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President's report 2014–2015

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I would like to deliver the President's Report now, and it is indeed an honour to be delivering this report when we are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of AIDA. To try and put some perspective on the workings of the committee over this time, I spent some hours, more hours than anticipated actually, absorbed by past newsletters, and two things have stuck with me – firstly, the sheer number of people who have put in so much time and contributed such expertise to work towards preserving this unique and beautiful area, and secondly, the number of times the same issues of inappropriate development, preservation of the Painkalac Valley and changes to government regulations at state and local level have had to be challenged by AIDA and its members, always led by a committee that just never gives up. And there is really no reason to suppose that this same sense of awe of achievements past will not be felt by the president and committee at AIDA's hundredth anniversary.

Today, I want to highlight some of the key things our consultation process has allowed us to achieve to continue to help shape the future development of the area, as well as highlight some areas that will need our ongoing attention. Most of the things I will mention

have been covered in the AIDA newsletter so if you need any further details please feel free to refer to specific articles.

Before I take you through AIDA's key achievements, I just want to stress the importance of AIDA's involvement in maintaining the beauty and unspoilt nature of the area and to highlight our role in trying to prevent undesirable development. This year, several new strategic plans have been proposed and the ability of AIDA to consult directly with the Surf Coast Shire and other relevant parties has again ensured that the future of the area remains in line with the specific expectations and needs of the community.

Perhaps one of the most important strategic plans for AIDA to be involved in is the Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Structure Plan. The last structure plan was undertaken in 1990 by the then Geelong Regional Commission and, in consultation with AIDA, has guided the development of the area for the last twenty-five years. The 2015 structure plan sought to build on the previous one by revising or reaffirming the planning policy framework, providing for increasing visitor numbers to the area, and responding to current and future needs of the communities. Surf Coast

Shire appointed AXOS Consultancy to research the framework and, in their words, 'embed themselves in the community' where they interviewed individuals, local groups and visitors. As a key local group, AIDA was sought out to help steer the direction of the plan. Our thanks must go to AIDA members Kim Neubecker, Jane Grant and Liz Wood for their input into this process. Surf Coast published their summary of Phase 1 and we will be consulting with them at each phase to ensure it preserves the special character of the area. At this stage we are pleased to see that some of the principles align with our members' views and AIDA policies, such as the recognition of the unspoilt natural environment, freedom from large-scale development and the recognition of the undeveloped nature of the Painkalac Valley and its indigenous heritage.

It should also be noted that AIDA is remaining firm on those areas that we consider to be in need of complete change, as in contradictory, incomplete and unrepresentative statements, and where conclusions appeared not to be based on any evidence at all. Some examples include the lack of formal recognition that stronger planning controls will be necessary to actually protect the unspoiled nature of the area, the statement, completely unsupported, that a small supermarket would reduce escape spending, and assertions that the Painkalac Valley is the 'preferred site' for a sporting oval. AIDA has submitted a ten-page document in response to the plan and so far council's response has been positive in so far as they appear to have accepted the changes AIDA has proposed. We have requested a tracked-change version and will keep members updated on progress. The committee's heartfelt thanks must go to Ian Godfrey for this detailed and perceptive submission, and if any member is interested to read it a copy can be made available.

Other strategic plans we have consulted on and provided submissions for include:

- The Surf Coast Open Space Strategies and Issues paper. This paper looks at open spaces within the shire – their protection, maintenance, distribution and requirements for space in new developments. Our submission pointed to the large areas of open space and diversity of the area, the variety of recreational opportunities, and put forward community expectations of recreation versus environmental issues.
- As well we will be responding to the Biodiversity and Bushfire Review in Coastal Towns paper, which went on public display on 9 April and will remain until 11 May when submissions close. This review seeks to delete certain specific environmental

overlay schedules and replace these with one overriding schedule. It is an amendment that we hope will not impact detrimentally on the local character and one that AIDA members should be aware of.

