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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 10 January 2014

Date of Meeting: 7.30pm, Friday, 10 January 2014

Venue of Meeting: Point Lonsdale Primary School, Bowen Road, Point Lonsdale

Welcome and Introduction

The President, Fay Agterhuis, opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed members, visitors and the guest speaker, the Mayor, Cr Helene Cameron, and acknowledged the attendance of the Deputy Mayor, Cr Susan Salter and Cr Bob Merriman. It was noted during the meeting that there were a number of new motions included in the agenda compared with prior years as these are now required under the “model rules” for Incorporated Associations adopted in the new PLCA Constitution at the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Apologies and Attendances

The President listed the names of seven members who provided a formal apology prior to the meeting and acknowledged an apology from Lenny Jenner, CEO, Borough of Queenscliffe as well as noting that Cr Graham Christie was on Leave of Absence. A late apology was also received from Cr Sue Wasterval. The attendance register was signed by 56 members and there were approximately 80 attendees in total.

Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 January 2013 were distributed soon after the meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2013 AGM be confirmed as a true record. Moved by John Goodman and seconded by Mervyn Jaensch. Passed unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised.

Annual Report by President

The Annual Report by the President was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes. She acknowledged the work of the Committee during 2013 and the contribution of John Crisp who retired at the meeting from the role of Treasurer after 4 years and from the Committee after 8 years. She commented on PLCA's major achievements during 2013 and nominated the issues that will be of focus by PLCA in the future.

Motion: That the Annual Report by the President be received. Moved by Jasper Coghlan and seconded by John Goodman. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, John Crisp, noted that expenses exceeded income by \$1,770 during 2013 given that income was limited to donations of \$295 as no membership subscriptions were payable in celebration of the Borough's 150th Anniversary. He noted that the advertising expense of \$728 included the purchase of the PLCA flag at a cost of \$462. He noted that total reserves at the end of 2013 were \$4,470 (\$6,242 in 2012) and that this figure includes a Stockland fund amount of \$2,289. The Treasurer thanked Ken Goss for again auditing the Association's accounts and Gaye Wilson for production of the accounts. A copy of the accounts can be provided to a member upon request.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be endorsed. Moved by John Crisp and seconded by Peter Rumpf. Passed unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers

For each office bearer position in turn the President called for nominations from the floor and named those members who had provided a nomination prior to the meeting. As only one member nominated for each of the officer bearer positions, the following were declared elected:

President:	Fay Agterhuis
Vice-President:	John Goodman
Secretary:	Jasper Coghlan
Treasurer:	Laurie Muscat

Number of Ordinary Committee Members

Motion: That for 2014 the number of Ordinary Committee Members positions be five. Moved by Jasper Coghlan and seconded by John Goodman. Passed unanimously.

Election of Ordinary Committee Members

The President called for nominations from the floor for the five Ordinary Committee Member positions and named those members who had provided a nomination prior to the meeting. As only three members nominated for the five positions, the following were declared elected:

Mervyn Jaensch
Kerry Sollars
Gaye Wilson

In response to a question, the President advised that the Constitution provides that the Committee may appoint a member to the remaining two positions at any time prior to the next AGM and that the Committee wishes to do so, should members be interested in joining the Committee.

Annual Subscription for 2015 and Subscription Due Date

Motion: That the annual subscription for the 2015 year be \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family. Moved by Jasper Coghlan and seconded by John Goodman. Passed unanimously.

Motion: That the annual subscription due date for the 2015 year be 9 January 2015. Moved by Jasper Coghlan and seconded by Peter Rumpf. Passed unanimously.

Motion: 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. Moved by Jasper Coghlan and seconded by John Goodman. Passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker

Cr Helene Cameron, Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe, spoke about the “Key Achievements of the Council in 2013 and Key Issues in 2014”. A copy of the text of her prepared speech can be found on the PLCA website under the heading Minutes of Member Meeting or a copy can be mailed on request to the Secretary. The website link is: <http://www.plca.org.au/plca-documents/>

The Mayor provided a snapshot of the following highlights of the past year (includes some points not in the prepared speech):

- The 150th anniversary celebrations
- Point Lonsdale Foreshore Revitalisation – added that funding is being sought for Stage 3 which would be improvements to the amenities block
- New roundabout at the corner of Point Lonsdale Road and Admans Street
- Improvements to several beach access points
- Removal of significant volumes of environmental weeds from foreshore areas
- Extension of the Arts Trail across to Point Lonsdale
- Production of a series of trail brochures

The Mayor then listed current projects that the Council will progress during the first half of the year:

