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NEWSLETTER

February 2013

Next Member Meeting

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Friday, 8 February, 2013

Place: Uniting Church, Kirk Road, Point Lonsdale

Part 1: Work of the Village Consultative Committee

Guest Speaker: Daniel Barker, Road & Infrastructure Engineer, Borough of Queenscliffe

Details of the extensive works proposed for the Village and the foreshore, and the funding arrangements. A key issue is whether 3 cypress trees are to be removed from the foreshore.

Part 2: Open Discussion – Council’s Project Brief re Lighthouse Reserves Development Study

Discussion of the consultant brief requesting a concept plan for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve (including Toc H site). The consultant brief includes opportunities for the following:

- A quality accommodation development designed to increase tourist accommodation;
- Retail and hospitality facilities;
- Enhancement of open space; and,
- Possible inclusion of community facilities

More details on the consultant brief are outlined below. This meeting is an opportunity to learn more about the Council’s approach to the topics covered in the two parts of the meeting. The PLCA Committee is particularly keen to obtain member input on these two topics.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please provide your views on these two topics via email to plcasecretary@gmail.com

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve

At its December meeting the Council endorsed the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserves Study Project Brief. This follows the appointment of the Borough as the Committee of Management of these two Lighthouse Reserves by the Victorian Government Minister for Environment and Climate Change. It was noted that this appointment presents the Council with an opportunity for a new source of revenue which could be used to partially offset the cost of Council services to the community.

The effect of this decision is for a tender request to be issued seeking a consultant to produce a Concept Plan based on the following requirement:

Produce a Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Concept Plan, recognising the significant natural values and features, the Indigenous and European heritage and the opportunities for quality eco-accommodation development designed to increase tourist accommodation options, retail and hospitality facilities, enhancement of public open space and the possible inclusion of community facilities. The Concept plan should be to the level of detail required to illustrate what may be possible on the site while retaining enough flexibility for potential developers to prepare their own designs. (Page 5 of Project Brief)

Full details of the Project Brief can be found here:

http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/Downloads/OM_Agenda_2012_December/Appendix_3_QLR_PLLR_Project_Brief_Draft3_Aug2012.pdf

The Council also resolved to appoint Councillors Wasterval and Christie to a Project Reference Group to be comprised of Borough councillors and officers, plus relevant community and industry stakeholders. Also, it is noted in the minutes that Cr Wasterval requested that the community consultation component of the Project Brief be strengthened.

The minutes of the proposal and the motions endorsed by the Council can be found here at pages 30 to 36:

http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/Downloads/OM_Agenda_2012_December/Minutes_Ordinary_Meeting_of_Council_19_December_2012.pdf

At the January meeting of PLCA the Mayor, Cr Cameron, responded to a number of questions from members regarding the development plans and study process (see PLCA meeting minutes for more details). After the PLCA meeting the Mayor wrote to the PLCA Committee advising that the expression of interest tender document will be amended to ensure a higher level of community consultation. She also invited the Committee to contact her if there were any further questions regarding this matter.

The Committee has written to the Mayor seeking clarification of a number of matters relating to the proposed Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Development. It has also requested that a PLCA representative be appointed to the Reference Group and also to the Project Control Group that is planned to be established.

At the January meeting of the Council it was resolved that the Mayor also be a member of the Project Reference Group.

Rip View

In the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserves Study Project Brief the area that is the subject of the study is shown as a hatched area in a photograph (see page 5 of the Project Brief via the link to it above). In the same photograph the Rip View area is also marked out (area south of the Bowls Club including the Rip View car park).

The Committee is seeking clarification from the Council as to why the Rip View area is specially marked out in the Study Brief. The initial feedback is that the Rip View area is still managed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). In addition, the Council has been asked for advice on what development is planned either by the Council or DSE for the Rip View area.

Earlier, at the January meeting of PLCA the Mayor, in response to a member question, indicated that the Council is in discussion with the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club regarding the Rip View area as a potential location for a new clubhouse.

Committee Vacancies

At the AGM in January the following office bearers and committee members were elected to the PLCA Committee of Management:

President:	Fay Agterhuis
Vice –President:	John Goodman
Secretary:	Jasper Coghlan
Treasurer:	John Crisp

General Committee:

Mervyn Jaensch
Laurie Muscat
Gaye Wilson

No nominations have been received for the two remaining general committee vacancies. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact one of the Committee members or write to the Secretary. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone who may be interested in joining the Committee, please suggest that they make their interest know to the Committee.

Jasper Coghlan
Secretary