



# The Penguin

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## Dates for your Diary

Sat 7 July: **General Meeting**. 7 p.m. Cuppa & nibbles with Bob Thompson, to launch the Bass Coast Climate Challenge group. 8 p.m. Kelly O'Shanassy, CEO of Environment Victoria, talking on water and desalination. AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED! Followed by meeting. Meeting Room, Heritage Centre, Cowes

Sun 8 July: **Working Bee**: Red Rocks Coast Action. Planting. Meet at Red Rocks car park, 10 a.m. BBQ to follow

Sat 28 July: Friends of Churchill Island **AGM** 1 p.m. CI visitors' centre.

Sat 18 Aug: **Seasonal Walk**: "Bimbadeen", a prize-winning Landcare property. Meet there on Back Beach Rd (between Pyramid Rock Rd and Berry Beach Rd, on north side) 2 p.m.

Sat 1 Sep: **Wattle Day "Barb Party"** 12 noon Barb Martin Bush Bank. Bring food to share. See article in newsletter.

Sat 29 Sep: **General Meeting**. Wind and solar energy.

Speakers TBA. 8 p.m. Meeting Room, Heritage Centre, Cowes.

Sun 30 Sep: **Working Bee**: Red Rocks Coast Action. Meet at Red Rocks car park, 10 a.m. BBQ to follow.

Sat 17 Nov: **Seasonal Walk**: Nobbies building and environs. Meet at main entrance 2 p.m.

Sat 20 Jan 2008: the year of our 40th birthday!! **Annual General Meeting** 8 p.m. Meeting Room, Cowes.

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**Barb Martin Bush Bank**: Sales and volunteers - every Wednesday plus 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month 10 - 1. Phone Anne Davie 5956 8216.

**Friends of Koalas (FOK) Habitat Days**: First Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. Contact Patsy Hunt ph 5952 2407

**Koala Count** at the Koala Conservation Centre, second Tuesday of every month at 10am. Contact Patsy Hunt ph 5952 2407

**Biosphere - Bass Coast Round Table** meets at San Remo on the third Friday of every month at 8 p.m. Contact Neil Beddoe, ph 5952 1575

**Friends of Churchill Island (FOCIS)**: Phone Sec Jill Allen: 5956 7109, or email: [nellaa32@waterfront.net.au](mailto:nellaa32@waterfront.net.au)

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dear Members,**

The winter solstice already! So we're halfway through the year and going full tilt.

The Hearing for Amendment C46 lasted three days, and each evening the environmental groups had to go home and rewrite submissions as more information became available. This is a very important two part Amendment, to incorporate the Phillip Island and San Remo Design Framework into the Planning Scheme, AND, hopefully, the retention of most of the long standing Vegetation Protection Overlay for Phillip Island. The Panel Report should soon be available.

The Linfox Appeal rolls on! Special thanks go to the sub-committee who are preparing our case, and special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Fighting Fund. (see later

article)

Preparation of the PICS History is well underway in readiness for the 40th Anniversary in 2008. Please look through those boxes of old photographs you've always meant to sort out; you may have some PICS TREASURES amongst them.

We also need a VERY GOOD PHOTOGRAPH of Barb Martin. Many people who come to the Bush Bank ask "Who was Barb Martin?" So, PICS and Friends of the Koalas will present a framed photograph and biography of Barb to the Bush Bank on Wattle Day. If you have a good photo please let me know. (ph 5952 2557)

In between times we all need to learn about DESALINATION so that we will be ready to comment on the Environment Effects Statement. Don't miss our wonderful speaker for the July 7th General Meeting: new CEO of Environment Victoria, Kelly O'Shanassy, whose special field is water and desalination! Also, since PICS has been telling people about the Greenhouse Effect since the 1980s, and July 7th is Al Gore's special Climate Day, it is fitting that we assist member Bob Thompson launch a Climate Change group for our area prior to the meeting. Come along at 7 p.m. to share a cuppa and some nibbles, read Bob's displays and help him launch his new group. Our meeting will then start with our speaker at 8 p.m.

I hope to see you at the General Meeting on July 7th.

