

ABAGRA NOW!

Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2007 ABAGRA PUBLIC MEETING

Have you ever felt powerless to make a difference? Ever thought that your opinion does not count or that you are unable to impact the world and what happens to your life and lifestyle right now and into the future? Do you really want to have a say in how your tax dollars are spent?

If your answer is yes, we hope you seriously consider attending this meeting for the future improvement of this area.

Have you ever wondered why it often appears other areas always seem to be receiving more funding to develop their area at the expense and neglect of our own? It's very simple. These areas apply pressure on the appropriate bodies (like our own Council, State & Federal government) and communicate their needs as a group. The old adage "strength in numbers" holds true today as did all those years ago. This is important to us as the representative voice in the area since the more members we have, the more seriously our needs and demands are considered by our own Hobsons Bay Council, State and Federal Governments and the many other associations and organisations we communicate with.

What is expected of you? "NOTHING AT ALL! Unless you have a particular interest and wish to offer your assistance in some way, ABAGRA management consists of duly elected local individuals prepared to do what is necessary, on a voluntary and unpaid basis, to keep the Association going and to impact on its' objectives, as dictated by the members and for the betterment of our local area.

Is ABAGRA a political association? No. ABAGRA is not politically aligned to any party whatsoever and has short, medium and long term objectives stretching as far as 30 years into the future. We really don't see a difference who is in power at the time, our interests are ALL the time!

Things to consider for you, your family and your grand children.

New and innovative playground/sports equipment and facilities for our kids and adults alike to enjoy throughout all the seasons, better and safer roads, schools with enough supplies, a cleaner more vibrant environment, a convenient & reliable bus service, more trees in the public area, landscaping and an infinite number of other issues are considered. By developing our area we indeed add value to our community. As a spin off this raises our house values and the general profile of the area. Even as a newly established Residents Association, our impact on your behalf has been effective. You can read about it on our website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~abagra/> or you will read about in our July 2007 Newsletter we distribute throughout the year.

We trust you will attend or decide to become involved by completing the form on the back and returning it to P.O. Box 498 Altona 3018 or you can always bring it along with you to the meeting. For an investment of only \$5 per household per year for ABAGRA to work on your behalf, it makes good sense, doesn't it?

DATE & TIME

Wednesday 25th July 2007 @ 7.30pm - 9.30pm

LOCATION

Altona Green Primary School, Victoria Street Altona Green



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Laverton Creek Bridge

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NEWSLETTER



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Points of Interest:

- Community Recycling Project
- 2007/2008 Council Budget Submission
- Have your say - Contact Us!
 - mPOW Group
- Telemarketing—DO NOT CALL LIST



Skate Park

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HD Graham Reserve Car Park

Welcome to the second edition of the ABAGRA NOW Newsletter., providing information and updates to the residents of Altona Bay and Altona Green area.. Our Newsletter is also downloadable from our Website This edition is full of information about what ABAGRA has been up to since its inception in March this year. 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.

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 voice for community decision-making and to provide fair and balanced community representation on various issues affecting to our residents and community.

2007/2008 COUNCIL BUDGET SUBMISSION

ABAGRA reviewed the proposed and after having listened to the issues raised by our community at a public meeting. **ABAGRA, on behalf of the 2,500 households it represents**, made a formal written and verbal submission at the Hobsons Bay Council public meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2007. **Issues raised are listed below:**

1. 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 of the next few years capital works program to address the renewal of playground equipment, replacement of park furniture, renewal of fencing and the installation of landscape planting

2. Significant improvement be made to the major **community reserve at Tatman Drive**, including the installation of a shelter, improved park furniture and the addition of substantial landscaping throughout the park. This is the primary local park & picnic area for the whole of this part of our Community .

3. Appropriate funding be allocated within the operational budget to adequately address the ongoing and increasing problem associated with petrol driven motor cross motorcycles entering **Skeleton Creek, the internationally designated Cheetham Wetlands and Truganina Parklands**. And that they be directed to the Motor Cross track located at North Laverton. It is unfortunate that there is no facility closer by but it is important to protect this natural bird sanctuary for future generations.

