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*Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910*

## *March 2019 Newsletter.*

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2019, from your PLCA committee.

Our Annual General Meeting, in January, was well attended with interesting and informative talks given by the Mayor, Councillor Bob Merriman, and BoQ CEO Mr Lenny Jenner. The Association warmly thanks them both for making the time to come and speak to us.

The following people were elected to the PLCA Committee for 2019 :-

President – Rob Minty

Vice President – David Kenwood

Secretary – Laurie Muscat

Treasurer – Andrew Rogers

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Michelle Jepson

Andrew Sutherland

Jacqui Pierce

Lynne Furness.

We would like to thank our outgoing Committee Member Merv Jaensch, for his hard work and dedication over the years. In particular, we note Merv's prowess with Engineering aspects on the various projects in 3225, that was invaluable to the committee.

### **2018 Annual Subscription Payment and Donations.**

**The annual subscription payment for 2019 is now due.** The subscription amount for 2019 is **\$10 per person**. Donations are welcome in addition to the payment of the subscription amount. 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.

There are a string of issues that the committee will be keeping an eye on over this year, so please remember, that even though we are over 300 strong, the bigger the Membership the bigger the voice, so encourage your Neighbours/Friends/Pt. Lonsdale Visitors – or those who love our part of the world to join! Click for [Application for membership](#) ; renewal here: [Renewal of Membership](#)

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## **New Residents in Point Lonsdale.**

We all have noticed the large number of new houses constructed in both the 'The Point' & 'Golf Club' Estates. The Association in particular, would warmly welcome more residents from 'The Point' & 'Golf Club' Estates joining the Association. We would like to point out, that the Association has an excellent working relationship with CoGG Bellarine Ward Councillors, to advocate on your behalf.

We are constantly in contact with our CoGG Bellarine Ward Councillors, and directly meet with them on a regular basis as part of our involvement with the Combined Bellarine Community Associations. Indeed, CoGG Bellarine Ward Councillors attend some PLCA member meetings, as do Borough Councillors.

We would kindly ask that members forward this Newsletter to residents from 'The Point' & 'Golf Club' Estates, for their consideration. Or alternatively attend a member meeting, our next being 'Meet the Candidates' on 12/4/19. We all agree we have chosen to reside in this pristine location, that should be preserved into the future. Joining the PLCA, and taking an active stance in the issues that effect us all, is one way we can all help to assure this.

## **PLSLSC News:**

*(From PLSLSC)*

PLSLSC are thrilled to have received \$650,000 from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (Round 3), announced by the Hon. Sarah Henderson MP on the 3/3/19. The \$650,000 will be added to the \$2M Victorian Government commitment and the Club / Community fundraising effort that currently sits at approximately \$2.25M. The club advise they have a current shortfall of \$600,000 and are working hard to secure this shortfall.

The club propose to start works as soon as they have surety about filling this gap – the club have advanced plans for temporary storage, Clubhouse demolition, and have a preferred builder that they are in regular contact with.

Please see here: <http://www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au/the-club/new-clubhouse/> for more information about the new Clubhouse build, and how you can donate to this very worthy cause.

## **PLLHR – Status update.**

Following the January 2019 Ordinary meeting, the council decided to:

*Councillors Pizzey / Francis: (P 46 – 47 BoQ Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes - unconfirmed)*

*That Council:*

- 1. Note the outcomes of the community engagement process, including the receipt of 540 completed surveys, 19 written submissions and one petition from 20 Point Lonsdale traders.*
- 2. Noting and notwithstanding Council's endorsement in April 2015 of the initial Concept Plan for landscape improvements, adopt Landscape Master Plan Option C (Tract, 27/07/18), including the agreed detailed design elements, as presented during the community consultation process, subject to the following:*
  - a. Inclusion of a note on the plan indicating possible future car park expansion area;*
  - b. If required, amendments to the plan to reflect Council's decision in relation to the future of the four existing Toc H buildings, as per item 3 of this resolution.*
- 3. In acknowledging the history of the site, that Council prepare a heritage impact statement that supports an application for a heritage permit and/or other relevant statutory approvals that responds to the Toc H buildings as follows:*
  - a. Reinstatement of the eastern building (known as P1 McDonald) for the purpose of an interpretative exhibit;*

