

# OCEAN GROVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER.

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*Merry Christmas to all members of the Ocean Grove and District Community Association, and best wishes for the New Year and continued good health in 2005.*

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It's been a busy and positive year for Association activities, with monthly Committee meetings, and five Public Meetings conducted. The 2004 year culminated in our November Council candidate forum, when we heard from the five people presenting themselves to the community for election to the City of Greater Geelong Council. It was great to have well over 100 people present to hear from each of them, their backgrounds, ideas and aspirations for the future of this community.

By now, you will be aware that Jan Farrell is our new Councillor. We are pleased that she has joined the Association, and we look forward to working closely with her during the next Council term. This will be particularly important regarding our much-awaited and long-overdue Structure Plan and associated Traffic Study. COGG allocated funds for these in their 2004/05 Budget and we have constantly sought direct involvement in these studies. Ray Davey is monitoring progress of these 2, and we are disappointed about Council's actions so far! Another drawn out matter has been the upgrading and beautification of 2 major roundabouts (Ortron St/Wallington Rd. and Grubb Rd/Bellarine Highway), and hopefully they will both enhance the town's entrances once plantings reach maturity.



Our membership numbers now exceed 100, with several people joining up after the November meeting. We are encouraging as many people in the community to become financial members of the Association, even if not able to attending meetings regularly. We will include them on our membership data base, and they will be kept informed by e-mail or newsletter, and called on to contribute via survey, public meeting attendance when issues arise requiring our collective attitude.

During the year we worked to bring several COGG studies to the notice of Ocean Grove residents, particularly the Bellarine Peninsula Recreation and Leisure Needs Study, and submitted considered responses to these. To further publicise and promote the Association, we will be distributing over 7000 brochures early in 2005, and I would like to thank Ev. Wuchatsch very much for her many hours of work towards this important communication, and for keeping our data base records every month. If we can have up to 500 people on our data base, we will be able to more reliably gauge the community's attitudes and hopes for Ocean Grove's future direction.

A high priority for 2005 will be to hear from Cr. Farrell early in the year, and we will publicise this when arranged. We will also be analysing and updating our '2004 Agenda and Strategic Plan', and planning our priorities for next year, so please make contact with Committee members so they know your concerns. Our AGM will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, and we look forward to another productive, positive year for the Association and all concerned.

In closing, I would personally like to thank all committee members for their input and efforts during the year, and to all those members who have attended meetings throughout the year.

Jo Hawthorne  
Chairperson.

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# Hot off the Press!

## Bellarine Peninsula Recreation and Leisure Needs Study

This Report has just been released and, amongst other comments, recommends that the swimming pool be situated at the Shell Road Reserve. Of course, all is subject to Council endorsement/approval in 2005, then budgetary funding etc.

But at least the news so far is good for Ocean Grove residents.

The Report will be available at the Council's Customer Service Centres in Ocean Grove, Drysdale and in Geelong city.

The report is also available on - [www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au)

The association will keep members informed about the progress of this study.

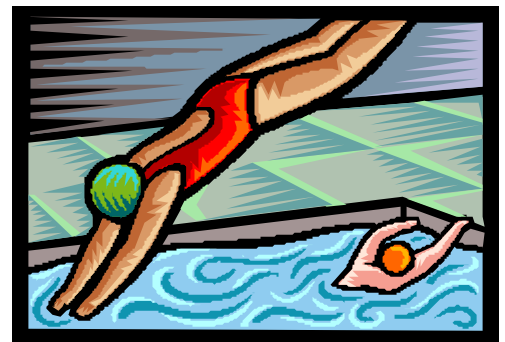
If we feel there is a need to generate further responses from Ocean Grove residents we will advise you via our newsletter or by direct contact.

Any enquiries about this study can be directed to either:

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## Meeting Dates for 2005

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Committee meeting.

9<sup>th</sup> February – First Public Forum for 2005 – all welcome.

13<sup>th</sup> April – Annual General Meeting – all welcome.

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**Happy New Year to all..**