Some other key areas include:

- our continued discussions with council officers on changes to the planning zones in the district and the impact these may have on the local planning regulations
- our consultation with Barwon Water and its officers on the proposed Anglesea pipeline throughout their consultation period and keeping members updated throughout the process
- our representation on the Painkalac Reserve Community and Agency Group set up to establish community use of the Painkalac Dam
- we have clarified our position on local signage both to council and as AIDA policy, and have written to councillors and the CEO of Surf Coast Shire stating our opposition to yet another proposal for an oval in the Painkalac Valley, based on both environmental and cost issues and member response

Importantly, we continue to push for the development of the site in Fraser Drive to be turned into older persons housing and will continue meetings on this very important project.

All our submissions this year were supported by data collected from our member base. We were fortunate this year to be able to clarify the focus of the committee as well as confirm our alignment with the ongoing needs of the community, through the use of a questionnaire. With the advent of such key strategic proposals as the structural plan, it was more important than ever that we ensured we had input from the community to know we were truly representing the broader view. We have been in negotiation with council to send out our questionnaire as in previous years, but were restricted by its interpretation of the Privacy Act, which prevented it from distributing anything other than council material. We were able to circumvent this by distributing it directly to AIDA members, numbering 486, and we were fortunate to have a response of over 43 per cent. Questions covered issues such as the environment, planning and development, and lifestyle choices of the residents of Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven, Moggs Creek and Eastern View. Multiple-choice questions were largely based on those from past questionnaires with additional questions around the Older Persons' Housing Project, street character design issues and emergency fire

safety. Although in previous years we had been able to distribute the questionnaire to all ratepayers and residents, what was surprising was that the consistency of opinion and profile of viewpoints was largely the same, whether limited to AIDA or that of a wider audience. This comprehensive view of community planning and environmental values has given us invaluable information for our recent submissions and will provide the basis for future needs.

One final issue I want to touch on, which is of great importance to the community, is that of notification of fire. We have now passed the summer period and with some relief we farewell the fire danger period. However, in an area that has been designated in recent years as one that is most vulnerable to bushfire, it is surely unacceptable that there are still areas here that are not able to get mobile reception in times of high service demand. The Federal Government has allocated \$20 million dollars to their Mobile Black Spot Project and although submissions were received from nineteen areas in Corangamite, only three areas were able to be nominated for funding and the Aireys district was not included. The three areas proposed were Birregurra, Dereel and Gellibrand and were apparently chosen because these were the areas from which local MP Sarah Henderson had received the most correspondence. Although AIDA argued that as an entity it represented hundreds of members, we were not successful. AIDA will continue to press for action and, based on the squeaky gate syndrome, which obviously applies here, we urge members to also write to all local MPs demanding inclusion in any scheme that will improve our mobile service and ultimately our safety.

Which leads me to one of the vital parts of our ongoing success, and that is our member base. For fifty years AIDA's great strength has always been its members and a continuing high membership gives potency to AIDA's ability to truly represent local opinion. Our current membership stands at over four hundred and we have initiated a membership table at the Top Shops to become more visible and encourage passersby to become members. This has proven to be very successful and we will continue with this throughout the next twelve months. We are keen for members to join us at our table, so if anyone is willing to sit with us for a short period you will be very welcome. We are always interested in new ideas and input from our members. Please don't forget that there are more ways of helping AIDA than by being a committee member, so don't hesitate to contact us for a way you may become involved, which suits your experience and time commitments. We will continue

to keep members updated via newsletter, email and our web page.

The committee has continued to meet monthly, and, as with all community groups, commitments and wanderlust have meant that at times we have scrambled to achieve a quorum. I am today sorry to say we are losing two of our committee members: Frieda Wachsmann who has been on the committee for seven years and whose drive, enthusiasm and love of the district have seen preservation of the integrity of the lighthouse district and simplification of those damned signs around Aireys. And also Charlotte Byrnes, who brought a youthful perspective to our meetings and who is leaving to join the ranks of motherhood. Our gratitude and good wishes go with both of them. To be entirely pragmatic, this of course means there are now vacancies on the committee, so I would ask you to seriously consider nominating for positions when these are put.

I must give thanks to our councillors who are always available and ready to listen, to our committee photographer extraordinaire, Gary Johnson, and as always to Nan McNab for everything she does for us in producing our newsletter. This is my last report as president – I am stepping down after six years – and so lastly I would like to thank the committee who have worked so hard in dealing with such a broad range of issues, and whose good humour and wise counsel have assisted me over that time. I ask you all now to please join with me in showing your appreciation of their efforts on your behalf.

