



# AIDA

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## Notice of AGM

Saturday 8 April 3.30–4.30 pm

Community hall, Anderson Roadknight Reserve, Aireys Inlet

All members are welcome. Come along and:

- hear about the year's activities
- hear councillors and the CEO talk about shire priorities and plans for our area
- accept the financial report and election of the 2017 committee
- ask questions.

New committee members are welcome and if anyone would like to nominate they should get in touch via the AIDA website. Nominations should be received no later than Friday 31 March 2017.

Members can pay their subscriptions on the day and new members can join.

Following the AGM, everyone (friends, family, neighbours, visitors) is welcome to hear two local residents talk about their connection to Aireys Inlet:

**Greg Day** is a local writer, musician and long-time resident who also teaches the Waddawurrung language at the primary school.

**Jane Grant** is a past president and secretary of AIDA and long-time resident.

We expect the event to finish at 6.00 pm, when refreshments will be served.

*Charlotte Allen – President*

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## AIDA meets Surf Coast Shire

The AIDA committee met for an hour and a half with the Surf Coast Shire in early February. The meeting was wide-ranging and constructive.

The council was represented by ward councillors Libby Coker and Margot Smith; CEO Keith Baillie; General Manager of Infrastructure and Governance, Anne Howard; as well as senior officers from planning and engineering. The following issues were discussed.

### Painkalac valley planning applications

We raised a number of concerns about the process such as conflicting dates for objections and lack of notification to AIDA.

We also discussed the advice from AIDA's planning lawyer and outlined some of the issues in AIDA's submission. The submission will be available on AIDA's website after council puts the summary of submissions into the public domain with the planning officer's report. We expect this to be 22 March.

### Update

Since our meeting council advised that the submissions committee would hear verbal presentations on 14 March and that council will consider the two planning applications at its 28 March meeting. We will let you know the outcome of these two meetings.

### Playground renewal

The equipment in the playground next to the skate park is going to be replaced. The AIDA committee was contacted in January about the potential to have 'lighthouse themed' play equipment as part of this work. While we encouraged creative and suitably challenging play equipment, we also said that the local community had not embraced 'nautical' or 'lighthouse' themed developments in the past. We have agreed to review the design of the new playground and suggested that the designer of the creative 'shark park' in Anglesea could be asked to tender for the work.

### Pedestrian refuge at Bottom Shops

AIDA supports the concept of a pedestrian refuge to provide a safer crossing of the Great Ocean Road at the Bottom Shops but we remain concerned about the significant, and unrelated, works to the Inlet Crescent entry.

It is the committee's view that widening the entrance to Inlet Crescent will encourage drivers to enter the area at greater speed and we asked the shire to review this aspect of the works.

The grassed and treed verge at Inlet Crescent acts

as an informal chicane, forcing traffic coming off the Great Ocean Road to reduce their turning speed into an area where young children are playing and tourists and locals alike walk on the road.

In addition to the safety concerns, this proposal would result in the loss of screening vegetation and introduce a more suburban face to the area. This is against council's Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Structure Plans, to 'protect and enhance the small, low key, informal, non-suburban, vegetated coastal village character of the towns'.

We also discussed the need for lighting for the new refuge. Unfortunately, the need for a new light was not included with the information provided for community comment. Since early January we have been in discussion with council officers to reduce the height of the new pole and to change the type of light to achieve minimum light spill.

### Painkalac Creek pathway



We were keen to know more about the status of the pathways along the banks of the Painkalac Creek, which are included in the shire's Pathways Strategy. The shire has \$60,000 in reserve for these paths but they are not a priority and not included in the current capital works program.

Council said there are some issues raised by the concept of the pathways, such as the need for a number of small bridges and approval from the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, flooding and also that the shire is aware of community concern about the possibility of wildlife being disturbed.

## Master plans – community hall and Aireys Inlet School oval upgrade

AIDA forwarded its comments on both master plans to council and reported on its approval of both and in particular the progress to upgrade the school oval for wider community use.

## Unmade roads policy

Council is preparing an Unmade Roads Policy to provide a decision-making framework and hierarchy to guide council when it receives requests for road sealing across the shire. We asked to be provided with a draft of this policy.

## Fairhaven underpass

We discussed the need to complete the works to reduce the visual impact of the underpass. These include the repainting and landscaping.

