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Celebrating AIDA's fifty years

AIDA's fiftieth birthday is approaching, marking fifty years of commitment and hard work by many people. To honour and record these endeavours, we have consolidated and catalogued our archives.

The precise date of the foundation is unclear, which is not unusual in organisation like ours. We know that the Aireys Inlet Progress Association became the Aireys Inlet Community Association in 1967 and finally the Aireys Inlet and District Association in 1972. The original prompt to form an association was most likely a proposal to establish a camping ground along the lower reaches of the Painkalac Creek estuary, downstream(!) from the bridge. Thanks to Brian Williams, we have a copy of the flyer calling a meeting about the proposed development. That was in August

1966, but there is also a suggestion that the association under Ian Noble's leadership began in May 1965 and, unless we have members with clearer records or memories than ours, we will celebrate the jubilee in May 2015. Please let us know if you have further information!

This is also an invitation to all AIDA members to submit any photos, articles or information you may have for a jubilee edition of the newsletter to celebrate AIDA's fiftieth anniversary. Please let us know whether we may use the photos for display and in our newsletter, and whether we may scan them for our archives. We will protect them and return them in original condition.

Peter McPhee

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Barwon Water's decision

Aireys Inlet & Fairhaven water supply

The decision has been made to provide water to Aireys Inlet and Fairhaven via an 11 km pipeline from Anglesea and to decommission the water treatment plant rather than upgrade it. After three public meetings and numerous consultants reports, the board made its decision known to the community on 22 August.

Throughout the consultation period AIDA attempted to keep its members informed and sought additional information from Barwon Water. The information was relayed to members via email. We are grateful to a member with extensive hydrology experience (Rory Nathan) for his analysis of the two options for AIDA members.

In the August press release, Barwon Water proposed establishing a community group to investigate opportunities for future public use of the Painkalac Reservoir. Subsequently, it advertised for eight to ten representatives from a range of sectors including residents, businesses, as well as community and environmental groups, to join four Barwon Water members in an advisory group called the Painkalac Reservoir Community and Agency Group (PRCAG). Expressions of interest closed 31 October. An AIDA committee member has applied. In the terms of reference for the PRCAG, it was made plain that '... environmental flow management will not be considered' by the group. Rather 'a dedicated agency group will be established to review environmental flow management'. AIDA will contact Barwon Water to seek additional information about this group and to request that it include an AIDA representative.

Gary Johnson



New structure plan for Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven, Moggs Creek and Eastern View

AIDA has been advised that the Surf Coast Shire is preparing a new structure plan for Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven, Moggs Creek and Eastern View and that this will replace the existing structure plan that was developed in 1993.

The shire says 'The plan will help guide the way the settlements develop and change over the next 20 to 30 years to ensure the highly valued features of the towns are protected and the towns remain a great – or even better – place to live, work, visit and play for current and future generations of residents and visitors.'

AIDA will work cooperatively with the shire to help develop the plan and to make sure it accurately reflects the values, aims and objectives of AIDA. The

AIDA committee will be meeting the shire and its consultants in January.

The shire also advised that part of the project will be to prepare an urban design framework for the Top and Bottom Shops in Aireys to guide their development and to retain their 'informal character, improve pedestrian access and amenity, and enhance the physical environment'.

The AIDA committee is unsure why the shire is intending to prepare a new urban design framework when one (and related plans) were developed recently.

(AIDA and the community worked with the shire's Pride of Place project which produced an urban design framework for the Top and Bottom Shops in 2005 and the 2007 business zone land capacity project which found there is sufficient land zoned for business. There was also the urban design guidelines project in 2009, which led to the Commercial Areas amendments to the Planning Scheme, which were approved by the government in 2012.)

The AIDA committee will seek clarification when it meets the shire's project team in January.

The shire said that community consultation will be an important part of the structure plan's development and that collecting the community's issues, ideas, needs and aspirations will be the first phase of the project.

The shire's project team and consultants from AXOS Urban will be in Aireys Inlet and Fairhaven between 25 January and 2 February to hear from people in the area.

AIDA has been told the consultants will be filming on some days to capture highlights of Aireys and some of the 'engagement activities'. This will result in a 2-3 minute video blog that will be presented as part of the project findings.

