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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

NOTICE of MEETING and NEWSLETTER

10 March 2014

Notice of April Meeting (No Meeting in March)

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Friday, 11 April 2014

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

First Part of Meeting

Guest Speaker – Sarah Henderson MP, Member for Corrangamite

Details will be published closer to the meeting date regarding the topics she is to talk about. This will be an opportunity to raise with her issues of concern in the Point Lonsdale community.

Second Part of Meeting

Update and Discussion on Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve (Toc H Area)

Briefing by PLCA on the latest status of Council plans for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve. This will be an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback to the Committee on Council plans published for the Reserve. The Council is scheduled to decide on 26 March the content of the Draft Discussion Paper for community consultation regarding plans for the Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff Lighthouse Reserves.

No Meeting in March

Generally no meeting is scheduled for March. However, it was contemplated that a meeting would be held on 14 March on the understanding that the Council would decide on 12 February the content of the Draft Discussion Paper regarding the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve but this has been deferred till 26 March.

Report on February Joint Meeting with the Queenscliffe Community Assoc.(QCA)

Presentation by Moremac Property Group re *The Point* Development

A copy of the presentation made by Bryce Moore and Duncan McLellan, Directors of Moremac, can be found here: <http://www.plca.org.au/plca-documents/> (see in Minutes of Member Meetings). The key message from Moremac was that they will continue to implement all aspects of the development that was approved for Stockland and that they will comply with all the planning and environmental requirements that were placed on Stockland. They advised that they are continuing to work on water quality issues (many of the questions related to the waterways and impacts on Lakers Cutting, Swan Bay and Lake Victoria).

Moremac advised that they will soon construct a footpath from near Arcare down Lawrence Road to Fellows Road. In response to a question, they advised that they will consult with the community and the Borough regarding the type of footpath to be constructed later by them along Lawrence Road from Fellows Road to Point Lonsdale Road.

Briefing by PLCA and QCA on Latest Status on Council Plans for the Lighthouse Reserves

In relation to the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve, PLCA advised that no new information was available on the Council plan as the Council did not review the plans at its meeting on 12 February. During the discussion there was considerable opposition expressed about Option 4 (Boutique Accommodation and Day Spa Development). Concerns were expressed by QCA about several aspects of plans for the Queenscliff Lighthouse Reserve, particularly the plan to increase the number of car spaces at the lookout.

Attendance at March Council Meeting re Lighthouse Reserve (Toc H Area)

The Council is scheduled at its March meeting to approve the Discussion Paper to be issued for community consultation regarding options for the future use of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve. It is suggested that members may wish to attend this Council meeting primarily as a signal to the Council about the level of interest and concern regarding the future use of the Lighthouse Reserve.

There may be no or only limited discussion at the Council meeting about the Discussion Paper before it is approved, in part as it is likely that only three Councillors will be present (Cr. Christie has been on leave of absence and Cr. Merriman advised at the last Council meeting that he will be an apology). Members of the public are not able to participate in Council meeting proceedings

other than in the Public Question Time when a question is provided in writing prior to the meeting. See pro forma and Question Time guidelines on the Borough website here: <http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/council/council-meetings/how-do-i-participate>

The Council meeting will take place at 7.00pm, Wednesday, 26 March at the Town Hall (doors opened just a few minutes before 7.00pm).

The agenda for the March Council meeting is scheduled to be published on Monday, 24 March and will likely include a copy of the Lighthouse Reserve Discussion Paper to be approved at the meeting. PLCA will send an email to members on Tuesday, 25 March to confirm that the approval of the Discussion Paper is on the agenda for the meeting on Wednesday, 26 March.

Foreshore Draft Tree Plan – Community Consultation Commenced

The Council has commenced community consultation regarding the Point Lonsdale Foreshore Draft Tree Plan (area from shops to Loch Street). The Draft Tree Plan includes the proposed layout of trees and vegetation and includes pictures of the tree options. A copy of the Plan can be viewed at the Council office or on the Borough website. Details of the consultation process can be found here on the Borough website (copy of Plan via link on right of this webpage):

<http://www.queensclifftouristparks.com.au/council/news-and-notice/public-notice/item/point-lonsdale-foreshore-draft-tree-plan-public-consultation-2>

More details about the Draft Tree Plan and the overall Foreshore Revitalisation can be found here:

<http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/council/news-and-notice/current-projects/item/point-lonsdale-foreshore-revitalisation>

The Draft Tree Plan was amended by the Council at its March meeting to include three additional Monterey Cypress trees in order to provide a link with the past. This change was proposed by Cr. Salter and the Mayor, Cr. Cameron, used her casting vote to pass the motion. Cr. Merriman and Cr. Wasterval, who are members of the Main Street Community Reference Group voted against this change to what had been agreed by the Reference Group.

The Main Street Community Reference Group, of which PLCA is a member, had considered carefully whether additional Monterey Cypress trees should be planted and decided that they were not appropriate, based in part on horticulturalist advice regarding problems with such trees (slow growing, require significant space as a big tree, are very bushy for the initial 30 years until some height reached, root system is extensive and invasive, known for dropping limbs and nothing grows underneath). It should be noted that the pictures of the Monterey Cypress trees in the Draft Tree Plan document appear to be more like what they will look after 30 years of growth.

Members are urged to make a submission to the Council regarding their views on the Foreshore Draft Tree Plan such as regarding the placement of the trees/vegetation and the type of trees proposed, including the additional three Monterey Cypress trees. Comments need to be

submitted to the Council in writing **by 4.00pm Friday 18 April** by mail (PO Box 93, Queenscliff Vic 3225), by email (info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au), or facsimile (03 5258 3315).

Donations Received and Annual Subscription Payment Due

The PLCA Committee is grateful for the support provided by the many members who have made a donation in addition to their 2014 subscription. If you have not already paid your 2014 subscription, this is a reminder that payment is now due. 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 (was 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/>

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