

**MINUTES OF THE 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC. HELD AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, DALGETTY ROAD, BEAUMARIS, AT 8 P.M. ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2007**

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** - The meeting was declared open by the Chair. The Mayor (Cr John Knight), Cr Derek Wilson, and other distinguished guests and members were welcomed.

*The Agenda was suspended by the Chair to enable Ms Amy Weir and Mr Michael Coleman, Parks Section, Bayside City Council, to briefly address the meeting concerning the proposed completion of 'Shared Path South - completion of the Bay Trail from Cromer Road to Charman Road'. At the completion of an illustrated presentation, which indicated a proposed concept of a shared bicycle and pedestrian pathway through foreshore bushland preserving valuable mature vegetation wherever possible, Ms Weir and Mr Coleman left the meeting. The Agenda was then resumed.*

**Present** - (29 members) Mr Adrian Cerbasi (Chair), Cr John Knight, Mr Geoffrey Goode, Mrs Josie Cerbasi, Ms Melissa Cerbasi, Mr Murray and Mrs Ingrid Ashford, Mr Ron Morris, Mr Peter Russell, Mr Edward and Mrs Diana Pearce, Mrs Sue Raverty, Mr Ken and Mrs Jill Rendell, Mrs Fiona Austin, Mr Christopher Sutton, Mr Ray Garnett, Mr Malcolm and Mrs Marjorie Cumming, Mr Ted and Mrs Sue Whittle, Mrs Joy Tate, Mr James Harris, Mrs Patricia Glazier, Mrs Valma Currey, Mr Ken Beadle, Mrs Marje Frawley, Mr Robert O'Brien and Ms Kim Croker

(2 guests) Cr Derek Wilson and Mr Ian Wood

**Apologies** - Ms Moira Longden, Mr Ron and Mrs Sybil Hayton, Mr Bill Gleadell, Mrs Beryl Vangou, Mr David and Mrs Lynda Judkins, Mr Rod Kelly, Mr Kornel Koffsovitz, Mr Ian and Mrs Mary Larsen, Mr Ralph and Mrs Patricia Salisbury, Ms Heather Stewart and Mrs Joan Palmer

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** - The [minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting](#) were read out. It was moved (G Goode) and seconded (K Beadle) that the minutes be confirmed. CARRIED

### 3. REPORTS

**President's Report** - The President (A Cerbasi) spoke on major areas of involvement by BCS Inc. during the previous 12 months. Written and verbal submissions to Bayside City Council were highlighted including objections to aspects of the Concourse development proposals, the proposed skateboard facility, a liquor licence application for the Ricketts Point Tea House and the proposed landscaping of the Keys Street car park. A substantial number of residential development proposals were also vetted by the Committee with objections lodged and VCAT Hearings attended where appropriate.

From November 2008 Bayside City Council's 9 single-councillor wards will be replaced with a 3-councillor Central Ward and two 2-councillor wards, Northern and Southern. Councillors in each ward will be elected by proportional representation, with Beaumaris being entirely in Southern Ward. That will make it more likely than at present that a candidate supported by BCS Inc. will be elected, but it will be less likely that more than one such candidate will be elected.

The President expressed appreciation to the two Ward councillors present for their assistance and support as well as to members of the Committee for the loyal and effective completion of tasks undertaken on behalf of the Society throughout the year. It was moved (S Whittle) and seconded (I Ashford) that the President's Report be accepted. CARRIED

**Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer (G Goode) tabled a Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007. After clarification of some items, it was moved (G Goode) and seconded (R O'Brien) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. CARRIED

**4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE** - Mr P Russell (Returning Officer) said the positions below were filled unopposed:

Position	Nomination	Position	Nomination
President	Adrian Cerbasi	Zone 3 Leader	Christopher Sutton
Senior Vice-President	Fiona Austin	Zone 4 Leader	Kenneth Rendell
Junior Vice-President	Edward Pearce	Zone 5 Leader	Ingrid Ashford
Secretary	Ron Morris	Zone 6 Leader	Kornel Koffsovitz
Treasurer	Geoffrey Goode	Zone 7 Leader	Rodney Nash
Zone 1 Leader	Ted Whittle	Zone 8 Leader	Patricia Glazier
Zone 2 Leader	Heather Stewart		

A vote of thanks was extended to the Returning Officer for his valued assistance. Moved R Morris, seconded F Austin CARRIED

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS - Nil**

**6. GUEST SPEAKER** - Mr Ian Wood, Vice-President of Save Our Suburbs Inc, spoke to the meeting on the work of SOS Inc. formed in 1998 as a lobby group to offset major negative effects on suburban residential environments through inappropriate planning legislation introduced by the State Government at the time. The work of the Group has continued since a change of government with resulting implementation of the Melbourne 2030 Plan. Although initially supported, lack of adequate control in its implementation has seen the need for a continued presence by SOS Inc. and the adoption of a more activist role as well. Of current concern are environmental issues and effects on existing infrastructure as a result of medium density suburban development, the effects of which have led to electrical 'brownouts' in the City of Yarra.

Mr Wood highlighted other general areas of involvement of SOS Inc. including acting on single issues in an advisory capacity. SOS Inc. foresees a reduced voice for community groups following changes to municipal electoral boundaries and representation possibly leading to the politicizing of local councils by the major parties. Groups such as BCS Inc. may need to work harder to get independent representatives elected. SOS Inc. has a Web site [www.sos.asn.au](http://www.sos.asn.au) for information on planning issues. A regular Newsletter is also provided to members. Discussion and questions followed Mr Wood's address at the completion of which Mr Wood was warmly thanked for his presentation.

**7. CLOSE** - The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m. Members and guests were thanked for their attendance and invited to partake of refreshments provided.

Ron Morris, Secretary

Confirming Chairman .....

Date .....