

MINUTES OF THE 59TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC. HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, RESERVE ROAD, BEAUMARIS, AT 8 P.M. ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2011

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was declared open, and attending members and guest were welcomed by the Chair.

Present : (22 members) Mr Chris Sutton (Chair), Mr Geoffrey and Mrs Margaret Goode, Mr Adrian and Mrs Josie Cerbasi, Mr Gregory Mier, Mr Ron Morris, Mr Edward and Mrs Diana Pearce, Mr Murray and Mrs Ingrid Ashford, Mr Robert and Mrs Nena Brice, Mr Peter Russell, Mr John Moller, Mrs Marjorie Cumming, Mr Garry Allan, Ms Justine Gorny, Mrs Joy Taylor, Mr Raymond Garnett, Ms Moira Longden, and Mr George Schaezel.

(Guest Speaker) Mr Nicholas Croggon of [Environment Defenders Office \(Victoria\) Ltd.](#)

Apologies: Mr David and Mrs Lynda Judkins, Mrs Joy Tate, Mr John Knight, Mrs Patricia Glazier, Mrs Ruth Ewart, Mrs Susan Raverty, Mr Reginald and Mrs Lorna Leslie, Mr Kornel Koffsovitz, Ms Heather Stewart, Mr Malcolm Cumming, and Mr Lindsay and Mrs Diane Rex.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The [minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting](#) were read out by the Secretary. There being no dissent, it was moved, (R Morris) and seconded (G Mier), that the minutes be confirmed. CARRIED

3. REPORTS

President's Report - The President (C Sutton) presented a brief outline of major issues addressed by the Committee over the past year, in particular the proposed Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron [Marina](#) and the completion of the section of combined pedestrian and [bicycle path](#) between Cromer and Charman Roads. Both issues continue to receive the full attention of the Committee, with inconclusive outcomes to date.

Submissions were made to the Bayside Council Housing Strategy, the review of the Victorian Planning System, the Beach Road Corridor Strategy and a Planning Review Panel concerning the implementation of a Significant Landscape Overlay for Coral and Point Avenues, subsequently adopted.

Other involvement included a cliff top planting morning at Table Rock and discussions with Bayside Council seeking the extension of opening hours and availability of plants at the Bayside Community Nursery.

The retiring Committee was thanked for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Particular note was made of the long involvement of Ken Rendell and his significant contributions to the work of the Society as President (1973-1976), Vice-President (1977-1978), Treasurer (1981-1983) and Secretary (1984-1998) and on Committee thereafter. His knowledge of and passion for Beaumaris indigenous vegetation will be missed.

Members were thanked for their attendance and urged to promote the work of BCS Inc. in the Beaumaris community particularly to new residents.

It was moved (G Goode) and seconded (A Cerbasi) that the President's Report be accepted. CARRIED

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer (G Goode) tabled a Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2011 for information and discussion. There being no dissent it was moved (G Goode) and seconded (P Russell) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. CARRIED

4. MOTIONS PROPOSED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A. 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 eight, to four for the year 2011-12 and that this meeting suggests to the Management Committee that, under [Rule 14.3](#), it accommodate that for the year 2011-12 by having Zones 1 and 2 joined to form a Zone 1-2, Zones 3 and 4 joined to form Zone 3-4, Zones 5 and 6 joined to form Zone 5-6 and Zones 7 and 8 joined to form Zone7-8.

Moved (G Goode) Seconded (P Russell) CARRIED

B. That the annual subscription for members for 2012-13 and beyond be set, in accordance with [Rule 4.2](#) of the Constitution, at \$10.00 for Individual Members, \$15.00 for Family Members and \$25.00 for Member Bodies.

Moved (G Goode) Seconded (G Schaezel) CARRIED

C. That the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc. express its appreciation to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, and the Leader of the Greens Party for the interest shown by the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and the local parliamentarians of their parties in working to avoid incursion into the treed area of the Beaumaris foreshore in the extension of the existing bicycle road from Cromer Road to Charman Road, and working with VicRoads to utilize space on Beach Road for that extension instead.

Moved (G Goode) Seconded (J Moller)

CARRIED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICER AND ZONE LEADER POSITIONS

Mr P Russell, Returning Officer, advised that nominations for the following positions were received and filled unopposed:

Position	Nomination	Position	Nomination
President	R Morris	Zone 3 Leader	Vacant
Senior Vice-President	G Mier	Zone 4 Leader	Vacant
Junior Vice-President	C Sutton	Zone 5 Leader	I Ashford
Secretary	K Koffsovitz	Zone 6 Leader	A Cerbasi
Treasurer	G Goode	Zone 7 Leader	Vacant
Zone 1 Leader	H Stewart	Zone 8 Leader	T Pearce
Zone 2 Leader	Vacant		

6. GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Nicholas Croggon, Solicitor, from the Environment Defenders Office, gave an informative presentation concerning the resources, training opportunities and expert advocacy available to conservation groups such as BCS Inc. with questions and discussion following.

7. CLOSE

The Chair thanked Mr Croggon for his presentation and members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m. Refreshments followed.

Ron Morris, Secretary

Confirming Chair

Date 2012

