

AGENDA FOR BHA MEETING

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON THE 15TH MAY 7:00PM
AT OUR OLD HOME THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE IN CLIFFORD
PARADE**

1. Closure of Barwon Heads Library
2. Process for review Barwon Heads Structure Plan
3. City of Greater Geelong boundaries – options for discussion
4. Update Amendment C354 – 9 Bridge Rd
5. Update on Barwon Heads Drain
6. Update on Traffic matters
7. Other matters

OUR FUTURE

The Our Future forum in Geelong on Saturday saw a gathering of “Geelong’s Finest”, and a few of us. The purpose of the assembly was to create the most appropriate vision for Greater Geelong. Interesting the scenario that had the most support was

A CLEVER AND CREATIVE CITY-REGION

“Clever and creative city-regions address their challenges by avoiding a business-as-usual approach to problem solving, and adapt to global shifts so they continue to thrive economically, culturally and socially”.

So with this in mind we will be talking about a range of City of Greater Geelong issues at our May meeting. We will continue to debate with them and will encourage them away from their traditional flat earth approach. We expect CoGG to support and enable us to continue to grow and thrive as a happy and healthy coastal community with innovative ways to enable us to grow. We expect them to consult with us about changes and give us opportunities to participate. We expect them to follow their own goals and objectives and the numerous plans they publish.

UPDATE ON ISSUES

CLOSURE OF THE BARWON HEADS LIBRARY

As many of you are aware we are involved with many others in the community to identify our needs and lobby for a better library service. It is clear that the Council is determined to close the Barwon Heads library. The Council is trying to organise a meeting to discuss transition options – maybe we want to discuss more than that. Their approach has been extraordinary and many consider that the Council is getting close to the test for unreasonableness. 'Is is so unreasonable that no reasonable person would ever have come to

it?'

They have let the library service run down, which in is also unreasonable.

“\$58,000 is the total annual running cost for public library services provided 13 hours per week from the Barwon Heads Primary School (including customer service and preschool storytime once a week) and is made up of \$42,329 in salaries (including on costs) and \$16,400 for communications (technology, photocopying, internet access).

Please note. These costs do not include the running of the school library. The Barwon Heads Primary school has a designated teacher-librarian maintains its own library collection."

As expected, the bulk of this cost is salaries. Given they are retaining staff, the true saving of the closure is extremely minimal - \$16,400. The savings to Council are \$58,000

We will have a more robust discussion on Monday night.

There is a petition to sign which we will have at the meeting, and it is available on our website if you want to print it and get people to sign.

We have lots of signatures which is great – need thousands to be really effective.

STRUCTURE PLAN - BHA meeting on June 19th will discuss the Plan in detail.

In the meantime please read The DRAFT PLAN which will be available for download from the CoGG website from 23 May. We will be able to make a submission on the updated Structure Plan and new planning controls. YCoGG will also be holding a 'drop-in' information session on Wednesday 7th June 2017. The drop in session will be held at: Barwon Heads Uniting Church Hall 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Information about the Structure Plan is available

<http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/strategicplanning/documents/item/8d3c1f4e90c7c5b.aspx>

WARD BOUNDARIES FOR NEW GEELONG COUNCIL

VEC has published 2 options for proposed electoral boundaries for Geelong Council. The two options for the Bellarine Ward would work, but we are uncertain of the whether the inclusion of the Moolap Salt works redevelopment isn't a diversion from broader Bellarine issues. We are keen to

support a new council that has wards that create a sense of belonging and ownership for voters, enabling elected Councillors to effectively represent their communities. If the wards are too diverse the work load on Councillors becomes too hard and the quality of representation suffers.

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/reviews/greatergeelongesc.html>

9 BRIDGE RD - AMENDMENT C354

The Council Administrators will consider an officer's report at the 23 May 2017 meeting and will decide whether the amendment should be adopted. The Council meeting agenda will be published on 12 May 2017.

OXONE RD DRAIN

We continue to liaise and feel like we are banging our heads against the 'drain wall'.

BARWON HEADS TRAFFIC MATTERS

Hopefully we will have an update from Vicky Shelton CoGG