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The Aim of the Society is to encourage, to the greatest degree possible, the conservation and restoration of the Indigenous flora and fauna, the treed character and the natural coastal landscape.

President's Message

Dear members,

Welcome, I trust you find the following articles interesting and informative. Lobbying at State and Local levels and the Media continues as we attempt to give effect to our Aim.

Ron Morris
President, BCS Inc.

Bicycle Road Extension

Bayside City Council has granted itself (by a vote of only 3 out of 7 councillors with 2 being absent) a planning permit to remove scores of mature trees plus further understorey vegetation, as part of the Beach Rd Bicycle path extension. BCS Inc has continually lobbied for the protection and retention of existing vegetation. BCS Inc believes that:

- (1) The little-used 3 m wide central turning lane in the Safety Section (**usable by westbound traffic only**) should be replaced with a narrower raised median strip, to provide around 1.7 m more road space, except at the Charman Rd end; and
- (2) The Safety Section should be extended 350 m further west to near Cromer Rd, to remove the need for incursion into the Foreshore Reserve there, except near Cromer Rd, where a dedicated right turn and U-turn lane would be needed; and
- (3) Growing recreational pressure on our foreshore can be met without the destruction of so much vegetation as is currently planned.

BMYS Marina proposal – UPDATE

In 2009, Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron Ltd (BMYS) applied for a permit to extend its leased Crown land site further out into Beaumaris Bay. The State Government responded by requiring BMYS to produce an Environment Effects Statement (EES). **BMYS's \$21 million plan** is to replace the 60-metre pier with a 120-boat marina extending out 160 metres, with boats up to 18 metres long. Two high sea walls of 550 metres in length, of large rocks dumped over 12,000 sq. metres of fossil-rich seabed will enclose it. A 3-storey high building, 88 metres long, would store 78 boats close to and along the cliff. BMYS members will have these exclusive facilities (*see picture below*).

The EES is currently being finalised. Concerned residents are urged to visit (for more information about the proposal and what steps can be taken): www.beaumarisconservation.net/m8_bmys_.htm



Planning Update

BCS Inc is delighted the Planning Minister has approved a Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) for Point and Coral Avenues, Beaumaris. The SLO introduces additional controls over building footprints and vegetation setbacks to protect the distinctive vegetation character retained in these two streets.

The Bayside Planning Scheme states the following about Point and Coral Avenues: *The distinct landscape characteristics of this area make it significant and unique within the local area. The landscape character contributes to the context and setting of the remnant indigenous bushland of heritage significance in the coastal reserve area in Beach Road, accessed via Coral Avenue and Point Avenue.*

BCS Inc presented a submission to the Planning Panel that assessed introducing the SLO BCS Inc noted to the Panel its dismay that the once widely dispersed vegetation character of Beaumaris, and worthy of an SLO, is now confined to a small pocket in Point and Coral Avenues.

Point and Coral Avenues remind us of what makes Beaumaris such a special suburb and how too much of the new single and medium density development in Beaumaris does not adequately respect and nurture vegetation character Point and Coral Avenues should not be a museum for a lost Beaumaris, but an example of what we can achieve to varying degrees across the remainder of the suburb. And this vegetation character is a key factor that supports the desirability of houses in Point and Coral Avenues rather than detracts from it.

If you have not been down Point and Coral Avenues recently we suggest you do so and observe the distinctive bushy vegetation character that we are losing and must fight on to protect.



NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF BCS INC

THURSDAY 31 MAY 2012

St Michael and All Angels Church Hall,
Beaumaris Anglican Centre

8 PM

Please refer to the notice
provided with this Bulletin.

COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY!



Beaumaris Vegetation

(1) The [Bayside Community Plant Nursery](#), at 319 Reserve Rd Cheltenham, has started its selling season for 2012. With the higher rainfall there are many rare and amazing plants, previously difficult to propagate, for sale this year. Examples include the dainty [Bent Goodenia](#), [Honeypots](#) (Beaumaris's most tasty indigenous plant) and the bizarre [Broom Spurge](#). With the extra rainfall, now is the perfect planting season and a great time to get plants in the ground! The Nursery is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 am – 12 noon.

(2) Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc and the [Bayside Environment Friends Network](#) are holding a community planting day on 24 June 2012 from 9.30-11.30 am at Table Rock, Beaumaris Beach. A free barbecue will follow the planting event. Everybody is welcome.