With best wishes,

**Margaret Hancock, President.**

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## **Introducing Our Speaker for the General Meeting**

Kelly O'Shanassy is the CEO of Environment Victoria – a non-government organisation working to improve Victoria's environment. Kelly will discuss the water crises facing Victorian communities and Victorian rivers, water supply options including water conservation, rainwater tanks, greywater systems, water recycling and desalination and the potential environmental impacts of seawater desalination and actions to reduce these impacts.

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## **COME TO A BARB PARTY!!**

At the Bush Bank on "Wattle Day", Saturday September 1st at 12 noon.

Please bring food to share for lunch.

We will present Barb's framed photograph and biography to the Barb Martin Bush Bank

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## **BARB MARTIN BUSH BANK**

### **Extracts from Co-ordinator's Report – Dec 06**

Now in its ninth year, the Bushbank is a success because of the energy invested in it by the volunteers. They are the heart and soul of what has become an inspirational project driven by the desire to improve the local environment and leave a legacy for future generations. Since its inception in 1998, hundreds of thousands of plants grown by volunteers at the Bushbank have been used in revegetation, gardening and landscaping projects across Phillip Island. In 2006 alone, and in the middle of a drought and Stage 4 water restrictions, we had sales of over 53,000 tubes.

In addition to its volunteers, the Bushbank is equally dependent on the support of its sponsors. The Phillip Island Nature Park provides the site, power and water free of charge as well as funding earthworks for infrastructure expansion in 2007. Endeavour Petroleum's \$2000 donation financed automation of the irrigation. Newhaven College contributed \$1000 towards operating costs, Rotary and Landcare joined forces to purchase a seed storing fridge and the Nobbies Action Group donated \$1300 towards a water tank.

**Total volunteer hours per year:** 2006 – 2417 (PICS = 98);  
2005 – 2011 (PICS = 114)

**Average volunteer hours per week:** 2006 – 46; 2005 – 39

#### **Most Common Activities:**

- Pricking out
- Maintenance
- Capital Works
- Watering
- Administration
- Meetings
- Cutting preparation
- Seed processing, collection
- Seed sowing
- Other

#### **Propagative techniques 2006**

- Tubestock produced from seed (pricked out) 51,580 ( 82%)
- Tubestock produced from cutting 8,770 ( 14%)

- Tubestock produced from division 2,400 ( 4%)

**Losses** were caused by possums (est. 15,000 tubes) and rabbits (3,400 Cushion Bush and Sweet Bursaria seedlings)

**Sales** for 2006 went to (in order of most to least): Phillip Island Landcare – Wildlife Corridor; commercials; general sales; Phillip Island Landcare – salinity, Phillip Island; PINP – KCC; PILC – Urban Landcare; PINP – general projects; donation; PILC – salinity, French Island.

**Orders** for 2007: 48,715 (BB has agreed to supply 42,775)

The Bushbank also completed a lovely new brochure, designed by Christine Larsen.

Bec Jack resigned as Co-ordinator after an extremely successful stint. A suitable applicant has been found and we are awaiting confirmation of their acceptance.

## **CONCLUSION:**

From humble beginnings nine years ago, the Bushbank has continued to develop and evolve into the professional standard nursery seen today. Three years ago, it consisted of two igloos and an irrigated growing on area of 27,000 tubes. By the end of 2006, it had expanded to four irrigated igloos and an irrigated growing on area of 41,500 tubes. In 2007 when we complete the last major capital works project, the irrigated outdoor growing on area will be expanded to 59,500 tubes.

Anne Davie

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## **Can You Help?**

For the past 25 years, Phillip Island Nature Park has maintained the only wildlife shelter on Phillip Island. We handle approximately 500 injured animals and birds per year. The Park is getting together a group of volunteers to help our wildlife hospital with the rescue and transport of injured native animals across Phillip Island.

If you have a reliable vehicle, hold a current driver's licence, have a little time to donate and would like to help our wildlife in a practical way, please call Wildlife Rehabilitation Officer Marg Healy (5951 2838) between 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Training and some equipment will be provided.

Marg Healy

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## LINFOX CASE REPORT

The main hearing of the Linfox case at VCAT is expected to last at least three weeks in September. So you can see that this is indeed a major case. So far we have had two directions hearings, with a third coming up on July 6. These preliminary hearings deal with preparation details and general "housework", but we expect to have a final starting date after July 6. Much work has been done already, and a couple of members have helped our legal advisors at the Environment Defenders Office prepare briefs.

