

PRESIDENT'S REPORT to the 6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.
on Sunday 23rd July 2017

1. **OPENING**

The Shoreham Community Association has 174 paid up members. The membership consists of permanent residents, property owners who live at Shoreham for some days each week, and other owners who reside here during holiday periods and the occasional weekends.

Belonging to the SCA is vital to its political strength - and of course it is financially dependent of membership fees. The Committee greatly values the support given it by so many Shoreham people such as you.

During the year 2016/2017 the Committee of Management of 13 elected persons has met monthly on 11 occasions – on Thursdays from 7.00pm in this Hall. SCA members and others interested persons, are welcome to attend these meetings. They can bring matters of concern to the attention of the Committee.

Let me introduce the members – **Alan Fisher**, Vice President & Convenor of the Old School Hall Project; **Kathryn Shain**, Secretary and Planning Issues sub committee; **Barbara Kelly**, Treasurer & membership convenor; **John McMahon** Newsletter editor, website Administrator, and Planning Issues; **Verity Ducos Saunders**, Convenor of the Shoreham Common Development Project; **Lee Collins**, Convenor of Community Social Activities, which include the Community Dinners and the monthly ‘Cuppa & Talk’; **Sue Boggan**, Convenor of Reclaiming the Road Verges & Planning Issues; **Peter Kelly**, Convenor of the Triangle project & Drainage Issues Convenor; **Ian Joy**, Minute secretary; **Barbara Porter**, & **Deidre Cochrane**. Unfortunately, Rob Patrick resigned during the year. At the start of this year we held a special drinks to thank Rob for his most significant contribution to the life of the SCA & to this community.

Rob, Sue and I, together with local architects Sally Draper and Russell Barrett, form the Village Community Taskforce. The Taskforce is responsible to the SCA Committee. It monitors the Post Office complex development, & has related to the developer of the former General Store site regarding any proposed plan in order to ensure a Shoreham viewpoint is represented.

2. **A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT**

I strongly assert... The year that has passed has been a year of achievement for Shoreham. It has come as a result of the SCA's persistent lobbying of the Shire over many years. Promotion of our desired local projects is usually directed to the Shire Officers & Shire Council – sometimes the State or Federal Governments - as their approval is needed to obtain funds. It takes time to convince, involves writing submissions and presenting argument to the Council. Liaising with officers by email and phone, and meeting in offices in Mornington and Rosebud, is a part of our approach to getting results... all to gain Council funding for desired projects.

Listening to the voices of SCA members and Shoreham residents never ceases. And Committee members actively engage in Peninsula affairs...

Let me recite my evidence of this year's achievements...restoration of this Old School Hall, removal of weeds and scrub on the Byrnes Road verge, the very public and time consuming, and consultative approach to the Shoreham Common Development Placemaking project, regular Community Dinners, Monthly "Cuppa and talk" get togethers, many eNewsletters and website up grades that keep SCA members & the Shoreham public aware of what is going on, the start of a new annual event for young people – an Easter Egg hunt at the Shoreham Triangle, interventions to guarantee heritage site protection of the Cyril Young War Memorial Open Air Chapel on Buxton Woodland Reserve at the former YMCA Campsite on Marine Parade, & demanding the Shire's attention to drainage problems. The SCA Committee has focussed, with other Westernport Community Associations and Cr David Gill, on getting to grips with what are the relevant planning laws and regulations, how they are administered, and then determining improvements that will benefit Shoreham village as well as the whole Peninsula, especially, retention of the Green Wedge. Finally we have as closely as possible, monitored the construction of a new Post Office/ Retail and Accommodation complex. What achievements have I left out?

One failure I can report...in spite of lobbying and making a submission via Minister Greg Hunt's office, we have not yet successfully had the Commonwealth Government and VicRoads approve 'Black Spots' funding to deal with the unsafe entrances from the Frankston-Flinders Road into Nelson Street and Byrnes Road – yes both Byrnes Road intersections. I assure you the SCA has not given up getting a successful outcome!

Look around you here now...no cracks in the walls.. the Hall interior walls and window frames are painted; and today as you entered, you will have noted the attractively designed Hall entrance is safe, and manageable for all ages. This heritage classified building, the Old School Hall, has much historical value. In cooperation with the Flinders District Historical Society, Shoreham people have achieved its restoration through a capital grant from the Shire. Over the years, residents such as Ann and John Lorkin, together with the Committee of the Historical Society whose rooms adjoin this meeting hall, we have agitated the Shire to afford the renovation. There is no doubt this building is a contemporary social and visual icon.

The central location on the Common establishes it as pivotal to Shoreham's identification, as a very special place of significance. Already the input given at the three public consultations of the Common Project is taking effect. You will by now be familiar with the removal of weeds and scrub along the eastern boundary of the Common. New vegetation has been recently planted by volunteer residents together with the Shire's "Green Army" team. Further works that are part of the Common Project will be evident from tomorrow – the Monday 24th July - when the contractor will commence the construction of a pathway and clear away some more trees along the eastern boundary between Steen Avenue and Byrnes Road. Also importantly, the removal of the vehicular trafficway between Byrnes and Cliff Roads will be undertaken. This area will be grassed.

Driving from Shoreham Road into Byrnes Road, across the Frankston-Flinders Road. What do you see? No polygala, blackberries, pittosporum...and for the first time for years you can see through the trunks of the pine trees beyond the paddock to West Head and Flinders. Shoreham people take pride in the entrance to their coastal village. Look out from this Hall today across Byrnes Road and you can see the oak trees planted by May Wainwright and others in the 1950s. They wanted an avenue entrance into Shoreham village. Yes, like today's Shoreham residents, they worked to realise their vision for this village.

The whole built environment of Shoreham – as well as the foreshore, beach and marine reef - shapes our village's character and amenity. That is why the Planning Issues sub committee has concentrated on understanding the impact of the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme and the effect of the various Development & Design Overlays as they directly applying to Shoreham.

3. CONCLUSION

Shoreham people are a most capable mob! Many give very generously of their time in service to our community. Today I wish to thank two such persons – Linda Patrick and Sally Prideaux. For a number of years Linda has administered the SCA's website and with the Communications sub committee members compiled and published numerous newsletters. Sally has demonstrated her formidable knowledge and skill as a landscape architect, providing the Common Project with a range of ideas and depicting them visually as drawings. Those drawings guided our appreciation of how the Common might be developed. You saw her products at the Public Consultations. To Linda and to Sally we say "Many Thanks". (Bouquets of flowers presented to each).

The SCA must thank Cr David Gill for his support of our pursuits. We will not allow him a rest!

Shire Officers have listened to our requests and their regular maintenance of our environment, such as the Triangle, are noteworthy.

The Rural Fire Brigade made their rooms available to us for Committee meetings when the Hall works were underway; & make the same facility available for the monthly morning 'Cuppa & talk'.

Thank you to Peter Kelly for cooking the sausages for lunch today & to Barb Kelly & others who have assisted him.

To many unnamed others our 'thanks'.

You maybe surprised that I am still here making this Report. I resumed the vacant President position after last year's AGM. This year along with Deidre Cochrane, I will not seek re-election to the Committee

Alan Fisher will be SCA's new President. To Alan and the new Committee and Office bearers, I say. Have fun. Stick at it. Enjoy the responsibility...Shoreham people will appreciate your many efforts to make Shoreham a place well worth living at.

Peter Renkin
President - 23rd July 2017