscription amount is payable for 2014 and is due by the date of the AGM, being 10 January 2014. **The subscription amount is \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family.** Donations are welcome in addition to the payment of the subscription amount.

For 2014, 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. 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. The PLCA bank account details are:

Account Name:	Point Lonsdale Civic Association
Bank:	Bendigo Bank, Queenscliff
BSB:	633108
Account Number:	131346017
Description:	Surname, Initials

Whichever method of payment is used, it will be appreciated if members complete the

Membership Renewal and Subscription Payment form included with this newsletter. The form can be returned by email or by post (details on form). New members need to complete the Membership Application form that can be found here: <http://www.plca.org.au/contact/>

New PLCA Website Address

The State Library of Victoria has ceased providing the website hosting service that was provided at no cost to community organisations such as PLCA. As a consequence, PLCA has moved its website to a commercial service provider and now has this new website address: www.plca.org.au

The website is updated regularly with the latest news and provides access to all recently published newsletters and documents. It contains relevant information and an application form for new membership applicants.

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse (Toc H) Reserve Study

As part of the initial community consultation conducted by Planisphere consultants for the Council, PLCA submitted ideas generated at the PLCA November general meeting regarding the future of the Lighthouse Reserve (see minutes of meeting sent to members – copy here):

<http://www.plca.org.au/plca-documents/>. Following the initial community consultation, the second meeting of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Community Reference Group took place on 16 December. Merv Jaensch is representing PLCA on this Reference Group and is liaising with a sub-committee of the PLCA Committee.

As the work of the Reference Group is confidential, no report can be provided to members about the material provided to the Reference Group by Planisphere and the Council. No information has been made public by the Council as to the date on which it will consider a Discussion Paper (originally scheduled for Nov – Dec 2013) nor when Concept Plans will be available for community consultation (originally scheduled for Jan – March 2014).

The Q&A session with the Mayor at our AGM on 10 January will provide an opportunity for members to ask questions about this matter.

1 Kirk Road Development

A Council Planning Review meeting was held on 11 December to review the proposed development at 1 Kirk Road. The meeting was advised that a significant number of objections had been received. The summary of the issues raised by submitters specified issues relating to overdevelopment, neighbourhood character, parking, vegetation, liquor licence, use of site, waste, deliveries, residential impact, discrepancies on plans, amenity impacts, site coverage, hours of operation, setbacks, vehicle and pedestrian safety and noise. Merv Jaensch represented PLCA at the meeting and made a presentation expanding on the objections lodged by PLCA.

Details of the Planning Review Meeting and the proposed development can be found on the Council website here (11 December meeting):

<http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/council/council-meetings/planning-review-meetings>

At page 7 of Part 2 of the documents in the link above there is a photomontage of the proposed building. At page 17 of Part 1 of the documents, details are shown of the proposal. Details include:

- Development of a three story mixed used development incorporating a licensed retail premises (shop) at ground level, and a dwelling on the first and second levels
- The licensed retail premises (shop) is for the purpose of wine sales and tasting and accompanying food, being approximately 130 square metres
- The proposed hours of operation for the retail tenancy are:
 - Wednesday and Thursday – 11.00am to 6.00pm; and
 - Friday to Sunday – 11.00am to 8.00pm

The agenda for the Council meeting on 18 December shows the status of this application as being “application on hold at request of the applicant”. PLCA will continue to monitor this matter.

Main Street and Foreshore Revitalisation

The roundabout at the corner of Admans Street and Point Lonsdale Road has been constructed and will be finished off with plants in the Autumn. The works on the foreshore have been delayed by unseasonably heavy rain but it is expected that the area in front of the shops will be completed before Christmas. The work at the northern end of the foreshore has ceased and the site will be tidied up in the short term but is expected to be completed in February.

Public consultation regarding the foreshore vegetation is expected to commence in January and will run for two months.

Coorabin Closure and Future Provision of Meals on Wheels

The Coorabin aged care facility run by Bellarine Community Health (BCH) has now closed with a number of residents and some staff transferring to the new Arcare aged care facility (Shell Road). No announcement has been made about the future use of the site occupied by Coorabin. Our President, Fay Agterhuis, attended the recent AGM of BCH where she and others asked a number of questions about the background to the closure and future plans and use of the site, e.g., use of a recent \$3.5 million government grant. It was stated that the Coorabin facility is not to be used as a TAC rehabilitation centre but one possibility for future use of the building is administration.

Earlier BCH had advised the Borough that it would no longer provide meals for the Meals on Wheels service. It has been announced that the meals in future will be cooked at Arcare but with BCH to retain the management of volunteers who distribute the meals. Some concern has been expressed that in future meals will be chilled rather than delivered hot.

The PLCA Committee will continue to monitor these issues particularly in regard to the future use of the Coorabin site and the effective operation of Meals on Wheels.

Emily Street Flooding

Street flooding around Emily's Pond at Emily Street has again occurred during heavy rain this year. As it is evident that the temporary pump stormwater clearing system is not working effectively, PLCA has written to the City of Greater Geelong to highlight this issue and to seek advice on when a permanent solution will be implemented.

Telstra Tower in Bowen Road

Despite community objections, the expanded Telstra mobile phone tower in Bowen Road next to the Primary School will go live this month. Baseline EME testing was undertaken in June and further testing is to be carried out in mid-January.

PLCA Meeting Schedule

In addition to the AGM in January, PLCA General Meetings are scheduled in early 2014 for:

- Friday, 14 February
- Friday, 14 March

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