- b. Replacement of the northern building with, or redevelopment as, a shelter as part of a picnic / BBQ area, utilising or replicating elements of the existing building;
- c. Demolition of the western building and installation of signage or other minor, low scale interpretative element in this location;
- d. Demolition of the southern building and installation of a sculptural or other creative interpretative element in this location;
- e. Request officers to prepare and present a report to Council on the design and costs of the proposed works in order to enable Council to make application to Heritage Victoria;
- f. Advise the Australian Heritage Council of Council's recommendation.
4. Notwithstanding items 2 and 3 above, seek the relevant advice and approvals to ensure that none of the proposed Master Plan works would compromise the chances of a successful outcome to the current application for National Heritage Listing of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve.
5. Do not proceed at this time with any kiosk and only consider a temporary or permanent kiosk for a future stage after further consultation with local traders.
6. Maintain a Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Reference Group and undertake a review of the Terms of Reference to ensure they remain relevant and most effective given the progress of the project to date and the contents of this resolution.
7. Request the CEO to issue a Media Release to update the community on this matter and to thank community members who served on the Reference Group and who engaged in the consultation process.

Notwithstanding the above, the association would like to note the following:

1. By way of explanation, the following is put as a way of stressing the importance of keeping all the P1 huts intact: (From: "Submission to the Australian Heritage Council to assess PLLHR for National Heritage Listing 2018". Official Values P 5, 6 & 8; Sutherland, et al.)

**CRITERION A: Processes:** The Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve (and environs) is significant as a cultural landscape containing a rich collection of historic elements including: gun batteries; searchlight emplacements; 'magic eye' infrared ship detection; P1 huts; and other support facilities relating to the important theme of coastal defence in south-eastern Australia.

**CRITERION B: The place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's natural or cultural history:** The fortifications in the high south-facing coastal ridge feature a number of particularly unusual attributes, including a rare example of gun mountings, observation post, gun-crew rooms, ammunition supply and a small gauge supply rail track. The site's P1 huts were once common but are now becoming much rarer in their initial setting. Among other uses, these huts were used during WW2 to accommodate Italian prisoners/interns.

**CRITERION D: The place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of Australia's natural or cultural places:** The Reserve's seaward oriented defences, together with the other military elements of the site, work to illustrate the evolution of military technology during the 20th century. The gun fortifications, searchlight emplacements, 'magic eye' structure, engine shed, P1 barracks, and the spatial relationships between all these elements all help to convey the changing requirements of the defence forces over time. They combine to represent a very valuable example of a coastal defence over an extended period when the risk of a sea-borne attack on Australia was a determined possibility. The P1 huts are valuable in demonstrating the Reserve's extensive military history.

**CRITERION G: The place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group:** The numerous remnants of military infrastructure on the Reserve provide a powerful link to the participation of servicemen and servicewomen in the domestic defence of Australia particularly during the First and Second World Wars (primarily the 7 Australian CRE [Works] division, the Australian Women's Army Service). From 1946, international charity and membership movement, Toc H, used the camp buildings as holiday accommodation for children of former members of the services. The Toc H organization provided a very important social service, offering recreational services to a wide range of the community who may otherwise not have had the opportunity for a holiday. Some of the earliest groups using the huts were the YWCA, Girls' Friendly Society of the Anglican Church, the Inter-school Christian Fellowship, Geelong Legacy Club and Try Boys Society. To make sure the camp was fully used, the Toc H widened the scope of its activities to include groups from tertiary institutions such as the Melbourne University Choral Society, Newman College, Melbourne University Physical Education faculty and the Young Farmers Club. In the late 1940s, the Toc-H P1 huts were also the birthplace of the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club, formed in 1947 (the first year Surf Life Saving Victoria was formed). Over many post-WW2 years, thousands of young people stayed in the ex-Army P1 huts, providing an ongoing link many older Australians have with the site.

2. Council, whilst giving reasons for demolishing the Toc-H huts, appear to have overlooked their own PLLHR Reference Group's own recommendation to leave **all the P1 huts intact**, until determination of the PLLHR National Heritage Listing is finalised.

The Reference Group decided all huts should have asbestos removed (this was deemed essential to make the whole site safe). Three huts should be mothballed but re-clad with corrugated iron sheeting similar to their original construction. This allowed the National Heritage listing process to decide the value of retaining them while keeping alive the option of renovating one or more at a later date. The sheeting would provide suitable security and fire protection thereby minimizing the need to clear the dune area with its old growth moonah vegetation. The same approach was also identified for the larger P1 "Macdonald Hall" building but it was also nominated for interior renovation which would enable adaptive re-use flexibility (essential if National Heritage listing was achieved). The Reference Group also noted the requirement to finalize the National Heritage process before undertaking any occupancy agreements or determining which buildings should be used for particular operations.

