



AIDA

DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 4 January 2013, from 7.00 pm (new and renewing members) for 7.30 pm
Aireys Inlet Community Hall



Special guest speaker

Michelle Quigley SC

Current issues in coastal planning

Michelle Quigley SC has practised as a barrister since 1988. She took silk in 2002. Her practice has involved her in a broad range of planning, environmental, heritage and local government matters, including appearances before the VCAT, the Supreme Court and ministerial appointed panels and advisory committees, registration and appeal reviews conducted before Heritage Victoria and building regulation matters before the Building Appeals Board.

Michelle also has a commitment to public participation in the planning process and access to justice and has been involved with a number of community and professional organisations and contributed by way of pro bono work for them. Some of this work was recognised in 2000 by a PILCH / Law Foundation

Pro Bono Award and by a National Australia Day Council Citizenship award in 2001 (in relation essentially to the Abbotsford Convent project). She is one of the founders of Save Our Suburbs. She was a Director of the Environment Defenders Office between 2002 and 2005, and is a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environment Association (VPELA).

Demonstrating jurisdictional adaptability (and demonstrating true legal independence as Michelle is a Geelong Cats fan), she was engaged by the AFL Sydney Swans as their appeal advocate for the 2005 season. She lives in Richmond but has been a regular visitor to the Surf Coast since her school days and shares a beautiful house at Lorne with her husband.

Please note: the AGM will not be held if the fire danger rating is Extreme or Code Red.

AIDA's new website <<http://www.aireys-inlet.org>>

AIDA's new website will be launched on Monday 17 December. It will provide in-depth information about AIDA's aims and activities to our whole community, and allow rapid communication between committee and community when urgent issues arise. We hope that you will visit often and welcome your news and feedback via the 'Contact Us' button and email form, especially if you have any difficulties or questions about using the website.

For those who are not website aficionados, there are some pointers for navigating the website below.

The screenshot shows the AIDA website interface with the following callouts:

- 1**: Points to the 'About AIDA' link in the top navigation menu.
- 2**: Points to the 'Local Government' link in the top navigation menu.
- 3**: Points to the search bar in the top right corner.
- 4**: Points to a large photograph of the coastline with a lighthouse.
- 5**: Points to the 'Home' link in the right-hand side menu.
- 6**: Points to the 'Aireys Inlet & District Association' header at the top left.
- 7**: Points to a text block at the bottom of the page containing a quote about the Split Point Lighthouse.

- 1 The 'Top Menu' takes you to all the information on the site. Once finished with a page, use the Top Menu to navigate to another page.
- 2 Hover the pointer over a menu button to reveal a drop-down menu. Click an item on the drop-down menu for information on that topic.
- 3 Click 'Contact Us' for details and an email form.

- 4 To examine a photograph, hover the pointer over it.
- 5 A 'Side Menu' on other pages contains information for AIDA members
- 6 To return to the Home Page click on 'Home' or within 'Aireys Inlet & District Association'.
- 7 Click on any underlined word or phrase to learn more.

A cautionary tale

The Surf Coast Shire engaged their heritage advisor, Ivan Nelsen, to comment on two proposals for new garages at 12 and 14 Federal Street, Aireys Inlet. He noted that although 'neither property was covered by the Shire's Heritage Overlay, their potential adverse heritage impact lies in the fact they are located across Federal Street from ... the Split Point Inlet Lighthouse Station, Keepers' Cottages and Stables' which are important heritage properties. He recommended that 'the existing significant vegetation along the Federal Street frontages of the two properties should be maintained ... and reinforced ... to maintain the existing degree of screening from Federal Street'.

Given that the planning application for the garage at No. 12 had included 'No loss of vegetation is anticipated ...', AIDA did not express concern about the vegetation. Furthermore, assurances were given to the shire and objectors at the site meeting that the vegetation screen for No. 12 would be maintained across the Federal Street frontage and more screening plants would be established.

AIDA was gobsmacked when a member reported that, shortly after the garage was constructed, all the vegetation along the frontage of No. 12 Federal Street had been eliminated and replaced by a high, but nearly transparent fence (see photo) that is visually dominant, while not in itself adequately screening the buildings from Federal Street. So what can be done about it? Apparently, very little. Why? Because the vegetation screen was largely composed of woody weeds (tea tree and mirror bush) located on a fence line and under the bushfire provisions they are not protected by the planning scheme. So, as important as it was to the neighbourhood character of this sensitive precinct, the vegetation was only protected by, according to the planning officer's report, trust in the owners rather than a valid planning consideration.

