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NEWSLETTER

October 2013

Member General Meeting 8 November – Lighthouse Reserve Open Forum

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Friday, 8 November 2013

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**. This change in venue is a result of the fact that the Uniting Church at Kirk Road is no longer available for our meetings.

The meeting will be an open forum to discuss the proposed Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve development project and PLCA's contribution to the current study and consultation process. This is an opportunity for members to contribute to PLCA's submission to the Study consultants and the Council in the concept stages of this project, as we consider it important that the community attitude to such a development is clearly appreciated.

Key matters for discussion are:

- Underlying principles to be used to inform the planning of the future of the Reserve
- Which aspects of the Reserve should be retained
- The possible type and scale of changes in the Reserve

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse (Toc H) Reserve Study

Planning for the future of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve has commenced. The Council has engaged Planisphere Pty Ltd to prepare strategic directions and concept plans for the Reserve. The first meeting of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Community Reference Group took place on 11 October. Merv Jaensch is representing PLCA on this Reference Group.

The timetable for the consultant study is:

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| • Stage 1 – Background and initial community input | Oct – Nov 2013 |
| • Stage 2 – Discussion Paper | Nov – Dec 2013 |
| • Stage 3 – Concept Plans for community consultation, financial assessment and business plan | Jan – Mar 2013 |
| • Stage 4 – Tender Documentation (if required) | Apr – May 2013 |

Consultant Open House Drop-in Session

Planisphere is conducting an Open House drop-in session on Saturday, 2 November to provide an opportunity for anyone interested in the future of the site to (1) get more information, (2) provide ideas, and (3) raise issues for consideration in the study.

The **Point Lonsdale Reserve** drop-in session details are:

2.00pm - 4.00pm
Saturday, 2 November, 2013
Point Lonsdale Uniting Church
Kirk Road, Point Lonsdale

Members are urged to attend this drop-in session in order to be informed about the study and to ensure that their views are taken into account in the study.

Members may also wish to participate in the same type of drop-in session in relation to the Queenscliff (Shortlands Bluff) Lighthouse Reserve as follows:

10.00am - 12.00pm
Saturday, 2 November, 2013
Queenscliff Library Reading Room
55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff Lighthouses Reserves Study – Community Survey

As part of the Lighthouse Reserves Study the Council is conducting a community survey to help the Council to determine a vision for each site and the issues that should be considered in the next stages of the study, i.e., a Discussion Paper and Concept Plans for community consultation, financial assessment and business plan.

A paper copy of the survey was mailed to ratepayers in the week commencing 21 October. The Point Lonsdale survey can be completed via the Council's website here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PointLonsdaleLighthouseReserve>

The **deadline for the submission** of this survey is Friday, 15 November

Member Views to PLCA Committee

The PLCA Committee is keen to obtain input from members regarding their views about the future of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve and would welcome receiving written details of member views similar to the input requested in the Council survey. These views will be used to inform PLCA's submission on this subject. Receiving details of member views is particularly where a member is unable to attend the PLCA meeting on 8 November.

Please send your views to the PLCA Secretary preferably by Thursday, 7 November and no later than Wednesday, 13 November. Please email to plcasecretary@gmail.com

Coorabin Closure and Future Provision of Meals on Wheels

Earlier in October Bellarine Community Health (BCH) announced the closure of its **Coorabin** aged care facility. The hostel in Nelson Road is currently home to 40 residents. BCH said that the closure of Coorabin will be timed to coincide with the opening of the new Arcare aged care facility (Shell Road) in mid-November. No announcement has been made about the future use of the site occupied by Coorabin. We are aware that a number of residents, families of residents, staff and community members are very upset about the closure itself, the lack of consultation with these stakeholders and the very short period of notice.

The BCH media release on the closure can be found via the link below. The links lead to PLCA's Dropbox – the long link is followed by a short link which may be preferred (is a duplicate of the long link).

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6ixdeocgixqq0h7/Coorabin%20BCH%20Media%20Release%20re%20Closure.pdf>

<http://bit.ly/17mM0az>

Earlier BCH had advised the Borough that it would no longer provide meals for the **Meals on Wheels** service. It has been reported in the Bellarine Times that BCH, the Victorian Department of Health and the Borough of Queenscliffe are working together to provide continuity of service and to find a new provider to prepare meals. BCH will continue to coordinate the Meals on Wheels service.

The PLCA Committee will continue to monitor these two issues particularly in regard to the future use of the Coorabin site and the continuation of Meals on Wheels. Latest updates can be found on the PLCA website here: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~plca/news.php>

Retail Development – 1 Kirk Road

The Minutes of the September meeting of the Council shows that it has received a development application in relation to 1 Kirk Road (corner of Simpson St) which seeks a permit for a three storey building, the waiving of car parking requirements, and for a retail development with a permit to sell and consume alcohol. Subsequently a Planning Permit Application Notice has been posted on

the property (copy of Notice in 24 October issue of the Echo at page 33). The Application states that it is "for a permit for buildings and works associated with the construction of a three storey building (retail premises and dwelling) use of the land for a dwelling and removal of native vegetation."

