

MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC. HELD AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, DALGETTY ROAD, BEAUMARIS, AT 8 P.M. ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2008

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES – The meeting was declared open by the Chair. Cr John Knight, Cr Michael Norris and other distinguished guests and members were welcomed.

Present – (25 members) Mr Adrian Cerbasi (Chair), Cr John Knight, Mr Geoffrey Goode, Mrs Josie Cerbasi, Mr Ron Morris, Mr Peter Russell, Mr Chris Sutton, Mr Ray Garnett, Mr Malcolm and Mrs Marjorie Cumming, Ms Moira Longden, Mr Ron Hayton, Ms Heather Stewart, Mr Kornel Koffsovitz, Mr Greg Mier, Mr Robert O'Brien, Mrs Joyce Gardiner, Mr George Schaezel, Mr Geoffrey and Mrs Ruth Ewart, Mr Rob and Mrs Nena Brice, Mr Edward Pearce, Mrs Val Currey, Mrs Rae Campbell-Nott

(guests) Cr Michael Norris (Guest Speaker), Mr Clifford Bulpit, Dr Ron Carson and Mrs Pauline O'Brien

Apologies - Mr Bill and Mrs Christine Gleadell, Mr David and Mrs Lynda Judkins, Mr Norman and Mrs Christine Iddles, Mrs Sybil Hayton, Mrs Joan Macrae, Ms Kerry Smith, Mrs Ingrid Ashford, Mr Ken Rendell, Mrs Fiona Austin, Mrs Joy Tate, Mrs Diana Pearce, Mrs Beryl Vangou

2.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The [minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting](#) were read out. It was moved (G Schaezel) and seconded (Mr M Cumming) that the minutes be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

President's Report – The President (A Cerbasi) spoke on the response of the Society to a range of environmental and conservation issues over the past year. Major input has occurred in relation to the proposed [bicycle road extension](#) through foreshore bushland placing the integrity of the vegetation in jeopardy. The outcome of a 599-signature petition presented to the Legislative Council seeking support for the construction of the extended bicycle road on the edge of the Beach Road road reservation is awaited.

Other issues receiving attention were the [Keys Street Car Park redevelopment](#) where significant trees will now be preserved with proposals modified to the satisfaction of the Society, comments on Council policies and discussion papers relating to Residential Zoning changes, neighbourhood character, park lighting, Community Reserve Master Plan and foreshore bathing boxes.

A proposal by the [Beumaris Motor Yacht Squadron to construct a marina](#) on their current site at a cost of \$21 million is expected to require significant involvement by the Society in the year ahead.

The President expressed appreciation to the Bayside City Councillors present for their assistance and support as well as to members of the retiring Committee for the work undertaken on behalf of the Society throughout the year in attempting to preserve the natural features of Beaumaris.

It was moved (H Stewart) and seconded (E Pearce) that the President's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer (G Goode) tabled a Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from 1/7/07 to 30/6/08 for information and discussion. 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) advised that the following positions were filled unopposed:

Position	Nomination	Position	Nomination
President	Adrian Cerbasi	Zone 3 Leader	Edward Pearce
Senior Vice President	Fiona Austin	Zone 4 Leader	Ken Rendell
Junior Vice President	Chris Sutton	Zone 5 Leader	Ingrid Ashford
Secretary	Ron Morris	Zone 6 Leader	Vacant
Treasurer	Geoffrey Goode	Zone 7 Leader	Nena Brice
Zone 1 Leader	Greg Mier	Zone 8 Leader	Rodney Nash
Zone 2 Leader	Vacant		

It was moved (G Goode) and seconded (Mrs M Cumming) that under the provisions of **Rule 13.3** of the BCS Inc Constitution, the number of Zone Leader positions be decreased from the default number of 8 to 6 for the year 2008-09 and that this meeting suggests to the Management Committee that, under **Rule 14.3** for this year, it accommodate that by joining Zones 1 and 2 to form a Zone 1-2 and Zones 3 and 4 to form a Zone 3-4. Following discussion, the motion was put and CARRIED.

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

CARRIED

5. GUEST SPEAKER - Cr Michael Norris, councillor for Abbott Ward of Bayside City Council and Convenor of Bayside Friends of Native Wildlife, gave an interesting and informative illustrated address on the topic, 'The Birds Of Beumaris: past, present and future', which was well received and prompted valuable discussion and questions. Cr Norris was warmly thanked for his well-researched and presented address.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION - Matters of interest were briefly discussed including current membership statistics, tree removals and foreshore vandalism prevention.

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.

Ron Morris, Secretary

Confirming Chairman

Date 2009