The Bass Coast Council's acceptance or otherwise of the amended plans was debated last week at the Council meeting in Cowes, resulting in an even stronger rejection of the proposal than their original decision. Well done Council!

Our expenses in this battle are necessarily going to be large, but our pleas for funds have been met with overwhelming support, for which we are very grateful. Many thanks also to editor Anne Oswin of *The Advertiser*, who continues to place an ad (free) every week on our behalf. It says:

"Fighting Fund. Help achieve a level playing field. Donations sought for a Fighting Fund set up to raise money to pay for legal and/or expert witness expenses for submitters at VCAT in September against the Linfox proposal for 382 units, a convention centre and golf course. Donations to "Fighting Fund" PO Box 548, Cowes, 3922. Cheques to Phillip Island Conservation Society".

I couldn't have put it better myself!

Marg Johnson

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## CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT MORNINGS

The 2006-07 season has now finished. A new season will commence in October 2007, provided the room hire can be funded (\$135). If you would like to contribute towards CEM, we have a designated column on our books. Just send your donation to PO Box 548, COWES, 3922, and ask it to be used specifically for CEM. My thanks go especially to Skye Winder, who helped so much with CEM this year, to John Eddy for his assistance, to PINP for use of equipment, and of course to our speakers:

Skye Winder: Mangroves (which was used again for our last General Meeting when the Aquanator speaker could not attend); Graeme Burgan: Things That Go Bump in the Surf; Mike Cleeland: Dinosaurs; Billie Urquhart: Red Cross to the Rescue; Melanie Smith: Waterwatch; Lisa Wangman: When

Bush becomes Houses; John and myself: Camping Out; Rebecca Overeem from PINP: Life in a Burrow; Skye and myself: Experiments. A total of 87 children and almost as many adults attended, including a core of 8 children who attend whenever possible. Publicity is through small articles printed by Ann Oswin in The Advertiser, and by poster on the front desk of the Phillip Island Library. Assuming we can run next season, I look forward to our fourth season, though with Skye touring Australia I'll be without my "right hand woman".

Christine Grayden

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## **AUTUMN SEASONAL WALK**

### **Point Sambell**

Eight resolute souls aged from 16 to 90-something braved a 50 kilometre per hour southwesterly gale to walk what is normally an easy 30-minute track. Given a fine clear day without much wind, you could easily allow an hour to take in the magnificent views. Binoculars are recommended! But the headland is exposed, and the walk cold and uncomfortable on a windy day.

Access starts from the small carpark (about 12 spaces) directly off the north side of the Nobbies Road, just past the large carpark at Shelly Beach. The carpark is hidden from view until you get to it. The walking track is a loop around the headland. Take the left hand fork at the carpark and walk up the gentle grade through tussock grassland. The track is kept slashed and well grazed by abundant wallabies and rabbits, whose tracks are evident in all directions between the tussocks of Poa Tussock grass and Knobby Clubrush. Milky Beauty-heads are also a common groundcover (and a close relative of Cushionbush).

Towards the top of the incline, the extensive rookery areas start to appear on the left. Disturbance and increased fertility of rookery areas has resulted in a shift in vegetation type, with Poa tussock giving way to the low growing Bower Spinach and Seaberry Saltbush. The bright yellow fruit of the weed Apple of Sodom is eye-catching in the warmer months. At the top of the rise, the track turns right through rookery areas. Both mutton birds and penguins nest here. The smell of the rookery is very prominent and occasionally dead birds are seen. In daylight hours all is quiet, and we can only imagine the cacophony that exists here between November and April when adult birds return each night after a day's feeding at sea.

To the right of the track some sheoaks, planted here in the early 1980s, struggle to survive the salt-laden winds. Seaberry Saltbush is more successful. A patch of sand across the track

signifies a fox-baiting point. Looking southwest to the next headland, the carpark and track leading down to Cowrie Beach are clearly seen. This picturesque little cove was the site of a basalt quarry in the early 1950s, the track down being constructed for that purpose. Basalt was blasted from the cliff at the bottom of this track and the 'bluestone' blocks carted to Cowes for the construction of the sea wall between the pier and Erehwon Point. Finer material from the quarry was used by Island farmers for tracks and around cowsheds.

