

Barwon Heads Association

Monday 18th August 2014
Barwon Heads Community Hall 7.30pm

MINUTES

1 Welcome Chair Judith Brooks

2 Apologies. Marg Pocock, Sandy Gatehouse, Richard Hastings, Trish Clayton.
Attendees. Vicki Strachan, Brenda Miles, John Romeril, Paul Fox, Anthea Merewether, Ruth Lee, Julie Shaw, Geoffrey Waite, Kaz McGlynn.

3 Treasurer's Report. Currently \$2,400

4 Future of the old Kindergarten site in Clifford Pde.

Motion That the BHA strongly supports the old kindergarten site remaining as a community asset for community use. “

Moved John Romeril

Seconded Anthea Merewether

Since this motion had been discussed at the July meeting there was no extensive debate. As a resident of Clifford Pde John made it clear that he favoured keeping the asset rather than introducing a larger car park into the street which would markedly decrease the amenity of street residents. Secunder waived her right to speak.

The motion was passed unanimously.

5 Local petition. Vicki Strachan from the Barwon Heads Arts Council informed the meeting that she had had very positive responses from many of the traders and that petitions to support the retention of the kindergarten as a community asset were going into shops in town. She invited those present to sign the petition to be presented to council.

6 Open Spaces Strategy community consultation meeting conducted by CoGG.
Wednesday 13th August -report from Judith & Paul.

Community groups had been invited to attend workshops as community consultation facilitated by Clouston Associates. (last such review for CoGG 2001)

Twenty-five people went to an evening community consultation conducted by Clouston Associates on behalf of CoGG. (Clouston Associates are based in Sydney and are a multi-disciplinary practice, comprising landscape architecture, urban design, landscape planning, landscape ecology and horticulture skills.) Four of those who attended were from Barwon Heads (from BHA Judith Brooks, Paul Fox and Ruth Lee) and expressed their concern about the lack of proper planning legislation to protect parks from the opportunism of councils and politicians who manage them. The consultants aim to audit all public spaces in the City and suggest how better they can be managed. They are particularly interested in looking at the open spaces as a whole, increasing linking such spaces, providing more shade, and responding to the concerns of the community.

Motion That the BHA strongly supports the retention of public spaces in Barwon heads.

Moved Paul Fox

Seconded Geoffrey Waite

This motion was passed being strongly supported with one abstention.

Mover expressed his concern about the lack of proper planning legislation to protect parks from the opportunism of councils and politicians who manage them and said that such planning restrictions should be mandatory. Paul and Geoffrey expressed their concerns about the permanent alienation of public land from public use.

7 Mosquito spraying budget.

From Steve Sodomaco, Manager of Health and Local Laws, via our councilor, Andy Richards. Mosquito treatments are scheduled to commence this coming Monday (25/8) and will focus on the broad acre sites in the first instance with the view to preventing any wholesale spread of infestation to other sites.

8 Communication from Viki Shelton re 13th Beach Rd & corners on River Pde.

This is the reply from the council over our concerns regarding narrow corners on River Pde and Carr St. "On site assessment of vegetation impacts and vehicle movements has been undertaken. Seeking approval for minor trimming of vegetation. Warning chevrons at intersections proposed to be installed in next month." Note - no mention of widening the corners and creating proper shoulders to help the buses safely negotiate around them.

9 The BHA Pedestrian Safety Working group - will be meeting soon with engineers from VicRoads to further advance our consultations, especially regarding the Bridge Rd Hitchcock Ave roundabout. We hope to report back to the community within the next few months.

10 AGM Monday September 15th Committee positions Nomination forms.

11 Further business –no further business.

Next meeting : Monday 15 September 2014 7.30pm BH Hall

Meeting finished 8.15pm.