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SBA NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018

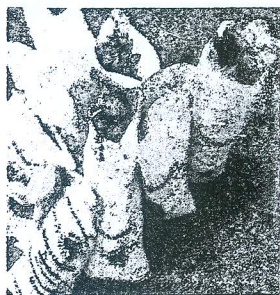
As the weather warms up, the talk around the BBQ turns to farmers feeding chickens with crushed ice to prevent them laying hard boiled eggs. It's the season for al fresco dining, the Aeroguard for the mozzies, eating too much and spending too much. Hope you enjoy your summer holidays. Don't forget the sunscreen. Hello Santa!

The Power of One Person Taking Action

Everyone has a personal list of their heroes. They are usually someone special in your life that you admire for some reason. They could be in sport, politics or art and preferably Australian. One up there near the top of my list was a man called Ian Kiernan. He passed away recently aged 78 and was given a State Funeral in the Sydney Opera House. One of his many adventures was to sail single-handedly around the world in the 1987 BOC Challenge Yacht Race. He finished sixth out



of 25 competitors and set an Australian record for solo circumnavigations. During this journey, he was astonished to have found the world's sea-life were victims of plastic pollution in the oceans. On his return in 1989, he rounded up some friends to start a program to clean up Sydney Harbour. On January 8 1989, 40,000 volunteers turned up to do it and it was a great success. The next year, this evolved into why not "Clean up Australia"? So 300,000 volunteers turned up to sites across the country and an organisation with that name commenced. In 1993, Kiernan launched "Clean up the World" and 30 million people volunteered.



Our SBA have played their part, too Over the years, Phil Wright and Douglas Cousins have marshalled our members and volunteers to meet at the car-park in March on the 'Clean Up Australia' days. We were issued with our I.D., gloves and different coloured bags for recyclable and rubbish materials and sent off in all directions. Once again, we accumulated lots of rubbish and did something good for Smiths Beach and the environment. We were pleased to become part of the many keeping Australia beautiful.



Thank you once again Ian Kiernan for the change made to our country. You've reminded us that we have a responsibility when we buy single use plastics and then discard them. As the founder of this organisation called Clean Up Australia, you have created a beautiful legacy with world-wide appeal.. Using people power, you have blazed a trail for the rest of us

The Smiths Beachcomber Association Committee takes this opportunity to wish you all a happy, joyful and relaxing time for your Christmas season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Your New Year

Making a New year's Resolution has been a long-held tradition when we try to change some behaviour or set a personal goal. We usually find that they are easy to make and simple to break. Only the truly determined will make their proposed achievement last beyond January. What is the origin of starting the year afresh? Many years ago on the first day of January, the ancient Romans celebrated the day of Janus. He was the double-faced god who looked both forwards and backwards. He was the god of beginnings and transitions. The Romans named the month of January in his honour. It's a time where we have been and where we are going, our gates and doors, the beginnings and the endings.

What will be your New Year's Resolutions? What is your desire for a new you?

Common hopes may be to learn something new, maybe another language, to get fit and stay healthy, making plans for your mental and physical well-being, to travel more, but generally you wish to push your boundaries in the desire for the new you. Having looked backwards and forwards like Janus, what will your future hold? We hope that your New Year will be a happy and fulfilling one. To think about what to build on and what to leave behind. "Be the change you want to see."



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Happy 150th birthday, Phillip Island

A year of celebrations culminated in fun and festivities on Saturday 3rd November with band music leading a colourful street parade down Thompson Avenue to the Esplanade. All sorts of community organisations, clubs and individuals took part. In the afternoon, an historical re-enactment of the 1868 Phillip Island ballot for land was followed that evening with a Gala Ball. It was an event that will be long remembered.

Are You Fire-Safe?

