



GOODE NEWS

December 2017

Message from the President

Sundowner

Our annual Sundowner will be held at Discovery Bay on Saturday 27 January 2018, the day after Australia Day. I am hoping that there will be a great turnout, as in the past two years. Hope to see you there.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in February 2018. We will be electing a new President and a new committee for 2018 at this meeting. More details will be announced nearer the time, but please attend and have your say. If you would like to contribute to the running of the FBA, please also consider making yourself available for election to the committee.

The Proposed Resort Development on Lot 660

The proposed resort has been a much discussed topic amongst a good many members (and non-members) over the past couple of months. If it goes ahead, it would double the population of our tranquil suburb.

At my suggestion and encouragement, ten of the 13 Councillors and three of the City's planners visited the site on Monday 20 November to gain an understanding of the FBA's concerns regarding environmental issues due to its proximity to Lake Vancouver and the beach. Dr John Myers gave a well-received presentation of his relief model before the visitors took a walk around the site. Let's hope this may have made them more sympathetic to the issues presented.

The City of Albany has advised that the matter will not come before Council until February next year, as the developers sought an extension of time to respond to FESA's concerns regarding the emergency fire exit route. It seems as though the matter may not go before the WA Planning Commission until mid-2018. The next President will no doubt keep you posted!

On behalf of the committee, I wish everyone a happy Christmas 2017.

Tony Kinlay – Mob.: 0488 117 747.

COMMUNITY SUNDOWNER

Discovery Bay

Whaleworld BBQ Area

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – 5 pm – 8 pm

Update — Lot 660 Development Proposal

On the day that the previous edition of Goode News was published, the news broke that a ‘five-star eco resort’ was proposed for Lot 660 at Goode Beach. A special meeting of the FBA was held on 28th September, and there was resounding support for the FBA committee to oppose the proposed development and foreshadowed scheme amendment advertised in the Structure Plan.

In response to the mandate given, the FBA committee and other members have worked tirelessly to inform decision makers and the proponents that there are important environmental and amenity reasons why the development should not go ahead.

Here is a summary of what has been happening:

- City of Albany called for a ‘Conversation’ meeting with proponents, CoA staff and Goode Beach residents. FBA President compiled and asked questions of proponents on members’ behalf.
- FBA and numerous individual members responded to opportunity to make submissions to CoA by the closing date of 9 October.
- FBA submission was also sent to the WA Planning Commission who will ultimately make the decision to approve or reject the resort development.
- FBA President and other members have been interviewed by journalists from ABC Great Southern radio and newspapers.
- Councillors and CoA staff accepted an invitation from FBA President to visit the site as described in the President’s letter above.
- Each CoA Councillor has separately been sent copies of the FBA Submission and Dr Myers’ submission.
- A one-page summary (compiled by an FBA member) of the history of previous

development applications, and the reports which declared the site to be incapable of sustaining any development, was sent separately to each Councillor and the CoA planning staff.

- Representatives of the FBA have spoken in opposition to the proposed development at two CoA Ordinary Council meetings and two Development and Infrastructure Services meetings.
- Face to face meetings have been held by various FBA members with Albany MLA Peter Watson, Councillor John Shanahun and Greens MLC Diane Evers.

The proposed resort will be an agenda item at the Development and Infrastructure Services meeting in early February 2018, and at the CoA Ordinary Council Meeting later in the month.

Just as the proponents will be presenting their case to Councillors at a special meeting, an FBA delegation will also be given a final opportunity to present its case to Councillors, prior to the February round of Council meetings.

YouTube Videos of the Wetland to Be Affected by the Proposed New Resort

FBA committee member Clare Mitchell took off her shoes, took up her camera, and made a couple of short videos of the track that is intended to be the driveway of the proposed resort. Follow her squelching progress by following the link below!

<https://youtu.be/yMTtd5JJxAl>

This second video shows how close the internal entry/exit road for the proposed resort would be to the edge of Lake Vancouver.

<https://youtu.be/lCxOh7zIsE8>

FBA 'Eco-Warriors'

The call for FBA members interested in caring for the Goode Beach environment resulted in a gathering of 33 enthusiasts in November (see photos). The following seven presenters, all experts in their fields, raised the enthusiasm of the group.

- **Max Angus** FBA, *Introduction*
- **Maggie Shanklin** Friends of Porongurup Range, *Best Practice in Organising a Community Environmental Group*
- **Loxley Fedec** Friends of Porongurup Range, *Technology and Citizen Science*
- **David Tunbridge** UWA, *Techniques for Surveying Fauna*
- **Dr Harriet Paterson** UWA, *How to Contribute to Plastic Science at Goode Beach*
- **Peter Stewart** Reserves CoA, **Rosie Smith** Green Skills, *Weed Control*
- **Ian Herford** FBA, *The Next Step: Let's Make a Plan.*

Participants in rapt attention



Photo: Sue Roberts

A plan was made for all participants to list, in priority order, their five environmental wishes for Goode Beach. The lists submitted by the participants have been collected and collated by Ian Herford and Chris Hopper and we are ready to workshop the ideas and kickstart the FBA environmental focus group.

