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Newsletter of Phillip Island Conservation Society Third  
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## Dates for Your Diary 2009

**Sat Oct 3 - PICS General Meeting:** Daniel Murphy, PI-born botanist with the National Herbarium. 8p.m. Meeting Room, Heritage Centre, Cowes.

**Sun Oct 4 - Red Rocks Working Bee:** weed control and tidying up.

**Sat Oct 10 -Children's Environment Morning.** 11 am -12 noon. Heritage Centre Meeting Room. Enqs: Christine 5956 8501

**Sat Nov 14 -Children's Environment Morning.** 11 am -12 noon. Heritage Centre Meeting Room. Enqs: Christine

**Sat Nov 21 - Seasonal Walk:** Cape Woolamai club house to Cleeland Bight return. Meet at interpretation shelter opposite Surf Life Saving Club car park, 2 p.m. (sandy track over some short steep dunes)

**Fri Dec 4 - official opening new KCC centre.**

**Sat Dec 12 -Children's Environment Morning.** 11 am -12 noon. Heritage Centre Meeting Room Enqs: Christine

**Sat Jan 9 2010 - AGM**

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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 Jane Jobe, convenor, ph 0409 530 898.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dear Members,**

At present, Committee members are very busy with three planning issues. Soon we are off to VCAT to oppose the Shire Council issuing a permit to itself to remove swamp melaleuca on the east side of Coghlan Rd. The issue of course, is not just the removal of valuable indigenous vegetation, but also the speeding up of storm water flow to the Rhyll Inlet, with consequent damage to the saltmarsh.

Our next venture to VCAT is to support the Shire Council's decision to refuse a permit for a proposed supermarket on the Boomerang Caravan Park site. There are all sorts of issues here, amongst them the removal of valuable trees and the lack of space in the plans for the planting of canopy trees.

On Friday October 9, PICS will be making a two hour submission to the Panel hearing Bass Coast Planning Scheme Amendment C88 - the Structure Plan for Silverleaves, Cowes and Ventnor. The most important part of this Amendment is the setting of the urban boundaries, so that there will be no further encroachment onto rural land. Of particular concern to us is the push for subdivision to the south of Cadogan Avenue in Ventnor and possible housing to the east of Coghlan Rd, which would have consequent effects on Rhyll Inlet. The dates set for the C88 Planning Panels Victoria hearing (1st floor, 8 Nicholson St East Melbourne - opposite the park opposite Princess Theatre) are from Monday 12th October to Thursday 15th October.

Apart from all these 'working' dates we have one 'celebration' date: Friday 4th December, when Minister Gavin Jennings, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, is coming to open the new much-needed Visitor Centre at the Koala

Conservation Centre.

The State Government's newly declared 'open season' on trees is a great cause for alarm, and we need to make a rational, scientifically based response. Several members have written letters supporting this position to the local papers, as has Dr Tim Ealey of the Seagrass Partnership.

I hope that you will be able to come to the General Meeting on the first Saturday in October, when botanist, Island-born Daniel Murphy, will be our Guest Speaker.

With best wishes,

**Margaret Hancock, President.**

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### **WANTED: Secretary for PICS.**

We have a Minutes Secretary, but need a General Secretary. Main duties are dealing with correspondence and typing reports and submissions. (New laptop provided) Other committee members deal with duties such as meetings, walks, booking dates, arranging speakers, etc. If you know of someone who could be approached to be our Secretary - even if not a member at present - and who you know agrees with our aims, could you please let Margaret Hancock know as soon as possible. Phone: 5952 2557.

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### **PICS SEASONAL WALK: FISHER'S WETLANDS & ENVIRONS**

Driving, as we often do, past Fisher's Wetlands on the way to the delights of Churchill Island, we tend not to appreciate the value of the wetlands as habitat for many birds, and as a venue for outdoor exploration. Ten PICS members enjoyed such an exploration for several Saturday hours in mild, sunny though breezy conditions.

A feature of the site and along the coastal walk towards Renison Bight is the excellent signage that introduces visitors to the Bunurong heritage of the area. Winthunga Koora'gook is what the indigenous folk called the wetlands - so appropriately: "a place to pause" - with Warn'marring referring to Western Port and Moonar'mia to Churchill Island.