## Community garden

There was a discussion about the community garden and accommodating this with the planned older persons housing. The sensitivities about changing its size or location were discussed. (Since our meeting council has considered the location of the community garden and agreed it will remain in its current location.)

Charlotte Allen

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## The Painkalac reservoir – our latest recreation area

After consulting with the community and relevant agencies, Barwon Water is well advanced in converting the Painkalac Reservoir into a wonderful recreation area close to Aireys Inlet. Since the last newsletter article on this topic, the tracks up each side of the reservoir have been upgraded with improved drainage and new gravel surface. Benches and picnic tables with views of the water (and waterfowl, if you are lucky) have been installed.

What is next? Interpretive signs have been designed and will be installed in March. Fisheries Victoria have completed a full risk assessment and have not detected any endangered species. Consequently the reservoir has been endorsed for estuary perch stocking. The stocking will take place in December 2017. Do yourself a favour and walk into the reservoir from Distillery Creek Picnic area.

Barwon Water is planning an open day on **Sunday, 9 April**. For further details (currently being worked out), consult the AIDA website <<http://www.aireys-inlet.org>> near the date or check the AIDA noticeboard at the Top Shops.

*Below reservoir Opposite top picnic bench on east side middle track to reservoir bottom track around reservoir*



## Memorial arch master plan

The final meeting of the GORCC Memorial Arch Master Plan Community Group, of which AIDA was a member, was held on Monday 27 February 2017. This group comprised representatives from the local community, GORCC, DWELP, VicRoads, Surf Coast Shire, and the consultancy firm Spatial Design Studio.

This committee, and another comprising agency group members, was formed for input into a Memorial Arch Master Plan. The master plan is to develop a design and improve amenity to ameliorate future tourist impact on this area – an area already under pressure from increasing tourist numbers and limited space available for cars and buses. Predictions for future tourist numbers along the Great Ocean Road show a marked increase sooner rather than later, with increased pressure on tourist facilities along the coast. As well, studies of the potential effect of global warming and sea level rise ('Coastal climate change vulnerability and adaptation') have shown the area from Urquhart Bluff to Spout Creek has a high risk of inundation, storm erosion and coastal recession.

As part of the master plan, several options have been proposed for the Memorial Arch site. This options paper will be distributed throughout the Aireys Inlet district over the coming weeks, and community input will be sought as a vote on the various options, or combinations of options. For those without post office boxes, copies and procedural information will be available at stores throughout Aireys, or, when available, on the GORCC website [www.gorcc.com.au](http://www.gorcc.com.au). For further information contact David Petty, Community Engagement Manager, GORCC on either 5220 5033 or mobile 0437 557 960.

Some immediate safety signage and roadside measures are to be undertaken to try to stop illegal parking and 'on road' photography.

We urge all AIDA members to watch for the information and make sure your voice is heard, so that the final choice within the proposed design scenarios for the Memorial Arch site is the one the community itself has decided.

*Barbara Fletcher*

## Fairhaven underpass

It is disappointing that much of the work to improve the visual intrusion of the Fairhaven underpass is still not complete. The consultative group, which has representatives from the shire, ward councillors, Surf Club, VicRoads, AIDA and the community, should be meeting shortly to discuss the actions needed.

## Sand dune revegetation



In September 2016, VicRoads, DELWP and GORCC met on-site to discuss the re-vegetation of the sand dune and work on the ongoing maintenance. This work is still in progress.

## Lighting



The southern wall lights have been changed to LED bulbs with new surrounds. VicRoads say the alterations have reduced the light spill while achieving the minimum lighting they require. VicRoads has asked the designer to also review lighting in the tunnel and the northern approaches.

## Landscaping



The landscaping has not gone as well as had been predicted. VicRoads has purchased some mature prickly teatree plants to help break up the appearance of the southern wall. These trees will be planted mid to late April 2017 when the conditions are better suited for their establishment.

At the consultation meeting, AIDA will be asking for some larger screening plants to be included in the landscaping on the northern side of the Great Ocean Road.

## Colour of the underpass



Late last year some of the vertical concrete panels on the underpass were painted different shades of grey. The consultative group will be discussing and comparing the two colour schemes and proceed with the one that will best blend the concrete panels with the landscape. It is hoped that the painting will be done during autumn.