Barbara Fletcher

AIDA's AGM & 50th anniversary

The 2015 AIDA AGM was held on Saturday 11 April at the Aireys Inlet Community Hall. The forty-five members in attendance heard presentations from the new Surf Coast Shire CEO Keith Baillie and from Mayor Margot Smith and local councillor Libby Coker. Several members took the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

The president's and treasurer's reports were presented and accepted unanimously and nominees to the [2015–2016 AIDA Committee](#) were elected unopposed. Charlotte Allen was elected president and Gary Johnson vice president. (For a full list of committee members and their contact details, see p. 10).

Peter McPhee proposed a vote of thanks to Barbara Fletcher on her retirement from the position of president after her record tenure of seven years. Peter spoke of Barbara's leadership, energy and good humour for which we remain very grateful.

The AGM was followed by a most engaging guest

speaker, Hilary McPhee, writer and publisher. Hilary reflected on her experiences of Aireys Inlet and the coast. Her memories over many years told of a time of open fields, feelings of freedom and a strong sense of community, sentiments to which many in the audience related and appreciated.

The meeting concluded and members stayed on for a glass of wine or cup of tea to view the wonderful display of 'then and now' photographs of our district, meticulously put together by Gary Johnson, assisted by Barbara Fletcher, Charlotte Allen and Angela Berry. Peter McPhee and Charlotte Allen had trawled through our archive of past newsletters to find relevant quotations to annotate a fascinating, illustrated timeline of AIDA's activities and achievements over the past fifty years. These displays were much enjoyed by those present and generated many memories and a lot of chatter. For those unable to attend the AGM, you still have the opportunity to see a rotating exhibition of the photos and the timeline, albeit much abridged, in the AIDA Noticeboard at the Top Shops.

AIDA is planning another event to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. Details will be advised at a later date.

Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Structure Plan

The new structure plan, being developed this year by the shire to update the over-arching principles for the planning of the Aireys Inlet to Eastern View area over the next twenty or so years, has now entered its second stage.

The last Aireys Inlet to Eastern View structure plan was undertaken in 1990, by the Geelong Regional Commission, with a very substantial input from AIDA's Jane Grant and Kim Neubecker at that time, and we were very pleased to have the benefit of Jane and Kim's perspective once again in the preparation of our inputs this time around.

In April AIDA made a detailed submission responding to the shire's documentation resulting from its community consultations at the beginning of the process. AIDA made recommendations aiming to clarify the shire's initial understanding of the key local issues to be taken into account, under the headings of:

- Environment, emphasising its central importance in all local planning
- Heritage, relating to the Waddawurrung traditional lands
- Character, focussing on the importance of our coastal village character and the ongoing threats to it
- People and housing, including demographic changes, older persons' housing, the appropriate

types of commercial developments and recognition of the district's creative character

- Tourism, activity and commercial areas, stressing their low-key character and the need for improved pedestrian connections
- Recreation, supporting more informal walking and cycling routes and opposing reference to a sporting oval in the Painkalac Valley
- Transport and roads, under sub-headings covering sustainability, informal character, shared pedestrian/vehicle use and tourist traffic, and
- Fire risk and safety, addressing the tension between fuel reduction and environmental character, the need for places of last resort, local emergency mobile bandwidth capacity and Great Ocean Road traffic management on high fire-risk days.

In response to AIDA's observations that planning controls need strengthening because local character is under continuing threat from over-zealous developments, planning permits being issued for developments which clearly don't meet the planning scheme's objectives, and infrastructure (pathways, roads, traffic management and signage) which fail to follow established objectives, AIDA was asked to make a further submission on where the planning processes for buildings, infrastructure and precincts are currently failing, and how they might be improved.

In June, the second phase of community consultation took place in the Aireys Inlet Hall, on the shire's preliminary draft of the structure plan's key directions and key actions and also the proposed urban design framework for the Top and Bottom Shops – bringing together the ideas canvassed in stage one. These proposals contain a number of strengths, but also a number of problem areas requiring further changes. AIDA is currently preparing its response to these proposals.