Participants in discussion



Photo: Sue Roberts

Please come along and share your ideas. All members and non-members are welcome.

The Stage 1 Priority Setting Workshop will be held on Saturday Morning 20th January 2018 at 23 La Perouse Court, Goode Beach.

Ever Wondered How Many People Live at Goode Beach?

The following statistics have been selected from the 2016 Census results. Further data are available at the Australian Bureau of Statistics website: <http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/>

2016 CENSUS SUMMARY	GOODE BEACH	ALBANY
Population Usually Resident	217	33,145
Median Age (Years)	60	43
Average People Per Household	2.1	2.4
Number of Occupied Dwellings	92	12,275
Number of Unoccupied Dwellings	55	2,220
Median Weekly Household Income	\$1,375	\$1,198
Median Monthly Mortgage Repayment	\$2,100	\$1,600

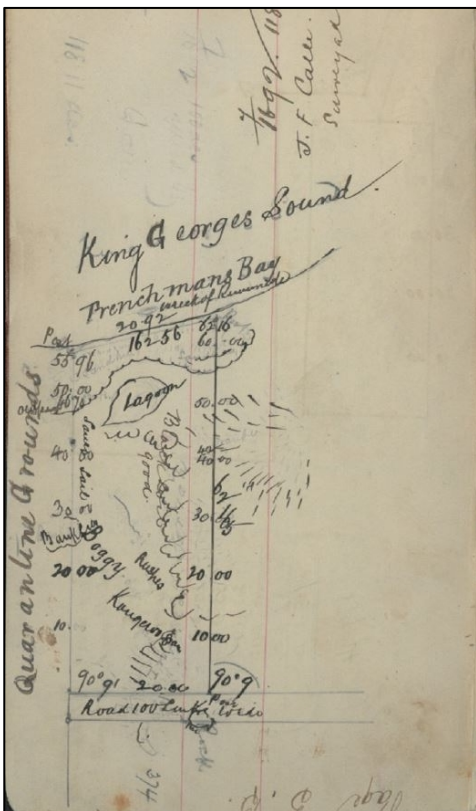
Selected data for the Albany urban area have been included to enable comparison (source: http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/5001?opendocument accessed 15 December 2017).

William H. Angove's Survey of Goode Beach, Summer of 1887-88

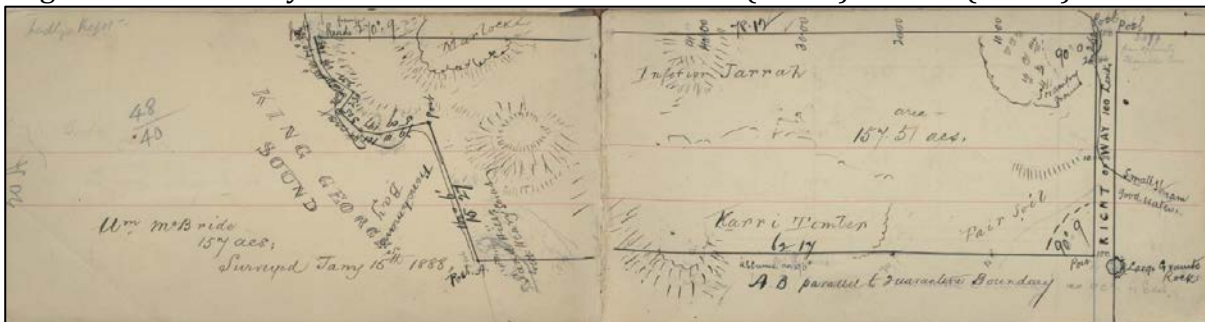
By Steve Hopper, 23 La Perouse Court.

Recently, while trawling through digitised surveyors' field books on the AEON (Archives Explored Online) database and image base of the State Records Office of Western Australia, I happened across William H. Angove's 1887 surveyed sketches of the two blocks that became the foundation for Goode Beach as we know the settlement today. These drawings are in Angove's field book Number 1C, available at <https://archive.sro.wa.gov.au/index.php/field-book-no-1c-w-h-angove-plantagenet-ang-01c>.

