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Issue 6

Newsletter

ABAGRA VISION/MISSON STATEMENT

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. The Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association is a 'not-for-profit' association managed by a Committee of Management which aims to improve the quality of lifestyle for the residents of Altona Bay and Altona Green area.

Annual General Meeting

Well its that time of year again and Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association will be hosting its Annual General meeting on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at the Altona Green Primary School. The present committee members have been working hard over the past 4 years and are strongly encouraging residents to come out and lend a hand. The Committee only meets 4 times a year and produces 3 or 4 newsletters annually to keep the community informed. We hope that we will see a few new faces this year so that we can ensure that ABAGRA can continue into the future.

We are also looking for people to assist with the preparation of the newsletter, someone to update the website and of course, people to distribute the newsletter around their neighbourhood. Please email us if you would like to help.

Over the past six months we have written to the Council asking that more attention be paid to maintenance and regular repair of the parks and gardens across our area, including:

- Damage to footpath and fencing along the shared trail, between 100 Steps and Skeleton Creek
- Damage to street trees along Queen Street.
- Rubbish and damage to plantings at the Newland Street exit from the Princes Freeway and potholes along Newland Street through to Merton Street
- Rubbish within the wetlands at the HD Graham Reserve.
- Cracking in the concrete of the newly constructed 1/2 court basketball court in Carlsson Reserve, damage to the netball ring, missing armrests off the seating and why the rubbish bins have been removed.

Some of the issues raised with the committee this year:

- More drought tolerant trees planted at C W Carlsson Reserve.
- Concerns from the elderly regarding the change to bus route of the 415 which no longer travels down Everingham Road and the pressure this has put on elderly residents' who relied on catching it to do there grocery shopping.
- Local newspapers/brochures distributed to vacant homes which end up flying around the community.
- Reporting of Hoons & Illegal Trail bike riding at 100 Steps
- Illegal dumping of rubbish on naturestrips
- More trees planted in Reserves and naturestrips
- Regular replacement of dead trees within Council responsibility.
- Repair of unsafe footpaths.
- Lobby for more rubbish bins on the bike paths.

If you have any concerns/problems you wish to raised or addressed please place them in writing to the ABAGRA email address or via our postal address.

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COMMENTS 2010/2011

ABAGRA have provided comments to Hobsons Bay City Council to consider in the preparation of the DRAFT 2010/11 budget in February this year. Issues raised are listed below:

1. That the council continue the implementation of the local park and play grounds improvement and replacement program, **ensuring that at least one and preferably two of the following reserves** are included in each year of the 5 year capital works program for the renewal of playground equipment, replacement of park furniture, renewal of fencing and the installation of landscape planting;
 - RK Richards Reserve, South Avenue
 - JE O'Brien Reserve, Batman Street
 - HE Hubble Reserve, Sommers Drive
 - AW Knight Reserve, Victoria Street
 - GF Sterling Reserve, Victoria Street
 - CW Carlsson Reserve, Rebecca Crescent
 - D Grieve Reserve, near Roach Road
 - Unnamed Reserve behind Lady Nelson Court

2. That significant improvement is made to the **major community reserve at Tatman Drive**, including the installation of a shelter, improved park furniture and the addition of substantial landscape treatment throughout the park.

3. That the Council reassure the community that it is fully committed to the implementation of the Council adopted **Truganina Parklands Masterplan**, including:
 - The land shaping and plantings around 100 Steps.
 - The installation of much needed public amenities (given that there are absolutely no public toilets on this side of the shared trail after Apex Park in Altona).
 - The construction of the Regional playground; the centre piece of this whole park.

Appreciating that all these works can not be completed within a single year, so long as the project continues to be allocated sufficient annual funding within the Council 5 year capital works program.

4. Ensure that as part of the Councils **street tree planting program**, a significant portion of the program continues to be directed to the **Altona Meadows** community, given its lack of street trees. More specifically, ABAGRA would like to see a planting program for the high profile arterial roads such as Merton, Victoria, Everingham, South Featherby and Sommers.

5. Further improvements to the active recreational park and facilities within the HD Graham Reserve, including the essential and urgent construction of the car park. This car park services the tennis courts, the BMX track and the skate park, facilities used by residents from across Altona Meadows, Seabrook. Altona and parts of Laverton. This unmade car park is also regularly used as overflow car parking for the thousands of visitors to the Altona Sport Centre. A centre used by residents from across the whole of the Council. ABAGRA would also like to see the second stage of planning on the earthen mounds completed.

