

Ocean Grove 2013 / 2018

Outcomes from Community Forum – Planning our Future Held on 14 May 2008: 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm

Attended by 32 Community Members and facilitated by Ralph McLean.

The aim of this Community Forum was to identify the priorities for Ocean Grove from now to 2018. This was achieved through a number of exercises in which individual tables of 6 to 8 people workshopped their ideas.

1.0 Timeline Exercise	
Before the 1990s	
Me/Us (What we were doing)	Ocean Grove (What was important about Ocean Grove)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just visiting OG • OG not on the radar or only for holidays • 3 living in Melbourne, 1 in South Africa, 1 in Ballarat and 1 in OG • First visit—quiet • Camping holidays • First visit 1970 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Collendina (and Hotel) • OG holiday village • No coffee shops • Expansion towards Point Lonsdale • In the Shire of Bellarine • OG had a Public Hall • Sandhills small village
During the 1990s	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1997 Norm moved here, rest of us just visiting • 1991-2001 Judith in Queensland Caloundra • 3 in OG, 1 in Ballarat, 1 in Melbourne, 1 in the UK • Buying property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheap(ish) housing • Transition from “Sleepy Hollow” • Seachange • Kennett to Bracks • Terrace became one way • Surfside School • Council amalgamation/Became a part of City of Greater Geelong • OG has no public hall • Tea Tree and Beach houses • Dirt roads • In transition—developing • Population 8000
2000 to 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill moved here 2005 • Di moved here 2000 • Barb moved here 2007 • Alan moved here 2004 • We’re staying here • 2005 workshop • 2001-2008 Judith permanent • 4 in OG, 1 in Drysdale • Community involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now a service hub and developing • Population 11,000 • Lots of large square homes • Lots of subdivisions of ¼ acre blocks • Percentage of open space to development decreased • 25 sets of traffic lights to get to Melbourne freeway • OG still has no public hall • Geelong Road expanded • Traffic lights • Nursing home • Demand for services with housing boom

What's right, what's wrong and what can be changed

3.0 Ocean Grove		
Right	Wrong	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach brilliant • Proximity to Melbourne/anywhere • Great Ocean Road • Country, beach, etc. • Great beaches • Good shopping • Super people/mateship • Great location • Still natural (sand dunes, beach, etc) • Lifestyle good • Sporting facilities • Other, including water facilities • Schools • Physical environment • Sporting facilities • Business services • Community services • Emergency services • Surf Club • Clubs • Eateries • Music scene • A blue sky • Environment, lifestyle, coastal, village, green wedges, activities, shopping, family friendly, easy access to Melbourne and Geelong, CoGG services and water etc. • Location, moving with the new secondary college, fire station, police station within five years. • Limited room for urbanisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transport, no footpaths, youth leisure, • No rain • Not a large enough reception centre/No conference centre/No cultural facilities • Lack of sporting facilities • Tourist information centre • No nice classy and big restaurant • Lack of strong community involvement → → No local weekly newspaper → → No Town Hall • No domiciliary medical facility → → Governance (no involvement or influence) → Taxi service → → → Public transport → → Gap between taxi service and public transport → Traffic and parking issues/traffic management → → → Footpaths → Teenage facilities • No nighttime entertainment • Lack of public transport/Not enough public transport (no bus after 6 pm Saturday or Sunday) → General untidiness (edges of the roadways, footpaths, roundabouts) → Not enough police presence/24 hour police station not manned 24 hours • No more traffic lights • Not interacting with the tourists enough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → → → → → → → → → → → → → Building a cultural facility/Add an arts centre • Add a soundshell → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → More integrated public transport system/user friendly timetables/efficient public transport → → → Youth activities • Review CBD parking, traffic and shelter → → → → → → → Change traffic management • Residents communication (including board/web) • More small buses/Add more bus services • Change bus routes and smaller bus routes within OG • Add toilets at Shell Rd oval (replace portables) • Add toilets at Colendina Oval as well → Local call centre for taxis and other transport services • Build on community feeling and education → → → → → → A proper infrastructure and planning for development in the future → → Improve Traffic flow → → → → → → Add a tourist information centre/visitor information centre/tourist information centre provision • Add car and caravan park for visitors

