

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT to the 2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHOREHAM
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.
21st July 2013**

Opening

This report is a summary of the work over the last year of the Committee of Management of the Shoreham Community Association...affectionately called SCA.

Of course, today I will speak about matters of importance to Shoreham people that have been addressed by the SCA. You can judge whether you think our efforts represent your wishes. I assure you, that the Committee of SCA has done its best to do just that.

You will recall that the Shoreham Community Association was formed at a public meeting held in the Shoreham CFA building on 2nd April 2011. Let me remind you that membership of SCA is available to the more than 600 property owners & the about 450 permanent residents of the post-code 3916. These are the people and groups that we call the 'Shoreham community'.

Currently the number of SCA members demonstrates our strength & our claim to be representative of Shoreham's voice. We must increase our size to clearly indicate our importance to the Shire Council & other publics. Never forget – the size of our membership is vital if the SCA is to continue to be representative. So - Join SCA today!

1. Appreciation of the Committee's participation & contributions

I want to heartily thank Committee members for giving their time, broad-minded & thoughtful consideration to many matters. Let me introduce the members.

Rob Patrick: Vice President; Convenor of Strategic Planning

Gina McInnis: Secretary, Public Officer, & Co-Convenor of Website & Communications

Barb Kelly: Treasurer & Membership

Peter Kelly: Convenor of Facilities & Work Projects

Steve Dolman: Co-Convenor of Communications & Media Relations

Linda McLeish, Lee Collins & Maddy Machin: Convenors of Building Community

Sue Boggan, Verity Ducos Saunders, Helen Alcock

Leo Maher: Convenor of the Shoreham Village Community Taskforce makes a monthly report to the Committee; & he is assisted by John Lorkin, Sue Boggan, Rob Patrick & myself.

Plenty of other people have contributed during the year - but I do want to thank Linda Patrick for her website/computer contribution; & thanks to Brian & Helen Alcock for their BBQ & food servicing after this meeting has concluded.

As from this meeting, Gina McInnis is resigning as a member of the Committee, I want to pay tribute to the terrific way she has given so much of her knowledge, skill & time as the inaugural Secretary, the Public Officer, and particularly for organising the SCA's website, & keeping it up to date. Even departing with a new version!.

2. Shoreham – the Coastal Village neglected by the Mornington Peninsula Shire & Council

Last year the Committee identified a number of short, medium and long term goals. This year we have moulded these goals into seven Projects for which we have sought Shire funding in their next & subsequent budgets.

We started the process in February this year when Cr Frank Martin and Ms Alison Leighton, Manager Infrastructure Strategy, attended the Committee of Management meeting. The first and essential message conveyed to them was: "Shoreham coastal village has been neglected by the Mornington Peninsula Shire". We reminded them that once again, the Shire's 'Proposed Budget 2013-14' did not specifically name Shoreham at all as a major project site, in spite of SCA's representations to Cr Martin & to Officers over the last 12 months. After the February Committee meeting members had worked together to produce seven detailed statements as needed special projects & they were the substance of our budget submission – (i) repairs & refurbishment of the former School/Community Hall building & upgrading of its internal facilities, entrance & safe, weather protected access to the external toilets - satisfying all relevant health & building standards; (ii) development of a design plan for the landscaping of the Common & its surrounds - in conjunction with all stakeholders & interested parties; (iii) a new Community Hall; (iv) continuation of the 'Triangle Revegetation Project'; (v) attention to the various drainage issues affecting the foreshore, Cliff-Prout Webb-Sydney Roads, May Street & the Triangle; (vi) Byrnes Road & other roadside verges cleaned up & maintained; and (vii) development of a Shared Trails starting with one between Pt Leo & Shoreham – again based on genuine consultation with all interested people.

I am pleased to report that our submission has had an impact. Committee members are now meeting key senior Shire staff, often on site, & taking opportunities to explain what the projects entail & advocating why they are justified. We have been told that, while our projects are still not included in the Budget 2013/2014 – they now appear in forward budget estimates & being considered for inclusion. Also parts of the projects can be installed within this year's operational budget. Watch this space!