What would happen if there was a major fire along the foreshore at Smiths Beach and embers were falling everywhere? What would you do? What are your plans if fire was threatening? Does your house have a fire plan? Do you have an evacuation plan? Where would you go, to the beach or the carparks or where? Should we have an Assembly Point? **PREPARE – ACT - SURVIVE.**

Odd Jottngs

The tables have turned. 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and walked and the rich had cars. Today, everyone has a car and only the rich have horses.

No matter how much you push the envelope—it'll still be stationery.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it

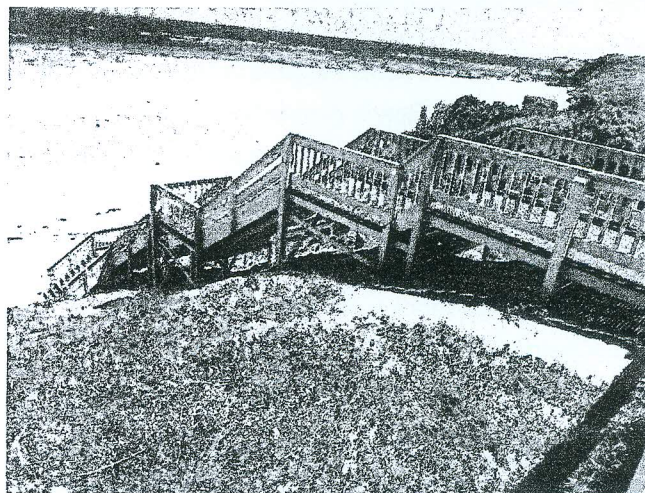
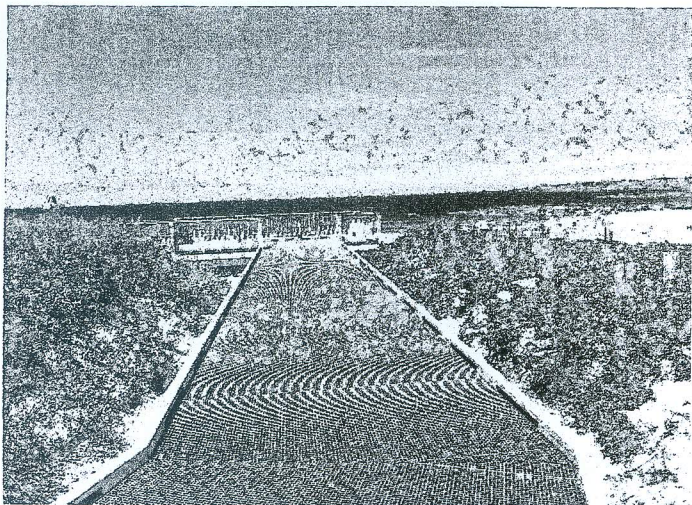
Whoever said "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose" probably lost.

I have a dog called Minton. He just ate my shuttlecock. "Bad Minton!"

Birthdays are good for your health, Studies have shown that the more people who have more birthdays live longer

It seems we've had a really busy last quarter to date. Motorcycle Grand Prix and 150th Anniversary of the settlement of Phillip Island included.

The new walkway is now finished and looking really good. I'm assured it will last a lifetime. A few of our Members assisted with re-planting natives along the edges. With the walkway above the sand, the short tailed shearwaters now have more area in which to burrow.



Council elected Cr Brett Tessari as the new mayor replacing Cr Pam Rothfield. Our Association has received considerable support from Pam and I have expressed our appreciation of this to her. I have found Brett also to be a really passionate Bass Coast advocate and I'm confident he will support our endeavours.

