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Painkalac Valley update

During the recent Painkalac Valley planning applications it became apparent that there may be some compliance issues with meeting the requirements of the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) that was part of the section 173 agreement between the owner and the shire.

The shire is doing an audit of 23–79 Bamba Road to check whether or not the owner has complied with the CMP that was agreed between the shire and the owner when the subdivision was approved.

We understand that the owner is continuing to pursue the option of putting a pre-fabricated house on each of the three house sites and has advertised the blocks with available 'contemporary Eco house design plans'.

The owner has a planning permit for three houses, one on each of the blocks for sale. These permits expire in April 2018 when the owner would need to apply for an extension should a start not have been made to build on the sites.

The Painkalac Project that was established to investigate the potential to publicly fundraise to purchase the valley blocks will be meeting again in November. It remains our aspiration to acquire the land to hold in public ownership.

Charlotte Allen

Citizen scientists needed for valley

Barwon Water, in conjunction with Deakin University, have appointed a PhD student to undertake the Painkalac Reservoir Environmental Flow Project, which will study changes in the creek over a number of years.

Krista Bonfantine will be starting work in January, analysing both the freshwater and estuarine sections of Painkalac Creek, looking at physicochemical properties, algae and other parameters.

Krista is a watershed ecologist and has considerable experience managing water for maximum ecological and social benefits. She is passionate about citizen science. As most of her experience is in North America, she is looking forward to learning from locals and working with them in the field.

Krista will be looking for citizen scientists to help with sampling and analysis as she studies the beautiful Painkalac Valley.

Watch out for more information in emails, the AIDA website and noticeboard or contact Krista directly by email:

kbonfantine@gmail.com

Gretel Lamont

Skate park playground

There is new equipment at the skate park playground. This was completed several months ago and is already being used and enjoyed.

There are, for example, a new seesaw, interactive items, climbing wall and an extra slide.



Older Person's Housing 2 Fraser Drive Aireys Inlet

As AIDA members are aware, there has been many years of discussion between AIDA and the Surf Coast Shire about the development of older person's housing on the vacant land at 2 Fraser Drive. Council has now announced a tender process for construction of houses on the site.

The development would not affect the Community Garden and would incorporate current residents and the same number of social housing units already existing.

Council has decided to call for expressions of interest, seeking submission of tenders from suitable registered housing agencies by 29 November 2017. Criteria for assessing proposals will be based on the community consultation that occurred in 2016 and include:

- development of the land to deliver a lasting community benefit, with focus on accommodation suitable for the elderly;
- development that complements existing features,

including the Community Garden and walkway from Albert Avenue;

- innovative, environmentally friendly building design consistent with the Surf Coast Planning Scheme;
- a capable proven operator who can work well with an active local community.

Surf Coast Shire is proposing a community advisory panel comprising members from AIDA, the Community Garden and representatives from the existing social housing units as well as any community member interested in applying. The panel will be asked to comment on proposed summaries from the respondents who have expressed an interest and these comments will be considered when council decides on the shortlist of proponents.

If you are interested, please contact Brendan Walsh (Manager, Business Improvement) on 5261 0600 or bwalsh@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

If further detail is required, visit the Surf Coast website or contact an AIDA Committee member.

Barbara Fletcher

Fairhaven underpass colours muted

Not only was the Great Ocean Road underpass to the Fairhaven Surf Lifesaving Club and Beach massive, it was a colour that would draw attention to it.

After an outcry from our community, VicRoads arranged for the underpass and associated infrastructure to be painted darker, less obtrusive colours. The whole structure (concrete walls, handrails, barriers and fences) has been painted a 'palette' of four different colours. Each concrete panel is painted

one colour. The accompanying photos show the before and after appearance of the underpass. Do you consider this an improvement?

Once the mature plants have become established, they will also contribute to the softening appearance of the underpass.

Finally, VicRoads has reported that the lights have been changed and that there is a significant reduction in 'glare' from the lights at night.

Gary Johnson



Bottom Shops pedestrian refuge – light and landscaping

AIDA provided feedback to the shire during the community consultation undertaken for the Bottom Shops pedestrian refuge project. One of our concerns was the need for, and size, of the new light that was included in the works.

We were concerned that what was planned was a standard 11-metre VicRoads motorway light. We wrote to council with our concerns and were very pleased that they agreed to reduce the pole height to 8.5 metres and have an LED globe to reduce glare.

Given this, we were surprised to see that the new light at the Bottom Shops appears to be the standard 11-metre light. AIDA wrote to the shire seeking clarification and it turns out the power company installed the wrong light.

This is due to be replaced on 22 November with the lower pole and reduced-glare globe.

The actual refuge island was installed in early November and the base landscaping works will be finished later in November. The new plants for the area have been ordered but will not be planted until after the summer heat, to give them a better chance to establish.

Charlotte Allen



*Best wishes for a
safe and happy
holiday season
from the AIDA committee*



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