We started from the car park next to the Wetlands and followed the boardwalk eastward at the water's edge. From the "Wetland Lookout" a number of black swans could be seen nesting on their mounds of collected vegetation. Black ducks, swamp hens, Cape Barren geese, Ibis and dabchicks were also out and about feeding, with swallows skimming over the water. Further out, in deeper water, we could see several pelicans. On adjacent flats, masked lapwings watched over two chicks, and vigorously challenged a swamp harrier that hovered too near. In nearby paperbark scrub a grey fantail, thornbills and magpies were noticed. From the water's edge, pobblebonk frogs advertised for mates with their chiming calls. All the creatures were busily engaged in vital activity, but to us humans it all added up to a scene of serenity.

There is a good depth of water over the Wetlands, despite limited rain this year. The level is controlled by a flume at the head of a drain under the road, and on the day of our visit water was trickling out down the channel towards the saltmarsh. This arrangement prevents the Wetlands flooding the access road, or spreading back too far into farmland or the Flower Farm.

We continued from the Wetlands along the track through the woodland beside the road. This area was planted during the 1988 Bicentennial celebrations, and the Swamp gums, Manna gums, Coast wattle, Prickly Moses wattle and Hop Goodenia have established well. Flowering wattles and Clematis made an attractive picture.

Retracing our steps, we returned to the car park and commenced the coastal walk towards Renison Bight. Moonahs are a feature along the shoreline, mostly occupying the low bluff behind the saltmarsh or cobble beach, just a metre or two above high tide level. We marvel at their ability to fall over in a gale but continue to live and grow. Another interpretive sign, "Churchill Island Views", cleverly uses part of the old bridge timber and steel bracket as support.

Off to the left, a short side track leads to a bird hide overlooking Fisher's Wetland, with sturdy slab seats behind a brush fence and more signage. Views of the Wetlands and birdlife are partly obscured by a grassy mound, which is unfortunate. Some of us questioned the effectiveness of the nesting boxes on posts dotted around the water's edge, and regretted their intrusiveness on the landscape.

We returned to the main track and noted the damage being done by a large rabbit population, with significant disturbance to the soil.

The track took us across saltmarsh behind mangroves. The saltmarsh plants, mostly succulents, show the pink tinge of winter. The incursion of mangroves onto the saltmarsh was evident, perhaps indicating the subtle sea level rises climate

change is already bringing. Here and there the bright pink flowers of Noon flower decorate the coastal scenery. Foot and bike traffic on the track itself has trampled the wet saltmarsh community to mud, and needs a constructed walkway, or realignment to higher ground.

Further on, the saltmarsh faded out and the track took us close to mangroves with their air-breathing roots sticking out from the mud. Cobble beaches of rusty coloured tuff contrast with the dark green of mangrove and straw-coloured tussocks of Coastal speargrass. The blending and contrasting of colours and textures, with the blue water beyond and Churchill Island in the background, make this a very scenic coast, with an abundance of photogenic vistas.

We passed the piles of a small jetty whose planks had long gone; apparently the access point for boats used by Churchill Island settlers in the days before there was any bridge to the island. Beside it is a rough sheltering stone wall.

As time did not permit completing the walk which finishes at Churchill Rd, we turned back after reaching a bluff with healthy moonah. Stands of moonah in this area are very significant and were supplemented by PICS as part of our 1988 Bicentennial tree planting.

Returning to the Wetlands after 1 1/2 hours of the walk, PICS members gathered to enjoy the afternoon sunshine and shelter from the north wind, reluctant to leave the serenity of the place. It truly was *Winthunga Koora'gook* - "a place to pause"

(For more details see Walk 3 in *Come for a Walk - Exploring Phillip Island*.)

*John Eddy*

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**BASS COAST SHIRE ENVIRONMENT GROUPS GET  
TOGETHER - SAT 29.8.09  
Education Pod, Penguin Reserve, Phillip Island -  
PICS Hosted**

SPEAKER 1: Richard Dakin, Environment Manager, Phillip Island Nature Park

The Phillip Island Nature Park was formed in 1996. Since then several environment management programs have been implemented:

1. *Weed control*. 480 hours in '99/00; 2,250 hours '07/08.

Mostly done in house, which means the rangers know the territory and local conditions.

