

**Barwon Heads Association
Monday 18th July 7:00pm
Senior Citizens Centre**

Minutes

Chair: Sandy Gatehouse

Apologies:

Richard Hastings, Sarah Jackson, Virginia Ronaldson, Carol Richardson, Marg Pocock, Michael Tucker, Warwick Manderson, Trish Clayton

Attendees:

Committee - Sandy Gatehouse, Jeremy Gaylard, Geoffrey Waite, Judith Brooks, Steve Paterson, Paul Fox,
Members – Ross Harrison, Stephen Wickham, Gabrielle Nagle, Katrina Cole, Heather McCarthy, Peter Oakley, Janet Paisley, John Romeril, Colin Bridges, Mandy Bridges, Michael Rhook, Don Blackmore, Jane Vinecombe, Liz Cromwell, Stephen Kay, Peter Motteram, Bronwyn Motteram, Michael Palmer, Graeme Wallace-Smith, Jenny Wallace-Smith, Melissa Dallinger

1. The Barwon Heads Structure Plan Review – WHAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME AND ENSURE THAT THE RESULT IS IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS.

- a. **Stephen Wickham Chair & Gabrielle Nagle Secretary of the Save Barwon Heads Alliance** talked about the 3 year process culminating in the 2010 Structure Plan and the discussion about the boundary extension. At the time the McCaffee development advocated for extension of the boundary to trun farmland into 250-300 house blocks. Council officers objectively assessed the situation and did not support the town boundary being moved. Over 1000 local residents involved with senior barristers representing SBHA. It appears that the re-zoning of the northern farmland along with the McCaffe land is now being discussed as part of this structure plan review. Look for car stickers, Facebook site, website as the social media communication process gets underway. In 2009 LaTrobe Uni and Environmental Surveys P/L completed a detailed ecological study of Murtnaghurt Lagoon area, con firming the again the high value of this environment.
- b. Sandy & Geoffrey talked about the role of the BHA which is a whole of town focus. Our role also goes back to 2000.
- c. The principals set out in the Barwon Heads Urban Design Framework (2003) remain relevant today.

2. Update on 9 Bridge Rd application for development and heritage matters.

The BHA funded heritage evaluation report has been peer reviewed resulting in a strengthen case for heritage protection. The CoGG have recommended an interim protection order be applied for. The COGG administrators will consider the recommendation on the 26 July.

Ross Harrison's work is to be commended.

3. **Current planning applications in Barwon Heads** – We are now seeing a significant increase in the planning applications in Barwon Heads. We are getting lots of calls from concerned residents regarding planning applications for significant developments in their vicinity. We are encouraging residents to seek professional advice, as it is not possible for the BHA to be involved in all of these objections.

- a. **The application for a retrospective permit for 16-17 Warrenbeen Crt. The meeting approved the following motion. Moved Judith Brooks Seconded Paul Fox**

“That this meeting rejects the notion of retrospective planning applications especially the proposed variation of a restrictive covenant. This makes a mockery of the intent and purpose of the Planning Regulations.”

4. **Safety and security in Barwon Heads**

- a. Bellarine community register (encourage members to register)
 - b. Barwon Heads Neighbourhood Watch.
 - c. Bellarine Safety Committee. JB / GW attend.

5. **Discussion of issues which we should identify to Lisa Neville in anticipation of her attendance at our August meeting.**

- a. The review of the Barwon Heads Structure Plan 2010.
 - b. Native vegetation protection in Barwon Heads
 - c. Traffic management.
 - d. newDemocracy and the 100 person jury planned for CoGG.
 - e. Change of date for Cadel race to Australia Day weekend.

6. **“New Democracy foundation” and CoGG.**

Paul Fox noted that the Minister for Local Government is supporting the organization ‘new Democracy foundation’ which would select a Citizens Jury of 100 people to influence what happens to the CoGG in immediate future, since the councillors were sacked. The process of selection, legitimacy and status of the ‘citizens jury’ are unclear. Information session 3/8/16 Judith will attend.

- a. **A Citizens' Jury** will be asked to consider how the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors are elected, the number of councillors required and how the representative structure may look. The municipality could be structured as one ward or divided into multiple wards. The wards could be multi-member or single member. The State Government has engaged an independent company, New Democracy Foundation, to establish the Citizens' Jury of 100 people, from around Geelong. This is a new form of deliberative democracy that brings together representative, random samples of citizens to discuss possible approaches and solutions. This was discussed and concern expressed at the process.

The members expressed considerable concern at this development.

7. Any other items of interest to members

- a. Pedestrian safety project – construction of pedestrian crossing has commenced.** The location of a crossing in Flinders Pde, right on the corner, with vehicles exiting the round about is of concern. Apparently there will be no flashing amber lights at this location.
- b. Signage in Flinders Pde –** Michael Palmer advised his request for 'childrens play ground' (or the like) signs facing Nth has been acknowledged by CoGG.
- c. Shelters at new bus stops –** federal govt. funded accessible bus stops, but apparently there is no funding for shelters.
- d. Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Bike Race-** is on Friday 27 Jan 2017 which coincides with the long Australia Day weekend and the biggest trading weekend for Barwon Heads. The bike race does nothing for local businesses and will cost local businesses significantly as it did in 2016. It is not the right weekend for a shut down and will make it very difficult for all businesses and visitors.
There was no consultation with BHA or BH Traders Association prior to the date being announced. This is not satisfactory.

Meeting closed at 8:30

Next meeting Monday 15th August. Guest speaker The Hon Lisa Neville MP Bellarine.