A raised beach terrace of sea-washed gravel and sand, about one metre above present beach level, is taken by geologists as evidence of higher sea levels many thousands of years ago. This terrace can be seen at the far end of the cove. The same view takes in the Nobbies, with its layers of volcanic rock indicating different eruption periods of nearby volcanoes, some 50 million years ago. Note the navigation light on top. The "Nobbies Centre" is also quite prominent – all too prominent, many would say!

Turn your attention now to the panorama of the Mornington Peninsula. Starting on your left with the tip of Cape Schanck, scan towards the right across a rugged coastline of high, steep basalt cliffs, then to the buildings of the Naval Base at West Head. North of this is the township of Flinders, then further along, the coast dips down to the mouth of Manton Creek. Further north, we see the townships of Shoreham and Point Leo, then a long stretch of low coastline brings us to the township of Merricks. Then Balnarring Beach, low lying and then, more prominent on a rise, the township of Somers. The curve of this coast, now easterly, takes the eye across the thickly vegetated land of HMAS Cerberus, heading to Sandy Point, which is obscured by the Phillip Island coast.

Continue along the track, which is now downhill in an easterly direction. To the right, a thicket of Boobiolla provides shelter for Wallabies. Remnants of a navigation marker are seen at the Point. Left at the intersection of mown tracks takes you to the cliff edge, and a rough informal track down to the rocky beach. The track is deeply eroded, and a sign back at the carpark has told us there is no beach access. The track is probably used heavily by penguins making their way up the cliff to burrows, but some signage is needed to discourage human use. The succulent groundcover, Noonflower, joins Bower Spinach and a few wind-pruned Boxthorn on these exposed slopes.

The Point (and this walk) is named after Mr. A.K.T. Sambell, a prominent early entrepreneur and Phillip Island councillor. In the 1920s and 30s Mr. Sambell, who owned the Isle of Wight Hotel and Trenavin Park farm, promoted tourism to the Island, established a vehicular ferry service and developed the Summerlands Peninsula as a tourist destination, with housing estate (which did not 'take off' in his time), golf course, guest

house and jetty. Though his actions and views were controversial at the time, he was respected for his generosity within the community. Notably, he financed an annual excursion to Melbourne Zoo, by ferry and train, for all Island school children and their families. He died in 1938. Unfortunately there is no signage on this walk that acknowledges him and his place in Island history. (See p.238 Gliddon, revised edition, 1968, and Raymond Grayden's memoirs).

Return to the track intersection and take the path closest to the shore for the return to the carpark. More protected here, with Boobialla well established, this section of the walk provides wonderful views down into Shelly Beach, Cat Bay (Sealers' Cove) and along the Ventnor Coast. Note the old jetty remnants, part of Sambell's scheme to bring tourists to his Summerlands playground. The jetty, constructed in the last 1920s proved un-usable by boats because of the ocean swell.

To the north, the extensive sand-dunes form the northern strip of what is known as a 'double tombolo', a system of sand-dunes connecting the once-separate 'Summerlands Island' to the main part of Phillip Island and, in the process, creating Swan Lake. This geomorphological feature is of State significance, being the best of its type in Victoria. The top of Helen's Head, on the south coast, is also visible above this dune system. Further along the Ventnor Coast, weathered basalt cliffs gradually reappear at the base of the dunes, marking the coast of the 'main' island. With binoculars, you can see the access track at Flynns. Our view finishes at Woolshed Bight, with the Ventnor subdivision appearing beyond it. Above the headland, the navigation light at Grossard Point is just visible. Far in the distance, on a clear day, you can see the Dandenong Ranges.

Almost back at the carpark, notice the sandy terrace behind Shelly Beach, leading back to the cliff. There are pine trees among the indigenous Coast Teatree, sheoaks and introduced Hakea, indicating the site of an old camping area. Now it, too, is a rookery area, and a sign indicates access is prohibited.