The Application supporting documentation makes reference to residential and retail premises on this site including wine tasting, sale of wine by the glass, bottle sales, and associated food etc. generally defined as similar to a "cellar door" operation, which still needs clarification as to license requirements once a formal application is made to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation.

While this property is bounded on both sides by residences, it is understood that 1 Kirk Road is zoned commercial. Nevertheless, concern has been expressed by some residents that this is not an appropriate development given that Kirk Road is essentially residential in character.

The PLCA Committee is seeking more information about this application. Any updates will be posted on the PLCA website here: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~plca/news.php>

The Application and supporting documentation can only be viewed by visiting the Borough's office in Queenscliff. The notice states that the Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before November 8, 2013. In other words, **any objections etc. need to be submitted to the Borough by Friday, 8 November.**

Main Street and Foreshore Revitalisation

As expected, the northern Monterey Cypress tree in front of the shops has been removed and work on Stages One and Two of the foreshore works have commenced and will run concurrently. It is planned that the bulk of the work on these two stages will be completed prior to this Christmas. The final landscaping works will not take place until May. The draft Concept Tree Plan for the Foreshore vegetation is still to be released for community consultation. The construction of the Admans Street roundabout has also commenced.

More details about these works can be found on the PLCA website here:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~plca/current%20issues.php>

New Clubhouse – Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club

At its September meeting the Council decided not to support the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club's proposal to build a new clubhouse in Gaines Reserve. The Club's President, Michael Doery, said that they were disappointed by the decision in part as the Council had encouraged consideration of Gaines Reserve. As Gaines Reserve was the last of a number of locations considered, it now appears that the Club will need to undertake a major fundraising program to upgrade its existing clubhouse.

Sale of Stockland Development

Stockland has announced the sale of The Point development to the Moremac Property Group (www.moremac.com.au and www.pointlonsdale.com). It is understood that Moremac has purchased the whole development site, including the unsold vacant lots, and that they intend to implement the development generally in accordance with the approved masterplan. Moremac will still need to obtain approval of a water quality management plan from the Federal Government before proceeding with Stages 4 to 14 of the development.

The PLCA Committee will continue to monitor The Point development in conjunction with the Point Lonsdale Coastal Spaces Group and the Borough's Stockland Reference Group.

Golf Club Development Approved

In August the Minister for Planning Matthew Guy approved a planning scheme amendment that will allow for the expansion and redevelopment of the Lonsdale Golf Course. The amendment provides the necessary zoning of the land proposed for the residential development and the extension of the golf course. The Club is now seeking approval of the Development Plan and Planning permit required to develop the residential subdivision (100 blocks). The Club is seeking to have blocks ready for sale during the summer.

PLCA Actions over Recent Months

In conjunction with the Queenscliffe Community Association, a successful Meet the Candidates meeting was held in August with candidates for the seat of Corrangamite. The meeting was well attended by candidates, members and others, and good discussion took place.

Since the last member general meeting in April, the PLCA Committee has met at least each second month. It also has met with the Mayor, Cr Helene Cameron, and the Borough CEO, Lenny Jenner, and corresponded with the Council on a range of matters such as the following:

- The Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Study
- The Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan for 2013-2017
- The development of the Council's Community Information and Engagement Policy
- The Council's contribution to the development of a State Government Localised Planning Statement in regards to the Bellarine Peninsula as a Place of Regional Significance
- The provision of public access to Council tender documents following the implementation of a new online e-tendering system

Change from Post to Email – Local Computer Resources

The Committee has written to the significant number of members with whom we communicate by post asking them to provide an email address where possible. A small number have changed from post to email. Other postal members who have not done so are encouraged to provide an email

address where possible by sending an email to the Secretary at plcasecretary@gmail.com. Encouraging a change to email is in part based on the fact that many documents, reports, and reviews that State/Local Government and authorities distribute are now in electronic format. PLCA is able to distribute and forward these electronic communications efficiently to members, greatly reducing our costs, administrative workload and environmental impact. This enables us to reduce membership rates for members who can provide us with an email address & have Internet access.

Where needed, the Queenscliff Neighbourhood House (5258 3367) conducts courses that can assist members by providing training to effectively use computers and the internet, including setting up and using an email address. Such training can also be done on a one-on-one basis if needed, at very little/nil cost. Additionally, if access to a computer/internet is a problem, the Queenscliff Library and the Queenscliff Neighbourhood House can assist with free internet/email access.

PLCA Website and New Members

The PLCA website has been developed to assist members keep up-to-date with issues in Point Lonsdale and to provide details about PLCA actions and activities. It includes copies of documents such as the PLCA Constitution, member meeting minutes and past newsletters. It also provides a place for potential new members to gain information about PLCA and to access a membership application form.

Current issues are updated on the website regularly, which can be found at this address:
www.vicnet.net.au/~plca

Please direct to the website any family or friends who are interested in becoming a member of PLCA.

Next Meeting - AGM

Following the November meeting, the next scheduled PLCA meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 10 January 2014.

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