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Notice of AGM

Saturday 27 April 3.00 pm

Community Hall, Anderson Roadknight Reserve, Aireys Inlet

Given there is every indication the federal government election will be held sometime in May, the committee decided it would be appropriate to invite all the candidates for the federal electorate of Corangamite to speak following the meeting.

The plan is to give each candidate a maximum of five minutes (in the interest of fairness anyone speaking over the allocated time will be stopped). The time allocated to each candidate may need to be reduced depending on the number of candidates and the number who accept our invitation.

All candidates will be asked to speak only about their interest in, and attitudes to, the Great Ocean Road. This could include issues such as climate change, tourist numbers, and infrastructure. We hope there will be opportunities for questions from the floor following the candidate talks.

The AGM normally lasts about an hour so we would anticipate the candidates' talks would begin around 4.00 pm. All members of the community will be invited to attend. This may well be the only opportunity for the community to hear all the candidates and to hear them talking about their area of the coast.

Charlotte Allen

Painkalac Valley update

The Painkalac Valley continues to be of concern and interest to the AIDA committee, our members and many in the community. When the last newsletter was distributed in November we said we were waiting for advice from our lawyers about what our options might be.

However, before we received this we were advised, in early December, by the Shire's planning department that they had asked for assistance from the Department of Justice's Mediation service to see whether the various issues could be resolved through mediation.

The parties in the mediation are the landowners of the three lots, the lessees of Lot 3, two AIDA representatives and the Shire. We understand that all the concerns we have raised will be 'on the table' as well as the concept of a new bridge across the Painkalac to connect the Blazing Saddles property on the western side of the Painkalac to Lot 3 on the opposite bank. It was hoped that the mediation would be in December but the mediators have had difficulty with finding a date that suits all parties. A date has yet to be agreed.

Since being notified of the mediation AIDA has spent many hours examining all the issues, the various planning controls and policies, the planning permits and requirements of the CMP that apply to the land. We have also collated our correspondence with council about the various issues. Through this process, it has become apparent that council has the planning authority to make a decision over the majority of the issues. However, AIDA is happy to be involved in the mediation.

While we are pleased to be invited to the mediation to represent the community's views and to be your voice we will not agree to any action that contravenes any planning policy or existing control over the valley. We are also consulting AIDA's lawyers to get their advice. It would seem that no action will be taken by the Shire on any issue until the mediation is complete.

Charlotte Allen

Painkalac rehabilitation project

It's easy not to fully appreciate the geography of a place, even one you've visited for over 40 years.

Of course, having crossed the bridge over the Painkalac Creek between Airey's Inlet and Fairhaven hundreds of times I had seen the transformation of the inlet and estuary from a degraded, treeless landscape to the wonderful wetland area it is today, a transformation due to the commitment and hard work of many members of the community over a long period. What I hadn't really noticed was how, hidden from view when crossing the bridge, there was also an upper part of the Painkalac Valley, a flood plain skirted by Bambra Road running from the bottom of the Aireys Inlet hill to the meandering edge of the Painkalac Creek.

This flood plain, despite having been cleared over a hundred years ago, still contains a series of remnant water features: ephemeral lakes, billabongs, watercourses and small tributaries to the main creek, despite the limiting effect of the Painkalac Dam upstream. Around the world it is these wetland habitats, so important for birds, animals and plants, that are most under threat from human activity. The Painkalac Creek is such an important environment that it has recently been listed by the Federal Environment Minister as one of twenty-five 'salt wedge' sites around the Australian coast worthy of special protection.

Having seen the successful rehabilitation of the lower valley, I joined The Painkalac Project (TPP), a local community group committed to finishing the project by extending the rehabilitation of the Painkalac flood plain to the upper valley. After a busy two years working with this wonderful and committed group of volunteers, my wife Jacinta and I bought an area of approximately 11 acres in the upper valley on Bambra Road near Old Coach Road. We were particularly interested in this site as it included a large old drained series of billabongs.



The billabongs are shown in a 1930s aerial survey photo and were drained and back-filled several decades ago. Still working with the TPP, AIDA and ANGAIR, we aim to revegetate the block and reinstate the billabongs and ephemeral lake that still frequently form over winter and spring (as seen in the drone photo taken after heavy rain in September 2017). The wetlands will provide not only habitat for birds and native animals but also improve the water quality of the creek.