4. Council reassure the community that it is fully committed to the implementation of the Council adopted **Truganina Parklands Masterplan**, adopted almost 10 years ago. The works includes 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) and construction of the Regional playground; the centre piece of this whole park.



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2007/2008 COUNCIL BUDGET SUBMISSION *continued*

5. 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, the high profile arterial roads such as Merton, Victoria, Everingham, South, Featherby and Sommers are given priority.

6. That funding be allocated to the active recreational park and facilities located in **HD Graham Reserve**; another Regional Park that is used by residents from across Altona, Altona Meadows, Seabrook and Laverton. **In addition**, we would like to see the **Skate Park** and **BMX track** properly finished off; including the necessary landscaping and shelters, to a standard that Council has been able to achieve at its Newport facility.

7. That consideration should be given to a comprehensive review of the road network within **Altona Meadows**. Consideration being given to an additional north south connector via Victoria Street, improved east west connectivity via the continuation of Civic Parade, the duplication of Queen Street and the improved turning movements at Queen and Maidstone.

8. That a grant and consideration be given to the construction of a **local community garden** where local produce can be grown. Perhaps some space allocated at the old vehicle testing station could be utilised for the development of the proposed **Eco Centre** and used to encourage locals and those environmentally conscious to learn about growing produce, cultivation, recycling, the storage of water in the home, energy use reduction, emphasising the need for preservation of our local natural environment. This concept has been raised at various **Environmental Strategy meetings** held in the past.

9. A grant be given to establish a **Parks Revenue Fund** for the improvement of local parks in our area. **We want to raise money from the collection and sale of aluminium cans** (later to include standard plastic bottle collection). We need to buy some sort of storage to store cans in the home before we pick them up. It keeps our neck of the woods cleaner and adds value to our

POINTS OF INTEREST

mPOW - We would like to bring to your attention **mPOW Inc - mature Professionals Out of Work** - This is a not-for-profit, community based organisation open to any mature aged person regardless of geographic location. Their membership consists of mature professionals who are either (or have been) unemployed or under employed. They identified that there were no support or advocacy groups for mature aged unemployed or under-employed people. More Information is available on their Website: www.mpow.org.au or you can contact, Madeleine Ellis on: 0409 712 003

mellis2@ozemail.com.au

PUBLIC LAND FOR SALE

The **Legislative Council, Select Committee on Public Land Development** is asking for written submissions from any organisation who wish to express their view on any aspect of this inquiry. ABAGRA will gather further information and keep you updated.



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ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The area designated as Cheetham Wetlands has been Internationally listed by the **World Heritage Foundation**. This significant area supports an abundant range of Wild Life & Flora. The **Blue Devil** is one of the more



BLUE DEVIL GRASS

interesting grassland plants found in the Hobsons Bat area. Apparently less than one tenth of a percent of Melbourne's original grasslands remain. Our area has many other rare and endangered species that need to be protected (Crabs, worms, birds and flora, etc) against extinction.

LITTER & HARD WASTE

Please remember to dispose of all your litter properly; Particularly in public places such as bus stops & train stations, around shops & food outlets. FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT



A LOCAL INHABITANT

TREE PLANTING DAY

Next Tree Planting at Truganina - Sunday September 09th at 9:30am See <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/hbplants/web/truganinaparkland.html>

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETING

Hobsons Bay City Council Will next meet on the 24th July at the Altona Meadows Library - Central Square @ 7.30pm. It is rare for Council to meet at this venue, so close to our area. Go along and see how Council operates.

DONATIONS

ABAGRA would like to thank Cr Renee Caruana for the kind contribution of \$500.00 on behalf of the residents in her Ward. We hope to put these funds to good use in our recycling initiatives and administration costs.