*(From BoQ Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, August 2018, P59:)*

*In relation to the Toc H buildings, the brief for Tract was to assume removal of the buildings but noting that the Project Reference Group in its deliberations had considered up to ten different scenarios on combinations of retention or removal of the buildings and that group then resolved the outcome would be based on one of the following six scenarios:*

- 1. Demolish all four existing buildings and install interpretative signs on site.*
- 2. Demolish all four existing buildings and build a new interpretative centre that includes amenities, air conditioning and displays. Approximate area of the new building 160 square meters.*
- 3. Remove asbestos from four buildings, new cladding material similar to original P1 huts, (corrugated galvanised iron sheets) and buildings sealed with no access to inside of building.*
- 4. Remove asbestos from four buildings, new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, minimal fit out to allow for community use.*
- 5. Remove asbestos from four buildings, new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, fit out of largest building as an exhibit (known as McDonald's Hall), three remaining buildings securely sealed with no access to inside of building.*
- 6. Demolish largest building, all asbestos removed from three remaining buildings, new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, fit out of three remaining buildings for community use. In addition a*

*new interpretative centre built that includes amenities, air conditioning and displays. Approximate area of building 160 square metres.*

*The project reference group **unanimously determined\*** that from the above scenarios the preferred and recommended option is No. 5. The group also agreed that fitout of the largest hut as an exhibition could be a future stage. Tract offered concept design options based on the Reference Group's assessment but on the basis of a landscape, not heritage, expertise.*

*\*Editor's Note: This includes BoQ Councillor Representatives.*

3. The Association is of the view that the PLLHR Community Survey design was flawed because of:

- (a) Only one person per computer could complete the online survey. If one member of the household had completed the survey online, another person attempting the survey from the same computing device was informed that; "You have already taken the Survey".  
*(Editors Note: The Association wrote to the Borough in December 2018 regarding this).*
- (b) In relation to the methodology of the way the question was put regarding the P1 Huts - below:

The BoQ PLLHR Survey, in regard to the Question of the P1 huts was put thus: *(From BoQ Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, January 2019, P39:)*

*Q5. What is your preferred option for treatment of the Toc H buildings? (Respondents were asked to select one option only).*

*1. Demolish all four existing buildings and install interpretative signs on site.  
This was favoured by 45.16% of respondents.*

*2. Remove asbestos from all four buildings, install new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, fit out largest building (McDonald's Hall) as an exhibit, seal and secure the three remaining buildings to prevent access to the inside of the buildings: 28.10% of respondents.*

*3. Another option, such as Install new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, fit out largest building (McDonald's Hall) as an exhibit, convert one other building into a shelter, remove remaining two buildings and install interpretative representation of them: 26.74% of respondents.*

The Association is of the firm view that the majority of respondents would like to keep the P1 Huts, if Option 2 & 3 are taken in context together. In addition, the Association feels, that the decision agreed unanimously by the PLLHR Reference Group, AND the combined option 2 & 3 results should indicate to council to at the very least leave the status quo position, until at least National Heritage Listing is decided. Otherwise, we would need to question, what was the point of a Community Reference Group, when their deliberations over many, many hours are not taken into account, nor represented accurately to the community at large?

### **Shortland's Bluff Victorian Heritage Listing.**

Queenscliff's Shortland's Bluff, which includes the White Lighthouse and surrounding Lighthouse Reserve, Ocean View Car Park, Fort Glacis, military installations and the Bullring has been added to the Victorian Heritage Register, as of February 2019.

The site is significant historically, for its maritime & military history – for nearly 180 years. The Association is extremely happy that this part of Queenscliff is being recognised, and hopes that this can translate to a future Federal Heritage Listing Application like the application being considered by the Federal Heritage Council at Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve.

We would further like to acknowledge all the hard work that has occurred to make this happen, in particular a concerted effort by a number of local people determined to ensure the site remains undeveloped, and respectful of its special heritage attributes that are now recognised and protected. The Association feels strongly, that this recognition must include Point Lonsdale, Shortland's Bluff and Point Nepean – as part of the 'Three Headlands' in the future.