Work on the land has already started with the removal of some fencing and extensive weeding. This year we also plan to reinstate the billabongs and lake, plant and, of course, do more weeding. ANGAIR and AIDA will be helping to organise planting and weeding working bees, so if you're interested in helping we would love you to come along. Both AIDA and ANGAIR will advertise dates in their newsletters.

Michael Loughnan



Barwon South West Strategic Bushfire Management Planning

We need your help in planning bushfire management for the Barwon South-West region, which stretches from west of the Bellarine Peninsula to the South Australian border, and from the coast to north of Casterton, Balmoral, Dunkeld, Skipton and Winchelsea. It encompasses the local government area of Surf Coast.

Strategic bushfire management planning addresses the risks posed by bushfires on both public and private land and involves Forest Fire Management Victoria, CFA and local governments, using the latest science and technology, drawing on those who know the area best, which is you.

Barwon South-West communities have told us that the most important things to protect are human life, private property, the natural environment, human health and well-being, infrastructure, regional economies and

Aboriginal cultural heritage. We now need your input into bushfire management strategies in your region to help us find the right balance. Your feedback will inform the final strategies and guide future work.

To have your say, visit: engage.vic.gov.au/bushfire-planning

The Rock, the Reef and the Road Summer forum report

The Victorian government's new Great Ocean Road Action Plan was debated at a packed summer community forum organised by AIDA at the Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club. The forum gave holiday-home owners, residents and visitors a chance to consider the plan. The forum was titled 'Will Tourism Kill the Great Ocean Road?'. Libby Sampson DELWP Great Ocean Road Taskforce Project Manager noted Australia's three Rs of international tourist attractions – the Rock, the Reef and the Road – with the Great Ocean Road attracting more than the Rock and Reef combined. Overseas tourism has grown at 22 per cent per annum for ten years and Avalon Airport's new international flights will increase this growth. Sometimes there are 300 buses at the Twelve Apostles, while Surf Coast Shire research shows these visitors contribute just 17 cents each to the shire economy – the dubious economics of hit and run bus tourism.

Ian Porter from AIDA asked 'if [fast or mass] tourism will kill tourism on the Great Ocean Road? – with declining quality tourism experiences, and effects on local environments and amenity'. He noted New South Wales Hyam's Beach closing the town to cars when car parks are full on peak holiday days and redirecting traffic to other beaches after overly successful tourism promotions, and places like Barcelona, Dubrovnik and the Isle of Skye actively seeking to limit tourists.

Jamie Lowe CEO from the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation noted Indigenous peoples' concerns for country and potential for cultural tourism. He wryly noted that not many Indigenous people live on country in Aireys Inlet as few can afford a million-dollar beach house!

The Victorian government's Great Ocean Road Action Plan and new authority have potential to both protect the environment and ensure more sustainable tourism if adequately funded and if environmental values are placed ahead of growing tourism numbers.

Guests at the forum asked many interesting questions with a lively discussion following the speakers.

Speakers received bouquets from an Aireys Inlet garden plus homemade jam.

Catherine McNaughton


Horses on the beach and in the Inlet

During January we were contacted by one of our members with the photo on the right, taken at the Inlet and clearly showing a No Horses sign but with horses in the water. This was mid-morning and there were small children using the Inlet and people fishing. Our member approached one of the riders to point out that horses are not permitted but was told she had a permit.


We found this rather puzzling, so we contacted GORCC, which manages the foreshore reserves. We were told they do provide permits for horses to be on the beach between Moggs Creek and the Painkalac Creek entrance beach but horses are never permitted to be in the water at the Inlet. Among the other permit conditions are that horses are only allowed on the beach from sunrise to 9.00 am from 1 December to 1 February and cantering or galloping are not permitted at all. The permit form is reproduced below.