John Eddy

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## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY EXPO**

**26-27 June, 2007**

Bass Coast Shire Council sponsored their eighth 2-day Expo this year, with all the environment organisations in the district involved: Landcare, Urban Landcare, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Parks Victoria, Friends of the Wonthaggi Heathlands, Waterwatch, Westernport and South Gippsland Water Boards,

Barb Martin Bush Bank, Friends of Koalas, WESBOC and PICS. Christine Grayden again coordinated the displays for FOK, WESBOC & PICS, and assembled them with help from Greg Fox, Gaye Cleeland, Bob Thompson, Patsy and Maurice from FOK. This year FOK featured wildlife carer Colleen Wood, who specializes in koalas and has had up to 20 since this season's bushfires. This created a great deal of interest and sympathy from the children. WESBOC's display featured "Some Birds of Phillip Island", where the children had to identify 14 birds, say which were water birds, and look for yellow on the birds pictured. Their eager eyes found yellow on legs, rumps, eyes, gapes and plumage, and all of the groups managed to identify the birds. Top marks went to PINP CEO Mark Manteit's son who was able to identify them all straight off!

PICS display was very different to last year, when we erected a forest in the San Remo rec centre! This year we featured large marine animals: a panel about the huge and bizarre Sunfish, the Great White Shark jigsaw created by a Children's Environment Morning group 2 years ago, and a life-size male Orca made by Christine and her daughter Karen using concreters' black plastic and white 'Contact'. The Orca proved to be indestructible, with one question asking the children to step it to work out how many metres long it was. Several teachers turned this into a full-scale mathematics exercise, with the children prompted to work out how many ways they could measure the Orca. It was stepped on, cart wheeled over, rolled over, the perimeter stepped, and then children stood along the length with arms stretched out and hands touching, and finally, seven children lay down head to toe! One teacher commented that his children would never forget how long ten metres were now!

All of the displays were excellent this year, the theme being Melting Ice. The Water Boards' contributions included games, experiments, taste samples and very clear diagrams. PINP had games, rock-pool rambles – both real and then via screen on the second, wet and windy day – and tables full of stuffed Phillip Island animals for the children to feel that were a great hit. Mike Cleeland was there to introduce the children to the joys of dinosaur digs, including a very recent example of a dinosaur bone find. Landcare, Urban Landcare and Barb Martin Bush Bank had terrific displays of both weeds and indigenous vegetation, and the children just could not help testing the prickly ones! Indy Ingham was there again this year with his traveling trailer full of working models of all the major styles of power production. The children come away with a great knowledge of both conventional and alternative energy.

BCSC Environment department's Derek Hibbert, who once again did a great job, puts the whole Expo together. This is a tremendously worthwhile exercise, which reaches 400-500 children each year, and PICS/FOK/WESBOC involvement

over the last few years has been greatly appreciated.

An environmental forum on the theme of Climate Change was held on the Tuesday night, organized by Lisa Wangman from Urban Landcare, and included the launch of the excellent free booklet "Sustainable Living Guide: Packed with simple tips to live sustainably and save \$\$\$", which was put together by Lisa and funded by BCSC and Landcare. The notes for this forum are being typed up and will be available on the PICS website under the "Issues" section of the PICS website in the near future. Printed copies available from Christine Grayden (5956 8501). Photos from the Expo will also appear on the website soon.

Christine Grayden

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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

### Phillip Island Conservation Society Inc.

#### Minutes of General Meeting held April 14, 2007

- 1. Welcome.** The President opened the meeting at 8.07 pm and welcomed everyone, particularly the guest speakers, Christine and John Eddy, standing in at short notice.
- 2. Attendance.** As per attendance sheet.
- 3. Apologies.** As per attendance sheet.
- 4. Minutes** of previous General Meeting accepted. Moved: M. Johnson Seconded: G. Johnson Carried.
- 5. Business arising.**

Penguin Resort permit. The President has had discussions with the Shire regarding the palm trees but so far no action has been taken.

C46 – Incorporation of the Design Framework into the Planning Scheme – expected in May. Strategic plans for Cowes and Ventnor should be on display around Melbourne Cup weekend. Provision was made for this in the 2006/2007 budget.

#### 6. Correspondence

Inwards: Terry Nott – 2008 calendar

Outwards

Moved: M. Johnson Seconded: A. Martin Carried.

## **7. Treasurer's report.**

General A/C: Opening balance 28/2/07: \$3469.05; Closing balance 31/3/07: \$7327.87

Public Fund: Opening balance 28/2/07: \$6960.46; Closing balance 31/3/07: \$7089.51

It was reported that there were slightly fewer members than this time last year.

