

Barwon Heads Association

**Monday December 14th 2015
Barwon Heads Bowling Club 7:00pm**

MINUTES

1. Welcome by chair Sandy Gatehouse
2. Apologies – John Romeril, Geoffrey & Ann Waite, Brenda Miles, Sarah Jackson, Paul Fox, Jeremy Gaylard, Virginia Ronaldson, Michael & Ginny Palmer, Rob & Alex Keubler, Lisa Neville MP, Angelo Ferraro Vic Police.
3. Attendees – Sandy Gatehouse, Judith Brooks, Jenny Wallace Smith, Di Dower, Anthea Merewether, Marg Pockock, Bernard Naphine, Trish Clayton, Richard Hastings, Christine Shady, Steven Paterson, Brenda Reidy
4. Sandy updated meeting on the BHA's submission to the Victorian Electoral Commission re. the possible reorganization of the Geelong Council. Our submission is now on the website. She thanked members for their support and advised that a draft report will be published on Jan 20th for comment.
5. Bellarine Community Safety Group – Judith is representing the BHA on this Bellarine wide group. Group established by the Hon Lisa Neville & Assistant Commissioner for Police Tess Walsh. Has budget of \$30,000 as is aiming to reduce crime rates across the Bellarine by both conventional and innovative approaches. We are very happy to be invited and to represent Barwon Heads. BHA already improving our relationship with local police and invited Angelo Ferrara to our October meeting. We will continue this relationship in 2016. Neighbourhood Watch as an ongoing organization has fossilised, Judith suggested that existing community structures are used across the Bellarine. BHA willing to use its resources to support neighborhood watch in Barwon Heads.
6. Pedestrian Safety Project – Vic Roads has provided photos of plans for March. Available on our website. Looking good.
7. Discussion of traffic/parking issues, in Hitchcock Ave, Clifford Pde, Ozone Rd and Flinders Pde. We have been informed that imminent works on traffic calming and parking organization will be undertaken in Hitchcock, Ozone, Clifford, Flinders Pde. Bernard & Judith advised David Briggs (CoGG Traffic Engineer) has provided details. See

website for details. BHA & Traders have worked hard to get 40k for Hitchcock from Bridge Rd north to Ozone Rd.

8. Other matters

- a. Parking is disappearing with new developments, when requirement is obviously increasing.
- b. Defibrulators – map for Barwon Heads and length business/premises r available?
 - i. Service station
 - ii. BH Golf club
 - iii. 13th beach golf club
 - iv. Bowling Club
 - v. BH Hall
 - vi. Barwon Coast
 - vii. IGA?
- c. Renewables forum with BH Sustainability Group to be held April Meeting.2016
- d. Future of Bowling Club – lack of funding. Judith introduced the idea of BHA supporting a move to achieving the funds necessary for the BH Bowling Club to have a new clubhouse built in the park, with the proviso that this would not create a bigger building footprint in the park. A generally supportive response with further discussion to take place in the new year.
- e. Bernard informed meeting as per the BH Trader’s Association – decorative lighting program, some installed in 27 trees closer to mains power. Installed on 14th to 24th December . Xmas decorations have gone up – hard to see. Footpaths and streetscape – trying to get eastern side of Hitchcock Ave landscaped. Shuttle bus operating again this year. Cadel Evans Ride.
- f. Barwon Coast – update by Sandy Gatehouse
 - i. Sea wall close to completion. Top path wont be complete before Xmas – will be temporary pebbles and rail.
 - ii. Carnival not happening this year. Trying to identify new forms of family entertainment.
- g. Trish Clayton updated meeting
 - i. Facebook site gets huge support. She often mentions BHA and provides links. We really appreciate the role Trish plays in supporting BHA and Barwon Heads. THANKYOU.
 - ii. Whitfords has wishing tree

9. Marg Pockock congratulated Committee on good year and wished every one a Happy Xmas. She also thanked and acknowledged Trish Clayton Editor of “Talking Heads” for her support for her community, a support which often goes unrecognized.

10. Christmas cheer at the bar and refreshments followed.

Next meeting Feb 14th 2016 7.00pm Senior Citizens Centre