ABAGRA would also like to know if the Council has made any progress implementing improvements to the local road network; more specifically improved turning movements at the Queen and Maidstone roundabout (inclusion of a second northbound turning lane from Queen to Maidstone), the Queen Street lane duplication between Point Cook Road and Victorian Street and ongoing improvements to the gateway entrance from the Princes Freeway at Newlands Street.



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Points of Interest:

- **2010/2011- Comments made to HBCC on DRAFT 2010 Budget**
 - Key event dates
- **PENSION REFORM**
 - News—Altona Meadows Ward Councillor—LUBA Grigorovitch



Playground @ Altona Meadows

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POINTS OF INTEREST

A word from Jenny Macklin MP on Pension Reforms and 2nd Round of Increases

Last year, the Government delivered significant improvements to the pension system through *Secure and Sustainable Pension Reforms*. The pension was substantially increased and its operation was made simpler. The reforms also make the pension sustainable into the future. On 20 March 2010, pension payments increased by \$29.20 a fortnight for single pensioners on the maximum rate and \$44.00 a fortnight for pensioner couples, combined, on the maximum rate. These new rates

represent an increase in pension payments of around \$100.00 a fortnight for single pensioners and around \$74.00 a fortnight for pensioner couples, combined, as a result of the Government's pension improvements from September 2009 and indexation. For further information, go to: http://www.jennymacklin.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/jennymacklin.nsf/content/jm_m_pensionsincrease_6march2010.htm

Altona Vikings—Girls Only Football Team—Ages 13-17

Altona Vikings football club established it's first all female team last year. The team is part of the

Youth Girls football league. **The team is comprised of females between the ages 13 - 17 years.** Football is a fun, family orientated sport that also allows participants to gain some fitness. The cooperative team environment provides the opportunity to meet new people, hone football skills and gain initiative. If you are interested in getting fit, having fun and meeting likeminded people please contact me - Jessica - on the details below.
Email: brisbane_lions_rule@msn.com or call 0421357415

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

A word from the Altona Meadows Ward Councillor— Luba Grigorovitch

ABAGRA has been fantastic in letting me know varied needs which residents want improvements for in our area. I have fought for as much as possible in the Altona Meadows ward and I look forward to the Council officially adopting the budget in early May.

The Altona Green Recycled Water Project is on target, with City West Water advising that recycled water will be provided from its Altona Treatment Plant from December. The \$46 million project involves the construction of a treatment plant that will produce high quality recycled water for irrigating Council sites Altona Green Reserve and HD Graham Reserve, and for use by Qenos and Koorringal and Sanctuary Lakes golf courses, Altona Green Reserve is used for recreation and sporting fixtures such as cricket and football.

am sure you would have seen that we have some great works happening at the grounds there. Laverton Park is home to Football, Cricket, Tennis, Bowling and Soccer clubs and improvements are always needed. The draft plan to make improvements at the park is out at the moment and I look forward to formally adopting it at Council in the next few weeks. Another exciting announcement for Laverton Park is the recent state government allocation of \$25,000 to the Laverton Park Soccer Fields as part of its Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program. Laverton Park is one of the area's most popular sporting precincts. This funding will ensure the facility continues to serve the needs of local soccer enthusiasts and soccer clubs now and into the future, even in the face of drought.

The public artwork and landscaping integration project on the corner Queen and Merton Streets is moving ahead. Artists have been short listed and the project advisory group will reconvene in early June to select a final artwork. The artwork and landscaping works are expected to be completed later this year.

To discuss any Altona Meadows ward issues please feel free to call me on 0427 553 494 or email lgrigorovitch@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au

A lot is happening at Laverton Park sports precinct in Altona Meadows. I

KEY DATES & EVENTS

ABAGRA—Meeting Dates— 2010

When:

- ◆ 17 February 2010
- ◆ 30 June 2010— (*Annual General Meeting*)
- ◆ 4 August 2010
- ◆ 3 November 2010

Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm

Where:

**Neighbourhood House
Altona Green Primary School
Victoria Street, Altona Meadows**



When: Sunday 1 August 2010

Time: 9:00am-12pm (followed by BBQ)

Where: Tatman Reserve - Altona Meadows



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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant to Complete

Residential Address:
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Names of Proposed Members:

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Ph:	Ph:
Email:	Email:
3.	4.
Ph:	Ph:
Email:	Email:

Applicants' Signatures:

1.	2.
3.	4.

I/We understand that the fee for membership is \$5 per household, levied annually on 1st May and due by 30th May.

Your Feedback is important to ABAGRA:

I/We would be willing to assist with the distribution of the quarterly newsletter. Yes/No

I would like ABAGRA to pursue the following issues or concerns:

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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

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 Accepted: Y / N
 Payment Received: Y / N
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Skate Boarder