

## Committee Attendance

Pete Muskens	Y	Rohan Brown (chair)	Y
Cathy Phillips*	Y pt	Jill Maddock	Y
John Coulter pt	Ypt	Kathy Hill (scribe)	Y
Dale Killen	Y	Marci Katz*	Y pt
Leone Thiele*	Y	Geoff Glare	Y
Susan Fowler*	Y pt	Paul Byrne	Y
Gael McLeod*	Y pt	Cheryl Padgett pt	Y
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**Guest:** Councillor Leticia Laing Bass Coast Shire

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting commenced at **1:08 PM** (WSLC and Zoom) -following the working bee. Rohan asked the new members to introduce themselves (Paul and Gael. Gael unavailable due to sign in issues).

**2. Councillor Leticia Laing:** Leticia responded to questions raised in advance by the Committee.

- **Wonthaggi to Inverloch, Cape Paterson to Inverloch shared paths-** Wonthaggi to Inverloch in design stage. Plans are expected to shorten the path and it is expected to reduce the net vegetation loss. Landowners are collaborating well. Refer to Engage Bass Coast website for updates. Design complete 2023, construction to commence 2024 completing end of 2025. Leticia will check on access of pathway for horses Cape Paterson to Inverloch will require State Government input and funding and is not progressing at this stage.
- **[Refer to the State Government's Yallock Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park Access and Infrastructure Plan to see its alignment to the Wonthaggi to Inverloch shared path.](#)**
- **Cape Paterson traffic safety and management study** – Park Pde increased usage analysis by Independent Road Safety Audit which found no immediate risk. Safer pedestrian pathways on roadside are under study. Important to have the whole of village traffic assessment study. Jill raised speeds as well as volume as an issue and raised the question about consideration in 2014 of Anchor/Park Parade intersection closure however that had been part of the Special Charge Scheme which did not go ahead.

Geoff suggested speed reduction in the townsite (from 50km to 30-40km) and improved give way signage. Leticia advised this is controlled by State regulation. Rohan requested local resident input to specific high-risk spots. Leone raised the unpaved sections between Seaward and Anglers Leticia that would need to be funded by immediate residents via a Special Charges scheme. Cheryl suggested

interactive signage along Seaward. Leticia offered to raise with Jordan Crugnale. Rohan proposed that Planning and infrastructure subcommittee itemise the high-risk spots to the BCSC traffic group (NB and Jordan Crugnale?).

- **Bass coast support of family friendly initiatives** Kathy while Marci was offline advised that this concerned assistance in organising setup and venues for possibly weekly parents groups as the number of children is increasing in the village. Leticia advised that BCSC has an agreement with Bass Coast Health to run Maternal Child Health services. Leticia will contact the BCSC Community Wellbeing team (CWT) about providing supporting information on a website. Dale suggested that WLSC could offer the club as a venue. Leone advised that she and Marci had contacted the manager at Zeal and Flow who was very supportive. Leone was advised that involving an official agency locally might lead to a number of regulatory hurdles (e.g. WWC) and it might be simpler to run it as an informal group. Leticia will ask the CWT what might be involved as she says support from local agencies can assist busy parents.
- Playgroup Victoria offers public liability insurance to playgroups for a very small fee. More information can be found at this link: [Playgroup Victoria Starting a Playgroup](#)
- **Bay Beach Master Plan status.** Leticia advised that is still in long term financial plan – needs to run alongside the WLSC development and that BCSC is a Committee of Management for this land- not owner: there is a question of how much rate revenue should go toward this land which is funded by the State. Rohan commented on BCSC initiating the Master Plan and Leticia acknowledged this probably created expectations. Rohan pointed out inconsistencies between the high level of assisted access on the site and the lack of disability access for cars as well as the need to ensure there were not design/layout conflicts between facilities (e.g., car parks and play equipment). Dale referred to a text from WLSC President Mark Scott concerning funding meeting (see correspondence below). Leticia was not aware of the meeting and could not comment. Geoff noted that the original village land was administered by the Progress Association (precursor to the CPRRA) as a Committee of Management. Pete asked if there was discussion about transferring some land management to Parks Victoria and noted that there was a disparate treatment between the CPSLC and WLSC. Paul asked if other villages have two clubs. Dale advised that it is quite common in NSW and Pete noted that the physiography of the headland beach pattern is similar in Cape Paterson. Rohan said there is a need for clarification about the respective management responsibilities of the lands in the village foreshore outside of this meeting. Pete asked about the status of the carpark plans. Leticia said she would follow up with BCSC engineers. Pete says there is a need for an overall plan.
- **How BCSC is participating in the DAL SAC process-** Leticia noted that John had met with Planning officers. John advised that the CPRRA is disappointed that BCSC is asking for more strategic work rather than explicitly advocating for the reduction of the boundary. Paul advised that the statistics being used cluster Cape Paterson with Wonthaggi the latter overwhelming the numbers. John argued if BCSC advised that the high growth areas excluding Cape Paterson could meet demand that would be very helpful. Leticia said that substantive changes would require a council resolution at a meeting which is not possible by the March 6 presentations. Leticia advised that preserving irreplaceable character should be a strong focus of submissions.

- **Bass Coast Community Awards** – Leticia advised that the criteria and process will be reviewed at the Council Meeting on 15 February. See Engage website.
- **Dogs**-consensus was that the rules and some signage is confusing Leticia advised that the Domestic Animal Management Plan will be reviewed with community input. Susan noted the vulnerable Hooded Plover chicks on the local beaches.