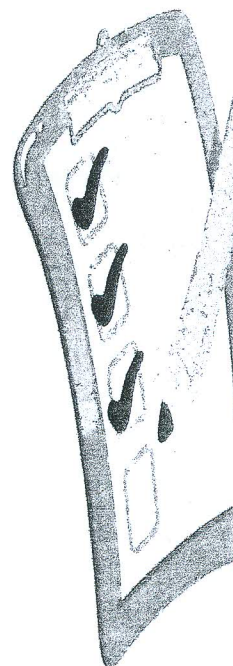
I have been informed that Council is pursuing an endeavour to have Bass Coast Shire declared under the 'Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Act'. Macedon Ranges Shire Council has successfully ventured down this pathway. One of the outcomes of being declared a distinctive area is that town boundaries are set in legislation and altering town boundaries requires acquiescence from both sides of Parliament. I understand that it is an expensive and time consuming exercise and it also takes the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) out of the equation in such matters. Land banking may not be so attractive and rural land to the east and west of Smiths Beach, beyond our town boundary will be protected from urban development,

As previously reported, Council allocated \$15,000 toward implementation of the Beachcomber YCW Activity Master Plan initially adopted in 2014. Discussions with BCSC Infrastructure Manager, Felicity Sist, indicated that the \$15,000.00 was going to be spent on the design of a new BBQ and shelter facility identified on the Master Plan as "F" I suggested to Felicity that our Association would like to be consulted. I received confirmation that the designer will make contact.

We continue to have discussions with Council in respect of our proposed pilot "user pays" model to further fund the Beachcomber YCW Activity Master Plan.

Our communication to the to the Bass Coast Chief Executive Officer requesting that a Smiths Beach Master Plan be developed funded by the Shire has not drawn a response and this has recently been followed up. I've had discussions with Councillors about this process and expressed a willingness to assist.

As reported previously we've also written to the Phillip Island Integrated Transport Study Group (PIISG) recommending that they consult with the Smiths Beachcomber Association in developing a long term strategy for major infrastructure such as Back Beach Road. Development of strategies must take account of the impact such changes have on Smiths Beachcomber ratepayers particularly in regard to integrating with a Smiths Beach Master Plan. Discussions with the Chair of that group, Mary Whelan have been productive.

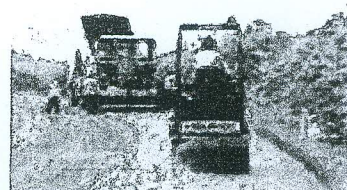


From the President's Desk (Continued)

I recently met with Catherine Basterfield, CEO of the Phillip Island Nature Park (PINP) and despite the fact that Catherine's understandably higher priority is building their new Visitor Centre, assured me that in her view, SBA should play a lead role in Smiths Beach coastal development. Catherine is now aware of our dialogue with property owners to the east and west of Smiths Beach.

I recently met with St. Bede's Business Manager in regard to exploring the opportunities for a multi-use pathway through their Smiths Beach property. Their main concern was the care and protection of their students. We were invited to develop a proposal with a view to making a presentation to the St. Bede's College Board. I believe we will have a proposal for consideration in the near future. The proposal, in principle supported by Council, CFA and PINP is to add another gated fence onto the property east of the existing buildings.

We have heard no more from Council in regard to our roadmaking and its special charge street scheme. Works have yet to commence in Surf Beach or Sunderland Bay. As previously mentioned, Smiths Beach is third in line.



The recent State elections have come and gone with Jordan Crugnale, the ALP candidate now our likely local Member I believe Council will commence re-negotiating with the State Government to obtain additional funding for another Business Case for the Car Ferry linking French Island, Cowes and Stony Point.

Some Association Members have been busy re-planting vegetation to the east of Smiths Beach and the adjacent Drainage Reserve. Our new Smiths Beach noticeboard will, I've been reliably informed, be installed before this Christmas.

Our Association is now represented on PINP's Community and Environment Advisory Committee and your President is also a Member of Council's Visitor Economy Strategy, Community Tourism Reference Group.

"Totally Renewable Phillip Island" is gaining considerable traction on our Island. One of the elements discussed is to have solar power and batteries installed on Smiths Beach houses enabling the landowner to sell excess power requirements to the local community through a local, not for profit energy retailer. The aim is to become carbon neutral by 2035.



