



Formation of the Seaford Community Committee (SCC)

Seaford's "Village Voice"

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Background:

Frankston City Council held a public meeting of Seaford residents at the Seaford Community Centre in February, 2012. The result was a friendly, energetic and positive workshop experience attended by in excess of 120 enthusiastic residents who proudly love to work and reside in Seaford.

One of the proposed projects that received high support was the formation of a committee to voice and progress residents' issues – the "Village Voice".

Following several meetings of volunteers who formed an "Interim Committee", the Seaford Community Committee was born in February, 2013, following calls for people who live and work in Seaford to apply for membership. The Committee consists of 12 members, with an Executive Team of 5. Members cover the "Areas of Interest" of Art & Culture, Sports, Leisure and Recreation, Transport, Residents, Environment, Health & Safety, Housing, Community Services, Education, Clubs and social groups, Business and Professional.

Outcomes:

The major outcome of that first meeting was the "Seaford Local Area Plan" - a To-Do List of issues raised. It is available here ==>

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Purpose:

Community members' expressions of investment in the various projects raised at that first meeting reinforce their priorities. Seaford is highly valued by its residents. They are particularly enamoured by the natural resources at their disposal and are anxious to see them maintained.

Beyond that, they seek a safe community with a lot to do for everyone. Residents want smart development with a number of projects focussed on turning old facilities into community hubs proving popular.

At the end of the workshop, many in attendance expressed their desire to see the evening's progress and positive energy continue. For the past 12 months, Council and residents have been collaborating to meet the goals of that first meeting.

Goals:

Using the Seaford Local Area Plan as a guide, the Committee wants to "keep Seaford as it is by protecting the good stuff and also improving the bad stuff". We also intend to try to address other achievable issues as they arise. Whilst we can't promise anything, we are already working hard.

Our current highest priorities are:

- Establish a local Seaford Community Committee – done!
- Village Voice e-newsletter – initially as a contributor to other newsletters, later as an originator
- Safety – initially, researching Neighbourhood Watch and other existing programs

- Evaluation and protection of local assets with Council and other local community groups. (We supported those who opposed the McDonald's outlet in Seaford.)
- Australia Day 2014 function (following our successful Harmony Day function jointly organised with the Belvedere Community Centre)
- Coastal indigenous plantings around the Seaford Railway Station and surrounds
- Improve Car Parking facilities
- Seaford Community Centre facilities & possible staffing

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