DO NOT CALL LIST

You are now able to list your home phone and mobile

number with the Register, Under the Do Not Call Register Act 2006, telemarketers can check their calling lists against the Register. If a telemarketer calls a number on the Do Not Call Register, they may be in breach of the Act, and may face penalties. Registering your phone number will not stop all telemarketing calls to your number. You can register your number or get more information by visiting: www.donotcall.gov.au or by filling out the form from our Website (<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~abagra/donotcallme.pdf>) and returning it to:

DO NOT CALL REGISTER

PO BOX 42 NORTH
MELBOURNE VIC 3051

COMMUNITY RECYCLING

"See a can, pick it up or save it, don't throw it away!"

ABAGRA is now collecting **ALUMINIUM CANS** to raise money to be put back into the Local Parks in our area.

Please call **0419 222 092** if you are prepared to assist this worthy cause by collecting your aluminium cans for this purpose.

**ALL FUNDS RAISED BY
THIS INITIATIVE GOES
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TIME CAPSULE - 2025



FOR THE FUTURE

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PARK BENCH



FLOCK OF PELICANS

BUS SERVICE REVIEW

The Department of Infrastructure is currently reviewing bus services in the Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley municipalities. This review will assist the department in developing and evaluating bus service options having regard to local needs and service planning issues. Two rounds of community workshops have been conducted in March and May of this year, which has provided community feedback to assist in the bus service improvement plan. ABAGRA along with other community groups were invited to participate and provided feedback in the second round of workshops.

The bus route services currently under review which affect Hobsons Bay residents are listed below with some of the recommended changes:

• **Hobsons Bay Bus Route Services Currently Under Review**

232 – City – Victoria Market – Altona North : 411 – Footscray – Altona Meadows : 412 – Footscray – Altona Meadows : 414 – Footscray – Laverton South : 415 – Williamstown – Laverton : 429 – Altona East – Yarraville

432 – Paisley – Newport

• **Proposed Network Improvements:**

411/412 – Loop to be removed (will cut out the Everingham Road loop at Altona Meadows to provide consistency of route structure) : **414** – Rerouted : **415** – Extend existing route – to go down Nelson Parade in Williamstown in activity centre.

• **Other Recommended Changes**

411, 412, 414, 415 – Proposal to extend the operating hours on most routes to meet the minimum service standards - 6:00am – 9:00pm on Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 9:00pm on Saturday and 9:00am – 9:00pm on Sunday

Proposed timetable improvements to address unreliability of services due to inconsistent or inadequate running times. Connectivity with train services – better linking of bus with train arrivals at Altona and Laverton train stations. (trying to link bus with train arrival times)

• **Afternoon Bus Route Services – 411/412/415/432** – (used by students travelling back to Altona, Altona Meadows and Laverton from schools in Altona North, Newport and Williamstown

“Special” school bus services are currently being reviewed to see if they can be extended or staggered differently to cope with overcrowding issues.

Ensure the Metlink Public Transport Website - www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/maps_stations_stops/melbourne_public_transport_map is up to date.

Ensure local bus timetables displayed at bus stops are updated with correct arrival/departure times.

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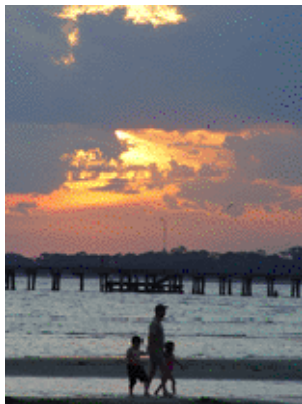
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Altona Pier - Sunset



Altona Beach - Sunset

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

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

Applicants' Signatures

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3. 4.

LOCAL PARKS RECYCLING INITIATIVE

"Ploughing Community Raised Capital Back Into The Community! All funds raised go toward the beautification of our Local Parks & Gardens."

IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD PREPARED TO COLLECT ALUMINIUM CANS? YES / NO

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