

Barwon Heads Association

Treasurer's Report 2021-22

On 30 June 2022, the Barwon Heads Association had a bank balance of \$11,321.87 with the Bendigo Bank. This is 8.2% less than the balance of 12,337.98 held on 30 June 2021. Our income for the year was almost double the income of 2020-21 but we incurred significant expenses in 2021-22 due to the Panel Hearings associated with the Bellarine Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process and the need to engage a representative to appear at the hearings on our behalf. Despite this additional cost we remain financially strong due to the support of our members. Over the year our membership has slightly increased.

Financial Report

- The BHA had a deficit of \$1,016.11 for 2021-22
- Membership fees were up by 1,015.00 but \$840 of this was from 2022-23 memberships paid before 30 June 2022. This year we emailed our membership notices early and as a result many members paid in the 2021-22 year for the current year. In 2020-21 only 1 membership of \$30 was paid in advance.
- Donations in 2021-22 increased by \$9,089.78. The increase was due to two factors:
 - Donations of \$7,250 toward the costs of our representation for the DAL process
 - Funding of \$1,070.78 from the Ocean Grove Rotary Club, part of the proceeds from the Barwon Heads Duck Race held at Easter this year.
- Expenses increased in three areas compared to 2020-21 when we had no expenses for these activities:
 - BHA engaged a representative to appear at the Panel Hearings associated with the DAL process which cost \$11,000. This process resulted in the State Government's announcement of the settlement boundaries and planning scheme last week. While the Government decision has been announced we may need to incur further costs in the future to argue our case. This could have a detrimental impact on our finances in future years.
 - Our website costs were \$2,665.30 in 2021-22. Much of this (\$2,417.80) was for the development of the website so that it provides better service to our members and presents the BHA in a better light. This development was critical to improving the way we handle membership renewals and to improving communications across our membership. The remaining \$247.50 was the costs of the platform on which our website operates.
 - Printing costs were \$817.63 which was for the printing of a flyer publicising the community consultation on the review by CoGG of the Barwon Heads Village Park Strategy Plan. As a result of the distribution of this flyer we generated significant interest in the review and there was a good attendance at the public consultation sessions last year.

Membership

The BHA's membership in 2021-22 was 221 members an increase of 3% from 2020-21. There were 55 members (25%) from 2021-22 who did not renew and 62 members who were not members the previous year. Our membership has stabilised over the last 3 years at over 200 members. Currently we have 202 members - 12 October.

Recommendation

I move that the meeting accept the BHA Treasurer's report for 2021-22.

Brian Cook
Treasurer, Barwon Heads Association