

END OF MARCH NEWSLETTER

I'm sorry we haven't sent you anything for a while – every time we write something the world changes and it is out of date. We are now all in a strong survival mode, but must retain our optimism to overcome the challenges that confront us. This is now so much more than stopping people getting sick. It is about looking after each other and our neighbours by following instructions and keeping our distance.

So the BHA will focus on recognising and strengthening our community and will encourage ideas on how we can contribute and keep people connected.

We won't be having our monthly meetings, but will try and set up a technology based forum for community discussions and sharing. (IDEAS WELCOME).

Our hearts are broken for all the wonderful people and businesses in Barwon Heads that are now struggling, such an extraordinary change in all of our circumstances.

PLEASE BUY LOCAL

We all have the power to support our local businesses some of which are really struggling. We are so lucky to have IGA in Barwon Heads and thank Andrew Maud and his staff for their support and good humour over the past few weeks. They have supported our oldies and tried to put aside essential goods for them at the early opening time of 7:30. IGA has fresh food and a wide range of other goods. I have been more successful finding things I need here in Barwon Heads than I have been trawling through larger supermarkets elsewhere.

We also have a great local chemist and Joseph Hanna and his staff provide our Barwon Heads community with good advice and service.

LOTS OF CHANGE AND CANCELLATIONS

Our monthly meetings are suspended.

All the things we were looking forward to have been cancelled

- The Festival of the Sea
- The Fun Run
- The Duck Race
- The Football and other sporting activities
- The Tin Shed Good Friday appeal auction
- Having a drink with friends at the Pub or our favourite local restaurant
- Drinking coffee for hours

All of our favourite places have closed

- The Seniors
- The Opportunity Shop
- The Barwon Heads Library

Barwon Coast has closed the Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove Caravan Parks it is responsible for and also numerous public facilities including toilets and bbq's. Vic Emergency App has closed our beaches. The direction is to avoid congregating or gathering at Victorian beaches. It is not appropriate to have beach parties or any gatherings on the beach. It is likely that some other facilities will be closed as the government actively encourages us all to stay at home. At this stage it is still ok to walk on the beach (we think).

CoGG have closed libraries, swimming pools, meeting rooms etc. Council meetings are being live streamed – they are no longer open to the public. If you are bored you can read the council papers and watch the meetings online. It is a pity that decisions will be made behind closed doors – please watch them and monitor what is happening. We were pleased to read that Lisa Neville has stopped the Council wasting \$2m of rate payer money changing Malop St.

OUR 2020 PROGRAM – is on hold for monthly meetings, but the committee will keep you informed on:

- Our environment and neighbours
- Traffic and parking study
- Health and wellbeing
- Planning

It is not for us to tell people what to do, but it is very upsetting to hear that local traders are being abused for requesting people to maintain the 1.5m distance and only use cards for payment. We all need to protect each other and ourselves.

PLEASE STAY WELL AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS WE ARE BEING GIVEN

Gatehouse
On behalf of the BHA Committee

HERE IS A LIST OF BARWON HEADS TRADERS AND THEIR CURRENT STATUS

THESE CAN OBVIOUSLY CHANGE IF THE RULES CHANGE OR THEY FIND THE GOING TOO HARD – WE WILL TRY AND KEEP YOU INFORMED

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GO OUT PLEASE TRY CALLING THEM AND SEE IF THEY WILL DELIVER

AT THIS STAGE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES ARE TRADING AS USUAL AND DON'T SEEM TO BE UNDER THREAT

IGA 52542525

Bendigo Bank

Barwon Heads Pharmacy barwonheadsparmacy@gmail.com 52542312

Barwon Heads Post Office 52542319

Benno's Meating Place 52541828

Barwon Heads Winestore - Trading as usual, home delivery
Richard@barwonheadswinestore.com.au 52542741 (pay over the phone)
barwonheadswinestore.com.au

FOOD AND COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR TAKEAWAY FROM THE FOLLOWING – THERE ARE STRICT GUIDELINES THAT ARE BEING FOLLOWED

Starfish Bakery –Takeaway bread, muffins, food and coffee (online & delivery)
www.starfishbakery.com.au 52542772

Barwon Heads Fish & Chips - Open with delivery ordered before 5pm daily (pay over the phone 52542214)

Annies - Open 8-4, 7 days. Takeout from laneway, groceries & delivery.
www.annieskitchen.net.au 52543233

Coffetti – Takeaway coffee and ice cream www.coffettigelato.com 0434274781

Hanoi Kitchen - Takeaway lunch/dinner. local delivery www.hanoikitchen.com.au

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Barwon Orange – takeaway Pizza 52541090

BeachHouse – Takeaway coffee and full meals menu 52543376
www.beachhousebarwonheads.com.au

Ebb and Flow – Takeaway coffee and meals 52541779

Barwon Heads Grocer - Takeaway Juice Bar, coffee and vegetables/deli

At the Heads – fish and chips from the kiosk 52541277

WE HAVE WONDERFUL GIFT SHOPS AND GREAT CLOTHES AND BOOKS IN BARWON HEADS SOME ARE STILL TRADING AT TIME OF WRITING MOST ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

Tonic – trading when we walked past (will deliver locally) www.tonik.com.au 52541470

Red Dog3 - Trading as usual, online coming soon

Kiitos - VIP shopping by appointment, www.kiitos.com.au

Because of Jonny - local purchase via instagram

Natural Edge Living - Trading as usual

Strumpet - strumpetonline.com.au

10Thousand Things – [instagram.com/tenthousandthings_shop](https://www.instagram.com/tenthousandthings_shop)

Moti – online www.moti.com.au

Beach Books – www.beachbooksbarwonheads.com.au

Moss - Closed. Online coming soon

Move Athletica – www.moveathletica.com.au

Frith - Online www.frith.com.au

Kin and Ko

Rigbys Homewares – online www.rigbys.com.au

Rasta – www.rastasurfboards.com. 52543255 (mobile number on the door)

HEALTH & BEAUTY SERVICES

13th Beach Health Services – closed

Atico Beauty - closed

Bare Skin & Body Clinic - closed