

The Point

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM POINT LONSDALE

The Point tops UDIA's Envirodevelopment List

Stockland's Point Lonsdale community, The Point, has once again achieved the Urban Institute of Australia's (UDIA) highest environmental sustainability rating.

The Point housing and waterways community, located on the Bellarine Peninsula, has just received the UDIA's EnviroDevelopment 'six leaf' accreditation for the second time. The community is the only Victorian residential development to achieve the prestigious 'six leaf' award for two years running.

EnviroDevelopment is a scientifically-based rating system designed by the UDIA to make it easier for potential purchasers to recognise the sustainable attributes of residential communities.

The Point was recognised once again for

meeting the requirements of all six EnviroDevelopment criteria for sustainability: ecosystems, waste, energy, materials, water and community.

Stockland Regional Manager, Mike Davis, said Stockland is pleased that The Point has maintained its environmental recognition for 2011. "To receive the UDIA's EnviroDevelopment 'six leaf' accreditation consecutively is a remarkable achievement and it is rewarding to be recognised for our high environmental standards.

"We're taking steps to improve the area's waterways using natural methods by conducting water quality studies and since 2002, we have been collecting seeds from the site ready for future planting in revegetation areas.

"The community is starting to take shape and we are proud to be delivering a residential community that will offer future residents a relaxing coastal lifestyle whilst being sensitive to the Point Lonsdale's natural surrounds," said Mr Davis.

Stockland has continued to achieve these environmental standards through a wide range of policies and design features at The Point including offsetting any loss of native vegetation, re-establishing naturally occurring ecosystems and implementing designs that are sensitive to the existing waterways.

Stockland has worked closely with relevant stakeholders, including the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, to implement a Water Quality Management

Plan suitable for The Point and its unique coastal environment. Also, the community's storm water system has been designed to ensure no contaminants or sediments are introduced to the existing waterways.

In addition, a 56 hectare nature reserve comprising of wetlands and conservation areas will provide a natural habitat for local fauna and migratory water birds.

Construction of The Point commences this year and the community will ultimately feature a multipurpose community centre and 31 hectares of parkland incorporating playgrounds, picnic areas plus cycling and walking paths.

For further information regarding The Point, call 13 LAND (5263) or visit www.stockland.com.au/the-point

BCH 'Super Clinic' on the way

Bellarine Community Health applied for funding under the 2010 round of the GP Super Clinics Primary Care Infrastructure Grants Program and have been shortlisted for funding. BCH applied for approximately \$500,000 to upgrade the GP's consulting suites, improve the clinical space and add a training/meeting room for the GP's services at the Point Lonsdale site.

BCH has submitted an application for a planning permit with the Borough of Queenscliffe and have not had any objections lodged from the local community. Once these plans have been

approved and the Commonwealth signs off on the funding, work could start late this year.

Chief Executive Officer John Fendyk said the Board had also made a separate application for \$3,200,000 under the Health and Hospitals Fund to do a complete upgrade of the Community Health Centre site. The Commonwealth received 237 proposals and 63 projects were successful totaling \$1.33 billion.

"We were informed that we met the requirements of the HHF evaluation criteria and Regional Priority Round but were unsuccessful in receiving the

funding this time around," said Mr Fendyk. "We will seek additional guidance and re-submit the application later this year as a second HHF regional funding round will commence, with a further \$475 million to be allocated in 2012."

Queenscliffe Historical Society

The monthly history talk will celebrate the Cayzer pioneer family that is still well represented in the borough.

Uniting Church Hall - Thursday 25 August 10.30am. All Welcome. Non-members \$5.

Follow the Yellow Boat Road

Robert Penticott and Mick Souter are circumnavigating Australia in two 5.4m (18ft) yellow rubber dinghies to raise awareness and money for the eradication of polio, a potentially crippling disease that mainly infects children affecting the brain and spine causing permanent paralysis or even death.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have pledged \$355 million if Rotary can raise \$200 million by 30 June 2012. So far Rotary has raised \$161 million and need a further \$39 million to totally eradicate the disease in Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Queenscliff Harbour Administration Manager Sharon Henwood has been following Robert and Mick's journey since they left Sydney in May and was delighted to discover a change of plan that will see the men come through the Heads to Queenscliff Harbour on Saturday 20 August where they will be provided with free berthing during their stay.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend on the day to give the men a big welcome and hopefully a big cheque when they leave on Sunday 21 August.

Their arrival date is 'weather dependent' so check their arrival times on their website <http://follow.theyellowboatroad.com/> or their coordinator Andrew Hennessy (03) 6234 4270 or 0424 615 154.

So far on the journey \$100,000 has been raised. \$10 inoculates 17 children from the disease and for just a gold coin donation you can view the yellow boats coming into Queenscliff from the 360Q tower.

The Rotary Club of Queenscliffe will also collect donations on the day and harbour businesses will support the fundraiser and be part of the welcoming party. 92% of donations will be contributed to Rotary's Polio Plus fund. The remaining 8% will be contributed to the Pennicott Foundation for

important conservation projects.

Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign

For over 25 years Rotary International has worked tirelessly to eradicate polio. Rotarians across the world have delivered vaccinations to more than 2 billion children in 122 countries. Polio cases worldwide have plummeted 99%. At the start of the campaign Polio infected 350,000 children each year. 25 years later this has dropped to just 1,700.

The Pennicott Foundation

This fund was established in May this year as an outlet for Robert to continue his strong commitment to environmental conservation. He already donates a substantial portion of his business

profits towards philanthropy, the environment and coastal conservation. In 2007 he established the Tasmanian Coast Conservation Fund in partnership with Wildcare and donated \$100,000.

His largest successfully completed project has been the restoration of the delicate ecosystem on Tasman Island. This \$250,000 project included the total eradication of feral cats responsible for decimating the island's wildlife estimated to be killing over 50,000 seabirds annually. The cats were the descendants of pets brought on to the island by lighthouse keepers. Through the Pennicott Foundation, Robert will contribute to nature conservation projects well into the future.

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Robert Pennicott's circumnavigation of Australia for Polio eradication and conservation

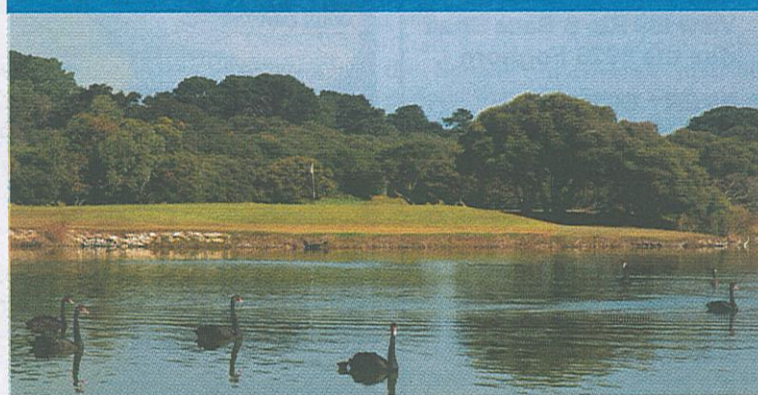
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