

**Barwon Heads Association**  
**Monday July 18th 2015**  
**Senior Citizens Centre 7:30pm**

**MINUTES**

- 1 Chair Judith Brooks
- 2 Attendees: BHA Committee – Sandra Gatehouse, Geoffrey Waite, Paul Fox, Jeremy Gaylard, Richard Hastings, Brenda Miles, John Romeril, Carol Richardson, Christine Shady, Di Dower, Mandy Bridges, Ann Waite
- 3 Apologies - Marg and Grant Pockock, Anthea Merewether, Vicky Strachan, Trish Clayton  
Guests – Sarah Henderson
- 4 The Chair introduced our federal member for Corangamite Sarah Henderson.  
  
Sarah addressed the meeting and made the following points.
  - a. Local resident lives in Barwon Heads. Job to represent the community first and politics second and to ensure that the needs of Corangamite properly represented in Canberra
  - b. Announcing NBN started preconstruction in BH and 13<sup>th</sup> Beach; fixed line network. Fibre to the node – speed of up to 91mgs download; then Point Lonsdale, Queenscliff & Ocean Grove. Problems with Geelong due to ownership of cable by IINet.
  - c. Green army project for BH & OG working for Barwon Coast. Positive experience SG.
  - d. Renewable energy – strong supporter of renewable energy target 33,000 gigs. On the ground support of solar power. CEFC has been delivering financial support to emerging technologies. Need to be more open to investment opportunities in renewable energy.
  - e. Closure of power station in Anglesea – current clean air agenda not adequate. It did not have long term future.
  - f. Jobs the biggest issue in the region – there are new jobs construction of the Epworth (500), community services, health & education. Future in advanced manufacturing. Good examples of innovation – Carbon Revolutions in Geelong.
  - g. Representations to CoGG re being less restrictive with dogs on beaches during winter.
  - h. Strong communities fund just opened from July 1. Electorate committee to assess applications.
- 5 Questions:
  - i. Wind farms - Some wind farms not been that ethical. Needs to be a balance, cant encroach on residents. Health impacts are continued concern. There are some fantastic operators and the industry is

maturing. Farms in Europe more community focused with community benefit. Regard wind farms as a factory – need to be properly sited.

- j. Wave technology – Carnegie principle. Port Fairy will be first site in Victoria.
- k. What is going to happen to land at Point Henry? Don't know. Very contaminated – Alcoa have obligation to remediate the land. FOI exemption on Alcoa should be lifted.
- l. Statement from member relating to demonizing of refugees and the off shore facilities. We are paying billions of dollars to keep people in these dreadful camps which continues the terrible suffering they are escaping from. Policies based on fear and hate and xenophobia and the rhetoric which is coming from both parties.
  - i. What is the future for people on temporary visas.
  - ii. Can we have an amnesty
- m. Too many 457 visa workers, will need to be better managed
- n. RING ROAD TO LEOPOLD – state government has committed \$4m what will feds contribute? On the agenda but state is the main driver. Keen to see it progress. No-one knocked on my door seeking funding. Want to see far more action from local council. Stronger Communities fund.
- o. Acknowledgement and support from Judith that Sarah has supported same sex marriage
- p. GEELONG STAR FISHING FACTORY – a slur on Geelong, no one wants it shouldn't have taken our name.

The Chair thanked Sarah for her presentation, her time and her commitment to listening to local groups

6 Pedestrian Safety – VicRoads will have another reference group meeting<sup>7</sup> BHA Committee to check and inform membership.

7 Dangerous footpaths  
Judith reported to the meeting regarding poor footpaths outside IGA, we need continuation of safe footpaths to Ozone Rd. We may need to take a more active approach to getting more action. CoGG now meeting monthly rather than fortnightly and we may need to attend. Paul has been repairing his footpaths himself. It was suggested that we need community “gang” to repair footpaths.

8 Transport: Richard reporting: Public Transport Vic have questionnaire on public transport Talked to CoGG on Geelong Rd/Carr St corner; buses now going both ways. Dangerous – not adequate roads for buses especially Taits Rd.

**Next meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

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**Meeting ended at 10: 00pm. Tea and refreshments were served.**