Seedlings have been planted but will take years to grow to an adequate size. But maybe the shire will require something be done to improve the fence, which appears quite inappropriate in this heritage area, and in any event, under the planning scheme, itself now requires a planning permit.

Gary Johnson & Barbara Fletcher



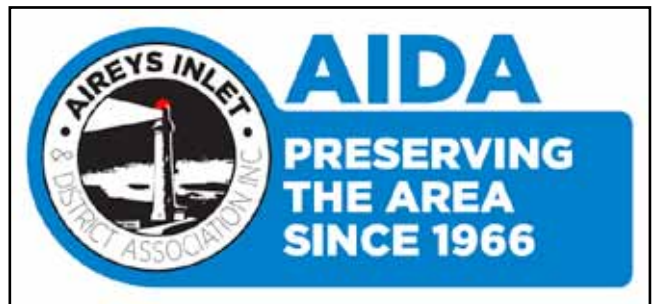
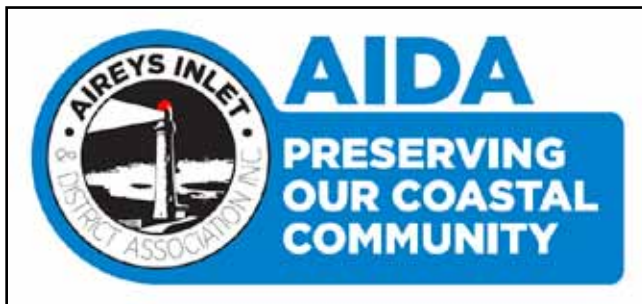
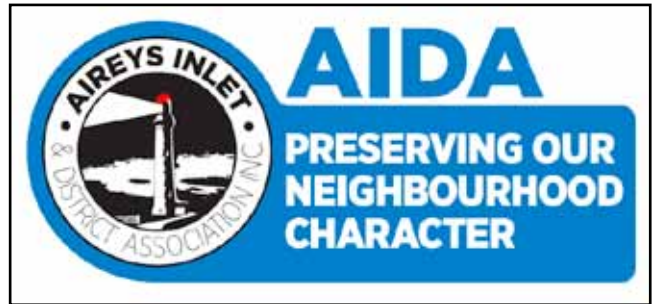
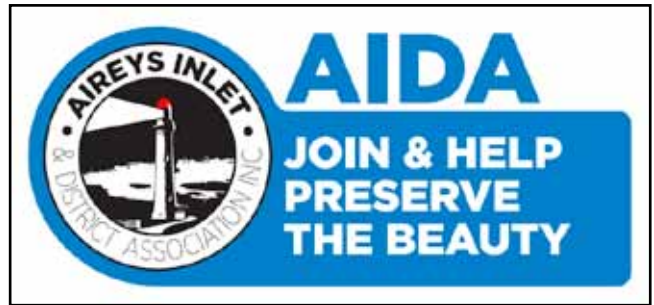
AIDA sticks to its core values

Since 1966 the Aireys Inlet District Association (AIDA) has worked hard to maintain neighbourhood character in Aireys Inlet and townships either side of it along the Surf Coast. Arguably AIDA has done a very good job, as the majority of residents and visitors greatly appreciate the natural beauty of the area and what AIDA has done to help it stay that way.

To successfully continue that important work, AIDA needs to secure the widest possible support from the community, so raising awareness of itself is a must. With help (free of charge) from design professionals, AIDA has produced a series of four stickers to allow supporters to be more visible and hopefully attract other supporters.

Members may choose a sticker at the AGM.

Roger Clifton



Planning zone changes

Thank you to all members who made submissions and comments to the state government regarding its proposal to amend the planning controls for our Residential, Business and Rural Planning Scheme Zones. Many did submit – some even bearding the minister, and receiving ‘interesting’ personal replies for their trouble! You may also have seen the numerous media articles opposing the proposals.

All submissions across the state have been referred to a ministerial working party, which is scheduled to report on the results, together with recommendations,

for residential zones this December, and all other zones in February 2013.