At its meeting on 28 July the shire received the draft structure plan and urban design framework for the Top and Bottom Shops. The council resolved to put it on public exhibition for four weeks for community feedback. Some of the major recommendations of the structure plan include:

1. Contain the townships within their existing settlement boundaries to protect the surrounding environmentally significant land and retain buffers to the Great Otway National Park.
2. Facilitate the redevelopment of 2 Fraser Drive for higher density housing suitable for older persons and incorporate the community garden on the site.
3. Not progress the development of an active recreation space in the Painkalac Creek Valley, but

investigate the opportunity for enhancement of the primary school oval for recreational use and continue to facilitate the sharing of sports facilities in Lorne, Anglesea, Bellbrae and Torquay.

4. Work with GORCC, VicRoads and affected landowners to address the environmental, traffic and amenity impacts of large visitor numbers at the Great Ocean Road Memorial Arch at Eastern View.
5. Construct a pathway linking the Bottom Shops with Old Coach Road via River Reserve Road and Bamba Road and provide a continuous pathway between the Top and Bottom Shops.
6. Recognise the value to the community of the Aireys Pub as a social focal point and consider future opportunities for additional tourist-oriented uses on the site.
7. Lobby VicRoads to permanently reduce the speed limit to 50 km/h from Boundary Road, Aireys Inlet, to the SLSC in Fairhaven and to 60 km/h in Eastern View.
8. Investigate the feasibility of providing public toilets at the Community Hall in lieu of the Top Shops.

AIDA will be commenting on the draft structure plan and urban design framework and encourages members to also review and comment on the draft plans.

Ian Godfrey

Planning scheme amendments

Threats to environmental protection

In April the Surf Coast Shire wrote to all urban property owners advising of its proposals to amend the urban environmental protections of the planning scheme as a result of reviews of how biodiversity is assessed and how it interacts with bushfire provisions – under Amendment C96 (AM C96), which was advertised for public submissions by 11 May. In parallel with this, the shire also released two other, related, environmental amendments to the Planning Scheme, AM C85, covering nearby low-density settlement areas and AM C81 affecting the rural hinterland.

A key driver of these amendments appears to be changes in the ways that biodiversity and estuarine environmental risks are to be assessed – apparently to facilitate rural development, by cutting ‘green tape’, but greatly reducing and weakening the areas affected and protected. These changes were roundly criticised by the Planning Institute of Australia earlier in the year.

The proposed amendments include many modifications to both the objectives and the application of existing Environmental Significance, Design and Development, Land Subject to Inundation

and Floodway protections. We all had just one month to get to grips with these complex, interrelated proposals, before the deadline for public submissions, which was woefully inadequate, especially considering the technical nature of the changes.

Unfortunately there was insufficient time to fully understand the likely effects of the proposals in all areas, or to contact members to seek your assistance.

AIDA made its submission on the new measures based largely on environmental issues, which will specifically affect the Painkalac Valley. Other environmental changes were not able to be assessed in the time available. AM C85 proposes the removal of the existing environmental significance overlay from all private land in the Painkalac Valley and also from the dunes and beach protecting the estuary. In addition it makes changes permitting a degree of increased development in the valley itself, including roads, fences and other structures across the valley floor. This appears intended to permit the development of an oval in the valley, but amongst other objections it ignores the resulting risk of earthworks releasing the valley’s toxic acid-sulphate soil into the creek system.

We await a response from the shire. If sufficient reservations or opposition are expressed in submissions the next stage in the process may involve a review of the amendments by a government panel. Ultimately it will be up to the council and the Minister for Planning to either approve or revise the proposals.

In the meantime, it would be helpful if members could speak or write to councillors about these concerns with the proposed amendments.

Ian Godfrey

Shire’s new Communications and Community Engagement Strategy

The Surf Coast Shire recently adopted a new Communications and Community Engagement Strategy, built on four overarching principles. In its communications the shire aims to be – trustworthy, responsive, simple and progressive, and to improve both its communications and community engagement. The draft strategy was on display during April and May and AIDA made a submission.

The strategy takes account of the significant changes taking place in traditional media such as print and the impact social media is having on the way the community engages with organisations such as the shire.

