

# Barwon Heads Association

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Barwon Heads Community Hall 7:30pm

## MINUTES

**Chair** Judith Brooks

**Apologies** Graeme Wallace Smith, Ann & Geoffrey Waite, Ruth Lee, John Romeril.

**Attendees** Jenny Wallace Smith, Brenda Miles, Sandy Gatehouse, Richard Hastings, Jeremy Gaylard, Anthea Merewether, Graeme & Karen Hall, Trish Clayton, Fay Connors, Art Mangelsdorf, John Burke.

1. **Treasurers report** – Treasurer absent
2. **Sustainability Group Presentation.** The Chair introduced members of the Barwon Heads Sustainability Group – John Burke, Faye Connors & Anthony Mangelsdorf. Anthony discussed the review of the Sustainability Plan for Barwon Heads and suggested we download from the internet [www.BHsustainability.org.au](http://www.BHsustainability.org.au). He told us that the present Review was funded by Bendigo Bank.

Ant outlined the community projects which the BHSC had instigated. Plastic bag free Barwon Heads, 1500 jute bags BH solar challenge (solar panels on community buildings) Stories and numbers – (stories etc on Barwon Heads) Greensteps BH – free energy & waste audits for local businesses.

He also outlined the Group projects, Pot-luck dinners, Green drinks, Clean up Australia Day. Ant explained that the Review Plan reflects input from a number of workshops, sought input from BHA on its projects and views, and acknowledged the contribution of the BHA which had focused on traffic & pedestrian amenity, achieved 50 speed limit, achieved pedestrian crossing in Hitchcock Ave, lobbying for pedestrian safety – money given for works to improve pedestrian amenity especially re the responsibility of VicRoads roads. The BHSC was very aware of transport issues and wanted to keep the community conversation open and running on this issue, – reduce through traffic; over use of 13<sup>th</sup> Beach; park & ride, public transport challenges, lobby for dual line from Waurn Ponds to Geelong, Rates – how do we get better value from our high rates Future use of Look at river and future of the river - Suggestion that contact Corangamite Catchment Authority re funding.Future – discussion about future 40k limit, car free Hitchcock Ave

John Burke thanked Ant for his skills and the Bendigo Bank for funding the project – we endorsed this. The Chair thanked Ant and the Sustainability Group for their presentation.

3. **Vic Roads & Pedestrian Safety Project** – Judith advised she has been in contact with Mark Tonkin Team Leader VicRoads re announcement by Lisa Neville of \$800,000 for pedestrian amenity in BH. Mark has sent a summary of suggestions

from Community group. Judith read e-mail from Vic Roads re success of the first Reference Group Meeting.

Action: review this information with BHA representatives – Judith, Richard, Jeremy, Graeme. Need to understand the budget timing and process and get back as soon as required. Give thought to inviting Mark to community reference group meeting.

**4. Pop-Up stores** Trish Clayton led this discussion of the pros and cons of pop up stores in Barwon Heads. Against - no overheads or payment of rates, they compete with local traders, don't support community. For - helped provide continuity on eastern side of street, added diversity during summer, enlivened the town, enables owner of land to pay expensive rates.

Trish updated meeting on process of licencing Food Vans get licence from local council, can use it in other municipalities with additional street vendors licence This is all totally legal, nothing to do with the council.

While there was some concern about the effects of pop-up shops on our local traders the meeting did not oppose them and saw that they added to the town during the holiday season.

**6 Dangerous corner.** Continued complaints about Carr St & Geelong Rd East dangerous corner; buses & trucks present a constant danger because they cut that corner when travelling west. Buses appear to have moved to Taits Rd, new bus route will go down Taits Rd. Action: Attend CoGG meeting and ask questions.

**7 Guest speaker for May.** Lisa Neville our local state member for Bellarine has accepted our invitation to attend the May meeting and Sarah Henderson may attend in July.

Meeting ends at 8:45pm  
Next meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>