

**Barwon Heads Association**  
**Monday August 15th 2016**  
**Senior Citizens Centre 7:00pm**

**MINUTES**

1. Chair Vice-president Jeremy Gaylard
2. Attendees: BHA Committee and 65 members and residents.
3. Apologies – Lisa Neville MP, Sandy Gatehouse, Sarah Jackson, Noel Calvert, Jan Anderson, Jane Vinecombe and Sue Cass.
4. Treasurer's / Membership Report: Geoffrey Waite reported that 115 members had renewed their membership.. Bank Balance at 15<sup>th</sup> August \$2,400  
Treasurer's Report Accepted.
5. Activities reports & questions arising

5.1 Save Barwon Heads Alliance – Steve Wickham and Gabriel Nagel from the SBHA Executive and Ross Harrison. At the invitation of the BHA Committee this group explained their organization, aims and future plans to harness community support to retain the town boundary. They argued that any opening of current farm land to the north and south of the Barwon Heads-Geelong Rd for housing estates would place enormous pressure on infrastructure, life-style and the environment. As Steve explained holding the current boundary and the green wedges between us and Geelong will again need widespread community support and organization.

5.2 BHA Committee 100 person jury for Geelong Judith Brooks  
On behalf of the BHA Judith attended an information session run by newDemocracy employed by the state government to form a 100 person jury to which will give an opinion on how they think the community should to be represented by a future council, including the idea of an elected major and deputy mayor. This jury will be randomly selected but highly representational in terms of gender, age and socio-economic background. They will meet over a three day period and present their report to the Minister for Local Government on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Depending on the minister's response this process may override the work done by the Victorian Electoral Commission covering much the same ground. Since the jury can hear submission from local groups this may be an opportunity to bring up unexplored ideas such as a separate Bellarine Council.

5.3 Community Safety – Geoffrey Waite  
Geoffrey is a BHA representative on the Bellarine Safety Community Group formed under the auspices of the local member and Minister for Police, Lisa Neville. The message from police is simple. Please lock your cars, houses and garages, don't make things easy for thieves. Traders could consider

leaving the empty cash draw in the front window. Also make sure your car keys are hidden away as many thieves are after the car. This group meets on August 19<sup>th</sup> and Geoffrey will report back to our September meeting.

5.4 Pedestrian Safety Project – Richard Hastings After six steering committee meetings and two detailed community consultations Vic Roads has commenced construction of the pedestrian crossings in the township. Disruptions are expected as the work progresses but the outcome will be a welcome facility for pedestrian and cycling safety.

5.5 BHA Committee GoGG & airport Judith Brooks Representatives of 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Resort and BHA met with CoGG representatives to see if communication could be established between 13<sup>th</sup> Beach residents and the airport. This is regarding the noise from aircraft as they take off and approach the Barwon Heads airport. This has been a concern for residents of 13<sup>th</sup> Beach for a number of years and remains unresolved. The parachute jump landing area is adjacent to the Barwon Heads-Geelong Road and has been reported as a distraction to drivers.

6 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race on Australia Day weekend 27-29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

“..we are pleased to confirm the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race has been successful in securing a place on the coveted Union Cycliste Internationale World Tour racing calendar from 2017 – 2019. In just its third year, the 174km men’s one-day classic has reached the pinnacle of road cycling.” Website.

Heather McCarthy and Ross Harrison spoke about their concerns of the effect on retail businesses by the road closures over three days for this event, especially as it was now to occur on the last busy weekend of trading of the summer period. In particular they were aggrieved that the organisers of the race hadn’t thought it necessary to consult with businesses and community groups which may be affected. This would include surfers having little or no access to parking, holiday makers and day-trippers would be restricted by roads into and out of Barwon Heads being closed for long periods on 3 consecutive days.

7 General discussion:

Emphasis on Barwon Heads Structure Plan 2010 review/update.

CoGG have provided Project Bulletin #1, Barwon Heads structure plan update 2016. The document was handed to all meeting attendees.

While there were several speakers for maintaining the present boundary, there were none advocating a more expansionist approach. Carol Richardson emphasized environmental concerns and the importance of the drainage system attached to the Ramsar wetlands and how housing development can have the affect of increasing the salinity ground water in this region.

Geoffrey Waite spoke on the Structure Plan history and recommended that members read the documents available on the BHA website.

## 8 Further business

8.1 Judith informed the meeting that the CoGG Administrators had supported a CoGG report regarding No 9 Bridge Road being placed on the Heritage Register. This was an excellent outcome and it is now up to the Minister of Planning Richard Wynne to review this request.

8.2 Motion: "That to ensure the Barwon Heads community has confidence in the Barwon Heads Structure Review, that the Barwon Heads Association write to the minister for Planning, Mr Richard Wynne to review and investigate the position of City Of Greater Geelong Administrator, Peter Dorling for a perceived conflict of interest in his role on the current Barwon Heads Structure review and relationship with the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Ltd, this in part relates to his submission for the Committee for Geelong 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 to the state planning panel supporting the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Ltd on planning CGZ (commercial growth zone) and his media release for the committee for Geelong in the Geelong Independent 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009, publicly chastising the City of Greater Geelong for failing to support the CGZ (commercial growth zone) and jeopardizing the Stage C development to build a sthird 18 hole golf course, 2 golf club house, a well-being Centre and Day spa, an indoor pool, a gymnasium and massage facilities and accommodation. Peter Dorling is currently a resident of the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach estate and member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Club, of which he has been a keen advocate publicly, re. Oates Victorian Open tournament, so in summation, any matters dealing with the Barwon Heads Structure plan inclusive of town boundaries, 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Ltd and his residency at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach would seem contrary to good corporate governance and potentially realise a conflict of interest. "

Moved Ross Harrison Seconded Wendy Jordon

Ross spoke in support of his motion based on premise that the BH community should have confidence in the both the process and personnel involved in the review of the Structure Plan. The motion was passed.

Chair thanked the many people who had attended and reminded them of the coming September meeting.

**Meeting closed 8.30pm**

**Next meeting : 2016 Annual General Meeting Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>  
7.00pm Senior Citizens Centre Guest speaker Hon Lisa Neville MP.**