Charlotte Allen

Bushfire risk: mobile phone black spots

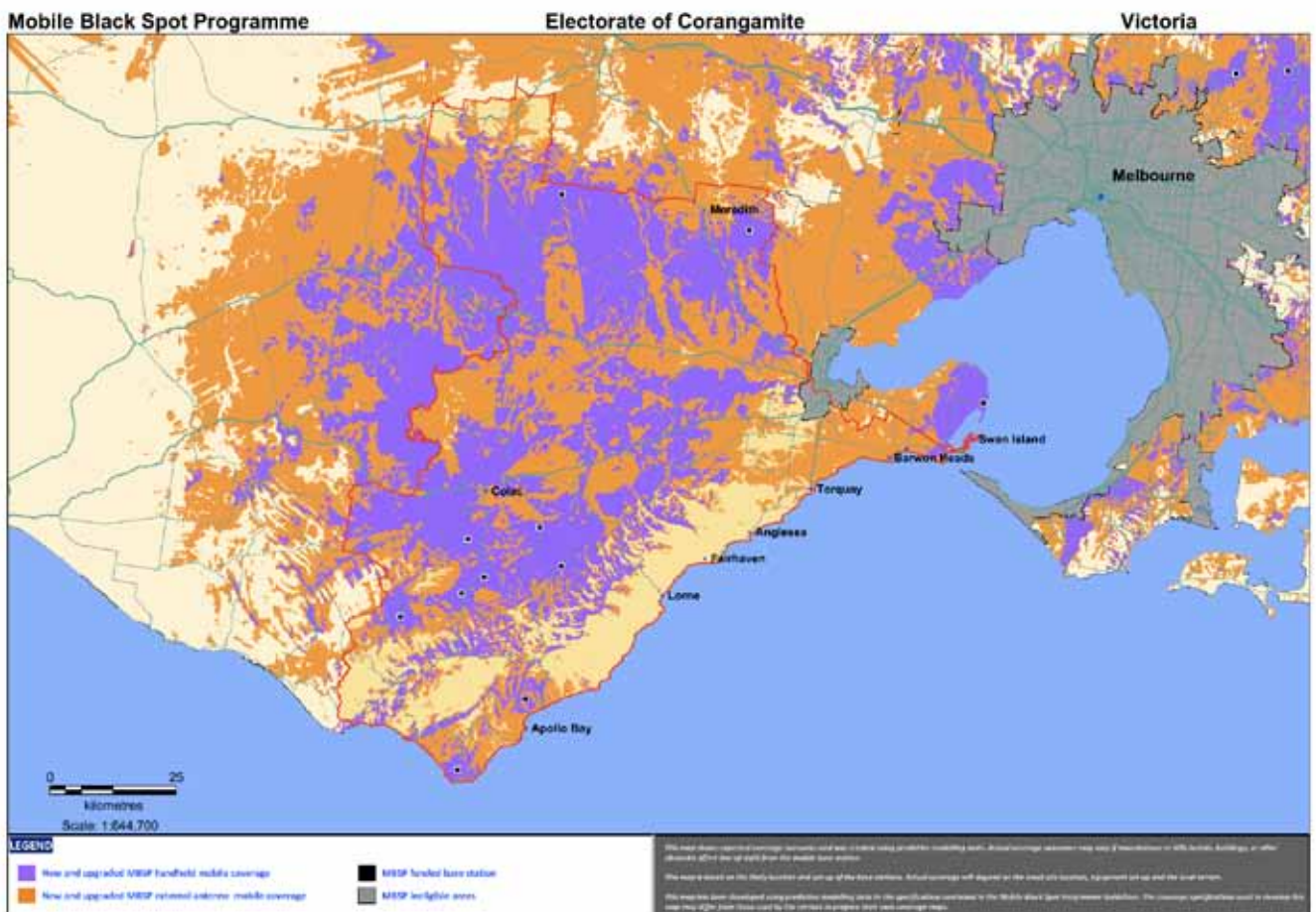
Sarah Henderson, the local federal member for Corangamite announced the results of Round 1 of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spots Program last month. While realising the importance of the areas nominated, AIDA remains convinced that areas along the Great Ocean Road are in urgent need of this funding.

Victorian Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garrett, said, 'Mobile communication is so important in times of emergency . . . the base stations would improve communications throughout the regions and provide much needed mobile coverage to small communities and AREAS PRONE TO NATURAL DISASTER IN VICTORIA. We have worked closely with Emergency Management Victoria to ensure the new towers will provide coverage and enable easier access to areas.' (Surf Coast Times 2 July, 2015 p. 19). AIDA had made submissions and lobbied the Surf Coast Shire Council and federal government members, Sarah Henderson and Malcolm Turnbull, for improved mobile coverage on the basis of community safety in a bushfire area without success.

