

AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2017

MINUTES

1. WELCOME / PRESENT

AIDA President Charlotte Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those in attendance were: Surf Coast Shire CEO Keith Baillie and Councillors Libby Coker and Margot Smith, and AIDA members Charlotte Allen, Julie Baillie, Lynn Barnett, Angela Berry, Janice & John Carpenter, Annette Comte, Gregory Day, Mickey Dewar, Rachel Faggetter, Barbara & Lloyd Fletcher, Mary-Jane Gething, Ian Godfrey, Jane Grant, Claire Hanley, Sheryl Herben, Klaus Imberger, Gary & Noni Johnson, Alan & Desley Lamb, Gretel Lamont, Denis & Barbara Leavesley, Chris & Brigitte Lloyd, Nan McNab, Peter McPhee, Aurore Mulkens, Kim Neubecker, Jiri Novak, Lecki Ord, Anne Porter, Susannah Ritchie, Adam Rudy, Frieda Wachsmann, Margaret White, Alison Witcombe.

2. APOLOGIES

Jeanne Ellis, Clive Goldsworthy, Ros Gibson, John & Fleur van Norden, Ian Porter.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY SURF COAST SHIRE CEO AND COUNCILLORS

Keith Baillie (KB) noted that the Shire's draft Strategic Plan for the next four years will be considered by council on the Tuesday following the AIDA AGM. The plan has five themes: community wellbeing, environmental leadership, balancing growth, vibrant economy, and well-performing council. KB expanded on three of these themes. With respect to wellbeing he highlighted the importance of young people being provided access to the services and support they need. In terms of balancing growth he noted that the shire has the sixth largest growth rate in the state and the highest rate of rural growth. Although there is encouragement to "come and live by the sea" – the question is how to shift growth inland. There will be implications for small communities like those of the Aireys Inlet district so the objective will be to strengthen township boundaries and support unique township character. Finally, with respect to a vibrant economy the need will be protect the environment and townships while creating ~ 2000 new jobs over the next 20 years. Most jobs would be in tourism but also in construction and agriculture.

Libby Coker (LC) discussed some issues pertaining to Aireys and district. She thanked AIDA for its efforts towards reducing the impact of VicRoads' development of the pedestrian crossing between the Bottom Shops and the Skate Park car park, and ANGAIR for its input into planning revegetation in the area. She also acknowledged the shire officers for their efforts in liaising with VicRoads to promote a good outcome. LC then provided an update on the improved school crossing and bus shelter and noted that there are discussions on the possibility of the CFA moving from their current site to near the Bottom Shops. Finally LC noted that a task force was working with energy expert Positive Charge to deliver a solar bulk buying program with over 20% of the energy to be renewable by 2020.

Margot Smith (MS) noted that it would shortly be the second anniversary of Alcoa's announcement of the closure of the Anglesea Power Station and reported on activities and plans for the rehabilitation of the area. Safeguarding the health of the Anglesea River commenced during the first year after the announcement with Alcoa pumping water into the river, while during the past year Barwon Water has pumped water into the river from the Ash Ponds. A vision for future use of the land will be formalised and reviewed by council in the

context of the new Strategic Plan. Approximately 90% of the land will be handed back to be part of the National Park: the remainder - areas with the least ecological value - being the land around the lake (formed from the pit), under the power lines and around Coalmine Road. Possible uses include camps and educational facilities, renewable energy and a new bypass road. The aim is to touch the land lightly.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO CEO

Chris Lloyd enquired about a fuel reduction burn between Moggs Creek and Forest Drive, Fairhaven, and noted that some roads in Fairhaven including Forest Drive need clearing out and replacement of gravel because of washouts in the walkways.

KB advised that he would draw these matters to the attention of the appropriate shire officer(s) but noted that the shire receives over 20,00 customer requests per year.

Adam Rudy queried how council were approaching the requirement for efficiency saving with respect to reviews of expenditure?

KB noted that the 2% rate cap imposed by the government implies significant challenges. The council is targeting a number of areas, including a \$350,000 efficiency reduction (which has been exceeded in the past two years, investing \$500,000 a year with the aim of saving \$100,000 a year, and transitioning to using all the latest tools, for example addressing all communications electronically. \$6 million is being invested to update digital technology, with planning coming completely on line from September.

Finally concerns were aired about lack of response to enquiries other than an email confirming receipt of the communication. KB advised that he would follow up on the matter.

Charlotte Allen then thanked Keith, Libby and Margot for their attendance at the AIDA AGM.

4. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 9/4/2016

The Minutes of the AGM on 9/4/2016 had previously been circulated to all members and copies were also distributed at the meeting.

Motion "to accept the minutes as a true record of the 2016 Annual General Meeting"

Proposed by Peter McPhee

Seconded by Lecki Ord

Agreed unanimously.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Charlotte Allen presented the President's Report for 2016. A copy will be published in the next newsletter and on the AIDA website.

No questions were asked.

6. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2016 Financial Report was distributed at the meeting (see attached).

Ian Godfrey presented the Financial Report. No questions were asked.

Motion "that the 2016 Financial Report be received"

Proposed by Janice Carpenter

Seconded by Anne Porter
Agreed unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016-2017

RESOLUTION establishing the number of ordinary members of the AIDA committee to hold office for the next year.

RESOLVED unanimously that the number of ordinary members of the AIDA committee to hold office for 2017/18 should be increased from eight to twelve.

Charlotte Allen then reported that the following nominations have been received for positions on the Committee:

President:	Charlotte Allen
Vice President:	Gary Johnson
Secretary:	Mary-Jane Gething
Treasurer:	Ian Godfrey
Committee Members:	Angela Berry
	Janice Carpenter
	Annette Comte
	Greg Day
	Barbara Fletcher
	Gretel Lamont
	Peter McPhee
	Lecki Ord
	Anne Porter
	Adam Rudy

There being no more than one person nominated for each position on the committee, the persons listed above were declared to have been elected to the new committee.

Rachel Faggeter than proposed a motion to congratulate and thank the committee on behalf of all the members. Passed by acclamation.

8. SETTING OF MEMBERSHIP FEE AND DUE DATE

Motion "that the AIDA membership fee remain at \$10 per voting member i.e. a single membership will be \$10 and a family membership \$20, and that the due date remain the 1st January"

Proposed by Lecki Ord

Seconded by Gary Johnson

Agreed unanimously.

9. CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President closed the Annual General meeting at 4.25 pm.

10. QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

None.

11. INVITED SPEAKERS

The AGM was followed by stimulating talks by two long-time residents of Aireys Inlet, Greg Day and Jane Grant. Greg spoke about connection to place and how he came to be teaching the Wadawurrung language at the primary school. He performed a musical item that he sings in language with the students. Jane, a past president and secretary of AIDA, spoke about her family's connection to Aireys and the Painkalac Valley as well as their experience of the Ash Wednesday fires. People stayed on for light refreshments and the opportunity to talk to the committee and other members.