

Barwon Heads Association
Monday June 15th 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
John Burke, Brenda Miles, John Romeril, Philip Bade, Jenny Wallace Smith, Anthea Merewether, Michael Palmer, Kim Irons, Graeme Hamil.
3. Apologies - Jo Larson. Tim Baylis, Marg and Grant Pockock, Graham Wallace Smith.
Guests – Mark Tonkin, Susan Phillips Vic Roads
4. Background.
Sandy Gatehouse gave an introduction to the role of the BHA since 2007 (the Bridge Project), and re-stated that pedestrian safety has always been our priority. Our leadership role has included and involved other community groups and interested individuals. Judith talked about the Vic Roads data from Jan 2014 Election commitment in 2014 of \$800,000 from Lisa Neville to improve pedestrian access and safety is providing the funding for the works. Vague in detail.
5. Introduction BHA President Judith introduced Mark Tonkin & Susan Philips from Vic Roads
6. Mark Tonkin gave an overview of the work Vic Roads is doing he emphasized that this is still ongoing. Various options put to the meeting are being tested by GHD using Visim modeling software. Vic Roads are doing significant research and local community groups have been sent information and options for treatment. They have been asked to provide input to Mark.
Initial work has identified three main zones that need pedestrian safety & amenity. (This is an ongoing process.)
 - a. Bridge Rd/Hitchcock
 - i. Highest pedestrian numbers
 - ii. Some cars give way
 - iii. Not many cars give way driving towards the bridge
 - iv. Groups can cross together
 - v. Site distance not idealOptions being considered
 - vi. Traffic signals (no designs, doing modeling)
 - vii. Pedestrian island upgrades/traffic calming
 - viii. Shared space – the meeting was shown video shared space – discussed strengths and weaknesses of shared space. Concern

expressed at transfer of traffic to other roads. Concern about rat runs/Ozone Flinders.

- ix. Zebra crossings
 - b. Ewing Blythe
 - i. High pedestrian numbers outside pub and on bridge side
 - ii. Traffic islands bigger
 - iii. Few cars stop and give way
 - iv. difficult area, speed and site distances
 - v. impacts on Flinders Pde and high usage being surveyed, those present expressed concern at heavy use of this area and safety concerns
- Options being considered
- vi. – wombat crossings
 - vii.
- c. IGA refuge – is it necessary? Planning application current for supermarket.

7 DISCUSSION

- d. *What about future growth - New modeling being done on future growth 2030. Not done for peak summer period. 7000 vehicles a day on spit 30% growth of traffic. 2031 9000 per day. Bellarine link takes traffic away to 8,000 per day.*
- e. Concern expressed about location of Barwon Heads between 3 major growth areas – Ocean Grove, Armstrong Creek, Torquay
- f. *Don't measure those driving around in circles looking for carpark*
- g. *No other plans for school end of bridge rd*
- h. *Working with caravan park pedestrian access to the bridge. (Ocean Grove side?)*
- i. *Footpaths – the poor standard of footpaths is in reality a CoGG responsibility, but Vic Roads might spend money on footpaths/streetscape. (Meeting CoGG outside IGA at 9:00am).*
- j. *Is there a proposed speed combination for Bridge Rd? Would depend on the treatment chosen. Do not put 40 on arterial rds unless there is significant development.*
- k. *GHD doing the modeling. Who is design testing? - An urban designer rather than an engineering perspective.*
- l. *If shared space option were the preferred option would spend more time testing it.*
- m. *Would we consider removing overhead power lines? 5 power poles kittos to the bridge. Expensive – not in budget.*

8 WHAT NOW?

- n. Sent options to members of the reference group and the community groups involved. Waiting for independent feedback.
- o. Planning public meeting for August to discuss modeling and potential treatments.
- p. Will survey broader community.
- q. Then meet with reference group again.

- 9 Judith thanked Mark & Susan for the considerable work done by Vic Roads. This is a serious look at how to improve things in Barwon Heads. Suggested that those present look at the shared spaces concept on line. (BHA could link to our website)
- 10 Going to council on 23rd of this month
 - r. Buses going both ways down Carr St. (Geelong rd./cars sty)
 - s. BH rates \$4m per year
 - t. Footpaths, potholes, falls etc.
- 11 John Burke gave update of New bus /train timetable will reduce time to Melbourne. Sustainability group following up anomalies.
- 12 Sarah Henderson, member for Corangamite, will be our speaker on July 20th

Next meeting Monday 20th July 2015

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