

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Barwon Heads Association February 2014**

**Please Note:**  
**Our first meeting for 2014 will be a**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**“PEDESTRIAN SAFETY for BARWON HEADS”**  
**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm.**  
**Barwon Heads Hall**

**Members especially welcome.**

**Barwon Heads gets busier and busier but we have no pedestrian crossings. We are impacted by well-used arterial roads and the new bridge crossings have increased traffic and pedestrians. Yet despite our lobbying to VicRoads and CoGG for over a year nothing practical had been done. We are therefore calling a public meeting.**

We will be inviting, the Senior Citizens, Primary School, Opportunity Shop, Sustainability Group, and Trader's among others to attend. If you are concerned about, in particular, our elderly and our young pedestrians, please come and support us.

The CoGG will be sending a representative from Infrastructure Management to discuss the planned pedestrian crossing in Hitchcock Ave and Vic Roads will be sending their Acting Regional Manager to discuss what we are calling pedestrian “hot spots” in Bridge Rd. This is an opportunity to share concerns, and possible solutions and to give genuine community feedback.

**CoGG and The Community Concepts Submission Process**  
**207 submissions received with a combined value of some \$45.9 million.**

This is a new initiative by council to seek community input into their annual budget process. Community groups and organisations were invited to make submissions recommending priorities for capital works funding or support for community programs. These ‘community concepts’ will form part of the planning for the 2014-15 Budget. CoGG plan to announce the success of these community submissions on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 when the new budget is presented.

#### **Barwon Heads Association Response**

##### **1 Letter of Support for Jan Mitchell Bollard Restoration Project.**

The BHA was pleased to support this project, the creative brainchild of artist Kaz McGlynn, auspiced by Arts Access Victoria. As many of you will know the Jan Mitchell Barwon Heads Bollard Story started with the Primary School and is intrinsically connected to the local community. Unfortunately the Barwon Heads bollards have been allowed to rot and fade and so present a very neglected and shabby look.

We are particularly pleased to be supporting this project because during 2012 the Barwon Heads Association made contact with the CoGG through our local councillor

expressing our concern about the poor state of the bollards in the local streets. It is apparent from the responses we received that there has been no funding to maintain and restore them. Congratulations to Kaz and Arts Access for getting this idea together and for obtaining the essential support of the primary school principal and art staff. Hopefully students will enjoy a hands-on, self-expression 'job' of helping to restore the bollards and will develop a stronger connection to their community.

**2 Combined Barwon Heads Association and Barwon Heads Trader's Association.**

Submission Project Title, Hitchcock Ave-Completion of Street-scape Upgrade to Ozone Rd. Est. cost \$400,000.

**3 Barwon Heads Association Submission.** Project Title Completion of Footpath Upgrade – Barwon Heads Business Precinct. (Bridge Rd East and Hitchcock Ave to Ozone Rd) Est cost \$250,000.

**4 Barwon Heads Association Submission** Project Title The Western Gateway. (upgrade to the western entrance of town on the Barwon Heads Rd) \$25,000

But some questions come to mind. For example it seems rather silly to ask residents to cost complex capital works programs when the council employs experts to do just that. The following will have been asked at the 28<sup>th</sup> January Council Meeting and we will give the response at our 17<sup>th</sup> February meeting.

What are the normal council processes for budgeting and allocating funds for infrastructure development and its ongoing maintenance?

How does this new process influence the Capital Works Budget?

What is the role of the ward councilor in this new process?

**Hope to see you on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

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