### **Borough Rate Strategy/Capping.**

The Association probably won't know much about Council's proposed Rating Strategy until the next meeting of the Finance and Governance Portfolio Reference Group meeting on the 11th of April. The meeting will discuss Council's Draft 2019/20 Budget, Implementation Plan, Rating Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan. The Association understands that documents have not been circulated to members to date.

Council is obliged to stay within Government's rate capping provisions which this year is set at 2.5 %. Smaller rural councils have been lobbying State Government for additional concessions to the rate capping rules.

The CEO of the Borough, Mr. Lenny Jenner, recently made comments regarding small rural councils, and the effects of Rate Capping at the PLCA AGM in January, and to summarise, the following was put to those present: *(Editor's Note: Follow up comments made by the Acting BoQ CEO, Mr. Phillip Carruthers, and added, to reflect current thinking. )*

- State Government has found 'Significant Unintended' consequences in application of this Policy' on Small LGA's, as a result of Rate Capping.
- NSW Rural/Regional LGA study has found this has resulted a dramatic change in the way services are delivered, and in particular, a failure to maintain community assets.
- In Victoria, 'serious challenges for 19 smallest councils in 5 years time' as a result of Rate-Capping. Has been the subject of/and further Upper & Lower Houses of Parliament Committee investigation.
- KPMG commissioned study on Financial Viability on smaller Councils – It was found the impact will be "severe" in the long term - both in relation to communities and small councils.
- New Local Government Act, was presented last year but failed to pass, despite amendments. It will be tabled again this year, and is expected to pass.
- New Act will provide a high level of autonomy for Councils.
- LGA's will be expected to develop their own Policies to cover areas previously covered by the Act.
- Corangamite Shire has done an Audit, on what it will take to achieve compliance with new parts of the Act: → In the vicinity of ~\$130K to meet new provisions every year.  
The Borough further advise, that the cost to BoQ is significantly less than this, and will result in current staff time being re-directed to policy preparation. Local Government Victoria have indicated that they will assist by producing template policies to guide councils.

The Association will actively be watching this as time progresses.

### **Destination Queenscliff – Update.**

After a Public Question at the 28th February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, from QCA concerning Destination Queenscliff and its status, the following was given as a response:

The Question submitted was as follows:

*We note in the Council agenda it states Council has formalised changes to Destination Queenscliff and the Destination Queenscliff project is progressing.*

*The QCA note that our suggestion of under grounding power lines is being contemplated in the revised plans and an enhancement scheme for the Bull ring amongst other plans are already in progress.*

*Has Council now produced a new concept plan that the community can provide further input, given the new Heritage status of this precinct and environmental values, and also consistent with the strong suggestions*

*from the Minister Hon Sarah Henderson for Council to further consult with the community and, if so, when are these planned to be undertaken?*

The answer from February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes P 94/95:

*At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 20 September 2018 it was moved by:*

*Councillors Ebbels / Francis:*

*That Council:*

- 1. Note the report on key concerns regarding elements of the 'Destination Queenscliff' project raised by some members of the community and as advocated by Sarah Henderson MP, Federal Member for Corangamite and the Hon Lisa Neville MP, State Member for Bellarine;*
- 2. Request the CEO to instruct Hassell Pty Ltd to prepare an updated concept plan with due regard to Council's resolution of 26 July 2018 Ordinary Meeting with the following changes:*
  - a. Refine, enhance and reinstate the 'Bullring' respecting the experience and character of the place;*
  - b. Locate the proposed new kiosk in the immediate vicinity of the existing kiosk location at a size comparative to the current kiosk size and include public amenities;*
  - c. Include 6 lodges in accordance with the formal funding agreement between Council and the Federal Government under the National Stronger Regions Fund and ensure they are contained within the footprint of the Queenscliff Recreation Reserve, and reduce the height of the lodges above existing ground level while minimising impact on privacy and views from the lodges.*
- 3. Request officers provide a further Council report when the updated concept plans have been drafted including a community consultation plan related to the revised concept plan.*

*This was carried unanimously.*

*Council has requested the architects produce a new concept plan in accordance with the resolution and this work is progressing well and will, as indicated in the resolution, be subject to further community consultation.*

*We will have clear indication of timelines by the end of the next week.*

*Parts of the earlier series of consultations identified a preference for under-grounding the power at the southern end of Hesse Street. At the time this was considered to be cost prohibitive, but Council is currently considering an opportunity to incorporate this underground power into the project. This is the subject of Item 15.2 on tonight's agenda.*

The Association strongly feels that, as indicated above, a proper community consultation process occurs. We also look forward to seeing the third set of concept plans and commenting on them.