Motion that PICS ask A. Davie to pursue A. Oswin's offer to run an appeal on behalf of PICS.

Moved: G. Collins Seconded: M. Johnson Carried.

It was suggested that a Garage Sale could be held on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Monday 11th June.

## **8. General Business.**

Linfox – The President reported that a registered party in the Linfox case had offered the Society some illustrations which could be used as a fundraiser. M. Johnson reported that several meetings had been held with the Environment Defender's Office and a comprehensive brief is being prepared for a barrister. Expert witnesses are being interviewed. A meeting was to take place the next day on the Island as a follow-up to a productive meeting of objectors last month. The Society's response to the amended plans has been submitted. There is to be a further Directions Hearing on the 20th April. Tribute was paid to the work of G. Johnson, eliciting warm applause. This will be the Society's biggest challenge to date, requiring considerable financial resources to fund the various expert witnesses required. The Society expects the hearing to last at least a week. There are 37 objectors involved. The audience was asked what it could offer to assist the Society.

Port of Hastings – G. Collins gave a comprehensive overview of the current situation with its inherent threat of development on the future sustainability of Western Port.

PINP Board nominations – A notice has appeared in The Advertiser and the President encouraged members to nominate.

Shearwaters – J. Fleming of Surf Beach expressed concern regarding construction where shearwaters are nesting. Due to the expansion of the rookery, it now encroaches on private property. P. Taylor and M. Hancock will raise the subject with the PINP Community Advisory Committee. It was suggested that an approach be made to The Advertiser for coverage of the issue. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to Council, cc to CEO and all Councillors, the Planning Officer Andrew Mason, and PINP.

Motion: That Council ensures that the owner, in exercising his permit to build, complies with the 2002 Wildlife Regulations Act. Moved: A. Martin Seconded: A. Davie Carried.

Sea Change Taskforce Seminar in Bass Coast – Cowes Cultural Centre, Thursday 15th March 2007 – attended by A. Martin: "NSCTF is an alliance of over 60 non-Metropolitan Councils throughout Australia. It was formed in 2004 in response to the experience of coastal Councils impacted by the sea change phenomenon of massive population shifts from metropolitan and regional centres to coastal locations.

Alan Stokes, EO NSCTF - The coastal population of Australia was 5.8 million in 2006 and there has been an average coastal growth rate of 20% in the last 10 years compared with 11% nationally. And over the last 5 years the rate has been 9.8% compared with 6% nationally. These figures do not include the non-resident population (ie, visitors).

Kathy McInnes, CSIRO - CSIRO has been invited to make input into both Government and Opposition climate change policies. CSIRO is presently doing detailed Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations study for Port Phillip and Western Port. Work to date has concentrated on the Gippsland Lakes and Corner Inlet. Their work has shown that the greatest impact in these enclosed waterways will be wind surge rather than tidal highs or overall sea level changes.

John Ginivan, DSE (Coastal Spaces Report) - DSE AND BCS are currently engaged in a study of the impact on services of the sea change growth in the Shire. A Settlement Framework for the coast is being developed which will drive State Government planning and policy. Burden of administering the Coastal Spaces Report will fall primarily on Local Government but the statutory machinery has yet to follow the results of that report and therefore Local Government hasn't been able to deal with it in its Planning Schemes. A tool kit on how to carry out coastal landscape assessment studies is now being prepared to assist Councils to do this work. The State Planning Policy Amendments to incorporate the recommendations of the report were finally put in place late in 2006. Acid sulphate soils are now coming to the forefront as an issue in Victoria. The CSIRO says they will be of much greater concern than salinity in Victoria and there is currently a lot of work under way."

World Environment Day – C. Grayden reported on plans for June.

Climate change – B. Thompson spoke of the urgency with which this issue needs to be addressed. He referred to Al Gore's film An Inconvenient Truth and drew our attention to [www.climate.net.au](http://www.climate.net.au)

Working Bee – Attendees were reminded of the working bee

to be held next morning at Five Ways at 10 am.

**9. Guest Speaker:** A vote of thanks was extended to Christine Grayden and John Eddy for stepping in at the last moment, with a presentation about mangroves from Skye Winder, due to an apology received from the expected speaker,

**10. Next General Meeting:** 7th July 2007, 8 pm, Cowes Cultural Centre.

**11. Close.** The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

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