

# PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS MEETING – 7:00PM AT THE BARWON HEADS BOWLING CLUB

(please let us know if you need a lift)

## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Update VEC submission re City of Greater Geelong
3. Update from Judith re Bellarine Safety Project
4. Update on Barwon Heads Pedestrian Safety Project.
5. Discussion of traffic/parking issues at corner of Ozone & Hitchcock Ave
6. Other matters

## Preliminary submission to the Victorian Electoral Commission review of City of Greater Geelong

The BHA Committee has made a preliminary submission to the Victorian Electoral Commission review of City of Greater Geelong council structure which were due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We will have further opportunities to comment once the Commission publishes its interim report. Our submission is available on our website and on the VEC website. We sent our members and other contacts our draft submission and thank you for your support and comments.

We supported the following:

- a multi- councillor structure totaling 11 councillors;
- the division of the City of Greater Geelong into fewer but larger wards with a change of ward boundaries from the current 12 to 4 wards. 3x three-councillor wards 1x two-councillor ward;
- Barwon Heads joining a new Bellarine ward;
- an urgent review of the present system of election of the mayor.

We look forward to the preliminary report which we understand will be released on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, and to participating further in the discussion on the evolution of a “new” structure for the City of Greater Geelong. We anticipate that a new structure for representation will provide the basis for fair and equal representation and also enable a funding structure that ensures that ratepayers money is equally distributed.

## What’s happening with the Pedestrian Safety project?

The BHA Committee is pleased with the final plans of this project and commends the Steering Committee for its work throughout the various stages of the project’s

development.

At this stage no construction works will be conducted before the busy summer period to avoid disruption and the roadwork 'look' during summer.

To review photo montages of the proposed works see the BHA website at [www.barwonheadsassociation.com](http://www.barwonheadsassociation.com)

Great care has been in to have minimum disruption to the established street trees in Hitchcock Ave opposite the new Mangroves Fish & Chips as requested in the public consultation.

## Traffic Management in Flinders Pde and Ozone Rd.

In conjunction with VicRoads, Council has plans for possible short term and then permanent improvements for LATM works in Flinders Pde and Ozone Roads. This is to stop cars using these streets as “rat runs” much to the concern of the residents of those streets.

These plans involve detailing parking bays, not only to help parking, but narrow the streets so traffic will slow. It also envisages possible speed humps at the intersection of Ozone Rd & Seaview Ave, North end of Flinders Pde and midway along Flinders Pde near Challis Ln. A pedestrian refuge island may be installed at this location if arrangements can be made for a suitable footpath on the east side.

These plans also involve an extension to the 40kph speed limit in Hitchcock Ave down to Ozone Rd and time limited parking for northern end of retail precinct.

Please note the BHA had been assured that there will be proper consultation via local residents and the Project Steering Committee regarding these changes. The BHA website has a more detailed report from CoGG Traffic Engineer David Briggs for your further information. We plan to respond to David after this Monday's meeting.

## The newly formed Bellarine Community Safety Group.

Along with other community associations from Portarlington, Point Lonsdale, Queenscliff, St Leonards, Indented Heads, Ocean Grove and Drysdale, BHA has been asked to represent the Barwon Heads community on this newly formed group. It is chaired by The Hon Lisa Neville our state MP and co-chaired by Tess Walsh Assistant Commissioner, Western Region Victoria Police.

The primary purpose of the group is to develop community crime prevention strategies to address perceptions of community safety through communication and engagement with local police. It will work on crime prevention strategies to assist with specific crime types in particular areas and peak times. Further details will be discussed at our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Community Safety – please remember

- Please lock your houses & cars.
- Don't leave your car keys sitting around.
- Call 000 if you are concerned.
- Pick up a Victoria Police Residential Information Kit from the Ocean Grove Police Station.
- Invite the police to talk to your schools, clubs and groups.
- Be very aware.

## Dates for your diary

We meet on the third Monday of each month unless we advise of a different date

No meeting January

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Bellarine for Refugees guest speaker; discussion of Neighborhood watch

March 21<sup>st</sup> - TBA

**Barwon heads choir Xmas concert 6:30 pm Sunday 20th Dec in hall**

## Happy and safe Christmas if we don't see you on the 14th December

Please contact us, get an update on BHA activities, rejoin, or just browse through our website go to [www.barwonheadsassociation.com](http://www.barwonheadsassociation.com)