If anyone is interested in reading the 1993 structure plan it can be found at: <http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Search?keyword=structure+plan>

Charlotte Allen

Great Ocean Road underpass

Minister for Transport, and Member for Polwarth, Terry Mulder, gave the go-ahead for an underpass beneath the Great Ocean Road, which will provide safer pedestrian access to Fairhaven Beach and the Fairhaven SLSC clubhouse.

Mr Mulder announced that full construction funding (\$4 million) has been approved for the underpass, which will be constructed after the 2014-15 summer season. It will be fully lit, about 30 metres long and 3 metres wide, with about 120 metres of access ramps. To reduce inconvenience to the summer crowds and road users, he said work should begin in autumn 2015, with the underpass ready to be used before the 2015-16 summer.

He said concerns had been raised over many years regarding the safety of pedestrians crossing the Great Ocean Road at Fairhaven, particularly during peak holiday periods.

'I'm mindful that many of the pedestrians crossing the road to the club are children participating in the Nippers program,' he said. 'The Great Ocean Road is curved significantly here with large lengths of the road cut into the rock. This makes it hard for pedestrians to safely pick a gap in the traffic and also for vehicles exiting Yarringa Road to do so safely.'

He said up to 7,000 vehicles a day could pass this location during peak periods.

Fairhaven SLSC president, Trevor Baxter, told the gathering that this was really great news for Fairhaven beachgoers in general.

'While our primary focus is on beach safety, we have also considered the safety of those people crossing the road to or from a partially hidden public car park. This is a smart solution to a problem that has confronted our mounting membership during the summer season, local community groups using the clubhouse as well as increasing numbers of passing motorists and tourist coach drivers.'

Annette Comte





Planning zone changes

Changed residential zones

As the final phase in the government's planning zone reforms, in June the shire recommended to the minister the adoption the new General Residential Zone (GRZ) throughout all the previous Residential Zone 1 (RZ1) land in the Surf Coast. This decision was taken to ensure the continuing inclusion in the planning scheme of the differing neighbourhood character and environmental protection controls, which currently apply to each of the shire's distinct districts. AIDA has been advised by the shire that the government has accepted its recommendation and that this zoning change is now in effect.

It should be noted though, that during the recent election campaign the ALP indicated that it would review the many unsatisfactory impacts of the outgoing government's zoning changes. Watch this space!

Ian Godfrey

Special notices

1. The 2015 AIDA AGM will be held on Saturday 11 April at 4.00 pm in the Aireys Inlet Community Hall.
2. All members are reminded of the importance of a fire plan for the coming months.
3. Memberships are due and while AIDA's membership is strong, its strength is its members. If you have any neighbours or friends who may be interested in joining AIDA, emphasise the benefits – being kept informed of any changes in planning issues in the area; community liaison and involvement in bush-fire planning and prevention; presenting a united voice to local, state and federal governments; and the opportunity to share local concerns.
(Membership form and payment options attached.)
4. Celebrating AIDA's first fifty years – members are invited to submit any relevant photos, articles or information.

Mobile phone black spots

In the last newsletter we advised members that AIDA had made a submission to the Member for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson, requesting that Aireys Inlet and district be included in the Federal Government's funding to address mobile black spots in Australia. Ms Henderson received nominations from nineteen areas in her electorate.

A survey by the Department of Communications found that Corangamite was among the electorates with the highest number of mobile black spots in Australia. However, only three areas from Corangamite were able to be nominated for inclusion and Aireys Inlet and district was not included in the recommendations. The communities that were included were the ones from which Ms Henderson received the most correspondence. AIDA argued, without success, that we represented hundreds of residents and that our application should be given greater weight.

More recently AIDA has been advised that the Federal Department of Communications has said locations to be included in the program would be selected based on where mobile carriers proposed to build towers after referring to the black-spot nominations. AIDA is seeking clarification about this and will continue to lobby for improvements to mobile coverage in the area.

