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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 report

Dear members.

Apologies for the delay in sending this bulletin but there just has not been time to do all the things we need to do and still keep you informed. I can say that we are constantly involved with Bayside Council on issues affecting the neighbourhood character of Beaumaris. Of major interest was a panel hearing, held on the 8th of May regarding amendment C47 to the Bayside Planning scheme relating to the Concourse Structure Plan.

Council was the major submitter but BCS made a submission focussing on the need to maintain a two storey height limit, restricting the expansion of additional car parking spaces and protecting the bushland area on the corner of Agnes St and Reserve Road by giving it Public Park and Recreation Zone status. The Panel decision is expected shortly.

Adrian Cerbasi

Appropriate Development and Planning Group

Report by Senior Vice President Fiona Austin

The good news is that our message seems to be getting through to council

The last three inappropriate developments proposed for Beaumaris have been knocked back by council and VCAT. By inappropriate we mean an overdevelopment - often three 2 storey townhouses on a single block. This type of development creates many problems including overlooking, loss of light and privacy, traffic and parking problems etc. The recognised neighbourhood character of Beaumaris is houses set amongst bushy gardens and this is hard to achieve if the site is overdeveloped, so we have been winning on 'neighbourhood character' grounds. However, we must not become complacent, there are developers who are still intent on maximising their dollar and squeezing as many houses on a block as they can. We are waiting for one developer to re-submit in Cromer Road. The developers for 9 Olinda Avenue are taking their case to VCAT 55 King St. Melbourne 10.00am on the 16th of August. There are also a couple of developers due to re-submit development proposals in Tramway Parade.

How can you help?

Let me know of any yellow signs with multi unit developments proposed.

Email me at :

fionacraig@austindesign.com.au

“Drought Proof Your Garden” Day Success!

Ironically at 7.30am on Saturday the 28th of April, whilst setting up our “Drought Proof Your Garden” Day display,” it started to drizzle! An umbrella and marquee were on hand but like the majority of the days this year, the rain did not come, the ground remained parched. With 3A water restrictions in place the committee felt we should prepare Beaumaris Gardens for the long dry ahead. Carmen and Erika from the Bayside Indigenous Plant Nursery kindly brought along a display of plants to sell, posters and their priceless expertise.

Many society members, decked out in our new “I love Trees” T-shirts, handed out lists of indigenous plants, brochures about friends groups in the area and the brand new brochure about the BCS. The day was entertaining as well as educational with the renowned Steam Boat Jazz group enticing many residents close enough to our “Recruiting team” to sign on sixty new members, all of whom received a free plant. Beaumaris residents did not go hungry! The BBQ churned through many sausages and veggie burgers, while those with a sweet tooth ate cup cakes and gingerbread trees. The day finished at 12.30 when we ran out of plants, food, T-shirts, brochures and membership forms. *The society’s thanks all who supported the day.*



The BCS stall with Steam Boat Jazz in the background

Annual General Meeting

B.C.S.’s Annual General Meeting will be held on 13th September 2007 at the Beaumaris Anglican Church Hall, Dalgety Road, between Bodley and Martin Streets at 8:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Ian Wood, President of Save Our Suburbs Inc.

Light refreshments after the meeting.
You are all very welcome.

Skate Park

Despite objections from BCS about removal of indigenous planting and local residents' concerns about behavioural and noise problems likely to follow the council's determination to build a skate park in the Donald Mac Donald Reserve, the council promptly voted to go ahead. In fact all except one councillor voted for the Skate facility we had to have somewhere.

There was once a time when living in close proximity to parklands was a joy but in Bayside, homeowners can not now be reasonably sure that their amenity will not be unexpectedly diminished by council installing some facility that adversely impacts on their lifestyle and home value.

BSC Inc. Social night

Beaumaris RSL 489 Balcombe Rd.

7.30 PM Thursday July 26th

BCS board members have received numerous requests from members for some social-get together, so here we have just that, a sociable get together with an interesting talk and short presentation by our Senior VP Fiona Austin, about some of the houses designed by a number of Beaumaris's early and now highly respected architects. There will be some interesting photos of houses when built and as they now look. We may also have another speaker on drought resisting plants. The get together will be held in a private function room with drinks at your cost from the private bar. Some light refreshments will be provided. This will be a great opportunity to get to know other members and listen to our interesting speaker. For catering purposes it is necessary for all members and friends who intend to join us, to RSVP and prepay \$5 to the Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc. P.O Box 7016 Beaumaris Victoria 3193. by July 18th. Should you need further information, please contact Zone leader Heather on 9589 1435 or email hstewart2@optusnet.com

Something special for BCS members

A Foreshore Plant Walk

Geoffrey Goode, a long term resident of Beaumaris and a member familiar with our indigenous flora will be conducting another of his fascinating walks.

The walk will commence at 10.00am on Saturday, 8th September.

Interested participants should email him at ggd@netspace.net.au or phone him at 0429176725

Tree Removals

We share the often expressed dismay at the removal of street trees and wholesale clearance of trees on building development sites.

Some of the trees taken down often do not appear diseased and we try to contact Bayside Council about any apparently unnecessary removals.

If you have any concerns, contact a BCS committee member, listed on page 4 or your local councillor.

Ted Pearce Junior VP

New "I love trees" T-shirts

Do you feel your wardrobe is missing something? At just \$15 each the B.C.S. new T-shirts are the way to go. Download an order form from our website.

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or contact Heather on 95891435.

