

NEWSLETTER
Barwon Heads Association December 2013

Our Christmas Drinks meeting
This Monday 16th December 7.30pm at the Hall.
All Welcome

Agenda item

**Report from Kim Irons, community representative,
on the CGG Reference Group for the ELC in the Village Park.**

So what has the BHA been up to through 2013?

- 1 Achieved a new stop sign at a dangerous intersection near the airport.
- 2 Change of speed limits throughout Barwon Heads to be consistent, and safer, now 50 kph is the maximum throughout the town.
- 3 New parcel-friendly post box at Apco near the new housing estates.
- 4 Achieved regular maintenance of Bridge Road trees and footpaths for residents.
- 5 Proper maintenance of Lahey Square (after a jungle of weeds was allowed to flourish right near our multimillion dollar bridges.)
- 6 Advocating for pedestrian crossings in progress.

Absolutely our major campaign for 2014 is pedestrian crossings

in perhaps the only seaside town along the Great Ocean Road without a pedestrian crossing. It is embarrassing to remind everyone to please be careful crossing our roads but do take care, especially during the next few months.

The New Councilors Discretionary Fund Proposal

As you may recall, the CoGG is now facing a “forensic” examination by the Local Government Inspectorate of what councilors did with some \$7.5 million over the last nine years. Councilors have organised several public meeting to explain their new approach to the distribution of rate payers money to community projects. It is important that ratepayers continue to monitor proposed changes put forward by the CoGG. We will be following these developments closely.

Committee activities on behalf of the membership

The BHA Committee as reported in November, works on a continuous basis (we will have a January break) for the community of Barwon Heads. Recent Committee activities include; questions to council regarding pedestrian safety in Barwon Heads in the coming holiday season. In addition, direct lobbying through our state member Andrew Katos and VicRoads to focus on this issue. Questions to council regarding the Bush Fire Attack Level assessment of the building to house the kindergarten children in the Village Park, combined meeting with Barwon Coast and Ocean Grove Community Association regarding Draft Victorian Coastal Strategy, meeting with the Trader’s Association and Barwon Coast to canvass community concerns and our investigations as to improving WiFi connections in Barwon Heads.

Suggestions, issues and problems are the working menu of a community association.
Please contact us via our website if you have any of the above.
[www.barwonheads association.com](http://www.barwonheadsassociation.com)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Judith Brooks
President.