

# AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018

### MINUTES

#### **1. WELCOME / PRESENT**

Members: Charlotte Allen, Lyn Barnett, Angela Berry, David Campbell, Janice Carpenter, Annette Comte, Greg Day, Barbara Fletcher, Mary-Jane Gething, Ian Godfrey, Claire Hanley, John Howie, Linsey Howie, Klaus Imberger, David Isacc, Gary Johnson, Allan Lamb, Desley Lamb, Gretel Lamont, Barbara Leavesley, Denis Leavesley, Brigitte Lloyd, Chris Lloyd, Nan McNab, Cathy McNaughton, Peter McPhee, Lecki Ord, Anne Porter, Ian Porter, Lachlan Richardson, Chris Ryan, Barry Schofield, Judy Schofield, James St John, Margaret St John, Clark Veale, Frieda Wachsman, Debra White, Margaret White, Alison Witcombe, Liz Wood and Trudy Wyse

Guests: Margot Smith, Libby Coker, Keith Baillie, Krista Bonafantine and Rod Wissing

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Ros Gibson, John & Fleur van Norden, Don Knee, Rachel Faggetter.

#### **3. PRESENTATIONS BY SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCILLORS AND CEO**

**Margot Smith (MS)** noted that Council had passed their draft budget, which is now out for review. She and LC would welcome AIDA's feedback. Consultation on the future use of the Alcoa site in Anglesea is continuing, the shire having made their submission to the Anglesea Futures Land Use Plan. MS noted that feedback from the Anglesea community revealed a consensus against too much development and support for maintaining the diversity and character of the area.

**Libby Coker (LC)** thanked Margot and Keith for their efforts on behalf of the district, acknowledged that it was great to have AIDA keeping 'us' on our toes, and noted the issues and negotiations regarding the Painkalac Valley land. LC and KB also recently met with Tourism and Traders.

**Keith Baillie (KB)** noted that a current issue of interest to AIDA was the possible reopening by Alcoa of the entrance to Coalmine Road, which until ~ 10 years ago was used mostly by locals as a back route to Aireys via its connection to Bambra Road. The road is in a very poor state and would need significant expenditure before reopening to vehicular traffic. Likely use of the road as an Anglesea bypass could deleteriously impact the Painlakac Valley and properties along Bambra Road.

KB then raised the management of the Great Ocean Road as another issue likely to be dear to AIDA's heart. Currently governance of the GOR is by a hotchpotch of 16 different authorities. A state government-initiated GOR Taskforce, under the bipartisan joint chairmanship of ex-Transport Ministers Peter Bachelor and Terry Mulder, is considering the possibility of an overarching authority for the whole length of the GOR. Questions include how this would interact with the current authorities. Requirements for funding investments on and along the GOR raises the issue of how growth in tourist numbers can be managed and revenue generated without unreasonably affecting residents of the region and changing the desirable characters of the coast and its communities. KB is on the Taskforce as representative of the Surf Coast Shire and the council have recently made their submission to the Taskforce.

Finally KB noted that increases in council rates are capped at 2.5% in line with the c.p.i. The garbage charge is a particular difficulty with the costs increasing dramatically. The council does not intend to send recycling to garbage.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO CEO**

**James St John** noted that he strongly supported public ownership and rehabilitation of the valley land but did not think that a pathway should be put ahead of rehabilitation. He is also worried that people might bring dogs and bicycles on the pathway.

KB responded that he hadn't heard these views before, but understood there could also be concerns for birdlife. Another problem might be car parking for visitors – this also was an issue raised by the Tourism and Traders Association.

**Greg Day** noted the importance for kangaroos of the valley being a site that is not so impacted upon by humans. Potentially, opening up the valley for tourism might make the current situation a 'golden age'.

**KB** responded that people are going to come regardless, so we need to provide facilities in the best way possible.

**Greg Day** noted that if we create a focus on the valley from the bottom shops then we should make a best practice regeneration project that is educational rather than for tourism. It would be best not to direct tourists to the valley. Is this effort for us or for the valley?

