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Altona Bay & Altona Green Residents' Association

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Newsletter

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. 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.

Laverton Festival-Sat 17th November

There will be an Open Day at the Laverton Old School on Saturday 17 November from 11am - 1pm as a way of encouraging people to visit and hopefully become members of the Friends Group. The Open Day will feature activities, demonstrations and entertainment

Melbourne Citymission - in Footscray are offering the following assistance

- Renting and accommodation; leases, bonds, inspections, repairs.
- Estate Agents: buying or selling a home
- Building and renovating: contracts, domestic building insurance, owner-builders
- Motor cars: buying or selling, dealing with motor car traders, insurance and warranties, repairs and maintenance.
- Credit and debt: credit cards, borrowing, debt collection.
- Scams and door to door sales.
- Refunds, lay-bys, warranties and contracts
- Other consumer issues.

Consumer Affairs Victoria Multicultural Project Officer, Thuy Nguyen is located in the Melbourne City Mission offices at 214 Nicholson Street, Footscray between 9:00am - 4:30pm every Wednesday.

Call the Melbourne City Mission office on 9687 4997

**Free advise is also available by calling on the following numbers:
Multicultural Consumers Unit:**

Chinese Help: 1300 726 656 * Vietnamese Help: 1300 855 110

* Arabic & Russian Help: 1300 655 503 * Indigenous Help Line: 1300 661 511

* English Help Line: 1300 558 181 * Interpreter Service: 131450

Or visiting www.consumer.vic.gov.au

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Message from the President

We encourage all within the community to raise their voice. Often our area suffers from neglect at the hands of our Local, State and the Federal Governments. It doesn't seem to matter what political persuasion is governing us at the time, we need to fight to get anything.

You can influence our local Council however if you become part of ABAGRA in some way. Alternatively, here is the web link for the "Have your Say on the Council elections"

http://www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=2578&h=0



Council Corner

Arterial Road Priority List

The Council recently consider a report to update the list of its priorities for VicRoads managed roads. Within the Altona Meadows area, Council identified the need to lobby for the duplication of parts of Central Avenue / Queen Street and the need for a left turn lane at the Queen Street and Maidstone Street roundabout.

Line Marking

As a result of a letter from ABAGRA to the Council, you will have noticed that line marking has started in Merton Street and Victoria Street.

2008 Voting Methods

The Council has recently decided to seek community feedback on how to best administer the 2008 Local Government Elections. The last time Council held elections, it allowed for postal voting. If you wish to make a submission (for or against postal voting) please look out for the notice in your local newspaper or on the Council website.

Midges

Last year, the issue of bugs along the creek corridor was a big issue for the local residents. As the warmer weather approaches they may be back. Please call the Council on 99321000 and log a Service Management Request as soon as they become a problem.

Complaints or Requests for maintenance of Council infrastructure

Don't forget, any time you see something broken, damaged or in need of repair, please contact the Council on 99321000 and log a 'Service Management Request'. This ensures that the information is recorded and the item get fixed.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING

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.

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Fitted for Work

Fitted for Work is a not-for-profit organisation that was created in July 2005 to fill a gap in employment and training services for disadvantaged and unemployed women. Fitted for Work assists women with business clothing, presentation and interview skills at the critical period, once they have completed job training and are looking for a job. In partnership with referral agencies, Fitted for Work currently assists more than 100 women a month, including many single mothers trying to re-enter the workforce. For more information regarding Fitted for Work, please visit www.fittedforwork.org

News Items

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

With summer right around the corner, the sounds of motocross bikes are gearing up. Please remember residents are encouraged to report incidents involving hoons, trail bikes and trailers with trail bikes by calling 9393 9552. Many times, this will just be a recording, but its important to leave details of the complaint, as all of these get recorded and passed back to the Council. We need to make clear to Council that this is a major problem that they need to keep on top of.

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.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Page/service-requests/default.asp>.

Hobson's Bay After Hours Emergencies

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

HAVE YOUR LOCAL SAY - NOW!

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Residential Address:

Names of Proposed Members:

1. **2.**

Phone. **Phone.**

E-mail **E-mail**

3. **4.**

Phone. **Phone.**

E-mail **E-mail**

*/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: