



## Minutes BHA meeting

17<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm at the senior citizens centre

Apologies: Judith Brooks, Jeremy Gaylard, Michael Palmer, Steve Paterson, Sarah Jackson

Attendees: (25 counted on a cold winters night)

Committee – Sandy Gatehouse, Geoffrey Waite, Richard Hastings, Colin Bridges, Paul Fox

Members – Peter Oakley, Ann Waite, Di Dower, John Romeril, John Nolan, Wendy Amor, Peta Hocking, Anthea Merewether, Noel Calvert, Heather McCarthy, Lyle Allan, Jenny Wallace Smith, Mandy Bridges, Karen Firth, Maurice Alexander, Jenny McKeller, Bill McKeller

### Update on current matters:

1. Structure Plan – update Sandy Gatehouse. BHA submission on our website. Council report with recommendations scheduled for the August Council meeting. Sandy told the meeting that we have put in a strong submission to protect the coastal village. This might be interpreted as a conflict with the Save Barwon Heads Alliance, which appears to be strongly promoting higher density development in the village.
2. Library – update Mandy Bridges & Karen Firth. Library will be open until June next year. Further engagement planned/scheduled with Administrators, Politicians, School and community. Reminded all to join.
3. Old kindergarten Clifford Pde – update Sandy Gatehouse Barwon Heads Arts Council and Senior Citizens planning further discussions with CoGG. John Romeril gave an update for the Senior Citizens AGM, and the keenness to take over the kindergarten and provide improved community amenities.
4. Bellarine Ward – CoGG elections – update Sandy Gatehouse. Map of ward boundaries circulated with explanation of proportional voting. All need to be prepared for Council elections in October. Also referred to recent meeting of other Community Associations on the Bellarine hosted by BHA and Portarlington. Good get together and sharing of ideas.
5. Planning Objections
  - Submitted 66 – 68 Hitchcock Ave; all review and advise whether we need

- to say more
  - 135 TAITTS RD (waiting further advice)
  - 9 Bridge Rd still alive in VCAT
  - 4 BRIDGE RD (not advertised), significant concern about scale
6. The Oxone Rd drain, John Nolan updated the meeting. He and Ross Middleton – both well qualified water engineers will be meeting CoGG engineers to further discuss plans to build drain into the river. We are very lucky to have such qualified representatives asking questions on behalf of the community. We will attach notes of the meeting with these minutes. Questions they plan to ask:
- R they extending catchment area
  - What is the reason for upgrading the outfall from 750 to 1.6m
  - Potentially water quality could be improved, but currently no water quality monitoring so how do we know the impact of the changes
  - High water table in Barwon Heads, has this been considered.
7. Safety
- Bellarine Safety Group update from Geoffrey
  - Concern about increase in number of cars stolen in Barwon Heads and recent burglaries
  - Concern that houses and cars unlocked
  - CCTV cameras being funded by Federal funds
  - Discussion on streetlights
8. Barwon Heads Traders
- Bernard Naphine advised that the Barwon Heads Traders and Tourism Association have now been voluntarily wound up. \$1,200 paid to Barwon Coast as one off payment for fireworks and shuttle bus. Remaining funds will be donated to the BHA. Thank you to BHA for relationship and cooperation. Have always worked together to find a solution.
  - Sandy thanked Bernard and David and encouraged them to attend our meetings and share ideas. We will organise celebratory drinks.
9. New items which have come to our attention
- Social Infrastructure Plan 2014 – 2031, update Colin Bridges.
  - The Greater Geelong Draft Municipal Heritage Strategy 2017-2021 will provide a framework for Council on heritage matters within the organisation and the broader community. (Comments close 21<sup>st</sup> July)
  - Community Engagement Plan, published in July CoGG Agenda.

Meeting closed at 8:45