**LC** responded that we want to work together to get the best result. **MS** noted that the GOR Authority must still have a community voice and council must also play a role via the Structure Plan in ensuring low scale infrastructure etc. **KB** noted that the interesting thing about the GOR is its contribution to the economy of the state is very large. This contribution is very important to the state government.

**Desley Lamb** asked – regarding the possible opening of Coalmine Road and its impact re increased traffic along Bambra Road – how does this stack up against the regeneration of the valley?

**Alison Witcombe** asked about aged care services for elderly people in the area?

**MS** and **KB** responded that changes legislated as part of My Aged Care will lead to increased privatisation. Council is still working out its role under requirements for competitive neutrality. The main change is that each person is empowered to choose their provider and council needs to decide if it will be a provider or not. However, council's position is that it will not exit the market and leave people without access, particularly those in high need. But council will not be able to subsidise prices below market level. The current level of subsidy is about \$1.4 M.

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

## **4. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 8/4/2017**

The Minutes of the AGM on 8/4/2017 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 2017 Annual General Meeting**”

Proposed by Peter McPhee

Seconded by Ian Godfrey

Agreed unanimously.

## 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Charlotte Allen presented the President's Report for 2017. A copy will be published in the next newsletter and on the AIDA website.

No questions were asked.

## 6. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2017 Financial Report was distributed at the meeting (see attached).

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

**Motion "that the 2017 Financial Report be received"**

Proposed by Ian Godfrey

Seconded by John Howie

Agreed unanimously.

## 7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018-2019

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 2018/19 should be twelve.

Charlotte Allen thanked retiring committee members Angela Berry, Greg Day and Gretel Lamont for their service and then reported that the following nominations have been received for positions on next year's Committee:

President:	Charlotte Allen
Vice President:	Gary Johnson
Secretary:	Mary-Jane Gething
Treasurer:	Ian Godfrey
Committee Members:	Janice Carpenter
	Annette Comte
	Barbara Fletcher
	Catherine McNaughton
	Peter McPhee
	Lecki Ord
	Anne Porter
	Ian Porter
	Adam Rudy
	Frieda Wachsmann

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.

## 8. 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 1<sup>st</sup> January"**

Proposed by Janice Carpenter

Seconded by Lecki Ord

Agreed unanimously.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

A motion “**that the AIDA Committee consider holding the AGM in early January each year or, if this is not practical due to concerns about days of high fire risk, hold a community meeting in early January**” had been submitted in advance of the AGM by Rachel Faggetter, who was unable to attend on the day. In her absence it was proposed by John Howie and seconded by Nan McNab.

After considerable discussion the motion was passed unanimously with advice to the Committee that the members present at the meeting strongly supported there being two meetings each year, a community meeting or forum in January sponsored by AIDA and the AGM later in the first half of the year, preferably during the Easter school holidays

## **10. CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The President closed the Annual General meeting at 4.50 pm.

## **11. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES**

**Lachlan Richardson** asked that AIDA consider the elderly residents of our district when dealing with issues such as the possibility of a refuge crossing at Moggs Creek and the Step Beach car park exit.

**Chris Ryan** asked if AIDA had established a position regarding the possible opening of Coalmine Road? The president responded that the committee had not yet had a chance to discuss the matter. Chris noted that he had attended the community meeting in Anglesea and there were suggestions that the road be reserved to be a walking and biking track. He has no doubt that a decision to open the road to vehicles would have multiple repercussions.

**Greg Day** commented that his year on the committee had been a great experience and that the commitment and energy of the committee members on behalf of the district was quite exceptional.

## **12. INVITED SPEAKERS**

The AGM was followed by short presentations from two students who are doing PhD research relevant to our area. Ross Wissing is investigating the role of the home garden in sustainably meeting human and ecological needs in urban Geelong. Ross also works in open space planning at the Surf Coast Shire with a focus on land management, policy and master plan development, and Aboriginal cultural heritage. Krista Bonfantine, a watershed ecologist, has spent much of her life in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico and Colorado but has also worked along both coasts of the United States. Her research project is focused on the Painkalac Creek.

Attendees then stayed on for light refreshments and the opportunity to talk to the committee and other members.