



Spring is here, enjoy. This newsletter is an update on current matters and includes the agenda for the AGM on 18th of September. CoGG Administrator Peter Dorling has agreed to be our guest speaker.

Planning

Some of you objected to the applications which were heard by a Development Hearings Panel Meeting on 7 September 2017. The BHA also objected to both of these developments. Colin Bridges represented the BHA.

135 Taits Road, BARWON HEADS

Proposal: Use and Development of the Land for Boat and Caravan Storage and Store (Self Storage), Removal of Native Vegetation and a Waiver of the Loading/Unloading Requirements of Clause 52.07

50 objections were received by Council. The Panel decided to refuse a permit on several grounds including:

1. The proposal is inconsistent with the purpose and guidelines of the Farming Zone. It seeks to introduce Warehouse activities that are not consistent with adjoining or nearby land uses, does not support or enhance agriculture and will be visually intrusive and inconsistent with the character of the area.
2. The proposed warehouse type use in a farmed rural landscape setting outside the settlement boundary does not accord with the Barwon Heads Structure Plan 2010 (and recently adopted August 2017 updated plan).

66 & 68 Hitchcock Avenue, BARWON HEADS

Proposal: Buildings and Works Associated with the Construction of Four (4) Shops, Eight (8) Apartments, Change of Use to Commercial, Partial Reduction of Carparking and Waiving of Loading Bay Requirements

14 objections were received by Council

The Panel decided to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the proposed use subject to a number of minor amendments to the building plans, storm-water drainage and waste management.

BHA's submissions to the panel concentrated on the waiver of the statutory requirement for 8 visitor/customer carparks and loading bay, the effect of the size and bulk of the partly 3 storey residential apartments and the planned facade including a pergola over the footpath on the streetscape and existing character, lack of waste bin storage space and loss of further vegetation.

New Planning Applications

A new application has been made for 77 Hitchcock Avenue for construction of 3 shops and 5 apartments including a waiver of the statutory requirement of 5 car parking spaces.

A further application is anticipated for 64 Hitchcock Avenue.

Barwon Heads Structure Plan

We thank the Planners at CoGG for a very comprehensive review and for listening in the main to our community with patience and respect. We are amazed that there is criticism that the process of consultation is inadequate.

Council adopted the Barwon Heads Structure Plan at its meeting on 22 August. The Council report, a full version of the Structure Plan and a summary of engagement is available on the Council's website:

www.GeelongAustralia.com.au 'Barwon Heads Structure Plan Update'.

The next step will be a planning scheme amendment. This will incorporate the Structure Plan and planning

controls into the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme and give it statutory weight for development applications. The community will have the opportunity to make a formal submission when the Structure Plan is exhibited later in 2017. We don't have a time for this yet, but are hopeful it is not in December/January.

We are so sad that there has been significant damage to the coastal character of Barwon Heads, by ad hoc, greedy developments, which show no respect for Barwon Heads, the neighbourhood and the environment. We hope the new plan and the revision of zones with more sympathetic overlays will provide better protection of our amenity and coastal environment.

If you want to build a one size fits all town house development there are plenty of opportunities elsewhere. Come here to be innovative and clever.

Barwon Heads Community Library

Now that our library has been saved it was decided that there would be benefit in becoming an incorporated body with the name Friends of Barwon Heads Community Library. Karen Firth is the inaugural President. The group will work to protect and grow the library. New members are needed. There have been very positive discussions with the Geelong Regional Library Corporation and the school. Some new signage has already been provided by the Library and is on display in Golf Links Road when the library is open. PLEASE JOIN – WE NEED 400 NEW AND ACTIVE MEMBERS.

You can contact the Friends group at barwonheadscommunitylibrary@outlook.com

Council Elections October 2017 Bellarine Ward – Are You Going To Stand? So in the context of the above we are looking forward to meeting the candidates for Bellarine in the forthcoming Council elections. We continue to meet with other community associations across the Bellarine and we are organizing forums for candidates across the Bellarine. Please diarise and participate. The closest forum for Barwon Heads will be held on the 11th October at the Bowling Club at Ocean Grove. We are coordinating this with Ocean Grove, Breamlea and Point Lonsdale (the Geelong part).

Hopefully we have a quality field of candidates.

MEET THE CANDIDATE EVENTS

Tuesday 3 Oct Leopold Sportsmen Club 7.00 pm
Saturday 7 Oct Portarlington Parks Hall 10.00 am
Wednesday 11 Oct Ocean Grove Bowling Club 7.00 pm
Wednesday 18 Oct Drysdale Potato Shed 7.00 pm

KEY VOTING DATES

Thursday 21 September Nominations open
Tuesday 26 September Nominations close 12 noon
Tuesday 10 – Thursday 12 October Mail out of ballot packs to voters
Friday 27 October Voting closes 6.00pm
Saturday 28 October Election day
Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November Postal vote receipt period
Friday 10 November Election declared by this date

**BHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 18th September 2017
Barwon Heads Senior Citizens Centre
7:00PM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Apologies –
3. Motion: That the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016 be accepted. Moved/ seconded.
4. Annual reports
 - President
 - Motion: That the President's report be accepted. Moved/seconded.
 - Treasurer
 - Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Move/ seconded
5. Election of Office Bearers for BHA committee for 2017/2018
Nominations received:
President –
Vice-President –
Treasurer –
Secretary –
Committee –

Motion. That these nominations be approved. Moved /seconded
6. Nomination of Secretary as Public Officer – Moved/seconded.
7. Welcome Peter Dorling Administrator City of Greater Geelong as our guest speaker

Nomination papers are available on the website.

Return form to Barwon Heads Post Office

**IN ENVELOPE addressed to - Returning Officer BHA by close of business Thursday
September 14th 2017 or email the form to Sarah Jackson wjackson2@bigpond.com by close of
business on the 14th September**

BHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE. FORMS ON WEBSITE; AT THE BARWON HEADS POST OFFICE AND STARFISH, THERE WILL ALSO BE RENEWAL FORMS AT THE AGM. THANKYOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE RENEWED SO QUICKLY. NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.

Sandy Gatehouse - On behalf of the BHA Committee