Charlotte Allen



PERMIT NO. 334	
 <h2 style="text-align: center;">GREAT OCEAN ROAD COAST COMMITTEE</h2>	
PO Box 53 Torquay 3228 Ph: 5220 5055 Fax: 5264 7763 email: info@gorcc.com.au website: www.gorcc.com.au	
<h3>PERMIT TO RIDE HORSES IN A COASTAL RESERVE</h3>	
This permit is granted to _____, _____ VIC and authorizes the holder to ride horses in a coastal reserve subject to the following terms and limitations:	
Type of use:	RECREATION
Number of Horses:	4
Number of People:	4
Required length of permit:	12 MONTHS
Time of use:	Sunrise to Sunset excluding - 1st December – 1st February (sunrise till 9.00am only)
Frequency of use:	monthly
Location:	MOGGS CREEK TO PAINKALAC CREEK ENTRANCE

- The permit holder shall:
- on all inland paths ride at walking pace only;
 - clean up and remove all horse manure from pathways, carparks and walking tracks;
 - lead all horses down access pathways from vegetated areas to sanded areas;
 - ride on or below the high tide line at all times;
 - keep horses away from fence lines and not enter dune areas;

- ride at walking pace past all other coastal reserve users, allowing passing space;
 - be considerate and courteous towards other reserve users;
 - not ride in a reckless manner
 - not ride without wearing a protective helmet;
 - not set up jumps or other obstacles within the coastal reserve;
 - not leave a horse unbridled or unattended in the coastal reserve;
 - not lead two horses at once;
 - not release the reins while riding or leading a horse.
- Extra conditions:
- Horses may be ridden at walk or trot only when not in vicinity of other walkers (canter or gallop not permitted under any circumstances)
 - To protect threatened hooded plover breeding habitat please ride at walking pace, on the waterline, within 200m of any breeding areas identified by signage on beaches
- Commercial users must possess public liability insurance to the value of \$10,000,000.00
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 Caleb Hurrell, Coastal Reserves Manager
- Issued at Torquay this 13th day of September 2018.

This permit is granted subject to the provisions of the Horse Riding in Coastal Reserves Policy.

The authorization to horse ride in a coastal reserve contained in this permit may be revoked by notice in writing by the Coastal Reserves Manager or Chairperson (Great Ocean Road Coast Committee), if the terms of the permit are not adhered to.

Any breach of the terms and limitations on this permit invalidates the permit.

The permit expires on 13th September, 2019 and **will not** be automatically renewed. To renew permit please contact the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee.

AIDA committee

Four dedicated members of the AIDA committee will be resigning at the AGM. They will be sorely missed.

We are looking for some new committee members

and ask anyone who is interested in joining to email us at aireysinletdistrict@gmail.com. The committee meets at 7.30 on the first Friday of the month and from time to time committee members are asked to help at events and an information table at the Top Shops.

Call for nominations for the 2019 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 scanned and emailed to aireysinletdistrict@gmail.com or mailed to the Secretary, Mary-Jane Gething, PO Box 359, Aireys Inlet Victoria 3231, to be received by Friday 20 April 2019.

Nomination form for AIDA committee 2019

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: _____

Subscriptions due

Thanks to everybody who has paid their 2019 subscription. It is the strength of AIDA's membership that enables us to have a strong local voice. We appreciate your support. The 2019 AIDA subscriptions were due on 1 January 2019. You may pay at the AGM or by direct bank transfer: Aireys Inlet and District Association
BSB no. 633-000 Acc: 1572 531 88
Please add your initial and surname, e.g. A. Smith

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please mail this to AIDA Membership, 1702/1 William St, Melbourne, 3000. The renewal form is attached, but there is no need to send the form if your contact details are the same. If you do not wish to continue as a member, please email aireysinletdistrict@gmail.com so we can remove you from our circulation list.
If you have friends or neighbours who support AIDA's objectives, please encourage them to join.



Aireys Inlet & District Association Inc. 2019

Join or rejoin AIDA here or online – www.aireys-inlet.org/aida-membership/

Renewal New member (subject to ratification by AIDA Committee)

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

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

Cheque Direct deposit: Aireys Inlet and District Association BSB no. 633-000 Acc: 1572 531 88
(New bank details since May 2016) Reference: please add your initial and surname, e.g. ASmith

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

Address (postal):
.....Postcode:

Address (local):
.....Postcode:

Telephone no.(s):

Email addresses for newsletters and updates

Email 1:

Email 2:

Signature(s):

.....Date

NB Family membership entitles voting rights for two adult members as named on this form.
Please mail to AIDA Membership, 1702/1 William St, Melbourne, 3000
or scan and email to aireysinletdistrict@gmail.com



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 27 April 2019 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)): _____

and otherwise to vote without guidance on my behalf.

Signed _____ Date _____

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