Ian Godfrey

Surf Coast Shire election results

AIDA would like to congratulate Cr Libby Coker, Mayor, and Cr Margot Smith, representing Anglesea Ward, on their election to council.

AIDA would also like to thank outgoing councillors Libby Mears for eight years, and Simon Northeast for four years of untiring support and hard work for the ward and to wish them both all the very best for their future endeavours.



Ten and twenty years ago

As readers of this column will know, AIDA has been around for quite some years! Last year we scanned and recorded to CD all of our past newsletters – dating back to 1989. This newsletter’s selection shows that both serious planning and light-hearted irony have each inspired the AIDA pen ...

WHICH ANSWERS? WHO CAN GIVE THEM?

Please don't get too excited, but there could also be news about other matters at our AGM. The Water Board is expecting to hear, any day now, what has been decided about the site for our sewerage scheme treatment plant. When that has been determined the board will lose no time in sending out accounts, to the property owners affected, as they fire the starting gun to launch the necessary works. If you come from Moggs Creek or Eastern View you can heave a temporary sigh of relief while the rest of us work out financial sums on the backs of old envelopes.

What about the future of water boards, and the Geelong Regional Commission, and the amalgamation of municipal councils in our region? We'd better stop before we get carried away!

AIDA Newsletter, December 1992

AIDA PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

On Monday 4 November AIDA held a special workshop to discuss future priorities for our activities. The meeting was divided into groups, and each individual wrote down a list of priorities that he or she regarded as important for AIDA's future activities. Then each group compared and discussed their lists, and came up with a combined list of five priorities.

These were:

1. Work to ensure a Neighbourhood Character Study is done ASAP, and by experts;
2. Preserve the Painkalac Creek Valley at all costs;
3. Develop a database of community members' expertise;
4. Develop stronger links with community groups;
5. Continue to assist with the Aireys Inlet [Older Persons] development.

AIDA Newsletter, November 2002

AIDA's Policy & Aims

The AIDA Committee revised its Policy & Aims document and a new printed brochure should be available at the AGM in January. In the meantime the revised document is on our new website at:

www.aireys-inlet.org/aims-and-policies/



AIDA's new logo



You may have already noted that we have updated the AIDA logo on the front page of this newsletter and on the website home page shown below. Our old and much-loved version could not be reproduced at the high resolution required for the website and for our new AIDA car stickers (see p. 4).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 AIDA COMMITTEE

Nomination forms should be in the hands of the secretary, Anne Porter, PO Box 359, Aireys Inlet, Vic. 3231, not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting on Friday 4 January 2013. Nominees, proposers and seconders should be AIDA members, and the form must be signed by the nominee to acknowledge acceptance. All members elected to the committee should be prepared to sign the AIDA Code of Ethics (see below).

NOMINATION FORM FOR AIDA COMMITTEE 2013

PERSON NOMINATED (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

NOMINATED FOR (PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX):

PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	VICE-PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMITTEE MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED BY (1)

SECONDED BY (2)

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION.....

DATE

AIDA CODE OF ETHICS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 1) To support the Aims and Policies of AIDA.
- 2) To be an active and committed member in the best interests of AIDA, free of motives of personal advantage and/or information gathering for personal advantage or gain.
- 3) To accept all decisions of AIDA made by constitutional means, and to refrain from public adverse comment of those decisions in any form which claims or implies representation of AIDA.
- 4) To declare any actual or perceived vested or pecuniary interest, and to abstain from voting in cases where such an interest exists. This interest must be declared before any relevant agenda item is dealt with, or when such conflict of interest becomes clear.

Signature..... Date



AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM – 2013

Family (\$20).....Single (\$15).....Donation.....

Total:.....

Name (s): Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr:

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Postal address (for newsletter, etc.):.....

.....Postcode:.....

Permanent/part-time address in Aireys Inlet district:

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.....Postcode:

Telephone no.(s):

AIDA wishes to contact members by email where possible.

By giving your email address we presume your willingness to receive AIDA emails and electronic newsletters.
Email addresses are of course confidential and will not be passed on to any third party.

Email 1:

Email 2:

(Please tick appropriate box:)

New member (subject to ratification by AIDA Committee)

Renewal

I/We agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association

Signature(s):.....

..... Date

NB Family membership entitles voting rights for two adult members as named on this form.

Please return this form to Lecki Ord, AIDA Membership, 1702/1 William St, Melbourne, 3000