

NEWSLETTER

Barwon Heads Association August 2014

Next meeting
MONDAY 18th August 7.30pm.
Barwon Heads Hall

Firstly a big thank you.

Thank you to all our members who have been so prompt in renewing their membership and a special thank you to those who included considerable donations.

The committee appreciates your support.

Membership renewal time for 2014-2015 is from July 1st.

Vale Dr Bob Gibson.

As many will know on 28th of July Barwon Heads lost one of its stalwart members who was a great contributor to many causes. A genuine community activist who was very generous with his time and expertise, he served the peace movement, the Board of the RACV, the Masonic Lodge, Christian College, University of Melbourne Graduate Union and for us, as Secretary and advisor to the BHA from 1994 to 2008.

Our condolences to his family and friends.

VicRoads Report from July meeting

Our guests- William Tieppo, Regional Director & Luke Britnell, Strategic Planner
Of importance to BHA was the news that VicRoads were applying for funding (TAC) to rectify the dangerous crossing at Barwon Heads Rd and Black Rock Rd near the airport. They are working on either a roundabout or splinter islands and are also aware of the dangerous turn from the busy Barwon Heads Rd into the airport.

Because of BHA persistent lobbying VicRoads have turned their attention to our priority "hot spot" Bridge Rd and Hitchcock Rd roundabout.

(a survey showed that there are 981 pedestrians crossings per day in peak holiday time)

They have foreshadowed three possible solutions to address pedestrian safety and traffic speeds through this roundabout.

1 Raising the roundabout so that cars will have to slow down.

2 Traffic signals/lights (modeling showed long delays)

3 Zebra crossings on all 4 legs to give pedestrians right of way, but could increase traffic delays. VicRoads needs to do more modeling on this option.

The BHA membership at present does not favour traffic lights, although there are some members who are open to whatever works best.

On the invitation of VicRoads BHA will be forming a traffic liason group to meet with them to discuss these options when they are further researched.

Important agenda items for August meeting.

Motion.

“That the BHA strongly supports the old kindergarten site remaining as a community asset for community use. “

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That the BHA strongly supports the retention of public spaces in Barwon Heads.”

Barwon Heads’ dangerous river road corners.

This is the reply from the council over our concerns regarding narrow corners on River Pde and Carr St. “On site assessment of vegetation impacts and vehicle movements has been undertaken. Seeking approval for minor trimming of vegetation. Warning chevrons at intersections proposed to be installed in next month.”

Note - no mention of widening the corners and creating proper shoulders to help the buses safely negotiate around them.

Further Agenda items

Mosquitoes Spraying report update

Pedestrian Safety Working Group update

13th Beach Road Working Group update

Setting up a Fire Guard for Barwon Heads.

AGM Monday September 15th 7.30pm.

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