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The newsletter of the Lower King & Bayonet Head Progress Association

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Last Meeting: First we held our AGM where we elected the office bearers for the next 12 months. They are Tom Reed president, Kevin Richardson vice president, Frank Ruggera secretary, and Jean Wood treasurer. Our committee members are John Guidera, Mac Cameron, Josh Moore and Anne Moore.

We also presented our first life membership. The recipient was John Guidera for his continuous and unstinting efforts for the Association. John has served as president, vice president, newsletter organizer, community liaison officer and does so many other jobs that keep the association running. In fact John has set the bar so high for this award that we may never get another person to meet the high standard he has set.

Following the AGM we ran a general meeting where the first item was our guest speaker Mark Ford, manager of the City's reserves and parks. Mark has been with the City for a number of years but is new to his current position and his enthusiasm for his job shows through. Mark spoke about the City's reserves and management practices in place or being established, the maintenance of existing parks and council acquisition of new ones and the plans for Yoorl Park in Lower King on Cumberland Road which is a heritage sacred site for the noongar people. Finally he outlined the close association that exists with Greenskills, Department of Environment and Conservation and South Coast Natural Resource Management and the City in their efforts to combat the many environmental weeds we have in our area.

Guest Speaker: At our next meeting we will have a guest from the Albany Men's Shed Group to speak about what they do, who they are and how to join. Over the years since it's inception the group has steadily grown and has been busy constructing things for various community bodies, often behind the scenes. Why don't you come along and hear what they are about.

Gazebo: The Elizabeth Street Boat Ramp has become increasingly popular for boaties. to the ramp is a strip of grass that looks over Oyster Harbour. A proposal has been put forward that the Progress Association fund a gazebo and bench seats for this area. What do you think? We could approach the City for funding but I fear that in its current financial position we shall be waiting a long time for any action. We have been approached by The Men's Shed Group offering their labour. That means we only have to pay the cost of materials. It is a very pleasant area down there and this proposal could be quite successful.

Come along to our next meeting and give us your thoughts on this proposal.



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Next Meeting
Monday November 19th 7.30pm
Gomm Park Hall

Container Deposit Scheme: For a long time now I have gone on about litter on our road verges. One of the solutions to the problem is to bring a container deposit scheme along the lines of the existing one on South Australia which has been in place since the nineteen seventies. Well it seems that a few of the other states are proposing similar schemes be adopted and so does Western Australia. Our local Albany MP supports the scheme and there seems to be stronger community support as well.

It would be better if we simply did not rubbish our countryside but everytime I drive along Lower King Road between Elizabeth Street and Bayonet Head Road and see the build up of trash, then I know it's not going to happen. At least the container deposit scheme means that the person throwing the rubbish is paying, in a small way, to do it and rewarding, in a small way, the person who picks up the rubbish. What do you think? Should we write to our members expressing our feelings on this matter?

Newsletter Distribution Route: We need a willing body to distribute newsletters in the Lower King area. This route takes in The Esplanade, Alison Parade and Windermere/ Cumberland Roads. It is about 115 newsletters. It takes about half to three quarters of an hour. This route really is ideal for a cyclist or two people to do by car or if you have time, to do in stages on foot. If you think you can take this on once every 2 months let me know. 9844 7759

Firefighters: At this time our thoughts are with the two firefighters who were caught in the fire out at Two Peoples Bay.

Our two local volunteer firefighters in this area are The King River and The Kalgan bushfire groups. These folk are on call and give up a lot of time for training and fighting fires. We thank them for their efforts. We tend to take them for granted until their services are required. Also we must consider the other bodies that get called out when there is a fire. The City workers and Department of Environment and Conservation employees.

Take a moment and wish for a recovery for our two brave women.

Quote: "Don't count the days – Make the days count."

Joke: I pointed to two old drunks across the bar from us and told my mate, "That'll be us in ten years."
He said, "That's a mirror, you silly old bugger."



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