President's Report for the 2015 Annual General Meeting

1. **Community Environment Alliance**
   SBEA is now a member of this alliance and has registered its interest in the purchase of solar panels in the nursery.
   Progress for obtaining quotations is slowed down due to capacity check of transformers by Powercor.
   Currently 52 residents are interested. Feed in rate to be set at 6.2 cents /kwh.

2. **Constitution changes**
   Several meetings were held to decide on changes to the Constitution. These changes will be put to the meeting:
   Life Membership, an additional membership category recognising valuable and outstanding service to SBEA.
   Patrons, an additional membership category providing for members to sign up for 20 years memberhip of SBEA.
   Nursery, changes to the Constitution covering the role of the Queenscliffe Community Indigenous Plant Nursery within SBEA.
   Copies of the working structure of the Nursery are available at this AGM.

3. **Queenscliff Public Cemetery**
   A letter of support has been sent to the new manager of the Lonsdale cemetery. Through the Nursery we are providing indigenous plants for the Cemetery and collecting seed for the preservation of our special local flora.

4. **Victorian Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association**
   SBEA has become a member of the Flora & Fauna Association following last year's talk by Brian Bainbridge

5. **Friends of Edwards Point**
   Contact was made with Friends of Edwards Point with the aim of working together to protect Swan Bay

6. **Gardens for Wildlife** (Report by Bob Fuller)

7. **Progress report on The Point** (Moremac) (Report by Greg Perry)

8. **Geelong Environment Council**
    SBEA has supported the proposal of GEC to protect the Wetlands on the Bellarine

9. **Insurances**
   Applications for grants highlighted the need for SBEA and QCIPN to have public liability insurance cover. After detailed comparison of policies it was decided to follow the cover taken out by Bellarine Catchment Network, join the umbrella organisation Farm Tree and Landcare Association, and have insurance within their policies.