



SIXTHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 11TH. NOVEMBER 2012 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Whilst the Association's primary purpose, upon its 1996 establishment, "*To pursue the public ownership and development of Ocean Grove Park as a Central Park for Ocean Grove for passive recreation and community use*", was achieved some 12 years ago, the other purposes for its establishment, "*To conserve environmental features of the site and to raise funds from such sources as the Association may determine*", are ongoing, as is the responsibility accepted as a condition for achieving the public ownership of the park, "*the development of the park for passive recreation and community use.*"

Development of the park, in accordance with the master plan adopted in 2000 is effectively complete, apart from the construction of the long envisaged Performance Space, which has now been fully documented and costed in order to commence the seeking of funds.

However, as the community's use of the park continues to increase significantly additional needed facilities continue to be identified for the community to enjoy, and the life cycle of the infrastructure needs to be monitored to ensure its timely maintenance and ongoing value to the community.

The Association has now been instrumental in raising some \$560,550 since its formation - \$600,550, including the \$40,000 COGG grant for the design of the performance space and \$900,550 if the State Government's \$300,000 towards the purchase of the park is included.

Of the funds raised, a significant amount has been judiciously spent in the interest of the Ocean Grove community by enhancing the Ocean Grove Park with infrastructure of ongoing benefit and enjoyment for people of all ages from both within and outside Ocean Grove. Members should rightly have a sense of achievement for 16 years of dedication for all that has been achieved to date and is ongoing.

2. PARK DEVELOPMENT FOR PASSIVE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY USE

A) Implementing the Park Master Plan:

The Performance Space: As reported to the 2011 AGM, a planning permit for the Performance Space was issued by COGG on 10 November 2010 with several engineering conditions and the requirement for a detailed landscape plan for the vicinity of the space. The landscape plan has now been completed and endorsed by COGG, the consultant team has completed the contract documentation and the Quantity Surveyor has provided an estimate for its cost of construction. (Dated August 2012). The estimate is \$1,003,000, excluding GST and any allowance for escalation but an allowance for some fit out and furnishings. The cost of the consulting work has been funded by a much-appreciated grant of \$40,000 from COGG.

A business case for the facility, including a management strategy, has been prepared, pro bono by an experienced economist, Doug. March, and, together with a description of the project and sections of the above-mentioned documents, this case has been integrated into a comprehensive report, "***Proposed Ocean Grove Park Performance Space, August 2012***", as a basis for formal submissions seeking funds. Preliminary discussions have now commenced re funding.

B) Park 2011-2012 Improvements and Maintenance:

Playground Improvements: During the year the decision, reported in the last annual report, to purchase and install a rocker ski boat and a net pyramid was implemented. These significant installations were undertaken by Association member volunteers, as was the extension to the playground surrounds and the addition of 39cu.m of certified soft fall to ensure the safe enjoyment of

the new equipment and the replenishment of soft fall around the other play equipment. Children were watching and waiting for the completion of the installation so they could enjoy the new equipment. The total cost of the improvements was some \$17,000 paid via funds transferred to TFN in 2010/11. The COGG contributed \$1,000, thanks to the efforts of Cr. Jan Farrell.

Other Improvements:

In December '11 our member volunteers installed an additional picnic setting just north of the playground, thanks to a donation towards the construction materials from new members Alan and Coral Smith.

General Park Maintenance: Public safety is an on going responsibility, particularly that of inspecting park trees and removing dead and dangerous ones or limbs. During the year under review the committee invited an experience arborist to join in an inspection of all the trees in the park to provide advice as to what was required to minimise the risk from falling limbs. The advice was very informative and the committee resolved to seek the arborist's assistance in taking appropriate action. This action is yet to be implemented, subject to the arborist's availability. In addition, both safety inspections and maintenance of all play and exercise equipment is frequently undertaken according to a schedule; as is the mowing of the entire park and the surrounding nature-strips.

The association has a great team of volunteers all keen to ensure the park is well cared for, clean and safe for the community to enjoy.

3. FUND RAISING REVENUE - 2011-2012:

Fund-raising revenue from all sources allows the Association to continue its sound financial and park management practices year by year.