Charlotte Allen

## Mobile black spot update

Members will be aware that on two occasions AIDA has applied for Aireys Inlet and district to be included in the Mobile Black Spot Program. We are particularly concerned that in the peak bushfire hazard period when mobile phone communication is essential for receiving emergency notifications and when our resident population increases eight-fold, mobile phone reception can be inadequate. When we heard that we were unsuccessful with the latest application, we wrote to Senator Fiona Nash, Minister for Regional Communications, and our local member, Sarah Henderson MP.

The reply from Senator Nash stated that Aireys Inlet '... will be given priority under round three.' However, she went on to write 'It is expected that a competitive process to allocate round 3 funding will commence in this year.' The last sentence does not guarantee us priority.

By contrast the message from our local member was more positive. Sarah Henderson wrote 'I am

pleased to inform you that our government has already committed to provide funding for new mobile base stations at Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Bellbrae and Birregurra. This was announced in May 2016 by the Prime Minister in Anglesea [sic] (as an election commitment) and will be delivered as part of Round Three of the program. All successful locations, regardless of the funding round, are being delivered as soon as possible within the life of the \$220m program (2015-2018).' AIDA members will hope that our local member is correct and we receive the service by 2018.

Members will be pleased to hear that we are still in the running for improved mobile reception. However, our community remains exposed until we have a new base station. Consequently, we asked Ms Henderson to lobby for the provision of a temporary base station during the bushfire season. She has written to the regional manager of Telstra on our behalf.

Gary Johnson

## Community Garden 3231 to stay



AIDA welcomes the Surf Coast Shire Council's unanimous decision (28 February 2107), to allow Community Garden 3231 to remain on its present site at 2 Fraser Drive Aireys Inlet. Up until now this location has been a 'temporary home' for the garden. The recommendation from the business improvement department of the office of the CEO, Keith Baillie, was

that 'a commitment to the garden remaining in its current location would assist to focus the scope of the review into options for the remainder of the land at 2 Fraser Drive ... [to] deliver the strategic outcome envisaged in the "Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Structure Plan" and ... [to] reassure the community about council's support for the garden.'

The council resolution was moved by Cr Libby Coker and seconded by Cr Margot Smith.

The shire has also committed to consulting with all stakeholders and the community on future plans for the land at 2 Fraser Drive, the design and how the site may operate.

*Angela Berry*



## Farewell Teagues

It is with sadness that we farewell Tania and Graham Teague, who are leaving for the warmer climes of Yamba.

Graham and Tania are well known throughout Aireys Inlet and Moggs Creek, and have been active and involved members of local clubs and associations, including AIDA. The Teagues were AIDA committee members for seven years – Tania as secretary for six of those, and Graham as minute secretary over the same period. That they were able to maintain accurate and ordered records from these sometimes spirited meetings, and do so with good humour and efficiency, is a testament to them both.

The AIDA committee wishes them good luck and good fortune in their new venture, thanks them for their continued support and will miss their invaluable input as AIDA members.

*Barbara Fletcher*



## AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION INC

PO BOX 359 AIREYS INLET VICTORIA 3231 (Reg. No. A000710V)

### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM

I, (name) \_\_\_\_\_

of (address) \_\_\_\_\_

being a member of the Aireys Inlet & District Association Inc.

appoint (name of proxy holder) \_\_\_\_\_

of (address of proxy holder) \_\_\_\_\_

also being a member of that Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual/special/ general\* meeting of the Association to be held on 8 April 2017 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of / against\* the following resolution(s) (\*delete as applicable)

(insert resolution(s)): \_\_\_\_\_

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and otherwise to vote without guidance on my behalf.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Call for nominations for the 2017 AIDA committee

AIDA members may put themselves forward for election to the committee or, with their consent, be proposed for election by another AIDA member. All members standing for election to the committee should be prepared to sign the AIDA code of ethics (see below). Completed nomination forms may be mailed to the secretary, Mary-Jane Gething, PO Box 359, Aireys Inlet Victoria 3231, to be received by Friday 31 March 2017.

### Nomination form for AIDA committee 2017

PERSON NOMINATED: (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE) \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED FOR: (PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX)

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

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 about 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: \_\_\_\_\_