

Acting-President's Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank the other committee members. We've had a great year working together. We've found that our individual strengths and abilities complement each other. From hardly knowing one another, we've developed good working relationships and gelled into a strong team.

I'd also like to thank all the community members who have supported the DSRA committee in the last year. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone.

Sallee Allford	Hilary Cooper	Dan Monsen
Cherry Andrews	Rob Curran	Leigh Sealy
Grant Andrews	Diane Flannigan	Kate Shield
Steve Barrett	Brett Harrison	Barry Smith
Emma Birch	Dale Henderson	Danae Stewart
Diane Bricknell	Mal Innes	Gary Stoward
Wes Button	Geoff Jones	Ann Wiseman
Hugh Clement	Yon Kikkert	Neil Wiseman

I'd also like to thank all the community members who participated in our electronic surveys and who've shown their support for us at meetings and on social media.

Overview of the past year

It's been a momentous year for the DSRA. The election of a new committee in January last year led to a surge in membership and a raft of positive changes for the Association. We began the year with Cherry Andrews as President. I'd like to thank Cherry for her contribution.

Communication

One of our first priorities was establishing effective communication channels between members and the committee. As well as keeping members informed, we wanted to ensure that all members, including those who don't live locally, are able to be involved in decision-making.

We've established five main methods for communication. They are:

1. the DSRA webpage
2. email
3. Facebook
4. general meetings
5. electronic surveys

These are explained further in the Secretary's report.

Constitution

A second priority following our election was updating the Association's rules, and ensuring we abide by those rules. We worked steadily on this all year. The new Rules for the Association were accepted at the February General Meeting and has now been registered with Corporate Affairs. I'd like to thank Leigh Sealy and Brett Harrison for their invaluable help.

Public liability

To protect the Association from any accident or injury claims, we joined Landcare. This costs \$30 a year but provides personal accident and public liability cover. We're also eligible to apply for annual Landcare grants. We decided not to apply last year as we weren't directly involved in Landcare activities, such as weed removal, fuel reduction or tree planting.

Liaising with key government bodies

Throughout the year, we met with key personnel from the Tasmania Fire Service, Parks and Wildlife, Crown Land Services and Glamorgan Spring Bay Council. The secretary has recently been appointed to the Council's Natural Resource Management (NRM) committee.

Working groups

We've established working groups focusing on the constitution, bushfire safety and a pedestrian-cycling bridge over the Meredith River. I'd like to thank everyone who's participated.

Cambria Green planning scheme amendment

The application for a planning scheme amendment by Cambria Green has created a lot of debate within our community, to say the least. We have represented the Association in the planning process.

Our initial response was to seek input from the community and experts to formulate our electronic survey. We used data from this survey to prepare a submission to Council. Our submission sought to protect the long-term interests of our members. We've provided information to members and attended the Tasmanian Planning Commission's (TPC) directions hearing.

At the directions hearing, the applicant was asked for further information. This information was made available on the TPC's website on Tuesday, March 12. Anyone wanting to make a further submission has until close of business on Monday, April 8.

Bagot Point

Crown Lands Services' decision from a few years ago to erect a rock barrier at Bagot Point led to much ill-feeling in the community. To resolve this issue, we met with Jason Jacobi (Deputy Secretary, Parks) to request a conflict resolution process with the various stakeholders. The aim was to develop a management plan for the area. Parks were unable to dedicate the necessary time to this process.

Instead, Jason Jacobi wrote to all property owners in the area asking for their input about Bagot Point. His decision was to leave the rocks in place. We still believe that the area would benefit from the development of an agreed management plan.

On a positive note, extremely high tides in January and February this year have replenished the lagoon at Bagot Point (the Dolphin's Eye). We're pleased to see this lagoon looking healthier.

Issues before Council

We have a list of issues that require action from Council. We'll be discussing these in the General Meeting to follow. The issues are:

1. Litter bins
2. Access ways
3. Bushfire safety
4. Living at Nine Mile Beach Booklet
5. Dolphin Sands Emergency Management Plan
6. Markers at 5km mark beach access

Thanks to everyone for their support over the past year.