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SPECIAL BULLETIN

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PLCA Committee Urges Completion of Borough's Community Survey by 22 February

At the PLCA member meeting on Friday 8 February Cr Susan Salter urged that members complete the Borough's Community Survey (details of Survey below). The Committee of PLCA strongly urges you to complete the Survey as it provides an opportunity to provide input to the Council on your views about:

- The strategic directions and priorities of the Council over the next four years;
- The proposed development of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve (Includes Toc H); and,
- Plans for the Point Lonsdale Foreshore vegetation including the possible removal of large trees.

Part 3 of the Survey seeks comment on the Unique Natural Environment, i.e., your proposed projects or objectives to maintain our unique natural environment. This section provides an ideal opportunity for you to provide your views on the future of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve and the possible removal of Cypress and Norfolk Island Hibiscus trees along the Front Street Foreshore.

Options for the Development of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve

At the member meeting strong views were expressed regarding the Council's Project Brief for the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserves Development Plan. There was loud and enthusiastic applause when a member suggested that the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve be retained primarily as a natural reserve. Further details of the discussion and statements made by the four Councillors present are included in the meeting minutes that have been distributed to members with this Special Bulletin.

Following the forum, the PLCA has developed the following list of options for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve:

1. Tourist eco-accommodation development, retail and hospitality facilities, enhancement of public open spaces and the possible inclusion of community facilities (As per the Consultant Brief in the Development Study endorsed by all Councillors in December)

2. Tourist eco-accommodation development, enhancement of public open spaces and inclusion of community facilities
3. Enhancement of public open spaces and inclusion of community facilities
4. Enhancement of public open spaces
5. Removal of all present buildings and whole area turned into a natural reserve
6. Other – specify

It is suggested that in completing Part 3 of the Survey, you use one of options 1 to 5 to express your views on the future of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve. Alternatively, express your views by outlining other options.

Possible Removal of Large Trees along Front Street Foreshore

Part 3 of the Survey also provides an opportunity to express your views about the possible removal of large trees from the Front Street Foreshore.

Options for three Cypress trees in front of the Village:

1. Removal of three trees immediately (as proposed by some members of the Point Lonsdale Main Street Reference Group); or,
2. If they are not diseased, that the 3 Cypress trees be progressively replaced by native trees over the next 10 years, and that this approach be part of a longer term master plan that needs to be developed for the revitalisation of the Foreshore.

Views can also be expressed regarding the immediate or progressive removal of Norfolk Island Hibiscus trees along the Front Street Foreshore. Concerns have been raised that these trees can cause allergic reactions in some people.

Details of Community Survey – Developing the New Council Plan

Paper Version of the Community Survey

Around 8 February, 2013 ratepayers in the Borough of Queenscliffe should have received a letter from the Borough Council containing the following two documents:

- (1) Have Your Say – Developing the New Council Plan 2013 – 2017 (Outline of the process)
- (2) Community Survey – Developing the New Council Plan 2013 – 2017

The paper version of the Survey may be returned in the Reply Paid envelope provided in the letter.

Additional copies of the paper version of the Survey may be obtained:

- From the Borough's offices; or,
- By printing a copy from this link on the Borough's website (and returning it by post):
http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/Downloads/Community/Council_Plan_2013-2017_Community_Survey_Save_and_Complete.pdf

The deadline for the return of the Survey is 4pm Friday 22 February 2013

Online Version of the Community Survey

A copy of the "Have Your Say" document which outlines the process can be found at this link to the Borough's website:

http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/Downloads/Community/Council_Plan_2013-2017_Brochure_Web.pdf

The online version of the Survey can be found at this link to the Borough's website:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/53356VH>

The deadline for the return of the online Survey is also 4pm Friday 22 February 2013

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Secretary