

Barwon Heads Association

Monday 18th April
Senior Citizens Centre 7:00pm

MINUTES

Chair Sandy Gatehouse.

Apologies – Sarah Jackson, Geoffrey Waite, Ann Waite

Attendees – Committee: Judith Brooks, Paul Fox, Jeremy Gaylard, Richard Hastings, Steve Paterson, and Barbara Ashby, Bronwyn Wilson, John Romeril, Jenny Wallace Smith, Wendy Tuechler, Leo Mithen, Virginai Ronaldson, Janet Paisley, Heather McCarthy, David Littleton, Jeanette Bell, Cathie Haiilday, David Halliday, Margaret Griffith, Austin Paterson, Faye Connors, Carol Richardson, John Bourke

1. BHA business

- a. Fund Raising – Sandy advised that for the first time in a long while the Committee is seeking donations from members to enable it to seek professional advice on planning matters
- b. Objection to 9 Bridge Rd development – Sandy advised that this matter is still open for objections and that research is taking place into the historical value of the old house on the site
- c. Managing residential development advisory committee – the Committee will be presenting to the Taskforce on the 19th of May and are seeking professional advice
- d. Removal of vegetation and use of bushfire exemption by developers – this remains a matter of significant concern

2. BARWON HEADS SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

John Bourke introduced the Community Plan:

- **Builds on the Community Plan for a Sustainable Barwon Heads** developed in 2013 – but this was a document largely for the Sustainability Group (a sub-group of the Community Arts Garden). With the assistance of the Bendigo Bank, Ant Mangelsdorf was able to go much broader to engage other organisations and to encourage a broader community ownership.
- **The intention of this activity is:**
 - to recognise and celebrate the range of activities already existing and the organisations involved;
 - to gain recognition and support for projects, including identifying and beginning to develop new projects
- “Priority Projects”, generally involving multiple groups that have developed or been established through this process

“Priority Projects” already happening – brief overviews

- **Seeking Refuge** – Austin Patterson gave an overview of the work of the Bellarine Refuges group and the project that they fund to assist refugees complete the very complex forms. Austin spoke at an earlier meeting of the BHA
- **Plastic Bag Free Barwon Heads/Ocean Grove** – Faye Connors gave an update of the project. There was strong support for this project and endeavours to further reduce the use of plastic bags in Barwon Heads.
- **Community solar** – Faye Connors talked about projects with community groups to install solar. For example there is now solar on the community hall, and there is a strong partnership formed with the Barwon Heads Primary School to install solar panels.
- **Barwon Estuary Project** – Margaret Griffith talked about this wonderful project which is designed to encourage much stronger knowledge of the Barwon Estuary and to record it in various ways. We will invite Margaret back to talk about the project in more detail

Possible Projects – discussion

- **Pedestrian Safety** – Judith Brooks (Treat as a component of Urban Design Strategy?)
- **Urban Design Strategy** – Kim Irons/John Burke/ BHA to participate
- **Great Ideas Forums** – Renewable Energy (Judith Brooks), Climate Change (Jon Duthie)

Meeting ended. 8.30pm.

Next meeting Monday 16th May 7:00pm Senior Citizens Centre