

NEWSLETTER
Barwon Heads Association
September 2015

AGM
21st September 7.30
Senior Citizens Hall
Nomination forms for committee on our website.

Nominations for Committee close Friday
18th September.

Agenda

- 1 Reports from office bearers for 2014-15**
- 2 Update on Barwon Heads Pedestrian Safety Project.**

Indications from community response to date.

3 Dangerous footpaths

Representatives of the BHA Committee accompanied by residents John Romeril, Diane Dower, and Bonita Williams appeared before Council at its now monthly meeting (August 25th) to ask why CoGG is failing its responsibility to maintain safe footpaths in Barwon Heads. We also asked why, after two years of correspondence, there has been no action to rectify the dangerous corner of Geelong Rd East and Carr St. This corner is especially dangerous now we have large MrHarrys buses running both north and south. Council's response was almost word for word predictable, "it is part of their future plans depending on budget considerations."

Our August guest was Gary McPike General Manage
Barwon Coast Committee of Management

Gary shared his hands-on practical experience in community enterprises and his open and thoughtful approach to his new job. Gary reminded us that Barwon Coast is financially autonomous and relies on campers to pay for revenue to cover most of its costs. Current projects and priorities include developing a master plan for the Barwon Heads Football Netball Club; repair & rebuild of the Barwon Heads Seawall & Promenade; the redevelopment of the Surf Beach Complex at Ocean Grove; coastal erosion control (and in particular discussion of the destruction of the stairs at 31W "Cylinders" and the closure of the carpark.) Not an easy fix. Government has asked for a Coastal Hazard Assessment to be carried out prior to any work being carried out. BC is also undertaking a review and renewal of its Coastal Management Plan.

For further details of the Q& A session with Gary
please see our August Minutes available on our website.

The last item on our list of news is that after three years
as president I will be standing aside at our September AGM.

The last three years have been full of challenges and frustrations but also interest, excitement and satisfaction. A special thank you to the loyal and capable BHA committee and the many members who have given

their time and support to our cause over the last three years.
As the out-going President I wish the BHA all the best for the future.

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