Whilst the audited financial report is attached to this report and the Treasurer will present the full financial statement for the year at the AGM some of the financial highlights of the year were:

- A total income for 11/12 of \$36,250.23 (10/11 - \$32,288.22). The total includes \$2,000 in OGCE sponsorship for Tranquility Fair and a \$1,000 grant from COGG as a contribution to additional playground equipment. The total also includes \$11,643.33 in interest on investments through the careful management of funds as they continue to be accumulated for future improvements to the Park.
- The success of the Association's own 5 fundraising events undertaken during the year is a credit to all involved – particularly those who have been organising and participating in them for many years. The amount raised by the 5 events was \$22,210 (2010/11 - \$20,101). The events included:

14th Tranquility Fair: In 2012: This year the fair reverted to being held on the 1st. Saturday of the year

Once again all 124 stall sites were occupied whilst Jon Mamonski presented the excellent on-stage entertainment selected and programmed by Colleen McEwan.

Event advertisements were placed in Ocean Grove Voice, The Echo, The Geelong Advertiser, Bellarine Times, What's On, Talking Heads, Queenscliff Herald and Bay FM. Media. Placements were accompanied by editorial material before the event and significant pictorial coverage of the fair afterwards.

Once again the volunteer staff of Ocean Grove CFA operated the BBQ stall and donated a share of the profits to the Association. The CFA provided an excellent service to the community and gained some funds to assist with their community duties.

The fair's contribution to the Association's fund-raising was \$14,115 (2011 - \$13,668) whilst it was estimated that some 7,000 attendees, including children entering for free, enjoyed the day.

All our volunteers had a busy day, from set-up to clean up, and their efforts were much appreciated by your committee.

Ocean Grove Community Enterprise was again the main sponsor for the fair providing a much-appreciated grant of \$2,000. The **Ocean Grove Voice** provided significant sponsorship via advertising

and editorial, crucial to informing the community of the time, location and activities on the day. In addition, Association members undertook a letterbox drop with more than 4,000 flyers.

In 2013 the Fair will be held on Saturday, 5 January.

Car Boot Sales on the Park: 2 car boot sales were again held on the Park. In the year under review they raised slightly more than \$ 4000- similar to 2010/11. These events are clearly appreciated by the community; with some 60 spaces occupied at the December sale, the Association's sausage sizzle in demand and lots of goods being donated for the Association's stall. Without the efforts of our members who collect the donated goods, price and take them to the park, and those that staff the stalls, these sales would not be so popular and successful.

What has now grown into an annual event is the **January book sale** in the riverside caravan park. The opportunity to purchase books on site at the caravan park has proved to be much appreciated by campers and makes a contribution to the Association's funds; \$430 in 2012.

Exercise Classes in the Park by Step into Life are continuing on the basis of 1 hour sessions 10 times per week. The general community are still required to have complete access to the park for their enjoyment. 2011/12 was the first full year of the programme and it contributed \$1726 to the Association's funds.

Bellarine Community Farmers Market: This new monthly event in the park commenced in January 2012. Local farmers and producers have taken up the opportunity to sell their products in Ocean Grove and the range of goods have certainly been welcomed by the expanding members of the community making purchases. The market is conducted under an agreement whereby the Association receives a portion of the stall site fees. \$332 was received for the part year.

4. THE COMMUNITY ON THE PARK

Community Showcase in the Park: The Association again made the Park available, on 15 April '12, for some 40 community groups co-ordinated by Ocean Grove Rotary to present the activities of the "not for profit groups" to the community. The event was well attended and it is proposed to conduct it again in 2013.

The Combined Churches of Ocean Grove held their annual Carols in the Park on Sunday 11. December. Once again the Association's members were pleased to provide refreshments as a fundraiser.

The Play Equipment continues to be enjoyed daily by an ever expanding number of children, mainly accompanied by parents or grandparents, whilst the use of the fun and fitness track and equipment usage continues to grow.

The Picnic setting in the Gazebo was clearly much appreciated by locals and visitors, as were the numerous seats and picnic setting throughout the park. Their use increases year by year as more community activities take place in the park.

5. FINANCIAL PROGRESS

At 30 June 2012, the Association held \$231,544.45 in its bank accounts (June '11- \$199,100.47). Net income, for the year was \$36,250.23; up from the \$32,288.22 for 2010/11. A significant 12.2% increase. As previously advised, \$100,000 of the accumulated funds in hand has been identified for a contribution to the establishment of the performance space should it proceed.

Park maintenance and administration costs were kept to a minimum, thanks to your diligent committee and hard work in the park by the members minimising the amount of contractor payments.

The audited financial statements for 2011/2012 are attached and will be fully presented at the AGM by the Treasurer.

6. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

At June 30, 2012, the number of financial members was 135, very slightly down on recent years, demonstrating a very committed membership with the few moving on being replaced by new enthusiast members.

We continue to encourage all members to renew their membership and invite their friends to join, particularly those who make regular use of the Park and its facilities.

7. ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

At the 2011 Annual General Meeting the following members were elected unopposed as the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:

Colin Atkins (President), Murray Waugh (Vice President), Leigh Holloway (Secretary), Betty Glasgow (Treasurer), Phil Dix, Shelley McKiernan, David Lidgett, Pat Robinson, Don Pietrapertosa and Neil Wallace.

Committee meetings were well attended and members were kept busy throughout the year organising and participating in fundraising events, improving and maintaining the park with the support of numerous volunteering members.

8. LOOKING AHEAD:

Cr. Jan Farrell has indicated that \$10,000 would be made available, by COGG, to install twin barbeques in the Park and the management committee is in the process of developing and costing such a proposal for implementation in the coming year.

The Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads RSL branch has approached the Association to seek approval to relocate its cenotaph to the Park, from its existing position at the corner of Hodgson St. and the Parade where its surrounds are being subjected to frequent damage by heavy vehicles. The Management committee has indicated its support for the proposal, subject to a mutually agreed location being identified and the RSL funding the relocation. The relocation, if agreed to, is expected to be undertaken in the coming year.

With the recently completed contract documentation for the performance space and its companion report "**Proposed Ocean Grove Park Performance Space**" the Association is in a position to seek funding for the facility's construction. It is acknowledged that governments are in a tight budgeting positions but every effort will be made to search out funding sources to enable the project to commence in financial year 2013/14.

9. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

For the financial year 2011/2012 The Association's Honorary Auditor, Mr Roger Davies FCPA has once again undertaken the audit. Your Management Committee acknowledges his professional input and expresses its appreciation for his auditing of the Association's 2011/2012 financial statements.

The Association's Hard Working Volunteers: The Management Committee gratefully acknowledges the untiring efforts of the committed volunteers who participate in working bees, those who just get on and do park things, and those who work hard organising and presenting the Association's events for the community to enjoy and, co-incidentally, raise funds for the betterment of the park.

Association Members: Finally, as President, I express my personal appreciation to my dedicated fellow committee members and to all financial members for their ongoing commitment to the Park. The future of the park as a community asset is very dependant upon both.

"The Natural Heart of Ocean Grove"



Colin Atkins
President

OCEAN GROVE PARK INC. (A0033011P)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

| ASSETS | 2012 | | 2011 | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Bendigo Bank General Account | 11,544.45 | | 4,100.47 | |
| Bendigo Bank Term Deposits | 215,000.00 | | 190,000.00 | |
| Sandhurst Term Deposit | 5,000.00 | 231,544.45 | 5,000.00 | 199,100.47 |
| | | <u>231,544.45</u> | <u>199,100.47</u> | <u>199,100.47</u> |
| These funds were represented by: | | | | |
| MEMBERS FUNDS | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 199,100.47 | | 186,138.67 | |
| Surplus for year | 32,443.98 | 231,544.45 | 12,961.80 | 199,100.47 |
| | | <u>231,544.45</u> | <u>12,961.80</u> | <u>199,100.47</u> |

OCEAN GROVE PARK INC. (A0033011P)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUN 2012

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Fundraising Activities | 20,416.90 | 17,100.99 |
| Sponsorship & Donations | 2,500.00 | 3,005.00 |
| Members Fees | 690.00 | 705.00 |
| Grants | 1,000.00 | - |
| Interest on Investments | 11,643.33 | 11,477.23 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | <u>36,250.23</u> | <u>32,288.22</u> |
| PAYMENTS | | |
| Transfers to Trust for Nature (equip & Materials) | - | 17,500.00 |
| Park Maintenance & Improvement | 2,879.53 | 960.41 |
| Administration Charges | 513.54 | 493.70 |
| Utilities | 413.18 | 372.31 |
| | <u>3,806.25</u> | <u>19,326.42</u> |
| NET INCREASE/DECREASE IN CASH HELD | 32,443.98 | 12,961.80 |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR | 199,100.47 | 186,138.67 |
| CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR | <u>231,544.45</u> | <u>199,100.47</u> |

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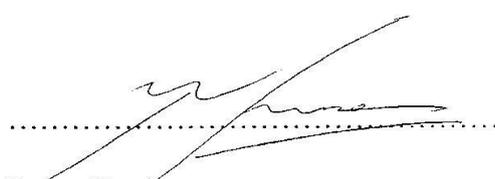
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OCEAN GROVE PARK INC.
2011 / 2012 AUDIT

To: Ocean Grove Park Incorporated

Re: Audit of your 2011 / 2012 Financial Accounts.

In my opinion the financial report presents truly and fairly the financial position and the results of the Ocean Grove Park Inc for the year ended 30th June 2012.


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Roger Davies
FCPA 06/09/2012