- Revegetation of the Point Lonsdale foreshore and the Admans Street roundabout area
- Planning for the future of the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve sites, includes assessment of the four options provided to the Point Lonsdale Community Reference Group, and a second round of public consultation around March (via a discussion paper that includes concept plan options)
- A “future plan” or master plan for all three of the Council managed caravan parks (Golightly, Royal Park and Queenscliff Rec Reserve/Victoria Park) which will examine opportunities for increasing revenue, improving amenities and determining the best mix of accommodation options, and which will include consultant advice and a community reference group
- Work with Department of Environment and Primary Industries on strategies to minimise the impact of coastal erosion and to improve cliff stability
- Planning for the future of Fort Queenscliff
- A new pedestrian crossing on Fellows Road
- Launch of a community alliance program to help the Council tackle greenhouse gas emissions and to work towards target of being a “carbon neutral” community by 2020
- Determination of a future home for the Point Lonsdale Boardriders and the Surf Life Saving Club with a long term objective of them being co-located in the one facility – described the five year lease of the Engine Shed to the Boardriders as a short term solution – added that the Council is looking at two options for the Surf Club being (1) State Government and Council proposal to use the land around the bus stop on Ocean Road (adjacent to the Lighthouse Reserve) and (2) use of land next to the present clubhouse owned by the Council, via a long term lease, with access through to Ganes Reserve
- Ongoing maintenance of significant areas of open space and Crown land
- Relationship with and operation under the new regional tourism structure
- Continue lobbying for a shared pathway from Point Lonsdale to Ocean Grove – discussions with City of Greater Geelong and noted that it is on the G21 regional trails priority list
- Explore funding opportunities to upgrade residential street lighting with energy efficient lamps
- Improve Police staffing levels to that there is a permanent presence in the Borough
- Lobby and secure funding for a range of capital projects: Stage 3 of Point Lonsdale foreshore revitalisation, the Queenscliff Community Hub Development, Botanic Gardens Precinct Development, Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct Development Project
- Continue to advocate for “one” Point Lonsdale by seeking a change to the Borough of Queenscliffe Municipal Boundary

The Mayor also noted the following matters:

- The Council was recently advised and is seeking further information about the recently implemented transfer of management of the Point Lonsdale Cemetery to the Geelong Cemetery Trust
- Change in services provided by Bellarine Community Health (BCH): severing of contract to provide Maternal and Child Health Services, the closure of Coorabin, revised arrangements for Meals on Wheels – indicated that the Council is seeking advice from BCH regarding the potential future use of the buildings and the site for both the Coorabin site and the Eric Tolliday units

- The Council is implementing the new Council Plan which sets the direction of the present Council for its four year term
- The December 2013 report from the Auditor-General on local government audit results: highlights an overall “continuing positive movement” by the Council in working towards long-term financial sustainability, assesses the Borough as low risk for overall financial sustainability, and reports that the Borough met each element of internal control requirements
- Upcoming community consultation programs: next stage of Lighthouse Reserves project, camping and caravan park master plans, the Planning Review Scheme that is undertaken every 5-10 years, options for progressing a regular kerbside green waste collection, and in May the draft budget and business plan for 2014/15

The presentation by the Mayor was followed by a 30 minute question and answer session that included the following answers to questions:

- Future of Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve (Toc H):
 - She is not aware of any approach to the Council by Peppers Resorts to build a spa and accommodation
 - The fourth option is actually for a “hot spring” spa and was identified by the Planisphere consultants
 - The Planisphere consultants will work on what the community wants and the consultant’s role is not limited to “tourist accommodation” (being the only option listed on the Planisphere website)
 - The next level of review with the community will not be limited to one option but will include a full range of options from open space to accommodation and will include the four options presented to the Reference Group
 - The control of the site includes the granting of management responsibility to the Council from the State Department of Environment and Primary Industries and any development will need to take into account a wide range of statutory overlays dealing with matters such as environmental landscape, natural coastland and heritage register
 - The Mayor did not directly respond to the suggestion that a \$35 levy be placed on Point Lonsdale Residents to pay for lawn mowing etc to enable the whole reserve to be an open space
 - Also did not directly answer whether she would guarantee that the Reserve would remain as open space if that is what the community wants
 - Also did not directly answer whether all residents will be surveyed in the next round of consultation versus the prior drop-in approach
- Five Year Lease of Engine Shed in the Lighthouse Reserve to the Boardriders:
 - Discussions about the lease of the Engine Shed to the Boardriders commenced when the Department of Environment and Primary Industries managed the Reserve
 - If the Engine Shed is planned for an alternate use before the end of the five year lease, this matter will be discussed with the Boardriders
- Nelson Road Traffic and Lack of Car Parking near the Bellarine Health Centre:
 - This would be looked at as part of a wider study of footpaths, car parking and traffic. Will talk to the Borough CEO about this specific issue
- Queenscliff Lighthouse Reserve:
 - The increase in the number of car parks would be achieved by increasing the

- utilisation of the existing area and will not involve any increase in the tarmac area
 - Did not respond directly on why only two options had been proposed for the Queenscliff Reserve
- Sale of Golightly Caravan Park:
 - The Mayor did not directly respond on whether the sale of the Golightly Caravan Park will be part of the review of the future of the three Council managed caravan parks
- Completion of Planning Scheme by July Deadline:
 - The Mayor answered that she has been advised the Planning Scheme will be completed by the July deadline

The following comments and suggestions were made by attendees:

- The fire breaks be constructed around certain tea tree areas
- That the road to Ocean Grove be widened
- Congratulations on recent works done in Point Lonsdale but foreshore works have been disruptive (Mayor commented that works would have been completed on time were it not for an unprecedented four weeks of rain)

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the President thanked the Mayor for her presentation and responding to questions.

