

PBDA Newsletter

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Safe Harbour

We are awaiting the results from the ferry survey undertaken by Parks Victoria. The survey has been most comprehensive, with Focus groups held on the Bellarine, phone surveys of residents in Melbourne and the Bellarine and also on the web site. The cost was approximately \$60,000 and results will be released in April.

We await with keen anticipation the State Government's Budget release to see what funding is provided for the Safe Harbour Project. The fact that this is an election year gives the Government an ideal opportunity to commit further funds at the launch of the campaign.

The Bellarine Ferry Group briefed Liberal candidate Kurt Reiter regarding the ferry and he indicated that he will be recommending it to his Party as an exciting visionary addition to public transport.

Building Projects in Portarlington

Portarlington currently has many projects in various stages of planning and development.

- A plan has been submitted to build apartments and café on the old BP garage site.
- Town square and Rotunda restoration will commence in May.
- Retirement Village consisting of 84 units has been approved.
- New supermarket currently going through the planning approval process.
- The Ol' Duke announced a \$7 million expansion project.
- Safe Harbour - plan approved - start date still unknown.

This highlights the confidence that the business community has in Portarlington.

Upcoming Events

March 2010

- 21st Kilgour Cocktail Party
Longest View

April 2010

- 18th Police Band concert at
Parks Hall 1.30pm to support
The community police
register.
2nd – 5th Easter

May 2010

- 6th PBDA Networking Function
- 14th Mothers Day

June 2010

- 11th - 14th Celtic Festival &
Queens B'day Long weekend

If your company is holding an event that you would like us to advertise then please let us know!

Mussel Festival

As you all know, the Mussel Festival was a HUGE success early this year! The Mussel Festival Committee is straight back into organising next year's event which will be held on Saturday 8th January 2011.

On 17th February the Mussel Festival held an event at the Grand Hotel to thank all our sponsors (many of which were local Portarlington businesses) and all our volunteers. The Mussel Festival is now again calling upon any business that would like to sponsor the Jan 2011 event; if you are interested or would like any further information please contact:

John Turner 0400 963 566

The City of Greater Geelong has also provided the Committee with a grant to create a Business Plan so the Committee would also like to hear from anyone who has had previous experience and would be interested in assisting with the development of this Plan. Please contact Karen Shannon 0408 388 332 if you are interested.

Information Board

The long awaited Information Board which is located next to the Ol' Duke now contains a listing of all accommodation providers within Portarlington who are PBDA members.

This will be great for any visitors who arrive in town looking for somewhere to stay. This is first stage. The PBDA will review the success of this board and we plan to erect a larger board containing further categories of members.

We would like to thank Dave Gray, Dominic Monea, Barwon Timber & Hardware and Bellarine Glass & Screens.

Business & Community Directory

Presumably you all have received the new directory and it has been a useful information source for you all!

If you have misplaced or require another Directory you can pick up a copy at NH Abbey Real Estate in Newcombe St. PBDA member Jonathon Harris from JNH Software is currently updating our website and an electronic copy of the Directory can also be found at www.Portarlingtonbusiness.com.au

Keep an eye out for the local Port Report for any corrections or updates and ensure you update your Directory accordingly so it always remains current.

Business Changes and New Members

The PBDA would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their contribution to the Portarlinton economy and community:

- Jack and Marion Williamson who have recently sold Williamsons Licensed Supermarket after 21 years!!
- Andrew and Maura Fletcher who have recently sold the Portarlinton Newsagency after 17 years!!

You would have also noticed and heard that PBDA member Jo's Boutique has now been sold and a new business called Montana's Fashions & Accessories has taken over. The PBDA wishes Jo all the best in France and would like to welcome Montana's to the Portarlinton community.

Please show your support and pop in and say hello!

Also we are pleased to welcome the following new members of the Association:
 KKV Cleaning Services - Cleaners
 Stockdale & Leggo - Real Estate Agents
 Jenkins & Son - Fisherman

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The PBDA would like to congratulate member C. J. Keane & Co, Portarlinton, Real Estate Agents, on their 35th Anniversary this month!

Snap Shot! – Current PBDA Initiatives Underway

Networking Functions –Please keep the following dates free in your diaries for this year's PBDA Networking Functions:

6th May – Harvester Moon (Invitations to be sent shortly)

5th August – AGM (location TBA)

2nd December – Xmas Function (location TBA)

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!

Molly Malones will have new tenants as of 1st. May
 This is great news for the town as this building has been vacant far too long