

ABAGRA NOW!

Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association

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NEWSLETTER



Laverton Creek Bridge

Welcome to the first edition of ABAGRA Newsletter. It is hoped that we will make this a quarterly newsletter, providing information and updates to the residents of Altona Bay and Altona Green.

This first edition will give everyone an update on the inaugural meeting, the appointment of our Executive Committee and a few things that are happening in around our neighbourhood.

As the editor, I am always looking for information to include. If you have anything that you would like us to include in a future newsletter, or if you would like to assist in its publication, please contact us on 0419 222 092 or email abagra3028@gmail.com

THE ABAGRA VISION

The goal of the Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association (ABAGRA) is to improve the quality of lifestyle for residents of Altona Bay and Altona Green area; acting as a forum for community decision-making and to give fair and balanced community representation on any issues pertaining to our residents and community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association is a 'not-for-profit' association managed by a Committee of Management which will aim to improve the quality of lifestyle for the residents of Altona Bay and Altona Green area; acting as a forum for community decision-making and give fair and balanced community representation on any issues pertaining to Altona Bay & Altona Green residents.

INAUGURAL MEETING

We were truly inspired by the number of people that showed up to our first official meeting*. Admittedly, we were a bit nervous as to how many people would in fact attend, after we distributed the 2,500 letters around our neighbourhood, but we can now gladly say that we packed out the room! By the time the meeting started at 7:30 we had close to 30 people. Incredible! In addition, a number of people called and emailed, letting us know that they were unable to make it this time, but wanted to become involved and support this new association in future.

After explaining what ABAGRA was all about, we called for nominations for the executive committee and as you will see below, the enthusiasm continued with all positions being filled. In addition many people offered to assist in the future distribution (letter box dropping of the newsletter). All in all, we seem to be on the right track and lots of people have indicated that this is something our community really needs.

The Ward Councillor, Mr Carl Marsich made a few comments and advised that he would be supporting the group with a \$500 contribution from his ward funds and would consider additional support in the future. We would like to thank the Council very much for this support.



100 Steps to Federation



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Points of Interest:

- Environmental Issues
- 100 Steps to Federation
- Have your say - Contact Us!
- Cheetham Park - World Heritage Listing
- Midgees, Weeds, Motorbikes
 - Local Water Saving



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* Copies of the minutes of the meeting are available from the ABAGRA website.

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Hobsons Bay
CITY COUNCIL



The Time Beacon

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

5:1 The main purpose for which the incorporated association is established is:

- (a) The Altona Bay and Altona Green Residents' Association will lobby on behalf of the community, comment on proposals which affect the area, take a proactive role in ensuring the construction and maintenance of community infrastructure and increased service provision and to be actively involved and consulted in Council decision making processes and strategies relating to local projects.
- (b) The association will strive to promote a sense of community, organise activities that benefit residents, create opportunities to celebrate the life of the community, foster linkages between individuals with common interests and or concerns, be a conduit for the sharing of information and be alert and responsive to the needs of the Altona Bay and Altona Green residents.
- (c) To publicise the association through as many mediums as possible to ensure the local community are aware of the associations' existence and then encourage them to actively participate to achieve a better community for all.
- (d) To hold regular meetings with those on the committee which are open to all of the Altona Bay and Altona Green community (refer to attached boundary map) to ensure the association meets

ABAGRA HAS TO DATE:

- ✦ Been incorporated
- ✦ Established a PO Box in Altona
- ✦ A letterbox drop of some 2500 homes in the Altona Bay and Altona Green area to inform residents of the new association
- ✦ A newsletter has also been established and will be distributed shortly after this meeting.
- ✦ Has designed a logo based on the time beacon located in Truganina Park.
- ✦ A website has been established and is up and running. It can be can be visited by going to <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~abagra/index.htm>

Hobson Bay Council Supportive of ABAGRA

Cr Carl Marsich was introduced to the attendees by Olivera and made a presentation to the group. Cr Marsich said that he has lived in the local area for 12 years and is supportive of a resident's group. He commented that there was an Altona Bay residents group about 15 years ago which operated for 6 to 7 years. He said that it 'wound up' in 2000 due to lack of interest. The money that this residents group had in the bank was given to charity. Cr Marsich announced that the Hobson Bay Council would contribute \$500 from his Ward funds towards the establishment of ABAGRA and may give more money later to continue with initiatives.

Cr Marsich commented that

the letter drop was a good initiative and that being incorporated was important. Cr Marsich suggested that the association get involved in community planting days, clean up days and get involved in tree planting on residential streets. He suggested that ABAGRA should liaise with other established community groups in the area, such as the Altona Meadows Community Centre and the Altona Meadows Neighbourhood Watch.

