

OCEAN GROVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Issue 15

June 2007

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent AGM. At this meeting we said thank you to several committee members who have retired from the committee.

OG&DCA Committee Office Bearers for 2007:

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Michael Harbour
<i>Deputy Chairperson:</i>	David Withington
<i>Secretary:</i>	Kate Casley
<i>Treasurer: until Aug 07</i>	Tony Doolan
<i>From Aug 07</i>	Howard Deane

OG&DCA's four subcommittees:

- **Community Planning & Infrastructure:**
David Reid – Chairperson
Jo Hawthorne
Norm Elliot
John Fendyk
- **Finance/Membership**
Karen Thornton – Chairperson
Tony Doolan
Howard Deane
Kate Casley
- **Public Relations**
Stephanie Asher – Chairperson
David Withington
Karen Thornton
Trevor Chappell

- **Special Projects**

David Withington
Ray Davey

Guest Speaker 2007 AGM Cr. Jan Farrell

Cr. Jan Farrell gave us a mid-term report; she has now been a councillor for just over 2 years.

Jan said there were two main issues coming in to the position; pool and planning.

Pool

- Travelling well, plans were on public display at the Surfside Centre in April.
- Funds not yet adopted by council but in the working draft.
- Will be digging holes by the end of the year and open by summer 2008-09.
- \$60K of the budget has been allocated to move the skate park, but will need to do some fundraising also.

Planning

- Well placed on the Bellarine.
- BPSP took 18 months, gives credibility to things we do – have talked to the people and done what they said.
- Upshot of BPSP was the towns want to be individual and have their own identities.
- Structure plans on track - Ocean Grove one of those completed

Local spending for next 12 months (bearing in mind this is all in DRAFT stages)

- \$5.5M to go on the pool
- Neighbourhood Playground to be put in on the Parks Estate
- Soccer fields are complete, ready to go in May (will supply temp change-rooms and toilets)
- Senior Citizens building upgrade to allow disability access and open the rear car park
- Memorial Hall improvements – disability access and storage
- Collendina Cricket Club (juniors only), has difficulty getting State Government funding because no seniors or netball – upgrade of change-rooms and toilets, provide disability access for disabled cricket team, provide change room for play group
- Surfside Tennis Club getting lights
- Taking out some parking at The Parade to make it safer
- Still trying to get Grubb Rd speed limits changed to uniform speed
- Ambulance station has opened in industrial estate, CFA to go next to The Mex - plans have been submitted to COGG

Passions

1. Youth – holds youth portfolio, working on youth development strategy
 - Ratio of youth officers to individuals appalling- 1 council youth worker per 5,500 15-25 year olds in municipality
 - Day of 'Celebration of Youth' planned for 8 Dec 2007 – bands etc.
2. Anti-gaming campaign
 - CoGG put in a combined submission with Surfcoast Council to upgrade/tighten gaming policy and problem gambling
 - Mainly about giving planning powers to local council important to strengthen local policy to hold sway at VCAT

Questions from community to Jan Farrell

What's happening with Buckley Park?

Management Strategy has been done for the Park, divided opinion about walking/cycling trail. More work to be done, down the track, nothing happening in short term.

What's happening with the Footy Club and Shell Road Reserve?

Not heard from Footy or Cricket Club, they seem happy where they are.

Is there going to be a pedestrian crossing on Tuckfield Street?

Not aware of any, it's never been raised. (Michael Harbour) There is talk of a roundabout or traffic lights at Marlin Drive and Tuckfield Street.

Any decision on closing Dare Street?

No, opinion is divided among residents.

What's happening with the pedestrian crossing to car-park from doctors' surgery?

Traffic counts been done, said there was enough foot traffic to warrant a crossing. Not sure what's happened. Will follow up.

Is there any discussion from CoGG on (a) climate change and (b) dredging of the bay?

Climate change being driven by peak bodies, not an issue for single local government. CoGG on the fence regarding dredging, waiting on Enviro Effects Statement. Personally, I have no opinion on the matter.



Town Maintenance

Your committee has recently advised City of Greater Geelong about the following maintenance issues:

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| 1/. Peers Cres area - car parking barriers near the boat launch are badly damaged and need urgent attention | 2/. Peers Cres – rock wall near boat launch ramp. Water has washed down behind the large rocks and had undermined the filling there and needs urgent attention. |
| 3/. Peers Cres area – between Guthridge St and boat launch – dead trees need replacing and other need pruning. | 4/. Peers Cres – lawn area - lots of large flat weeds have come thru the grass and the area needs weed control. |
| 4/. Coles car-park – dead Banksias need replacing. No pruning has been done since the Banksias were planted – all need an urgent prune. | 5/. Main Street – Norfolk Pines were not pruned in the last 12-18 months. The new lower growth needs pruning. |

Committee members will be doing a follow up visit to several maintenance areas that the council were advised of some time ago. Any jobs that were not completed, we will advise the COGG.

Please contact either Karen by email karent@aiiu.com.au or Jo by email on machaw@primus.com.au or phone Jo on 5256 2221 about any town maintenance issues you would like us to look into.



DIARY DATE

"Advance Notice"

Community Forum Wednesday August 29 at 7.30pm

Lisa Neville will be the guest speaker.

Lisa will speak about her role as a Minister in the State Government and about local issues on the Bellarine Peninsula.

CAN YOU HELP US?



Do you have a spare couple of hours 3 or 4 times a year?

If you do, please let us know as we often need assistance to fold and mail out newsletters to members who are not on email. Contact Karen by email

karent@aiiu.com.au or Jo by email on machaw@primus.com.au or phone Jo on 5256 2221

YOUR NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM: IS BEING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 7.30PM AT THE GROVE CENTRE (LIBRARY)

Are you concerned about **“Traffic Chaos”** in and around town?

Badly designed intersections!



Lack of pedestrian crossings!



No footpaths – mothers with young children, older people, disabled people walking along busy roads!

**Come along and have your say at
our “TRAFFIC FORUM”**



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (1 OR 4 year membership).

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE SEND - \$20 for a 4 year Membership or \$5 for a 1 year membership to:
PO Box 78. Ocean Grove 3226 or bring to the next Public Forum or AGM.

Please tick area of interest.

- Attend occasional Council meetings.
- Serve on a sub-committee
(Please circle area of interest)
 - Recreation
 - Traffic
 - Future planning
 - Tourism
 - Family/Youth Services
- Assist with any admin tasks or distribution of materials or newsletters.
- Other – please suggest.

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