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To do now, to do in the next five years, to do by 2018

Now	Next five years	By 2018
3.1 Council Services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve toilet facilities • Address traffic flows and blackspots • Clarify demarcation of the responsibilities of VicRoads and City of Greater Geelong • Address the issue of the roundabout at Marlin and Tuckfield • ☒☒☒ Get a bigger share of rates money returned to OG for urgent services and improvements • Achieve more regular maintenance (e.g. in council services, street beautification) • ☒ Establish a tourist/communication centre • Have more trees, plantings, seating and regularly maintain them • Improve the library facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the bypass and traffic lights issue • Establish a cultural centre hall and suite of meeting rooms and theatre/cinema • Improve sporting facilities clubrooms and toilets at Shell Road. • Establish a new council office with support staff decentralised from the CBD • Increase council representation • Have more trees, planting, seating and regular maintenance achieved • Establish a sound shell by the beach • OC Festival: Cultural and the arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a Bellarine Shire Council • Have addressed the issues of the Bypass and Tuckfield access to the terrace • Establish a recognised truck route around the town (recognising that thacker is no good) • Improve library facilities • Improve, enlarged kindergartens and child care centres • Establish youth and music facilities

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Now	Next five years	By 2018
3.2 Public Transport		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •   Recognise the main issues in public transport are frequency, length of trips and information (e.g. timetables). • Recognise that public transport is a combination of buses, taxis and community transport. •           Increase the frequency of buses and have a smaller town bus (feeder bus to main service and to an express bus) • Better integrate taxi service • Employ a coordinator of transport to bring all the modes together • Establish a public transport information call centre (as part of the coordinating role) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the progress in achieving the public transport aims. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the progress in achieving the public transport aims.

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3.3 Culture		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that culture matters and that it is the glue that binds community •  Establish a multipurpose community space which could house: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth activities (inc. blue light disco) • Jazz festivals and other musical events • Art and craft (like Camberwell) • Function and conference centre • Cinema during winter • Carols by Candlelight • Ballroom dancing • Wedding receptions etc •  Establish a sound shell in the OG Park (recognising that seeding funding is in place) • Buy the old Fire Station • Have indoor/winter and outdoor/summer activities for all age groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See To Do Now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See to Do Now

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Now	Next five years	By 2018
3.4 State Services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hour manning of the police station • more police patrolling the area • More public parks and open areas • Expand neighbourhood centre for certificate 3 courses • Underground telephone and electricity supplies • ☒☒ Establish a tertiary education campus from Deakin/Gordon • ☒☒ Protect the beach foreshore • Plan for primary/secondary education expansion • Broadband internet access for the Grove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See To Do Now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See to Do Now

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3.5 Private Transport		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address Parade narrow speeding traffic by connecting Tuckfield Street to The Terrace • Address cars reversing • Address Target store entry and egress (exit) •         Address intersection at Presidents Avenue, the Terrace, the Parade and the Avenue. • Promote speed limits of 40 KPH for business areas and 50 KPH for Presidents Avenue • Address need for traffic lights or a roundabout at Orton Street. • Address need for flashing lights at school zones. •  Investigate making the Parade one way (Westwards) to improve safety for reversing cars on Parade facing and to improve safety for emerging cars from Target store • Investigate making the Avenue one way (Eastwards) • Investigate making the Terrace traffic free as a precinct measure • Investigate the making of a pedestrian crossing from the cop shop to Target. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See To Do Now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See to Do Now

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Now	Next five years	By 2018
3.6 Planning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise OG as a family town with a good balance of population, an engaged community, a waterfront with a clean beach and with tourism as an economic plus. • ☒☒☒ Recognise that it is too congested in the CBD, with limited car parking, shortage of office space and lack of employment opportunities • ☒☒☒☒☒☒☒☒☒☒ Recognise what could be changed e.g. there is a need for a centralised function and theatre complex • Recognise a transport centre is needed • ☒☒ Recognise that there is a need for a tertiary facility • Improve street lighting • Promote better access for disabled people for all facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See To Do Now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See to Do Now

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4.0 The Next Step

The OG&DCA will now develop an Action Plan on how to implement the outcomes of this Planning Our Future Community Forum. It will then seek your support to participate in the Implementation process.