In respect of the under-grounding works for power-lines at South Hesse St, council resolved to make this precinct a top priority under its "Fixing Country Roads Program - Proposed Projects for Round 2" project as described in the February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting. New drainage works and a large electrical pump are also being installed to improve underground drainage in King and Hesse Streets Queenscliff. This also includes resurfacing and a reconfiguration of angle parking along the western side of Hesse St South

We remain concerned about possible impacts on the established moonah avenue that provides an effective vegetative aspect along this section of Hesse St

### **VEC Submission "Have your Say" Review into the Borough of Queenscliffe.**

For the first time since 2008 the Queenscliffe community has an opportunity to have its say on the structure of the Borough of Queenscliffe.

The review, undertaken by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), is known as an electoral representation review and will examine the Borough of Queenscliffe's electoral structure, including: Specifically it will focus on:

1. The number of councillors;
2. Whether the council should be subdivided into wards - if subdivided,
3. The number of wards, ward boundaries, and the number of councillors per ward.

The review will not consider a council's external boundaries or whether it should be combined with another council (or separated). Any changes to the electoral structure of the Borough of Queenscliffe will apply at the next general election in 2020.

At a recent PLCA member the VEC submission was discussed, and put to the members present the question of the number of councillors and creation of wards.

The overwhelming majority called for the 'status quo' - i.e no changes to the number of councillors, and no creation of wards in the Borough – and that will form the basis of part of the PLCA submission. However, the PLCA will also incorporate other elements of concern to us, including conflicts of interest, and other Governance issues. All the submissions are available on line at the VEC website here:

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/reviews/Queensclifferr.html>

### **City of Greater Geelong Report/Bellarine News.**

#### **Proposed Southern Bellarine Coastal Trail:**

*(From OGCA)*

The Ocean Grove Community Association is proposing to hold a public Community Forum, on 21st June 2019 subject to obtaining funding required, to hear from professional experts, stakeholders, members of the community, a variety of government and non- government agencies and decision-makers on the options, opportunities and obstacles to creating a Southern Bellarine Coastal Trail linking Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove townships.

The benefits to walking and cycling safety, recreation and tourism are obvious but such a trail would need to strike an acceptable balance between productive and sustainable land use and conservation, cultural asset protection, education, recreation and tourism. Ocean Grove Community Association would support the current town boundaries being fixed to preserve the Lake Victoria to Collendina coastal area as a "green wedge" free from residential development. There are many things that could be done to promote sustainable activities in the area one of which is the opportunity to create an off-road "nature trail" linking Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove townships.

The Forum, to be conducted over a full day, would be held in Ocean Grove at the Shell Road Pavilion on Shell Road Ocean Grove. The draft format of the Forum would be the presentations by selected guest speakers on a range of topic areas with a short Q/A session controlled by a Forum moderator at the conclusion of each topic area. Following the guest speakers it is proposed to conduct a participative style workshops or short focus sessions to develop a vision statement and consolidate a list of Opportunities and Risks.

The Association considers this a very worthwhile project, in particular the Walking Trail linking the 2 towns. In 3225, this has been discussed for quite some time. However, this is subject to the final route that will be used, given the fact that the dunes between Point Lonsdale & Ocean Grove have been found to have rare fauna (hooded plovers, etc) and Fauna (rare Orchids).

The Association have decided to contribute \$500 to assist the OGCA (along with 3 other community groups) on the proviso that workshop obtains the extra funding it needs to proceed. It should also be noted that all 3 Bellarine Ward Councillors have expressed support in this initiative. Additionally, the OGCA have submitted grant application to the CoGG to underwrite the forum – if successful.



We also feel that at the very least this Trail will be located in CoGG controlled Point Lonsdale, and therefore the Association would benefit from being a partner in hosting the forum, and having input at such an early stage.