So the newly elected Committee has inherited an imperative - an urgent task to persistently agitate until Shoreham achieves the goals of the seven projects.

3. The Future Development of Shoreham as a unique Coastal Village

SCA has taken up the challenge set by the very capable leadership & commitment of the Taskforce. You know that since late 2006, the Taskforce has ensured that two Business 1 Zoned properties on Byrnes Road were appropriately designed & built in relation to Shoreham's character & needs. The saga has not yet concluded but the signs are very positive. At this point I want to acknowledge the considerable assistance given by a volunteer Panel of 3 Shoreham architects who have actively worked on the planning permit submission for the Post Office site.

The SCA has accepted responsibility to understand & respond on your behalf to the State Minister for Planning's proposed, & now to be implemented, planning zone reforms. SCA made a formal submission to the appointed Ministerial Advisory Panel, & many meetings have been attended. At our last meeting the Committee resolved to appraise the zone changes in order to ascertain how they may affect Shoreham's constructed environment, particularly in respect to commercial development.

4. Shoreham is one of a number of Coastal Villages on Westernport

Our membership of the Red Hill Ward Consultative Group consisting of Resident Associations of the villages from Cape Schanck to Somers & including Red Hill meet on a monthly basis with Cr Frank Martin, Red Hill Ward Councillor. Tabling the concerns of each Association, finding out what we have in common, hearing what the Shire is recognising with action, & then lobbying together has proved useful. An example is dealing with the planned construction of a major Port at Hastings, the SCA with RHWCG is challenged to ensure its precincts, the marine life of Westernport & the green wedge of the Peninsula are not insensitively threatened by single-minded economic progress.

Another way SCA has made sure Shoreham has been presented to the public view is through the occasional articles submitted to the local print media.

5. Community Building

Shoreham has a growing permanent residential population – with particular personal & common needs. We are living networks & neighbourhoods.

A SCA website has played a vital role informing residents & others interested about Shoreham & what it offers. For example: information about activities & events, such as when & where the next Walk will be held, is readily available to someone who enjoys friendly social walking. For those wondering what happens at SCA Committee meetings, the Minutes are available on the website.

Also the SCA organises occasional Community Dinners throughout the year. They are for everyone.

Over a year ago the Shire replaced the Committee of Management of local residents managing the use of & maintenance of the School Hall. The SCA has lobbied the Shire to enable a Hall Advisory Reference Group of local people to have the opportunity to share the role of advising the Shire as it manages our most valued local meeting place. About two months ago, finally a meeting was called & such a group was appointed to perform that role. Anyone interested in joining the Reference Group should attend the next meeting at 4pm on 9th October.

The Shoreham Rural CFA has undertaken a major building re-development...and SCA congratulates the Brigade on their vision. of an improved fire fighting facility. SCA has offered to assist the CFA realise its goals as the Brigade sees fit.

6. Improving the environment

We applaud the Shire for giving Shoreham people the opportunity to revegetate the Triangle. The SCA has organised a number of well attended Working Bees of residents, relatives & friends. The progress is worth viewing.

In conjunction with the Foreshore Reserve Committee, SCA has encouraged the participation of residents. The presence of campers at some of these working bees has been notable. The dunes & beach front have been beneficiaries of their labours.

Recognising the important heritage value of our built environment & the historical activities played by Shoreham families over the decades has also received our attention. SCA made a submission to a Heritage Panel in April concerning alterations to the Heritage Overlay at Beach Road & especially the building known as 'Alavina'. We are pleased to report that our submission, in partnership with that of the Flinders District Historical Society, was upheld by the Panel.

7. Conclusion

Overall, the Association's activities aim to enhance a "**Liveable Shoreham & Peninsula**" – towards a well facilitated village & surrounding physical environment, one that enables the integration of residents; with a small commercial hub, a Triangle & a Common providing public spaces & utilities; and a place where people can recreate, share in communal meetings and occasions.

Please advise the Committee if we have missed identifying needed projects that are of a short, medium or longer term strategic nature... We want to represent you!

Peter Renkin

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