Angove's field sketches were converted to a finished plan (Plantagenet 92) covering the southern shore of Princess Royal Harbour east to Goode Beach, prepared presumably in the early 1890s. Interesting inclusions in the fieldbook sketch for what became the northern Loc. 2104 are Lake Vancouver ('lagoon') and the wreck of the *Runnymede* (below the words 'Frenchmans Bay').

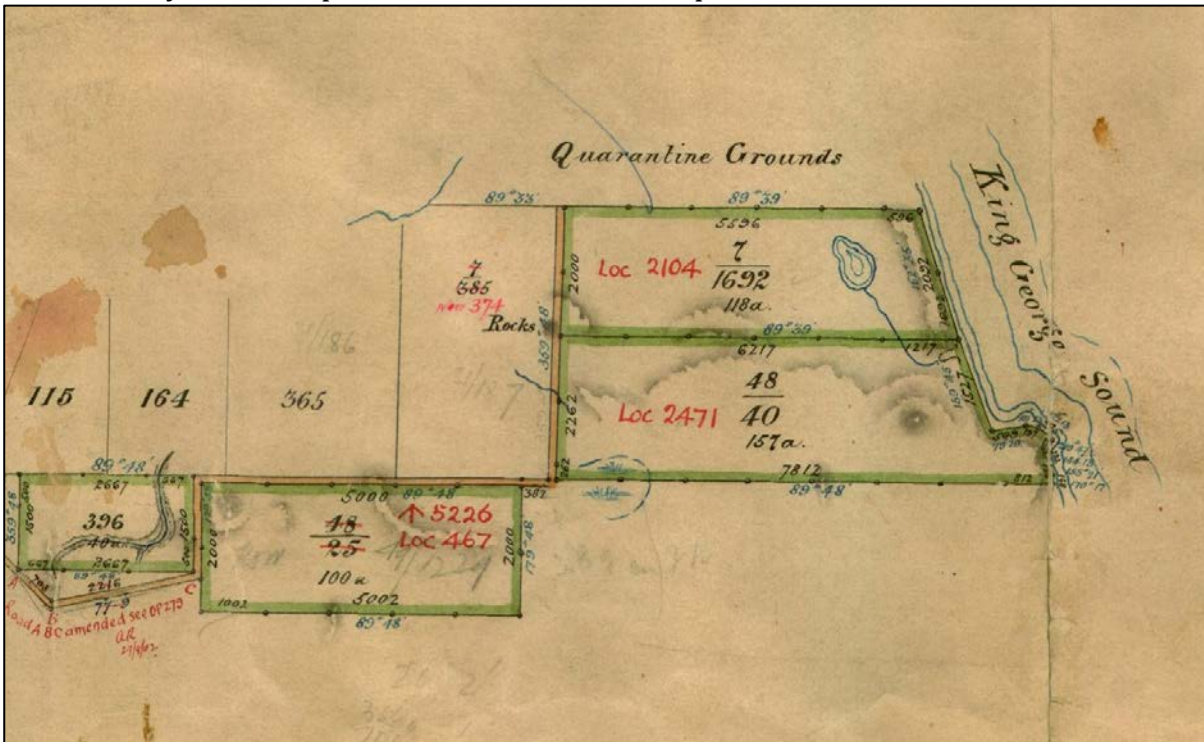


Angove's 1887 survey of Goode Beach Locations 2104 (above) & 2471 (below) from his Fieldbook 1C

