



Point Lonsdale Civic Association Inc.

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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting - Friday 13th January, 2017

Present Fay Agterhuis, Merv Jaensch, Laurie Muscat, Andrew Rogers, Rob Minty, David Kenwood, Jacqui Pierce, Sue Wasterval, Michelle Jepson

Apologies Andrew Sutherland & Peter Russell

There were approximately 60 members in attendance.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Tony Francis, Mayor of Borough of Queenscliff. In attendance were Councillors Boyce Pizzey and Bob Merriman.

Welcome and Introduction Fay Agterhuis

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting - 8th January, 2016

Moved P. Rumpf, **Seconded** Laurie Muscat.

Matters arising out of the minutes - Nil

Presidents Report - Read and accepted - **Moved** Fay Agterhuis, **Seconded** Sue Wastervaal. all in favour.

Treasurers Report - Read and accepted. **Moved** Laurie Muscat **Seconded** Peter Rumpf

Election of Office Bearers - There being no additional nominations, the existing committee was elected unopposed.

Fay Agterhuis	President	Merv Jaensch	Vice President
Laurie Muscat	Treasurer	Michelle Jepson	Secretary

Committee Rob Minty, Andrew Rogers, Andrew Sutherland, Jacqui Pierce, Peter Russell
David Kenwood, Sue Wastervaal.

Peter Rumpf conducted the Election process.

Annual Subscription for 2018 to be \$10.00 per annum **Moved** Laurie **Seconded** Jacqui Pierce

Due Date for **next Annual General Meeting** - 12th January, 2018.

File Notes on content of **Guest Speaker, Mayor, Borough of Queenscliff, Cr. Tony Francis,** Talk at Point Lonsdale Civic Association Annual General Meeting - January 13, 2017. Speaking on Peak issues for 2017.

Building a cohesive team

We do not agree, but we talk and debate and stand by that position.
Maintain cohesiveness over our next four years
Processes in place to check themselves and how they are operating.
Have to be open and transparent

Communication

How can we improve communication lines, so they are understandable.
Big on ensuring the group PLCA, are able to open direct questions into council
Social media - select demographic
Four years' time hope that we have proven we have had effective communication.

The new 4 year Council Plan

Developing Council Plan is a three part process

- Council put their two bobs worth in.
- Officers put in their component
- Community put in their component.

Deliverables - what we can do.

In order to inform the new Council 4 year Plan, council will run a **survey at the end of January, mail out to each ratepayer, online and on the street, letter drop CoGG side of Fellows Rd Councillors have to go through the processes.**

Financial Independence

There is no industry here other than tourism. In the past we had fishing, Mafri, Fort, now nothing. Our previous leaders were lazy.
Nothing for kids to stay local. Need to build on that.

There is nothing in business/economic development space.
Tourism \$ are the way forward

Lot of activity around business.

There is great private investment coming into place. Vue Grand has a new owner but we are sorely missing five star accommodations in Queenscliffe.

Need accommodation across all the ranges.

Keep the history alive and pumping.

Voices of the past of the community.

One community

One 3225

Needs to be pursued

Boundary change - Spoken to politicians. It is ridiculous the golf club is not in our community.

Q and A session

Questions - Business community have a committee TEDAC

Will other sections of the community be offered the same advantage?

Response Cannot see a need for it at this stage. Mayor then explained purpose of TEDAC and its role and made mention of the amount of negativity from community towards TEDAC.

Should be recognised that the council income will be down \$90,000 where Netball Courts going.

There has been a great outcome with the Sports Precinct. This has all be done on grants. No community money.
Second to none.

Question What is the status of preparing Murray Road land for sale, and what will the funds be used for.

Response Nothing on the agenda.

Do we all want an independent borough?

This question opened up conversation about caravan parks and sports precinct upgrade all of which are interlinked not the one 3225 issue

A big component to independence is Caravan Parks they are a key part of our part of our viability. March 2017 "Start" the review. We need to make some changes. Our caravan parks (some of them) "are terrible" would you stay in them?

We will call on the community for ideas, and will go through a community consultation phase. The mayor explained, in great detail, that the council run caravan parks are keeping the council sustainable. The review will go over two or three years. There will be a lot of community consultations and there will be a lot of angst.

The parks will undergo some expensive upgrades. Caravan parks belong to the community. We have to pay for our own open space. Council control the biggest crown land reserves (in the State). Maintaining those lands come out of rates.

We want a bang for our buck with the upgrades. What have small children to do in our Caravan Parks? We want a bang for our buck with cabins.

One might raise the possibility of time share. Better than staying rusted out.

Question raised on Cost Benefit Analysis of the damage that will be done to existing businesses from **Council run tourist accommodation in competition with the private sector**, when Council are supplied the land, the funding for the buildings, and council run the tourism visitor information centre. **How is that a level playing field?**

Has council gone through C.B.A with existing cabins? They are being given free land, free views, no advertising costs, and they run the visitor information service.

Questions on Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve. Cr Merriman suggested announcement of funding was very close. March 2017.

No historic value in the buildings, however, Cr Pizzey needs to check if there is a view on that, and if one or two might be useful for shelter. Blackberry and weeds concerning.
Second round of funding to finish it and then we need to maintain it.

What is the amount of funding that has initially been applied for to get started on the PLLHR? Answer \$100,000. A second grant of \$200,000 will be applied for to do the complete works. Questions and responses were made of Green Army involvement.

Question - What is council vision for Point Lonsdale?

Response - It is one Borough. The money that has been spent on the sports precinct is for the benefit of Point Lonsdale as much as Queenscliff.

Beaches

General discussion about current issues including Lonsdale Bight erosion

Up to high water mark State Government responsibility. So government take on responsibility for the wall. Government (DELWP) report is out. Gave out Open House session times.

