

**Barwon Heads Association
Monday 17th October 7:00pm
Senior Citizens Centre**

Minutes

**Chair: Sandy Gatehouse
Apologies: Jane Vincomb.**

Attendees (over 50 people attended)

Police - We welcomed Inspector Graham Banks Local Area Commander Geelong and Senior Sergeant Shane Madigan Station Commander Bellarine Police Station. They stressed that crime on the Bellarine has reduced over the past year, but the number of car thefts and home invasions had increased. Of cars stolen, 70% have the keys in the ignition, and many in unlocked garages. They talked about the strength of our community and their observation that we obviously care for our community. The Police are working with the community to be more vigilant, including community groups like ours, the schools, CFA and Council.

Call 000 with any concerns and immediate issues; call Crime Stoppers for crime information 1800 333 000. Don't sit on information.

Other matters discussed included the hazard of cyclists on unlit bikes at night; the negative impact of drug use and policing of speed through the town.

Shane confirmed that the Police and CFA would not be supporting the traditional midnight fire works on New Years Eve on the Bellarine, and that this decision has been conveyed to Barwon Coast. They have suggested fireworks at 10:00pm with a focus on family and friends enjoying the show.

We also welcomed Gail Rodgers the Chairperson of the Bellarine Community Support Register Inc. She explained the register is open to all residents, but especially encourage those living alone to register. The following information is collected medical information, medications, emergency contacts, location of key safe (with code), pets you might have and their care requirements. We encourage all Barwon Heads residents to investigate on www.bellarineregister.org.au or call 52553968.

We are lucky to have a very good relationship with the Police and the BHA are also members of the Bellarine Community Safety Group convened by Lisa Neville. We thanked Graham and Shane for their interest in our community and the informative discussion.

Barwon Heads Structure Plan – we discussed this and agreed to reconvene for group discussions the following Monday 24th October. The chair encouraged all our members to participate in the workshops that CoGG have organised.

We encouraged all to Read the Issues Paper Summary or the more detailed Issues Paper that is available on the CoGG website visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/council/yoursay.

Complete the online form or submit a written response to:

planningstrategy@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or

Planning Strategy, City of Greater Geelong, PO Box 104, Geelong VIC 3220 or

at Planning Strategy, 100 Brougham Street, Geelong; or seek information from The Ocean Grove Customer Service Centre, corner Presidents Avenue and The Avenue, Ocean Grove

How do we go forward with this?

- Please participate
- Consider the conservation and heritage values and our wonderful natural resources
- What do we have to do to encourage good urban design
- How do we incorporate design considerations that positively impact on the health and well being of the community
- Create a sustainable community
- Protect the village character of the town
- Protect the natural environment and assets
- Foster the community's sense of ownership and pride
- Support the health and wellbeing of the community
- Establish a sound policy basis to enable Barwon Heads to respond to and adapt to the impacts of

climate change.

For your information we will publish our draft submission and a completed questionnaire on our website by 3 Nov. Submissions are due 10th November.

Other updates

9 Bridge Road development. – there is now an interim order protecting this property until December 2017. The process for permanent protection is underway.

Pedestrian Safety Project - this is now completed. We urge drivers to stop at the pedestrian crossings – this is a legal requirement. Thank you to all who participated, hopefully Barwon Heads is now a safer place.

Thank you to our members and a big welcome to all our new members. The on-going support of our community is much appreciated.

Next meeting: Monday November 21st 7:00pm at the Senior Citizens Centre Clifford Pde You can reach us via www.barwonheadsassociation.com