

NEWSLETTER
Barwon Heads Association
March 2015

Next meeting
Monday 16th March 7.30pm BH Hall

Agenda

1 Further discussion arising from rate forum.

“What you always wanted to know about rates but were too afraid to ask.”

At our February meeting guest speaker Peter Hann senior valuer from Hann MacKenzie Associates delivered a clear and pragmatic presentation so members left with a much greater understanding of how properties are valued and the consequences of land value.

This presentation will be reviewed.

CoGG are of the opinion that they serve us well in both the cost of the rates and in the services offered. They say our rates have increased about the 4.5% mark for the last decade and that this is well below the state average of 6.5%. CoGG also believes that the funding of many day to day activities in Barwon Heads plus the recent investment in the ELC shows that they are providing adequate services.

**Do we accept that this is generally true for us?
Where do we go from here?**

**2 Further discussion arising from Wednesday 11th March
First Community Reference Group meeting with VicRoads.
(\$800,000 for pedestrian safety and traffic management)**

In attendance were Chair Mark Tonkin, Team Leader Road Safety and Traffic, David Farey Engineer and Janette Sato Communications from VicRoads. Jay Withanaarachchi Team Leader Traffic Planning represented CoGG.

Representing the community were Anita Yttrup from the Senior Citizens, Karen Weaver and Suzanne Brown from BH Sustainability Group, David Littleton and Bernard Napthine from the Trader's Association and Judith Brooks, Richard Hastings and Jeremy Gaylard from the BHA.

We will be reporting on this important meeting and the options which are emerging. Our expectation is that they will present their final options at a BHA meeting in either April or May.

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