

**Barwon Heads Association**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014**  
**Barwon Heads Bowling Club 7:30pm**

**MINUTES**

1 Welcome Chair Judith Brooks

2 Apologies – The Hon Lisa Neville, (State member for Bellarine) Virginia Ronaldson, Diane Dower, Michael & Ginny Palmer, Bernard Napthine. John Burke.

Attendees – Brenda Miles, Sandy Gatehouse, Richard Hastings, Suzanne Brown, Glenn Kelly, Oscar Hoare, Trish Clayton, Geoffrey Waite, Ann Waite, Jeremy Gaylard, Paul Fox, Marg Pocock, Anthea Merewether, Ruth Lee, Brenda Reidy

3 ALP commitment of \$800,000 for traffic management and pedestrian safety in Barwon Heads.

The Chair reported that she had been in touch with both Lisa Neville's office and William Tieppo regional manager for VicRoads and that VicRoads has listed this work for Barwon Heads and is waiting for senior ministers to sign off on the expenditure.

The BHA is the recognized leader in this process and will be given the task of organizing the community consultation process with VicRoads early in 2015.

We will be in contact with VicRoads at the end of January to see if we can get something practical done for pedestrian safety by Easter 2015.

It was also recognized that Barwon Heads needs a review of the town's master plan, especially as further develop in the surrounding areas will continue to put more and more pressure on infrastructure and traffic management.

4 The success of the new pedestrian crossing in Hitchcock Ave.

There was general agreement that the crossing looks good and works well.

Residents have noticed that cars have slowed along the street and drivers are more aware of pedestrians generally.

5. Change of bus route.

Richard Hastings as our Public Transport liaison person reported that McHarry's buses would be changing their route to come north down Sheepwash Rd and turn right into Tait's Rd instead of going along River Pde. They would turn right into Carr St and follow the usual route.

5 Parking Audit planned.

This will tell us what parking is available and where it is. This is a first step in exploring resolutions to the parking issues. The town has lost parking in Ewing Blyth Drive, two spaces in Hitchcock Ave for the pedestrian crossing and possibly the parking in Colite Street. Discussions with the Trader's Association showed they were concerned that lack of parking in Barwon Heads is forcing locals to shop in

Ocean Grove. The meeting thought that other factors were also involved in such choices such as cheaper prices and more variety of goods available.  
The meeting agreed that a parking audit as a first step would be worthwhile.

7. Rates - Jeremy Gaylard & Geoffrey Waite have been researching rates and as we foreshadowed at our last meeting we will have an experienced property valuer to inform us on how councils value our properties and so our rates.

8. Meeting then went to some delicious nibbles and finger food and drinks from the bar. A special thank you to the Bowling Club for hosting us for this meeting.

**Next Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Barwon Heads Hall.**