Cheers,

Phil Dressing

Smiths Beach Rescue Base

Smiths Beach Rescue Base was installed at Smiths Beach, Phillip Island's most popular beach, The Opening Ceremony took place on Friday 29th June 2018. The base is designed as a satellite facility to Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, who will staff the base and drove the project to provide an observation tower, first aid facility and shelter for volunteer surf life savers. Patrols have started and will be in action in our new beautiful facility from Boxing Day (26th December) to the Australia Day weekend (28th January 2019).

Call and give our volunteer lifesavers a cheer.

Public Wi-Fi

Be wary when using public Wi-Fi. Without the right protection, cyber criminals could see your information. It is recommended that you don't use online banking, online shopping or send sensitive information.

Three Cheers

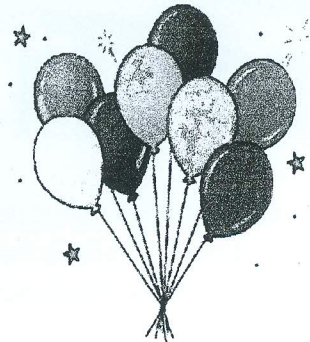
With the ALP winning the seat of Bass, they have promised the delivery of 24/7 health care by a doctor and nurse at the Cowes Health Hub. It is planned to be in operation by Christmas.

SBA ANNUAL SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

10.30 am on Sunday 27th January 2019

At the home of Robyn Dale and Bruce Wilson

220 Smiths Beach Road (opposite Store)



“What has your SBA been up to this Year?” Come and find out.

Bring a plate or drinks to share

All welcome. Bring one of your neighbours & your friends

We look forward to seeing you there

Phillip Island's Waste Services

Reducing potential fire hazard material in preparation for the coming fire season means that the BCSC will allow us to bring up to a caged tandem trailer load of Green waste to the Dunsmore Road Recycling Bank. If you are lucky and can deliver it before the 16th December, you will not have to pay for it. General domestic waste is also acceptable at the Council Depot site as well as scrap metal, batteries, motor oil and recyclable materials. The site is open on Friday-Tuesday from 10.30 to 3.30 p.m. It is open on Wednesday and Thursday between 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.



Saturday,

Ratepayers are entitled to one hard rubbish collection per year. Bookings may be made to the BCSC on 1300 225-278 and it will cost you \$25.00.

SBA Facebook Page

We would like more people to be a Friend of the Smiths Beachcomber Facebook page and post and read items of interest to our community.

You can access it at <http://www.facebook.com/SmithsBeachcomber2016>

Our Facebook ID is 1129303750428285

For more information, you may contact David Van Dort email on dav11car3@gmail.com

Good information is on our **SBA Website** at smithsbeachcomber.com See our beautiful beach
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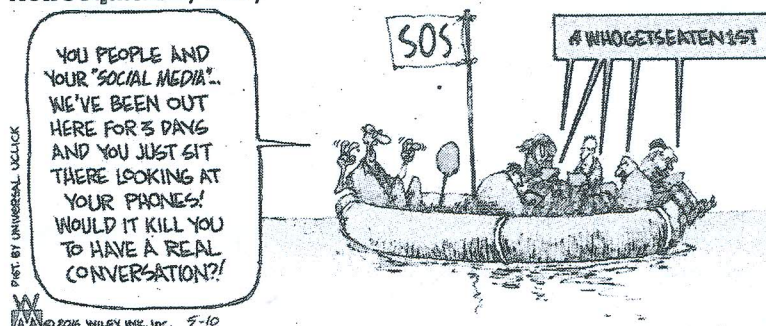


Smiths Beach General Store

Kally, Johan and staff welcome you and provide us with our daily milk, bread and newspapers to start your day. They have built a fine reputation for serving quality coffee, food and great friendly service. Bring in a DVD, CD or book for a swap. See you there for breakfast or any other meal or snack. Phone us on 5952-2615. Don't forget to use your discount voucher for the Priceline Pharmacy and buy your Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser for the latest local news.



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