



# BEAUMARIS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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## **President's Report 2020**

Good evening everyone, and welcome, it's so lovely to see you here even it is via zoom after the year we have all had.

I have very much enjoyed my first year as President and would like to thank the Committee for making everything we are involved in and have achieved possible.

Sometimes, it feels the uncountable hours of volunteer work we all put in is falling on deaf ears, but then you must think, if we were not so active in our beautiful community the destruction would be so much more for our birds, wildlife, children and future generations.

We are a small committee and often struggle with the pressures of time, and welcome with open arms anyone who would like to step up onto committee for 2021.

Over the last year Beaumaris Conservation Society a non – profit community organisation that works collaboratively to promote environmental protection and conservation within our suburb, continues to experience many demands relating to conservation within our suburb.

Below are a list of activities, achievements, strategies and priorities we work on:

Lengthy discussions with Councillors and officers from the Bayside Council on a vast array of environmental concerns are a weekly occurrence.

Developing stronger and more effective relationships with Bayside Council to be involved with the planning of Council developments at conception to ensure the environment is given the highest priority.

Monitoring the Council website for planning applications and writing objections to removal of significant trees that form an important part of our Urban Forest

Negotiation with developers and council on permit applications and planning scheme amendments to ensure that the environment is always considered in planning matters.

Representing BCS and its members at Council

Representing many inappropriate planning proposals to VCAT with successful outcomes

Working with Council on the Climate Change Emergency and Urban Forest Strategy

Working with Council to successfully launch the Significant Tree Register in Bayside.

Current Significant Tree list for Beaumaris is:

2/32 Alfred Street – Kurrajong

29 Beach Road – Coastal Banksia

2 Beach Rd – Moreton Bay Fig

29 Dalgetty Rd – Sweet Gum

5 Tramway Pde – Red Flowering Gum

62 Wells Rd, Beaumaris Kinder - River Red Gum

## Tree identification signs at Beaumaris Reserve

A big win for those of us in Beaumaris who cherish our native trees ... Bayside City Council installed tree identification signs for several indigenous species at Beaumaris Reserve.

What this initiative means is that residents and visitors can now learn about the types and characteristics of our valued indigenous vegetation in their natural surrounds.

BSC member, Chris Sutton, who has helped drive the initiative, the signs (although small) will help reinforce the importance and uniqueness of our local trees and encourage respect and protection of our indigenous environment.

The other big benefit of the signs is that they support the work done by the Bayside Nursery by providing local residents with a 'view' of what specific indigenous trees look like on reaching maturity.

Similarly residents applying for a VPO tree removal permit can visualise the replacement indigenous trees they ideally should select from the nursery.

Chris says the signs are part of the long-term vision of the Beaumaris Reserve Masterplan which is to have a variety of identified indigenous trees and other vegetation - including ground covers, grasses and shrubs - scattered across the Beaumaris Reserve to showcase our indigenous vegetation.

To ensure the signs are easily found, they are located on the trees along the Cloris Ave area of the reserve so do take some time to check them out.

Developing stronger relationships with other Bayside Environmental groups

Campaigning to Fisheries for more resources to be monitoring Ricketts Point Marine Park  
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Being a strong voice to Government on local issues

Applying for Environmental grants

Presentations to Kindergartens on the importance of preserving our local environment.

Giving advice to residents on indigenous plantings

Maintaining our Website and Facebook page

So it's been a very busy 12 months and although there have been disappointments there have been some wonderful times, like the discovery of King Parrots at the Long Hollow in the last few months and the return of the Eastern Koel.

We hope to be able to organise our next event once we return to normality

"Creating a wildlife friendly garden"

Thank you  
Caroline Lawton