2. *Roaming and feral cats and foxes.* Approx 1200 foxes have been destroyed since 1980s. Now about 40 foxes left on Phillip Island. Cats are a big problem: 130 cats trapped and destroyed last year. Infringement notices issued - e.g. 50 dogs on beaches last year and 2 big cases of abalone fines.

3. *Volunteers.* This is a massive component of management, includes tertiary students and corporate groups. 1132 hours in '08/09.

4. *Wildlife Rehabilitation.* One full time and 1 part time staff member. 195 penguins rehabilitated last year; 345 indivs from other species. Existing hospital is in a refurbished shed. PINP committed to a purpose-built wildlife hospital to cope with oil spills, etc. Current facility has very impressive release rate.

5. *Rhyll tip.* The tip has been decommissioned with only a transfer station remaining. Recapping and a revegetation program completed with 30,000 plants planted by PINP and volunteers.

6. *Fire Preparedness.* Just completed a 3 year fire operations plan. Also participated in preparation of municipal fire plan. Reviewed all PINP areas with CFA. Obviously diverging views in the community, but there is very little remnant vegetation on PI and it needs to be retained.

7. *New Capital Works.*

- New boardwalk along creek at Penguin Parade
- New rehabilitation centre including 2 intensive care sections, 2 pools and a separate section for nocturnal animals
- Composting toilets

8. *Reintroduction of indigenous wildlife.* Once foxes have been reduced more there are plans to reintroduce Southern Brown Bandicoots and Long-nosed Potoroos into reserves of suitable habitat, possibly including Churchill Island. However, they are planned to be wild not captive populations.

9. *Development of vegetation management plan* for Cape Woolamai and Surf Beach.

10. *Spring frog census*

11. *Summerlands gateway:* currently removing all non-indigenous vegetation and will replant to make a more attractive, indigenous approach. Summerlands estate - only 9 houses and 2 lots remaining. Once all of estate reclaimed more rehabilitation work will be undertaken and the area will look very different in a few years' time.

Question re: rabbit control. Pest/plant officer from Landcare working with PINP to increase resources to tackle this island-wide problem. Very difficult in semi-urban environments because of all the rabbit harbors. Also a problem of non-target species when poisoning.

Question re Cats: Bass Coast Shire Council will soon hold a Pet Management Day which will encourage cat owners to use cat runs for when their cats are outside. PINP staff recently caught a 5.7 kilogram tom cat. Mostly they catch about 2+ kilo animals.

## GROUPS ROUND-UP:

1. PICS: Christine Grayden first explained the planning issues PICS is currently involved in, then showed a Power Point featuring some of the work we've done in the last twelve months - seasonal walks; Children's Environment Morning; children's environmental art work display; World Environment Day Expo and Sustainability Festival; Red Rocks Coast Action; rubbish clean up at Red Rocks and with Friends of Koalas at Five Ways; workshops and seminars bringing down Melbourne experts; Scottish celebration fundraising performance for Robbie Burns 200th birthday, which raised \$800.

2. South Gippsland Conservation Society: Cynthia Hensley reported on the activities of the various branches (Inverloch, Foster, Wonthaggi) of the Society. Inverloch branch has continued work on their Screw Creek reserve project. The reserve which Foster branch is looking at is called Drumdlemara reserve. It is the site of the old Woorayl shire's Middle Tarwin sand pits, also known as Grass Tree Hill. Parks Vic are responsible for the area and asked that the Foster branch visit the area and do an audit of the flora and fauna which they did and found a rather nice wet heath land, with the old pits holding water all year round creating an interesting wet land. Cement hill at Foster has been a major project for the group with the creation of walking tracks, seats and signage with funding via a govt grant and the coffers of SGCS. The main avenue of fund raising is the Bunurong Environment shop in Inverloch which is staffed by volunteers from Foster, Inverloch, Leongatha and Wonthaggi. The Wonthaggi branch has been much occupied with the desalination issue and sustainability concerns.

3. Friends of Koalas: Patsy Hunt reported that FOK will be 20 years old in Jan 2010 and was an offshoot of PICS. On the first Sat of each month for 15 years they have been holding habitat days, mainly in Oswin Roberts Reserve and Conservation Hill, recently also in Ventnor Koala Reserve. Also have ragwort pulls in ORR. The Koala Conservation Centre started in 1991 and once per month FOK conducts a koala count in the woodland area there. They usually find about 20 koalas; have to identify ear tags, tree number and area. This is a very social occasion and they also see lots of birds. Also doing lots of planning submissions to try and save indigenous vegetation. Patsy acknowledged Malcolm Brodie who often buses at markets and has raised money for FOK to donate to a wildlife carer who had 50 burnt koalas after the

summer bushfires.

