



## MAY NEWSLETTER 2020

### Membership Fee

LEADA asks all members to make a \$10 donation each year to LEADA. LEADA strives to keep its running costs to a minimum. Our main expenditure items are insurance and printing costs. For those members who have not an email address we have cut down on postage costs by making the Monthly Member Newsletter available at Lakes Post and Printing at 505 The Esplanade.

Our membership year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. So please if you have not made a donation it would be appreciated if you could during the next month. Thanks to all those members who have already given a donation.

Donations can be made online, or in person to any committee member or by mailing to address  
LEADA  
PO Box 486  
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Our committee members are:

- Bruce Hurley
- Peter Sindrey
- Alison Brewer
- Lauren Barlow
- Jeff Wilson
- Mike Anketell
- Ted Hare
- Arthur Allen
- Sarah Carlisle

Our membership is now 560. Please encourage your friends to become members. This can also be done online by visiting our website.

Please also consider standing for the LEADA Committee. Nominations will be sought towards the beginning of July. If you are interested please let me know and I'll send you the agenda for the June and July meeting Committee. You'd be most welcome to attend either or both meetings.

### Bullock Island

Progress continues to be made on Bullock Island. Almost \$10 million dollars has been made available for improvements on the Island from allocations made by the Federal, State and Local Governments and from LEFCOL. So expectations are high that significant changes will be made during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years. The changes will include toilet and picnic facilities, bike and walking paths, landscaping works, seafood café and boardwalk next to LEFCOL, further road improvements and a new bridge with bike and pedestrian access and upgrading the jetty on the south west corner.

## **Foreshore - Slipway to the Rotunda**

During the last two years LEADA has been calling for a plan of action drawing upon the concepts outlined in the 2016 CBD Improvement Masterplan, the 2015 Foreshore Park Playground plan and the endorsed Expression of Interest for the Slipway. Excellent plans and ideas exist what is needed is a sense of urgency to draw these plans together so that work can begin on this area that is central to Lakes Entrance identity as soon as the footpath and boardwalk works are completed this year.

Our Federal member Darren Chester has recently announced that up to \$2 million dollars will be allocated to this area to make it attractive place for locals and road travellers to stop. He has recently convened a meeting of stakeholders including LEADA and the Shire to get things moving.

EGSC has allocated \$770,000 during the next 3 years in their budget for the foreshore park and the Shire is applying for further funding for the playground. The playground which will have water features is planned for the area between the footbridge and the Rotunda.

## **Jemmy Point Lookouts**

More detail on Jemmy Point lookouts and Lakes Entrance walks will be in next month's newsletter. Below are summaries.

- The lower Jemmy Point lookout was meant to be completed by last Christmas and then Easter. The latest information is that it is likely to be completed within the next two months.
- A further round of plans is being sought for the Upper Jemmy's Point Lookout followed by community consultation.

## **Walks**

- The design of the Tatungalung all abilities circuit walk is proceeding. The walk is an all abilities circuit from the footbridge to Eastern Beach.
- The upgrade of the Entrance walk will take place in the 2020-21 year
- Gippsland Lakes Complete Health has a walk's project group. Their current focus is improvements to the town loop which includes the Esplanade and Marine Parade
- Bullock Island walking and bike tracks will be planned during 2020-21 year
- Discussion is needed to develop an overview of all tracks and how they could be linked

## **Town Meeting**

As soon as large public gatherings are permitted LEADA will call an open member's meeting with the main agenda items being an update and the chance to provide feedback on Bullock Island and the foreshore improvements in the area from the Rotunda to the Slipway. Hopefully with the easing of coronavirus restrictions more details on this meeting will be able to be given in the June member's newsletter.

In the meantime if you have thoughts on any of the major infrastructure projects described in this newsletter please email or phone me or discuss with a committee member.

## **Lessons Learned from the Bushfire response.**

As mentioned LEADA is putting together a paper on *Lessons learned from bushfire response in Lakes Entrance*. Peter Sindrey is putting the paper together and would love to hear from any members with thoughts on how Lakes Entrance response can be improved. Please send comments to [admin@leada.com.au](mailto:admin@leada.com.au) attention Peter Sindrey.

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