He is happy to take up issues 'raised' by the association. He re-iterated that big issues take longer and that it is a 5 year planning/budget process.

Cr Marsich spoke about the large projects that he has been a part of, such as the Trafalgar Avenue Park (which he noted

is not part of the area this association runs in) and also the extension to the Altona Stadium, which is a 3 to 5 year project.

Cr Marsich also suggested that we should identify issues and concerns then write to council, we should also write to council with a 'wish list' of improvements. ABAGRA can also look at the budget when it goes on public comment. Council is currently commencing the budget phase now. Any capital expenditure can be formally requested.

He also suggested that we put pressure on Parks Victoria to take more responsibility for the local Wetlands, i.e. Cheetham, as it is Internationally recognised.



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RELEVANT ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY- NOW!

New Members

We have received numerous membership forms and this number continues to increase every week. This is very encouraging as other Residents Associations in Hobson's Bay that have been operating for more than 10 years don't have this many members. So if you would like to get behind ABAGRA, membership forms can be obtained from the website or by calling 0419 222 092 and we will happily drop one off to you. A membership form has also been included on page 4 of this newsletter.

Hoon Hotline - Motor Bikes

Did you know that there is a Hoon Hotline for local residents to call? Victoria Police has introduced a hoon and trail bike hotline for Hobsons Bay community members. Residents are invited to report incidents involving hoons, trail bikes and trailers with trail bikes by calling the number: Car Hoon Hot Line – 9393 9552

Hobson's Bay Council Customer Service Request System

Hobson's Bay City Council has a central phone number for residents to call to raise issues and have things fixed up, like damaged footpaths, signs, vandalism or litter. If you think there is a problem that Council should be aware of or fix, please call (03) 9932 1000 or register your complaint online by visiting <http://www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/Page/service-requests/default.asp>.

The After hours emergency number for felled trees, broken water pipes, etc is 9236 0550

Other Issues & Matters of Concern

- ✦ Increased maintenance of our roads, parks and creek corridors required
- ✦ Increased and continued tree planting in all streets (Some effort has taken place recently)
- ✦ Improvements to HD Graham Reserve and Truganina Parklands
- ✦ Improved line marking and additional speed bumps such as South Avenue
- ✦ Spraying for bugs along skeleton creek (a real problem this year)
- ✦ Lobby for the duplication of Queen Street, Altona Meadows
- ✦ Increasing bus services for secondary schools students and for the public on weekends
- ✦ **Comments Closing on Bus Review - Hobsons Bay municipality - Friday 4 May 2007**

The Department of Infrastructure is currently undertaking a review of bus services in the Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley municipalities. If you wish to provide input into public transport services which affect our area you can provide a submission via email to Norm.Marshall@doi.gov.au or via post to Hobsons Bay/Maribyrnong/Moonee Valley Bus Service Review, Public Transport Division, Department of Infrastructure, GPO box 2797,

Melbourne by **COB Friday 4 May 2007**.

The President - Where to from Here?

The Executive will begin to meet on a regular basis and it is hoped that we can have another General meeting in June. There are many other issues relevant to our area and we are open to your suggestions and feedback. We look forward to meeting and welcoming you to our Association. We are aware of the myriad tasks ahead of us and would appreciate any help you may offer. Please contact us about any of your concerns or inquires. Get involved and active in your community. If you are an existing member, spread the word and tell your friends about the Association. There's even a Membership Form on the next page for your convenience.

As always
Mark Robinson
The President - ABAGRA



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Altona Pier - Sunset

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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant to Complete

Residential Address:

Names of Proposed Members:

1. 2.

Phone. Phone.

E-mail E-mail

3. 4.

Phone. Phone.

E-mail E-mail

I/We understand that the fee for membership is \$5 per household, levied annually on 01st April and due by 30th May.

Applicants' Signatures

1. 2.

3. 4.

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE SECRETARY, PO BOX 498, ALTONA 3018
CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO ALTONA BAY & ALTONA GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Secretary to Complete

Received:

Proposed: Seconded:

Accepted: Y / N

Payment Received: Y / N Receipt # Invoice #

Welcome letter:

Register Noted: Y / N

Other:.....



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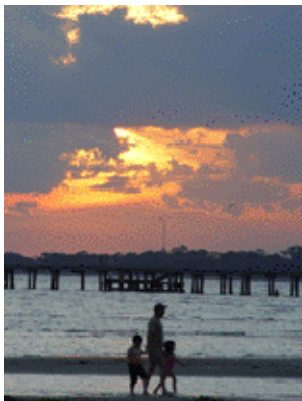
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