

## **Barwon Heads Association**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014**  
**Barwon Heads Community Hall 7.30pm**

### **MINUTES**

1 Welcome Chair Judith Brooks

2 Apologies; Dawn White, Karyn Howie,

Attendees. Jan Anderson, John Romeril, Paul Fox, Geoffrey Waite, Richard Hastings Ruth Lee, Viki Strachan, Kaz McGlynn, Jeremy Gaylard, Marg Pocock, Sandy Gatehouse, Don Blackwood, Anthea Merewether, Graeme Hanel, Warren Jackson, Trish Clayton Julie Shaw, Normie Dunoon, Brenda Miles, Ann Vile.

3 Treasurer's Report Geoffrey reported a balance of \$1636, with the main expense being \$350 for the creation of the new website.

4 Our Guests were Vic Roads Regional Director William Tieppo & Luke Britnell Strategic Planning.

William reported the following:

Great Ocean Road funding approved \$50m for next 5 years. \$15m next year. (Drainage, vegetation, bridge repair (3 to be replaced), GOR will be closed for 4 days from Wye River to Kennett River.

Also that the Black Rock Rd intersection with Barwon Heads Rd has a proposal for roundabout or splinter islands. VicRoads has put in a bid for roundabout funding from TAC. Looking at access arrangements at airport. Roundabout will reduce speeds.

VicRoads are working with CoGG to reduce trucks through city.

Funding to reconstruct Barwon Heads Rd from Connewarre.

Bellarine By-Pass, significant planning taking place - Barnett Boulevard first part of link, Horseshoe Bend precinct link land put aside, north eastern precinct land set aside. G21 & CoGG advocacy with strong document support – follow high voltage power lines for road alignment.

In Jan 2014 VicRoads did traffic and pedestrian counts on Saturday 10am – 1pm (distributed), in 3 hours 500 people crossing at Hitchcock/Bridge Rd. Number of options for treatment.

Actual figures were: Hitchcock/Bridge Rd corner, east 461 crossings, north 249 crossings, west 131 crossings, south 140 crossings. Total = 981 crossings.

Bridge Rd opposite IGA = 67 crossings.

Bridge roundabout west, 61 crossings, Bridge roundabout opposite BH Hotel 263 crossings, Bridge roundabout east, 171, Bridge roundabout north 120 crossings. Total = 615 crossings.

Of 480 cars and trucks travelling east along Bridge Rd, 52 turned left into Hitchcock Ave and 13 turned right into Hitchcock Ave south.

VicRoads options for corner of Bridge Rd & Hitchcock Ave.

Maintain existing roundabout with modifications to current design, 29m delays in modeling on that day (anecdotal discussion that this is now common during the year), higher risks for pedestrians

- Traffic signals (longer delays)
- Zebra crossings on all 4 legs (haven't modeled yet), but give pedestrians right of way and could increase traffic delays
- Discussion
  - General feeling that pedestrians should be protected. Meeting told that pedestrians do not have right of way according to road rules. Would signage help?
  - What is the intention of the new crossing near the pub in Bridge Rd??? Is there a benefit of encouraging pedestrians towards Bridge Rd? Reliance on "nice drivers" not good enough.
  - Driver behavior is different during the day is different from early morning is quite different. In morning can be quite dangerous
  - Would we consider a range of options
  - Ask association to help organize workshops
  - What is timeline? (No funding source to pay for this). Haven't developed scope yet so hard to cost.
  - All this stems from Vic Roads putting the Bridge in the wrong spot.
  - Incongruous to have high-speed roundabout at corner of Hitchcock & Bridge Rd. Arterial classification requires this type of design, restricted by buildings.
  - Has Vic Roads being working with Bicycle Victoria for Ewing Blythe Drive – this is CoGG project. Has roundabout treatment been altered for cyclists?
  - Meeting accepted offer from Vic Roads to convene working group to consult further to look at options.
- 5 Pedestrian Safety Working Group – Geoffrey Waite reported that group of interested people had met. Agreed to look at hotspots in town. Options considered:
  - 40k precinct within town
  - 40k limited to commercial precinct
  - like wombat crossings (raised eg Point Lonsdale, Ocean Grove near Dunes).
  - Heartened by information given by Vic Roads, concern about where CoGG fits in and hopeful we can achieve something.
  - 6 Future of old kindergarten site, Clifford Pde – Council has decided to delay its decision on future use of this site. Discussion on potential use:
    - a. BH a village, town has grown significantly needs more facilities
    - b. Retain building for community use – be united
    - c. Anecdotal evidence that residents of Clifford Pde support retention of building for community use. Clifford Pde not suitable for increase in traffic. Concern about residential amenity. Meet with residents of Clifford Pde to discuss further.
    - d. Will there be clash with hall usage residential development better than car park.
    - e. Arts Council interested in kindergarten site, work with community to retain building as community arts hub. Will need combined front in order to save it. Centrally located would be additional tourist attraction. Co-op shop to sell local art.
    - f. What about car parking? Concerns expressed re increase in need for parking spaces in the shopping area.
    - g. Petition for residents to sign to support – need numbers

Although some members were concerned with the need for more parking, generally the meeting indicated strong support for retention of this facility for community use.

The meeting agreed that the BHA should work closely with Barwon Heads Arts Council/Senior Citizens/Lions Club and other relevant groups who support this view.

- 6 Open Spaces review CoGG – open space strategy in have your say section on CoGG website. Paul Fox actively involved and has advised CoGG that BHA wants to be involved. Association to put to its members proposal that BHA opposes any future buildings/development in the 54 acres.
- 7 Mosquitoes – Need to follow up on concerns regarding reduced funding for mosquito spraying.
- 8 BH Fire Guard – this was mentioned as worth considering. Needs further community discussion.
- 9 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Working Group- awaiting GoGG response re assessment of vegetation removal.
- 10 Further Business: regarding concerns re more buildings in the park. Some information has been received that the Bowling Club may have been promised a new building if so hopefully the old building to be demolished so as not to increase the number of buildings in the park.

AGM – Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> Committee positions needing to be filled.  
Next meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 Meeting closed 9.15pm.