

MINUTES Barwon Heads Association

Monday FEBRUARY 20TH 7:00PM at the UNITING CHURCH HALL HITCHCOCK AVE BARWON HEADS

Approx. 25 attendees

Apologies – Judith Brooks, Sarah Jackson, Paul Fox, Michael Palmer

Sandy welcomed our guest speaker Leigh Dennis Coastal Adaption Program Manager Cogg he discussed the impact of sea level rise and the effect on groundwater levels on Barwon Heads.

We asked him the following questions:

- Looking at groundwater and erosion
- (there are serious concerns about recent flooding in town. New developments seem to be contributing to this).
- there was concern expressed about the proposed drain into the Barwon River at Ozone Rd.
- Water quality has not been monitored yet – need to lobby CoGG for monitoring. Follow up with CoGG re water quality after drain is doubled
- Levy bank – how is it maintained
- Recommended drainage adaption through back valves protects residents away from the river, but what of residents on Riverside Terrace and Carr Street who appear to have no such assistance?
- Does the ownership of river frontages affect what COGG can or can't do? - Chris Briggs.

Groundwater significant issue, currently there is no data for groundwater in Barwon Heads.

Water quality monitoring important especially before and after the new drain is in place.

Reference information

www.ourcoast.org.au

Information relevant to Barwon Heads

http://www.ourcoast.org.au/cb_pages/can_you_imagine_barwon_heads_in_the_future.php

there is also some interesting modelling

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OA2ynvrsp4&feature=youtu.be

Other items for discussion

- **Return of an elected Council November 2017**
 - Is there support for this, we have already expressed our concern that this is too soon
 - Plan for elections
- **9 BRIDGE ROAD DEVELOPMENT: THE PROCESS FOR PERMANENT HERITAGE PROTECTION - AMENDMENT C354 IS LISTED FOR HEARING BEFORE A PANEL ON THE 3RD OF MARCH AT THE COGG FACILITY AT 100 BROUGHAM ST GEELONG,**

STARTING AT 9:00AM. WE ENCOURAGE INTERESTED LOCALS AND OBJECTORS TO ATTEND.

- **Structure Plan**

Other business

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PLEASE SEND US YOUR IDEAS FOR SPEAKERS AND TOPICS OF INTEREST FOR 2017.