4. Three Creeks Landcare: Barry Sibley reported that this group covers from Kilcunda to Dalyston along the ridge. Very few remnants of what was once a prolific forest there, having been cleared first for early Melbourne and then from 1910 to prop up the Wonthaggi coal mines. The group formed 3 years ago and has put in 40,000 plants, including by three younger farmers who have never planted trees before on their properties. They have a range of talents in the group: a scientist who tests water quality and a graphic artist who does their roadside signs. They have recently received a grant of \$50,000 for a community project which will be to create a good wetlands from the lagoon area just over the Kilcunda Bridge. The group has 50 members.

5. Corinella Foreshore Management Committee: Anwyn Martin reported that there has been a lot of infilling, maintenance and generally building on the spectacular success of last year. The Committee is trying to achieve some compromise with urban dwellers who would prefer lawns and geraniums on the foreshore! The Committee has done mulching and low-level planting. They also received a Caring for Country grant to try and counteract the die-back in the Banksias. A Melb Water reserve bordering their reserve area is in need of TLC and the Committee has cleaned out blackberries, put in amenities and done edge revegetation there. Anwyn also reported that the Coronet Bay group has received a big grant to try to tackle revegetation there. A walking track from Coronet Bay to Corinella is also an aim.

6. Watershed: Chris Heislars reported that Watershed took over from Your Water Your Say after the latter was bankrupted following unsuccessful legal action against Peter Garrett's decision supporting the desalination plant. Whilst Watershed opposes desalination in principal anywhere it is most disturbed that the Victorian government has taken it on as a first option where it should be last. Have we lost the battle? May still be stopped, but meanwhile the opposition forces achieved a reasonably good design, 1million plants to go on site and power and water lines to go underground. Unfortunately the government is totally ignoring the marine environment where the effects will be huge and there is no legislative protection for this zone. Watershed will continue to push for a decent environmental management plan and good monitoring. Jessica Harrison pointed out that Westpac and NAB are financing this project which is against good principles. If pressure was brought to bear on them they may pull out as with Gunn's in Tasmania.

7. Sustainable Education Group: Jessica Harrison reported that the group was formed in 2005. Affiliated with South Gippsland Conservation Society. Main concerns: climate change, alternative power, sustainable houses and towns,

locally produced food, peak oil and alternatives to fossil fuels. Several members are qualified to do free audits of households which can then apply for green loans to implement improvements. Aiming for a community garden at Mitchell House in Wonthaggi with the Men's Shed, and has set up a "grow lightly" \$20 local fruit/veg box service.

8. Newhaven Coast Action: Alison Oates explained that these days the group only gets together a few times a year to do mainly weed maintenance, but they have also done some rehabilitation of their last area near the Newhaven Yacht Club with the help of Green Corp.

9. Ventnor Coast Action: John Wright and Derek Hibbert (BCSC) reported that the group had been going for three years and has concentrated on the area below Aloha Drive. The 200m long bluff there was covered with gorse, periwinkle and wormwood which has now been removed and is being replaced with indigenous vegetation. A new wheelchair access track to the beach has been put in. They do have problems with neighbours claiming they paid for their view and they don't want to lose it, so larger plants are planted at the bottom of the bluff and smaller species higher up. 800 plants went in last year, 400 so far this year.

10. WESBOC. Bessie Tyers explained that the group, like head office, has had a name change to Westernport Bird Observation and Conservation from Bird Observers Club, to reflect the changing role of the organisation. The group has produced a Birding Trails brochure with funding from BCSC, Penguin Publishing, Come for a Walk sales, and has illustrations by renowned bird artist Nicholas Day. Took a long time to do. WESBOC is up to 35 years of counting migratory wading birds. They currently are most concerned about stormwater and boating issues at Rhyll Inlet. The current influx of yellow-tailed black cockatoos is probably the result of the summer bushfires.

