

OCEAN GROVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome – this is the first edition of the OGDCA Newsletter that is available via our new website. If you have not done so already please check us out at www.ogca.com.au

If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter and you do have an email address please let us know and we will advise you via email when newsletters are available on our website. Members who do not have an email address will continue to receive a mailed copy.

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Structure of the 2008 committee:

Chairperson: Michael Harbour
Secretary: Kate Casley
Treasurer: Howard Deane

We welcome Barbara Finch to our committee and we would like to sincerely thank retiring committee member David Withington for his loyal support since the Association was formed.

<i>Strategic Planning & Infrastructure Development Sub-Committee</i>	<i>Special Projects Sub-committee</i>	<i>Public Relations Sub-committee</i>	<i>Finance & Membership Sub-committee</i>
David Reid (Chairperson)	Ray Davey	Karen Thornton (Chairperson)	Howard Deane (Chairperson)
Norm Elliott	Michael Harbour	Jo Hawthorne	Kate Casley
John Fendyk		John Fendyk	
Barbara Finch		Barbara Finch	

CELEBRATE 58

Celebrate 58 is a celebration of the Ocean Grove Town being proclaimed 50 years ago. We are asking for all organisations/business to be involved. Some organisations are arranging a "Back To" for this weekend with BBQ'S Dinners etc. The shopkeepers intend to dress up windows.

On **Saturday the 25th of October** will be a procession(organised by Rotary Club) starting in Ocean Grove Park and proceeding via The Terrace back to park where will be Marques with tea and cake and goods for sale and things for kids to do.

The library will display old photos and DVDs will show past glimpses of Ocean Grove in the years between 1958 and 2008.

The Lions club are organising a BACK TO DINNER at Grove Club for 300 – any one welcome – cost \$50. It is hoped all schools clubs etc will get in the spirit and do there own thing.

Details can be seen on www.Zades.com.au/OG1958.htm.





IN OCEAN GROVE

What's happening at TARGET?

No work has been happening for a while.
See the report in the "Ocean Grove Voice"

The **Skate Park** on Shell Road is now under construction.



Ocean Grove Pool – check it out, construction is coming along nicely – We are ALL excited about its opening.

Barwon Heads Bridge – the ongoing story

You may be aware of VicRoads Revised Proposal to now keep (reconstruct) the existing timber Heritage Bridge for vehicle traffic and construct a separate modern pedestrian bridge 10 metres away.

The OG&DCA supports the principle of the proposal, but not the location of the new pedestrian bridge.

To see a full copy of our submission please go to our website www.ogca.com.au and click on 'News'

Members who do not have Internet access – please contact us if you would like to see a copy.

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MAY COMMUNITY FORUM OUTCOMES

The 'Planning our Future' Community Forum was held 14 May 2008. The committee will be developing an Action Plan for the highest priorities identified from the Community Forum. The 6 priority categories (not in order of preference) were:

Council Services

Greater share of rates revenue for expenditure at Ocean Grove

Public Transport

Improve co-ordination of all public transport (main buses, taxis, community buses) and increase frequency of main buses.



Culture

Establish a cultural precinct including an indoor multi-purpose space and sound shell (at Ocean Grove Park).

State Services

Establish a tertiary education campus (Deakin University, Gordon TAFE) on the Bellarine Peninsula and protect our foreshore.

Private Transport

Improve traffic flow and car parking around the Town Centre including intersection of Presidents Avenue and The Parade (particularly given the opening of the new Target Store in December 2008, between Hodgson

Street and Presidents Ave make The Parade one way (east to west) and The Avenue one way (west to east), and address The Parade between Tuckfield Street and Hodgeson Street) by connecting Tuckfield Street to The Terrace.

Planning

- Traffic Congestion
- Centralised function and theatre complete (multi-purpose space)
- Tertiary education facility



The Committee welcomes your feedback on the attached outcomes and will be seeking your support to implement the Action Plan which we are developing. A full report is available on the website – www.ogca.com.au

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Your feedback is important to us – on our new website there is an area under ‘Contact’ where you can email us your comments, or write to us at PO Box 807, Ocean Grove 3226. We would appreciate your feedback about the following issues:

Public Toilets:

- Does the town need a new toilet block?
- Where should it be located?
- Do we need more than one public toilet block in the town area or the park?

Bike Racks:



During the warmer months of the year many cyclists ride into the town. Many sporting cyclists as well as family groups visit the town centre. At present there are no bike racks anywhere, in fact many bikes are left leaning against shop windows. Should we lobby for bikes racks in our town centre? Where should they be located?



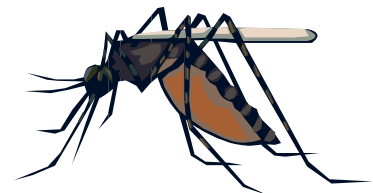
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AUGUST COMMUNITY FORUM

Date – Wednesday 13th August at 7.30pm at the Grove Centre

Theme – The Environment and Mosquitos

Speakers: **Lyndon Ray** from the Environmental Health section of City of Greater Geelong



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