Planning:

There has been a CoGG council decision on planning application at 5 Rhondella Court Point Lonsdale:

"The CoGG refused the application (all 6 councillors voted against). Recommendation and Reasons For Refusal to Issue a Permit below:

That the Responsible Authority having considered all matters which the Planning and Environment Act, 1987, requires it to consider, decides to Issue a Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for Buildings and Works for the Construction of Dwelling greater than 7.5 metres in height at 5 Rhondella Court, Point Lonsdale subject to the following grounds:

1. The proposal does not meet the design objective of Schedule 14 of the Design and Development Overlay as it does not provide for the reasonable sharing of views from 7 Rhondella Court due to the design, siting, size and bulk of the proposed dwelling.
2. The proposal is contrary to Clauses 21.06-4 Neighbourhood Character and 21.14 Bellarine Peninsula in that the proposed design is not reflective of the existing neighbourhood character or strengthens Point Lonsdale's coastal village character.
3. The proposal is contrary to Clause 65.01 in that the design does not meet a purpose of the General Residential Zone that is to encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area due to the design, siting, size and bulk of the proposed dwelling and is not considered to be orderly planning of the area."

Of interest to the PLCA is that the points raised in the Association's submission, regarding the Point Lonsdale Structure Plan, and its reference to planning cohesiveness with the BoQ Planning Scheme and its application to CoGG Point Lonsdale was basically not even considered.

From the decision: P23;

*"Relevant Planning Policy is discussed in the assessment section of this report. Having said that, the subject site is located within the City of Greater Geelong jurisdiction, therefore is subject to the City of Greater Geelong Planning Scheme. Objectors have raised concerns that the application should also be assessed against the Queenscliffe Planning Scheme. Council would err in law if it chose to consider the planning scheme provisions under another planning scheme that is outside its jurisdiction unless it is a reference document in its own planning scheme or whether the same overlays/provision had been replicated in its own planning scheme. In the case of the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme, they do not."*

This means as far as we can ascertain, that the Point Lonsdale Structure Plan is fairly worthless in terms of having any planning weight. This, we believe, will potentially have significant implications for CoGG controlled Point Lonsdale.

**Queenscliffe Cultural Hub Project.**

The Queenscliffe Cultural Hub Project had its 3rd meeting on the 1st of March with The Hon. Lisa Neville MP. chairing the meetings. Queenscliffe Council are now attending the meetings, with 3 representatives, whilst the funding agreement between Council and the State Government is being finalised.

Following a recent funding announcement by the Federal Member, The Hon. Sarah Henderson MP, total funding for the Hub project is now around \$5.7 million. PLCA Committee member, Mr. Andrew Sutherland, who has had considerable experience in project management, has been appointed to the Project Control Committee to represent the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale Civic Associations.

A project manager and an architect to design the building will be appointed in coming months. Most of 2019 will be taken up with getting the design and planning approvals processes finalised before any construction can take place.

Following a number of internal workshops the Queenscliffe Historic Museum have lodged a 10 page document detailing their requirements for a new enlarged museum on the Field Park site. It is hoped a community space will also be created between the multi-level museum and the existing Library building.

### **Bowen Rd Upgrade Works.**

The Association has been advised Bowen Road widening and drainage works will start around late April. Works are due to be completed by June. Temporary traffic management will revert Bowen Rd into a one way road, for traffic and parking. The one-way arrangement will then be introduced from opposite direction to complete works on the other side of the road.

Please avoid the area if possible, as this is a very busy area of Point Lonsdale particularly during school pick-up and drop-off times.

### **Bellarine Community Health News.**

*(From BCH):*

Bellarine Community Health (BCH) has secured funding for a Health and Wellbeing Hub for Ocean Grove, including accommodation for Headspace and a range of wrap around services.

BCH will be conducting a community engagement process to seek feedback on service needs and community priorities and the first phase of the engagement process is a community survey at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Community\\_Hub](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Community_Hub)

The survey is being launched today via the BCH website, social media channels and in local newspapers and is open until Friday 5th April.

We would greatly appreciate your support in completing either via the link above and/or the hard copy version.

Hardcopies of the survey will also be made available at all BCH reception desks and can be returned to any BCH reception or to Caroline Jordan, Community and Engagement Manager, Bellarine Community Health, 2 Nelson Rd, Point Lonsdale

If you have any queries about the survey please contact Caroline on 52580814 or [caroline.jordan@bch.org.au](mailto:caroline.jordan@bch.org.au)

### **12 April 2019 - Meet the Federal Election Candidates:**

The Association have confirmed the attendance of the Liberal incumbent, the Hon. Sarah Henderson MP, and Labor Candidate Ms. Libby Coker. The joint meeting hosted by the PLCA and QCA and promoted by the Combined Bellarine Community Associations, will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall at 7.30pm sharp.

Further information about other candidates attending will follow.

Please watch your inbox for further details.

Kind Regards;

Rob Minty  
PLCA President, on & behalf of the PLCA Executive.