11. Smiths Beachcomber Association: Ian Shand, Noel Holford and Phil Wright presented a Power Point with their main challenges being: South Coast Walking Trail; South East Parkland; acquiring a Town Square; having the roads constructed; improving building standards for the townships. They have 120 people on their mailing list and meet 2-4 times a year for working bees. Their area includes the safest and best surf beach on Phillip Island, including Express Point which features 360° views but which is sadly neglected by the PINP, the management body for the coast there.

12. Wonthaggi Urban Landcare: Carolyn Charles reported that the group had been going for 3 years and deals with 39 pieces of Crown Land in and around Wonthaggi. Their priorities for vegetation have been revegetation, retain and restore. They work with SGCS and the Shire and others, including plantings

with school children. Some examples include the land around the water tower which is home to ferns and orchids; land opposite Safeway which includes koalas, and a 'Wonthaggi mob' of kangaroos in the wetlands. Some residents have issues with bushfire risk in bushland adjacent to urban development and the group has to deal with that.

13. Bass Landcare: Graham Wood reported that the group now has a new office. They have been helping Tim Ealey and Bass Valley Primary School with mangrove planting; continuing to work on the arboretum at Bass; cleaning up the gorge; clearing the Bass River of willows. Some farmers are still resistant but upstream they have seen eels! Planting on banks of Bass river. 5,000 trees have gone in. The group's members aim to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, insecticide and urea use. Many have done wallaby grass plantings to harvest for seed. Aim is for 70% pasture cover over the whole year. They have put in a large dam at Bass for stock instead of mains water. Remnant bushland has a covenant funded by Origin Energy with 10 years funding.

14. Phillip Island Landcare: Lisa Wangman said that there are actually 11 Landcare groups in Bass Coast, which is known as a "hot spot" of activity and ideas in the Landcare world. She described ongoing programs where participants had actually exceeded targets for water and emissions. The Sustaining Coastal Communities program which she is running aims to involve 100 homes and 20 businesses over 3 years. The program has also funded the Sustainability Living Expo. They have 4 workshops per year and host annual awards. PI Landcare started in 1987 and is the third oldest in the state. Membership is even with rural and urban members.

15. Surf Beach Coast Action: Jan Fleming reported that this young group with 60 members operates within the PINP coastal area and have recently procured a \$12,000 grant to put in a boardwalk. They aim to concentrate on the severe erosion problem and need for revegetation.

16. Silverleaves Conservation Association: Ethel Temby explained that Silverleaves was subdivided on un-farmable sandy land in 1950. Early on, the block holders decided to form a Conservation Association rather than a Progress Association. The area is almost entirely holiday homes - 40-50 permanents out of 400 blocks. This year the group has been heavily involved in the Structure Plan, which has added areas to the east and west of Cowes earmarked for urban development which are not considered by SCA (or PICS, FOK) to be appropriate. They have also been distributing the Westernport Seagrass Partnership's free DVD on Western Port. The group received funding from the Come for a Walk committee to help produce an illustrated book of memoirs of Silverleaves, Growing History: Half a Century of History Growing in Silverleaves, Bass Coast Shire. 100 copies of the

book (\$10 ea) have been donated to PI Landcare to sell to go towards extending the wildlife corridor.

SPEAKER 2: Cecelia Witton, CEO of Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere. Notes from this talk will appear in the December Penguin.

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## **Minutes of General Meeting held July 4, 2009**

**1. Welcome.** The President, M. Hancock, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 8.01 pm. The recent success of C. Grayden's book 'An island worth conserving' in the Collaborative/ Community Work category at the Victorian Community History Awards was greeted with acclamation.

**2 & 3 . Attendance & Apologies.** As per attendance book.

**4. Minutes of the previous General Meeting. 18 April 2009, as circulated in the Newsletter.**

Moved: J. Eddy seconded: J. Fleming, carried.

### **5. Business Arising.**

Changes to the Constitution - Completed.

Melbourne Water Workshop - Phil Edwards' presentation was excellent.

Wallabies on Churchill Island - Letters sent to the Minister for the Environment, PINP Chairman and Board, and PINP CEO M. Manteit. Response so far - M.

Hancock has an appointment with M. Manteit on 15th July.

Anderson St Boat Ramp - in process - see article in The Advertiser.