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed shortly after 9.00pm. In closing the meeting, the President advised the following:

- That membership subscriptions are now due and could be paid at the end of this meeting and advised that new membership application forms were available
- That there will be a PLCA stand at the Point Lonsdale Market on 12 January for the Committee to obtain feedback from the community and for the recruitment of new members as well as another opportunity for payment of subscriptions
- That the next PLCA meeting on 14 February will be a joint meeting with the Queenscliffe Community Association at which two directors of the Moremac Property Group will make a presentation about their plans for The Point development (former Stockland development)
- That members may wish to attend the Borough Council meeting on Wednesday, 12 February where the Council will review the proposed community consultation Discussion Paper regarding the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve
- That the next Annual General Meeting will be at 7.30pm, Friday, 9 January 2015

Jasper Coghlan
Secretary

Annual Report PLCA 2013

The PLCA is a community organization of interested people who may be residents, property owners and others generally committed to the continuity of Point Lonsdale as a wonderful place to live, holiday or just visit.

Member meetings are held in Jan, Feb, April and November and are usually attended by interested residents and Councillors or representatives of the Borough of Queenscliffe. Invited speakers present on topics of interest or community concern. Additional meetings are called during the year if a matter requires discussion and input from members.

Above all the PLCA is the group that represents the views of Point Lonsdale residents and is the vehicle which allows those views to be heard.

Our focus in 2013 has been to be visible and proactive when responding to community issues or requests for input. We have developed our website, utilised email and begun to work effectively with local media which is particularly important during those months when we are seen to be traditionally in recess in order that members stay informed about the issues that matter to them and can provide feedback to us too.

Our executive meets regularly throughout the year and is active on numerous working groups, reference groups and attending council meetings on your behalf.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the work of the 2013 committee, Jasper Coghlan (Secretary), John Goodman (Vice President), John Crisp (Treasurer), Gaye Wilson (Membership), Merv Jaensch and Laurie Muscat. This is the team who puts in the long hours because they are, like you, passionate about the place where they choose to live, work and holiday. Each brings a special range of skills and experience to the task. Tonight John Crisp is retiring from both his role as Treasurer and from Committee; John has been PLCA Treasurer for the past 4 years and has spent 8 years, in total, as a committee member. He will of course continue to be involved with PLCA.

Major Achievements

In 2013 we provided free membership to the PLCA as our contribution to the BOQ's 150th year and saw an increase of 60 memberships. The challenge is to continue to grow our membership with the re-introduction of a membership fee in 2014.

Guest speakers presenting at member meetings included the Mayor of the Borough of Queenscliffe Councillor Helene Cameron, Daniel Barker BOQ engineer and Michael Doery Point Lonsdale SLSC. Additionally we held a joint meet the candidates with QCA prior to the federal election and a community discussion gathering input for the PLCA submission regarding the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Study.

Foreshore Revitalisation Project: Representatives of the PLCA have made key contributions to the work and oversight of this project and the **Point Lonsdale Foreshore Draft Tree Plan**. The Point Lonsdale Main Street Community Reference Group contributed significantly in assisting Council to develop the scope of the project. A major project objective was to increase accessibility/facilities for mobility impaired locals/visitors, given the high rate of older residents, and mobility impaired people within the Borough.

Currently Stage 1 (South End) – Lookout Platform and DDA Ramp is 95% complete

Stage 2 (North End) – DDA Ramp and Grass Embankment (Albert to Loch St) is 50% complete and closed to public for OH&S reasons.

The Draft Tree Plan is anticipated to be available for viewing and comments from early February 2014. Again PLCA representatives have made significant contribution providing input and feedback the development and review of this plan

We also saw the completion of the Admans Street roundabout during this time.

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserves Study: We were successful in gaining a position on this reference group and it is particularly pleasing to see that PLCA is well represented. We predicted in January 2013 that this would be an issue that we would focus on and consequently spent time encouraging members to contribute to all forms of consultation available to them. Our own consultation meeting of members generated a lot of interest and the key message was that we, as a community value the open space and are not in favour of intensive development of the site. The work is not over yet and we await the next stage of consultation and again encourage all members of our community to make certain that their views are heard.

We maintained a watching brief on the Stockland/Moremac site, the Golf Club development and Coorabin's closure.

Members contributed to BOQ consultations and activities including 150th activities, Australia Day, Botanic Gardens reference Group, Carbon Neutral Alliance and attended council meetings. Regular meetings with the Mayor and CEO have been initiated and we have demonstrated a willingness to work with the BOQ in the development of a communication strategy.

Future Plans

It is imperative that we continue to work collaboratively with our community on the issues that matter to Point Lonsdale so our focus will continue to be on the Light House Reserves, foreshore revitalisation and tree plan, the future of the Stockland/Moremac site and other developments that impact on us directly. Strengthened links with the City of Greater Geelong so that all Point Lonsdale residents feel included in the decision making processes either side of Fellows Road will be a challenge as will monitoring the impact of reduced changes to community service as the closure of Coorabin takes effect.

Fay Agterhuis President 2013