

**SMITHS BEACHCOMBER ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-2017.**

It is a pleasure to present my inaugural Report in our 41st year celebration. Your Association celebrated its 40th Anniversary at the Rhyll Hall and it was a privilege to present Ian Shand and Noel Halford with their Life Memberships. Both gentlemen have given extraordinary service to your Association over many years. Whilst cognisant of the perils of singling out individuals for praise, it would be remiss of me not to mention the organisational efforts of Heidi Demsky, even more remarkable as Heidi and Heinz have not had a house on Phillip Island for some years. **It was a great night.** Councillor Phil Wright continued to attend our meetings providing valued input into the relevant Shire policies and procedures ensuring proper protocols were followed and adhered to.



As usual, Ian and Lyn Shand opened their home for our annual get together. We were delighted that recently elected Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Pamela Rothfield and newly elected Councillor Stephen Fullerton attended. It is most gratifying to have Shire support. Thanks to Ian and Lyn once again.

Your Committee continues to be quite active. Issues being addressed are:-



Lobbying the Bass Coast Shire to investigate a pilot "user pays" program to fund implementation of our Beachcomber YCW Master Plan.

Continuing support for the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club's (WBSLSC) Smiths Beach Life Saving Tower.

Supporting the Small Coastal Township Alliance's endeavours to have the Bass Coast shire's Planning Scheme recognise the need for more prescriptive controls on building heights and set-backs through modification of the Scheme's Design and Development Overlay (DDO)

Continue to lobby to fund the development of a Smiths Beach Master Plan to address traffic management and safety, street scape design encompassing improved parking and drainage and shared pathways to name a few.

Arrangements are underway to coordinate a winter get together giving land owners the opportunity to network and discuss Smiths Beachcomber issues.

Are you a member of the Smiths Beachcomber Association and want to have input into a Vision for our future? If not, give me a call and let's start the conversation.

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