On the map below, the area shaded yellow in the Corangamite region received no upgrade to mobile coverage. Towers added in Anglesea at one end and Apollo Bay at the other leaves our area along the Great Ocean road (Lorne to Urquhart Bluff) without adequate mobile coverage. This area has suffered two of the most catastrophic bushfires in Victoria's history, Black Friday and Ash Wednesday. It is also rated at the top level of bushfire prone areas in Victoria. With a massive influx of residents and day tourists in the fire season from November to March, a single lane road with several bottlenecks and no real Neighbourhood Safer Places, this fire-prone terrain is a constant worry to residents. Add to this an unreliable mobile network that deteriorates still further with the greatly increased usage over the bushfire season and an emergency or disaster would be very difficult to handle.

Round 2 of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spots Program will not even be advertised until July 2016 and funding of chosen locations made available over the next two years, leaving the Aireys Inlet and district area extremely vulnerable for at least three more fire seasons. The description of how successful locations were chosen for Round 1 made no mention of bushfire risk or community safety as criteria.

We would encourage members to support AIDA's



continued efforts to improve mobile coverage along the Great Ocean Road, especially in the Aireys Inlet and district area. Letters to local councillors, state and federal members would help raise the profile of this very important issue.

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New name for public laneway

The public laneway that runs from the Bottom Shops car park to Painkalac Creek between 83 and 85 Great Ocean Road is to have a new name.

It will now be known as Mangowak Lane – from the name given to the Aireys Inlet area by Aboriginal people, which means ‘a good place for hunting swans’.

The AIDA committee suggested to council that this would be a suitable name and it has been welcomed by the Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation.

The shire will be advertising the proposed name and inviting public submissions before registering it with the Office of Geographic Naming and putting up a signpost.

Submissions can be sent to Manager Engineering Services, Surf Coast Shire Council PO Box 350, Torquay 3228 by 27 August.



Landscaping for Bushfire

The Surf Coast is one of Victoria’s most bushfire prone areas and property owners can reduce bushfire risk by the way they design and maintain their property.

The Surf Coast Shire has published a booklet, *Landscaping Your Surf Coast Garden for Bushfire*, specifically for Surf Coast property owners to complement the CFA’s publication *Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection*.

The booklet contains principles and actions that link landscaping and reducing the impact of bushfire behaviour through appropriate type, arrangement and location of vegetation.

This booklet was updated in July 2015 and can be downloaded via the link below. It is also available in hardcopy from the Surf Coast Shire Offices.

[Landscaping Your Surf Coast Garden for Bushfire – updated July 2015](#)

[Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection](#) (CFA publication)

AIDA archives 10 and 20 years ago

While AIDA celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year our newsletters don't go back quite that far – but they do date to 1989. This selection from past articles shows that protection of the Painkalac Valley is an ongoing topic.

Conservation covenants

From time to time AIDA is pleased to give reports of significant decisions where commonsense has prevailed and areas of our precious coast are preserved and protected.

At a delightful ceremony held in the picnic ground of the Ironbark Basin, representatives of two local governments, Mr Bill Dix for the City of Greater Geelong and Ms Toni McCormack for the Surf Coast Shire, along with representatives of the Victorian Conservation Trust, Landcare, Angair, AIDA and others, and two members of the Victorian State Parliament, witnessed the signing of conservation covenants on the following five areas of environmental significance: Ironbark Basin, Mellors Swamp, Painkalac Creek, Grass Tree Park, Breamlea / Point Impossible Wetlands

The areas most dear to AIDA members are, of course, Mellors Swamp and Painkalac Creek. A small but dedicated group 'THE FRIENDS OF THE WETLANDS' subsequently has sought funding for the area. Please keep your fingers crossed for them. It is to hold a Field Day. We will let you know and hope to have many members join us. Those of you who have read the Wetlands Study will realise the importance of this unique area.