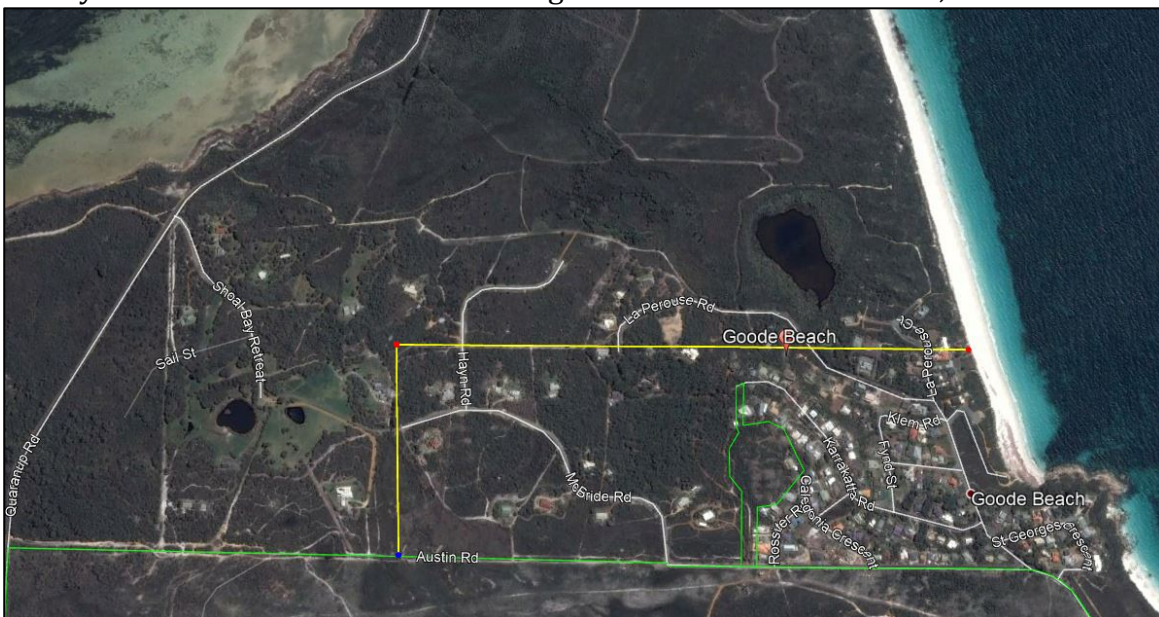


The central karri forest is marked (as 'karri timber') in the southern Loc 2471, as is a swamp on the SW corner and a 'large granite rock' on the NW corner. The finished survey plan below indicates a creek running SW from Lake Vancouver approximately following the alignment of today's La Perouse

Road, and exiting eastwards into King George Sound near the NE corner of Loc. 2471. Future examination of air photography taken before subdivision of beach blocks and associated bulldozing of dunes may show the precise location of this exit point for the creek.



Survey of Goode Beach from Plan Plantagenet 92 State records Office, WA.



Google Earth image of Goode Beach with the approximate boundary of the southern Lot 2471 marked in yellow and green (Austin Road).

Follow the Trail

The FIGS (Felters in the Great Southern) exhibition for the Southern Art and Craft Trail went well. There are a few changes happening to FIGS in 2018. FIGS are making Bornholm Hall their base, meeting the third Sunday of the month to share the craft of felting. The beautiful venue at Torbay where FIGS exhibited during the Southern Art and Craft Trail, is on the market, so FIGS will be moving to a new venue – Eclipse Building, Museum of the Great Southern. An exciting prospect so watch this space!

FIGS are running a workshop for beginners on 24 February. Anyone interested in felting can contact Maggie Myers myersm@inet.net.au

Environmental Weeds

Environmental weeds are unwanted plants growing in bushland. They may originate from other regions of WA, interstate or overseas and they usually result in the decline of the bushland communities they invade.

Follow the link below for a news article about one such weed, the Arum lily.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-12/funeral-flower-causing-death-of-native-plants-in-wa-south-west/9129312?WT.ac=statenews_wa

Check out the Weed of the Month calendar on the FBA Community Notice Board at the bus stop. If you know your weeds, you are in a much better position to control the spread of weeds into our bushland.

Australian Argonaut Shell on Goode Beach

In late spring, this highly prized shell of an Australian argonaut (paper nautilus) was found and photographed on Goode Beach by regular beachcomber and resident, Ruth Keszia Whiteside.

Argonauts are a unique group of pelagic (floating) octopuses found in the tropical and

temperate waters of the world. The female of the species has the beautiful brittle white shell. Less well known is the shell-less male. Australian waters are home to the greatest diversity of these animals of any other country in the world.

Australian argonaut (paper nautilus) shell



Photo: Ruth Keszia Whiteside



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NOTICEBOARD

Whaler's Galley summer breakfast & evening opening dates

Whaler's Galley café open for dinner on Friday 15 and Friday 29 December and every Friday in January 2018 from 6pm. BYOG.

Open for breakfast from 8.30 to 10.30 every morning from Boxing Day until the end of January.

Reservations can be made by calling 98444711 or emailing:

whalersgalleycafe@hotmail.com

Gabe's Gardens

Sick of seeing invasive species and pest plants around the neighbourhood? Annoyed with overgrown brush, thick bushland or an out of control garden? Or want some soft/hardscaping done to improve the quality of your property?

I'm here to help. Goode Beach-born and bred, lived here 21 years and I love it. My name's Gabriel Mettam and I've just started my business – Gabe's Gardens.

Please feel free to contact Gabe's Gardens for building a better community and better backyards! Licensed, Registered, Insured, Transparent and Honest.
Phone 0439303369 for free no-obligation quotes.

CALLING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Got a story or want to advertise or place a community message on the *Goode News* or FBA website Noticeboard?

If you have news of interest to the Goode Beach community for inclusion in the *Goode News* or on the FBA website please contact FBA Secretary Chris Hopper (cghopper@gmail.com).

FBA Website address: <https://frenchmanbayassociation.com/>