

TIDAL TIMES



GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT FORESHORE COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the Grantville and District Foreshore Committee (GADFC) Newsletter. Since our last newsletter a great deal has been achieved and we are pleased to acknowledge that much of this has included an enormous contribution by members of the local community.

OPENING OF THE PIONEER BAY BOARDWALK

GADFC Chair Eric Hornsby welcomed the Speaker of the Lower House and Member for Bass, the honourable Ken Smith MLA, Denis Cox and Leanne Khan from the Department of Sustainability and the Environment, GADFC members and members of the local community to the boardwalk opening on Saturday 11th December.



From left to right: Denis Cox (DSE), Leanne Khan (DSE), Eric Hornsby (Chair GADFC), The honourable Ken Smith, Dianne Goeman (Secretary GADFC), Roger Hayhurst (GADFC member).

Mr Hornsby stated in line with balancing community and environmental needs 'the boardwalk would provide the

community with safer access and greater amenity of the foreshore as well as protecting the integrity of this significant wetland area'.

After the cutting of the ribbon by Ken Smith local musician Lynda Cressy strummed her guitar while singing *Under the Boardwalk*. The GADFC is very grateful to Lynda for her brilliant performance which provided great entertainment and many present took the opportunity to join in.

The opening of the boardwalk was followed by a fabulous morning tea hosted by Pioneer Bay Progress Association. The morning tea provided a great opportunity for GADFC members and local Pioneer Bay residents to discuss their needs and future plans for the foreshore.

The committee would like to acknowledge the excellent workmanship and care taken by local builder Bryan Westwood when building the boardwalk and viewing platform. The GADFC would also like to acknowledge Donmix for their generous donation of screenings for the boardwalk entrance.

BOARDWALK SIGNAGE

Trish Hart, an experienced local wildlife artist, has kindly donated her services to provide the GADFC with their own logo. This logo will be used on the newsletter masthead, all GADFC correspondence, the GADFC website and a GADFC business card.

Committee members are currently also working with Trish on the design of the educational signage for installation along the boardwalk. The signage will provide information on the mangroves, the coastal saltmarsh and the berm grassy shrubland and should be installed in the next month or two.

A sign directing people away from the old beach access track to the boardwalk will also be erected in the near future.

GADFC APPOINTMENT

Committees of Management are officially appointed by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The GADFC has recently been notified by the DSE that there is 'one more hurdle' preventing its appointment.

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Secretary Dianne Goeman and member John Spencer met with the Operations Manager of the CFA, Fire Management Officer of the DSE, Emergency management and project officer from the Bass Coast Shire and Team Leader of the DSE - Coastal Management at the end of 2010 in order to undertake a fire risk assessment to facilitate the development of a document stipulating what works need to be carried out to provide a level of protection to assets

around or within the reserve managed by the GADFC. A draft plan is currently being circulated. Once completed the plan will be made available to the community and will also be accessible on our website. We are working hard to have this document, and any necessary works detailed in it completed as soon as possible.

GADFC WEBSITE

Thanks to a generous offer to set up a website from Gordon Chase, the GADFC can now keep the community informed of their Aim and activities electronically. The committee is very grateful to Gordon for donating his time and for the brilliant job he has done with the site design. If you would like to view our site visit: www.gadfc.com.au

Gordon from Chase Computers can be contacted by phone: 56787097 email: Gordon@esahc.com Details of his services can be found on the web: www.esahc.com

RESIGNATIONS

Sadly we have lost four members of the original 11 people appointed to the committee. Some have cited the difficulties encountered with the change of area the committee is now responsible for and the delayed appointment process. The committee will continue working towards an improved and well maintained foreshore.

Please direct any enquiries to our Secretary Dianne Goeman - Phone 5678 8059 or Email: diannegoeman@yahoo.com Website: www.gadfc.com.au