



# **Point Lonsdale Civic Association Inc.**

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## **Newsletter February 2011**

### **PLCA members and friends of the Borough**

The PLCA Committee of Management at its first meeting for 2011 reflected on the PLCA Q & A Session held in January 2011 which brought residents/ratepayers and the Councillors of the Borough of Queenscliff together in a unique and successful open forum.

This community forum could not have been achieved without the cooperation of all the community players - the Councillors, the members/residents/ratepayers and the local media – a truly cooperative endeavor for which PLCA would like to publicly thank all participants and hope that they will be encouraged by the response and positive feedback to conduct a similar session in the future.

PLCA would like to thank members and residents for their carefully crafted, thoughtful and insightful questions relating to their concerns and issues on local matters which formed the basis of the questions finally put to Councillors. Attached for your information is a list of the key issues raised in the 40 questions addressed in the forum.

Our thanks to the all Councillors, led by the mayor, who each in turn supported the initiative by answering the questions under their portfolios in a frank and open public exchange.

The media played a major part both before and after the session and in particular the follow-on articles in the local press will be of inestimable value in profiling with the community and decision makers the concerns of local residents.

Whilst there were many local issues raised by members in their questions the key focus and concerns relate to the increased patronage of the front beach, and shopping precinct by local residents, day trippers and holiday visitors.

The increased numbers of people using the front street area has highlighted the problems of capacity, traffic flow, parking, pedestrian activity and the general safety for adults and children alike.

PLCA will make this issue one of its key focus agenda items for 2011.

David Shaw Secretary, PLCA ,

# **PLCA Q& A Session 14 January 2011**

## **Residents Questions**

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- 1. Dogs on Beaches**
- 2. Alexander Crescent**
- 3. Tourism**
- 4. Toc H Site**
- 5. Point Lonsdale Foreshore and Front Street area**
- 6. Environmental Issues**
- 7. Fire Protection**
- 8. Flooding affected areas and Development Planning - Planning Review**
- 9. Traffic**
- 10. Borough Boundary**
- 11. Neighbourhood House**
- 12. Foot paths**