Charlotte Allen





Joan Forster – in memoriam

AIDA'S committee and members learned with enormous sadness of the passing of Joan Forster, a loved and valued member of AIDA. In 1970, Joan joined AIDA, which at that time was known as The Aireys Inlet Community Association. She served as AIDA President in 1987–88. Joan found like-minded people and worked enthusiastically to support AIDA's policy to 'encourage and support the planned use of the region between Urquhart Bluff and Eastern View . . . and conserve as far as possible the special character of the area.'

Joan Forster was a highly respected and innovative headmistress of the Methodist Ladies' College Junior School in Hawthorn for thirty-four years (1943–77).

She encouraged a generation of young women to have a love of learning, especially for the natural flora and fauna of Victoria, and to seek to give the very best of oneself to their communities. She did this herself, not only through AIDA, but by being a member of two local foreshore committees for several years, the Friends of the Angahook–Lorne State Park (now the Friends of Eastern Otways) and Angair.

Joan had a long history in the Aireys Inlet area. She was introduced to the area in 1943 when invited by Marjorie Mellor, a staff member at the MLC Junior School, to spend the school holidays at her family's Fairhaven holiday home. In 1966 she bought a bush block in Old Coach Road, Moggs Creek, and spent the next seventeen years preserving indigenous plants and enjoying the local birds. Unfortunately Ash Wednesday in 1983 took this from her, but not to be daunted, she purchased an acre of bush land in the Sandy Gully area of Aireys Inlet and put the same loving care into establishing a sanctuary for the local flora and fauna. In 1998 her love of the natural world and her exceptional skills as a leader and manager led to the preservation of her property and neighbouring properties in the Land for Wildlife Scheme, a lasting legacy.

Aireys Inlet and AIDA will miss Joan. We hope we can carry on her good work to conserve the area she loved.

Annette Comte

AIDA archives

10 and 20 years ago

As readers of this column will know, AIDA has been around for quite some years, and our past newsletters date back to 1989. This selection includes past items showing that still ring a bell . . .

Water issues

AIDA took advantage of the Community Cabinet meeting in Torquay in September to discuss a range of interconnected issues of water use and planning constraints with the Minister for Water Hon John Thwaites. A background paper was prepared and presented on behalf of AIDA and ANGAIR by Lecki Ord, Rachel Faggetter and Jane Grant with the request that a 'round table' meeting of the agencies concerned with the infrastructure planning for Aireys Inlet district be convened. This request was accepted by the Minister, however he was not prepared to intervene in the decision by Barwon Water to construct a pipeline to Anglesea to divert the growing sewerage load. Aireys Inlet Tourism and Traders Association also presented a similar case to the Minister on environmental and tourism grounds.

AIDA newsletter, December 2004

Items for discussion at the AIDA AGM

1. The Painkalac Creek Valley between Aireys Inlet and Fairhaven: what will it look like in the year 2001?
2. The present stage reached with the sewerage scheme: what is the timetable for connections? When will it all be fully flushed? How long can our very own local Water Board survive as a separate entity, small and beautiful?
3. The uncertain future for the Lighthouse and the coastal land to be sold by the Commonwealth Government.
4. The Anglesea-Aireys Inlet heathlands along the Great Ocean Road: how much of this area will be added to the State Park.
5. The proposed re-zoning, sub-division, and residential development of the 'Wybellenna Estate' off Bimbadeen Drive: will there be 74 more houses on that hill? Will there be any space between them? If there is another fire, will the occupants all be able to drive out in a hurry while the fire brigade is trying to drive in?

AIDA newsletter, December 1994



Aireys Inlet & District Association Inc.

Membership Application and Renewal Form – 2015

Family (\$20) \$ Single (\$10) \$ Donation \$ Total \$

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

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof _____

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof _____

Postal address : _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Aireys Inlet district address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Preferred telephone number/s: _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

Email 1 _____

Email 2 _____

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.

New member (subject to ratification by AIDA Committee)

Renewal

I/We wish to join / renew our membership of the Aireys Inlet and District Association, support its objectives and purpose and agree to be bound by its Rules.

Signature(s): _____

Date _____

Payment option: Cheque Direct deposit Cash

Account name: Aireys Inlet and District Association

BSB no. 063-860

Account number: 1003-8912

Reference: Please put your initial and surname, eg LOrd

Please post this form to:

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