Leticia provided these Links to further information:

1. [Consultation is open on the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Masterplan](#)
2. [Wonthaggi To Inverloch Shared Pathway](#)
3. [Playgroup Victoria: Starting a Playgroup](#)  
[Yallock Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park Infrastructure Plan](#)

3. Minutes of previous meeting held 11 November noted that minutes were accepted by 2022 Committee.

#### 4. Governance –

**4.1 Establishment membership of subcommittees** (paper was circulated and taken as read).

Endorsed:

- The establishment of subcommittees was endorsed. based on the strategic pillars of the Association.
- Executive members should not chair the subcommittees where possible due to workload.
- The subcommittees will meet on their own agreed schedule and report back to the Committee meetings.

**Biodiversity:** Pete, Geoff, Dale

**Planning and Infrastructure:** Jill, John, Paul, Cheryl

**Community Wellbeing:** Kathy, Marci (TBC), Susan.

- Kathy also noted that there is also a “nuts and bolts” area covering off governance (including financial, membership, records websites Facebook) Cheryl offered to look at policy and procedures to supplement later in the year (after the DAL).

#### 4.1.2 Committee meeting Schedule.

Subject to confirmation (please check diaries and conform):

April 15,  
June 10 (note 12<sup>th</sup> is Queen’s Birthday)  
August 12  
October 14  
December 9

##### 4.1.2.1 Working Bees (subject to Confirmation):

March 5- Clean up Australia.  
April 15.  
May 13  
June 10 (note 12<sup>th</sup> Queens Birthday)  
July 8  
August 12  
September 9  
October 14  
November 11

## **5. Operational Goals Reports**

### **5.1 Biodiversity**

**5.1.i Working bees** – reported by Pete. Seven people attended the 11 February bee to head Agapanthus in the village. Pete advised that this is likely part of a 10-year program to reduce exotic weeds. Dale suggested an education program with posters to help people learn and understand the need to reduce reproduction. Leone asked if we could quantify amount collected and use before and after photos. Pete responded that 4 bins worth were collected excluding Barry's team. It was decided that a direct email to people should not be undertaken at this time. Pete will edit the 2016 AGM guest presentation which includes a native substitute and post on the website. Leone noted that Wonthaggi seed bank has offered to provide native replacements. The biodiversity subcommittee will follow up.

**5.1.ii Clean up Australia: Sunday March 5.** Rohan will advise Marci on setup and implementation. (NB Marci is running and will arrange catering).

### **5.2. Planning and Infrastructure**

#### **5.2.i DAL/SPP**

John advised that the working group has met twice and is meeting on February 12. John advised that they are planning presentations. The first presentation is the Opening Submission for 20 minutes on March 6 (in Melbourne). Planning is also continuing for the full day of submissions (April 13 in Bass Coast).

John and Paul met with Donna Taylor Manager of Planning and Growth and Rewa Smith. Officers noted the community concern. The official Committee Directions document sets out requirements for amending submissions and the requirements for those who will presenters at hearings, both pre- and post-presentation.

Jill and Cheryl have approached an external media person for a communication strategy, as that skill set is not in the working group.

Jill noted that the Surf Coast had retained a barrister for their submission and asked if appointing one is still an option available to CPRRA. This will be discussed on 12 February, but Paul advised that this may not be necessary.

Cheryl asked if hiring a bus for \$1000 to ferry approximately people from Cape Paterson to the April 3 Hearing in Melbourne was supported. Not approved at this time.

Cheryl has meticulously reviewed 13,000 pages of DAL/SPP submissions. 270 submissions responded re Cape Paterson. Of these, 262 did not support the 'Protected Settlement Boundary' in the draft DAL/SPP (97%) and 8 supported it (3%); 214 submissions either stated or implied that they did not support the present boundary, concentrated on overdevelopment and 15 stated they could accept fewer houses if they were sustainable. 23 submitters will present at the upcoming DALSAC hearings to support Cape Paterson boundary reduction and only one will appear that opposes this, the developer. Pete noted this high response from the community despite the submission exhaustion from the numerous processes requesting submission.

The working group is retaining its own records.

#### **5.2.iii Neighbourhood Character Study-**

Deferred until after the DAL SPP hearings. Jill noted that Cape Paterson submitted 44% of the submissions in the Shire. Rohan commended the community engagement.

#### **5.2 iii Traffic Study – see item 2 above.**

**5.2.iv Offshore windfarms-** paper submitted and taken as read. Kathy will attend an informal desk at Wonthaggi's Rotary Market on Sunday. The areas west of Wilson's Promontory have not been released for feasibility review. Note page 1 on the Sentinel Times February 7<sup>th</sup>. The earliest release of the western areas is early 2024. Rohan recommended that we send a note out to members tonight. Geoff advised that 22 endemic Wedgetails in Tasmania were killed by turbine blades.

### **5. 3 Community Wellbeing-**

**5.3.i 2024 Festival** – Paper distributed. Agreed by all associations not to proceed.

**5.3.ii Newsletter-** Deadline for information 17/02/23.

**5.3.iii. Bass Coast award** – see Item 2 above.

### **6. Other Business**

**6.1 Treasurer's Report.** Circulated. Accepted

**6.2 Web Site-** Pete reports both sites are live. Data transfer in progress then the old site will be retired. Kathy is also posting material.

**6.3 Correspondence** text from Mark Scott (attached). Robert Hayward – Leticia

**6.4 Cape Paterson named after William Paterson-** Bunurong Aboriginal Land Corporation has responded. Joint meeting with BCSC, Bunurong elders and CPRRA is being organised.

**7. Next Committee meeting.** The meeting was closed at 3:10PM. The next ordinary meeting will be **April 15, 2023**, after the working bee.