



JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

There was not going to be a January newsletter but following two items are important

Covid 19 positive case located in Lakes Entrance

Christmas to New Year saw Lakes Entrance looking better than it has for many years, with record numbers of visitors enjoying the refreshed foreshore and CBD as well as the many other attractions. However unfortunately a person visited Lakes Entrance on the 29th and 30th of December who returned a positive Covid 19 test. Many businesses were not notified immediately of the situation which is not acceptable.

LEADA immediately made representation to Tim Bull, Darren Chester and the Shire to ensure:

- pressure was brought to bear to return test results of staff from businesses identified as ones visited by the person with Covid 19 asap and within 24 hours as is done in Melbourne so that the businesses can open without unnecessary delays
- testing wait times be minimised as much as possible
- assuming no positive cases identified have a communication plan ready by mid week to let people know that Lakes Entrance businesses were open and that there had been this number of tests undertaken with no positive test results

The impact on the town after the identification of a positive case was immediate. Businesses have reported a dramatic drop in customers and many accommodation cancellations. LEADA has highlighted that timing is of the essence in this the peak tourist time and a fine weekend forecast.

LEADA will do its best to help recovery from this latest disaster. Hopefully no positive cases will be identified in Lakes Entrance.

Creation of Friends of Lakes Entrance and a Special General Meeting of Members

There will be a special general meeting to create an associate membership category called Friends of Lakes Entrance. This proposal is not for full membership and is open for anyone with an interest in Lakes Entrance to apply for associate membership which will be known as Friends of Lakes Entrance. Associate members will not have voting rights and their role / rights are determined by the Committee of LEADA. Full membership will remain restricted to any person who resides, works or owns a business in Lakes Entrance.

The reason for this new associate membership category is that we want to extend our membership to all people who have an interest in Lakes Entrance. We want to keep people informed and draw upon their ideas and enthusiasm to improve Lakes Entrance. The broader the base and the more members LEADA has the greater the influence of LEADA.

The Special General Meeting will be on the 28th January at 10am. It will be a short zoom meeting. All members will be sent a link to join the meeting. The meeting will not last more than 30 minutes and its business will be restricted to considering the special resolutions below.

If at all possible LEADA urges members to join in the zoom meeting. You will receive a further invite with a link to the meeting by email. Our next member meeting will be a face to face meeting

where we will update members on future plans for Lakes Entrance and listen to your improvement priorities

The proposed changes to the existing Model Rules have been highlighted in red

Special Resolution:

Clause 9 of the Model Rules for Lakes Entrance Action and Development Association be amended to read:

9 Application for membership

- (1) To apply to become a member of the Association, a person must submit a written application to a committee member stating that the person-
 - (a) Wishes to become a member of the Association; and
 - (b) Is eligible under Rule 8 to become a member or is eligible under Rule 14 to become an associate member
 - (c) Agree to comply with these Rules
- (2) The Application-
 - (a) Must be signed by the applicant; and
 - (b) May be accompanied by the joining fee

Note

The joining fee is the fee (if any) determined by the Association under rule 12(3)

Moved: Bruce Hurley

Seconded: Peter Sindrey

Special Resolution

Motion: Clause 14 of the Model Rules for Lakes Entrance Action and Development Association be amended to read:

14 Associate members

- (1) Associate members of the Association include-
 - (a) Any member approved by the committee under the age of 15 years; and
 - (b) Any member approved by the committee who has an interest in Lakes Entrance. These associate members will be known as The Friends of Lakes Entrance
 - (c) Any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting

Moved: Bruce Hurley

Seconded: Peter Sindrey

The Committee of LEADA at its meeting on the 28 December subject to the Model Rules being amended as above gave examples of persons who could apply to become Friends of Lakes Entrance and what their rights would be. These examples and rights are:

Any person over 18 can apply to become an Associate Member of LEADA known as “Friends of Lakes Entrance” who has a connection with Lakes Entrance.

This can include a wide variety of people. Examples are:

- regular holiday makers to Lakes Entrance, whether campers or holiday house owners, people who regularly stop in Lakes Entrance in transit for holidays
- nearby businesses or residents who don't live in Lakes Entrance but who have an interest in the development of the town as it is their base for employment, shopping and other services.
- any people who have a felt connection with Lakes Entrance and its development.

Rights of an Associate Member

Associate members have the following rights in LEADA

- the right to propose ideas for the Committee to explore and take up related to LEADA's purpose and goals.
- the right to provide input and feedback on proposals when all of LEADAs members are canvassed on their views.
- The right to receive Newsletters and other communications to LEADA members to remain informed about current activities and outcomes.

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