

# TIDAL TIMES



Welcome to the second edition of the Grantville and District Foreshore Committee (GADFC) Newsletter. Since the publication of the first edition back in January, many positive events have taken place.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A most encouraging 35 responses were received. Thanks so much to all those whom responded.

The key issues that were identified for future management of the foreshore were as follows:

- Immediate and strategic solutions to tackle erosion and sea water inundation.
- Removal of weeds & exotics along entire foreshore and replant with native vegetation and education on 'what is a weed'.
- Clearance of undergrowth and dead trees near properties and access tracks.
- Improved access to the foreshore and ongoing maintenance of access tracks.
- Removal of the old sea wall debris and dead trees from the foreshore.
- Tackle litter problems on foreshore and car parks.
- Prevention of nuisances such as vehicles and horses on foreshore, and dog faeces.

The Committee will do our best to respond to these issues as well as the questions raised by survey participants in the best possible manner.

## PRESENTATION TO GRANTVILLE AND DISTRICT RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION (GADRA)

A most valuable outcome from the survey above was a presentation on same to GADRA by our hard working Secretary, Ms Dianne Goeman. This took place at the GADRA meeting on Friday, 26 February 2010.

All present agreed that it was a thoroughly professional presentation and was therefore very well received.

## GRANTS RECEIVED

GADFC is not as fortunate as other similar Committees in this area, in that we have no other income other than from (mostly) Government Grants. (e.g. Corinella has their caravan park and boat ramp).

So it was most pleasing to receive a \$1,000 "starter" Community Building Initiative Grant via the Grantville and District Ratepayers' Association. We thank them for \$\$\$.

In addition, we received a \$20,500 grant from the Port Philip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority. This will be used to remove weeds (such as gorse etc) at Pioneer Bay & Frederick Drive and revegetate these areas with native plants and repair access tracks.

The Committee also gratefully acknowledges donations either in cash or kind from Irene Hanna, Barry Stewart, Barry & Val Bollen, Kevin Chambers and the Grantville Newsagency mail service.

### **WORKING WITH BASS COAST COUNCIL/OTHER FORESHORE COMMITTEES**

Grantville does have an area where we share/overlap responsibility for the foreshore with Bass Coast Shire Council.

We are aware of methods other BCSC Foreshore Committees have developed to work with the Council on this subject and this and other foreshore issues of mutual interest, will be pursued as a priority with our fellow foreshore committees.

### **INCORPORATION**

Whilst much has been achieved in a very short space of time, the time taken to properly incorporate GADFC is both a blessing and a curse. At the time of writing, we are still not properly incorporated and therefore cannot yet operate a bank account. This of course, severely inhibits us from starting any of the works detailed in this newsletter.

However as a plus side, let us not forget that this new GADFC Committee is not only the first to be initiated for this area in over two decades, but its members either did not know, or barely knew each other, until appointed to the Committee. We therefore trust the community will take these factors into account, when considering the mammoth task we face in trying to deal with the many foreshore issues that have not been addressed over this extremely long time frame.

The Editor's Dad had a saying. *"Rome was not built in a day, cos he was not foreman on the job"*.

### **MEET YOUR COMMITTEE**

Until we have covered all members, each quarter we will put a "face to a name". This time around, we will start with the office bearers.



Front, Secretary Di Goeman  
Rear from left, President Eric Hornsby  
Vice President John Spencer  
Treasurer Bob Street

**PS. Late Publication:** The editor apologies for the late distribution of this newsletter. The circumstances surrounding this problem were not within his control.