**6. Correspondence. In: BCSC** - review of the Roadside Management Plan - add Blue Gum Alley.

**BCSC** - VCAT workshop (EDO) 19th June 5-7 pm at BCSC.

**BCSC** - Panel report - Amendment 060559 regarding Neely's Whitesands development.

**DESAL** - preferred power option - preference for underground power.

**WRAP** - thanking them for our \$300 donation.

**Parks Victoria** - Recreational Boating Zones.

Various periodicals including FOCIS newsletter.

**Out: VCAT** - objection to the Shearwater Estate's 'Boardwalk Boulevard'

**Wallabies on Churchill Island** - as above.

**BCSC** - Objection - No. 090244 - regarding a proposed supermarket on the former Hollydene site.

**BCSC** - Objection - No. 080845 - regarding a proposed supermarket on the Boomerang Caravan Park site.

**PINP** - in support of their grant application for ipod inforatory systems in four languages for visitors.

**BCSC** - Objection to a proposed brewhouse on Coghlan Rd.

Moved: C. Grayden seconded: P. Manning, carried.

**7. Treasurer's Report.** Tabled. Moved: C. Grayden seconded: A. Davie, carried.

It was proposed, J. Eddy, seconded, P. Manning, that the Society redirect GST reimbursement of \$1,500 to its Red Rocks project as earmarked funds.  
carried.

As the Society has received \$1,000 from the Victorian Community History Awards for winning the Collaborative/Community Category with its entry 'An island worth conserving', the Treasurer, C. Grayden, would like to move that \$500 of this be earmarked for Children's Environment Mornings, seconded: O. Bolitho, carried.

## **8. General Business.**

**1. Summerland Road Closure** - plans not yet available.

**2. Car Ferry** - Points covered included the push by Tourism Victoria to provide the 'missing link' - a ferry from the Mornington Peninsula to Phillip Island, thereby connecting Victoria's west coast with its east and bypassing Melbourne ; Cowes jetty and the fact that an EES is not required as it is a 'designated port' ; community feeling regarding desecration of the jetty triangle ; the importance of an economic evaluation of Cowes beach in January ; the size of the proposal in comparison to Sorrento ; no mention of French Island. A meeting of interested parties is proposed for Tooradin in August (details to be provided).

**3. Health and Safety / Insurance** - J. Eddy drew members' attention to new Health and Safety as well as Insurance requirements for the Society. All activities need to be minuted. A First Aid pouch is to be purchased and stocked by the Society. As PICS is gradually accumulating items of property it is proposed to discuss the appointment of a Property Officer at the next Committee Meeting.

J. Eddy moved that the Society confirm the activities and dates for General Meetings, Red Rocks Coast Action Working Bees, Seasonal Walks, and Children's Environment Mornings, as published in the Newsletter for June 2009, and, in addition, approve the 12th July as an extra planting day for Red Rocks Coast Action (10am-1pm) if required, seconded, A. Davie, carried.

J. Eddy proposed that the Society spend up to \$170 on the purchase of a First Aid Kit suitable for outdoor activities with up to 20 people, seconded, P. Manning, carried.

J. Eddy proposed that the Society purchase a thermos flask, mugs and basket for use at working bees and other outdoor

activities, seconded, Jan Fleming, carried.

**4. South Coast Walk** - Councillor Phil Wright described this proposal for a cliff top walking track to link Smith's Beach with Sunderland Bay. To be discussed further at the Society's next Committee Meeting. It was proposed, J. Eddy, seconded, C. Grayden, that PICS supports steps to make the South Coast Walk a reality, Carried.

**5. Bird brochure** - a launch by Nicolas Day to be held in the Rhyll Hall at 9.30 am before the WESBOC AGM.

**9. Guest Speaker.**

Lisa Wangman, Urban Landcare, spoke about the exciting local 3-year project 'Sustaining Coastal Communities'.

**10. Vote of Thanks.**

for an inspirational talk was made by C. Grayden.

**11. Next General Meeting** Saturday October 3, 8.00 pm, Heritage Centre Meeting Room Cowes. Daniel Murphy, Phillip Island born botanist with the National Herbarium.

**Red Rocks Working Bee** Sunday October 4, 10 am - 12 noon. Weed control and tidying up. Meet at car park.

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**AGM** Saturday January 9 2010, 8 pm. Heritage Centre Meeting Room Cowes.

**12. The meeting closed** at 9.40 pm.

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