AIDA Newsletter, May 1995

Painkalac Valley – thanks for your support

After John Allen's briefing with the Shire Council about development in the Painkalac Creek valley the Councillors have decided there should be no more residential development on the land at 23–79 Bamba Road. They see no reason to review the Section 173 Agreement as there is no change in circumstances to warrant it.

We have no doubt that your wonderful response in contacting Councillors to let them know your feelings had some influence on their decision-making. They certainly could not say they don't know how the majority feels on this proposal. It's interesting to note that it was a response from the wider community not only AIDA members – mind you our membership of 450 people probably represents a significant majority of residents and ratepayers in our district anyway.

We now need to look at the wider issue of what is the future of the valley. It has been suggested from several quarters that a community committee should be set up to investigate the possibilities for protecting the valley for ever.

AIDA Newsletter, June 2005

AIDA meets Surf Coast CEO



At the AIDA AGM in April we heard from the new chief executive of the Surf Coast Shire, Keith Baillie. Keith was impressed with AIDA's fiftieth anniversary AGM display, and stayed on after the meeting to learn more

about the Aireys Inlet district, chatting with members and expressing interest in discussing further with the committee some of the issues raised.

We got together again, at AIDA's July committee meeting, Keith bringing Brendan Walsh, the shire's new Business Improvement Officer with him.

From AIDA's side our discussions raised problems of corporate memory, where past shire decisions are forgotten and then revisited, also consultation issues, and consistency in shire decision-making – while Keith briefed AIDA on where things stand with the Older Persons' Housing Project, and sought our views on the shire working with the primary school to develop a recreation oval on its site, also suggesting AIDA's support for the school's community solar project.

The meeting was very congenial and constructive and we hope that it will lead to further sharing of views and cooperation with the shire.

Left: Surf Coast CEO, Keith Baillie, and AIDA President, Charlotte Allen at AIDA's July committee meeting.

Making the Great Ocean Road safer: changing the scenery

The next time you drive along the Great Ocean Road you will see that, on the left-hand slope downhill from the Aireys Inlet Hotel, trees with the potential to fall and block the Great Ocean Road during an emergency, such as a bushfire, have been cut. The pine trees in the road reserve have had their branches removed and the large remaining trunks will be taken down and removed by crane and carted away to be milled. Trees threatening adjacent homes are also being cut back or removed.

The Surf Coast Shire and VicRoads are doing the work to ensure that the lives of residents and visitors are protected. The photo shows contractors using a knuckle-boom to reach and safely remove branches.

The understory vegetation, which is mainly of woody weed species, will initially be retained for screening and privacy. Over a number of years, this fire-prone material will gradually be replaced by native plants including the less flammable boobialla.

This work is part of an ongoing program to reduce the amount of fuel at the sides of the Great Ocean Road so that people who have left their departure too late in the event of a bushfire will have a better chance of surviving.

In previous years, the vegetation beside the road to the east of the Mad Max house was cut down and we have benefited significantly by both an improved view of the Painkalac estuary and reduced fire hazard. In the

past year, the strip on each side of the road through western Anglesea was cleared of woody weeds and more recently the zone between Anglesea and Urquhart Bluff was slashed. All this activity is to reduce the likelihood of the Great Ocean Road being blocked and to improve the opportunity for evacuation should it be required.

Gary Johnson



ANGAIR's Annual Wildflower and Art Show

Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea Saturday–Sunday 19–20 September 10.00 am – 4.30 pm



ANGAIR is hoping for fabulous sunny weather again this year to showcase our local wildflowers. We have a fascinating variety of flowers including terrestrial orchids, in our area for you to see.

Children love the displays of local birds and animals, and there are plenty of activities for them too. You can:

- join a bus tour with an experienced guide to visit flowers growing on the Anglesea Heath
- buy a work of art from local artists at the art show
- enjoy tasty refreshments
- choose a book or buy an indigenous plant.

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AIDA's strength comes from its members

The stronger our membership numbers the stronger our voice and ability to advocate for our values.
 If you have a friend or neighbour who supports our aims but isn't a member, please invite them to join and give them a copy of the membership form to complete.

Join or rejoin AIDA here or online – www.aireys-inlet.org/join-aida

- Renewal New member (subject to ratification by AIDA Committee)
 I/We agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association (see <http://www.aireys-inlet.org/>)
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