

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES TO QUESTION TIME  
TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2016**

The following questions were addressed to the above meeting. Some questions were adequately responded to at the meeting, however others required a more detailed response in writing.

This document includes both verbal and written responses.

*Questions submitted prior to the Council Meeting were received from Hank Wylie and Elizabeth Cox. As they were not present at the meeting a written response has been provided.*

**Ross Harrison** addressed the Administrators in relation to Council Report – Proposed Heritage Overlay - 9 Bridge Road, Barwon Heads asking that Council review the property in question as it has significant heritage value and is a very important landmark of Barwon Heads.

*Peter Bettess responded that the house was originally identified as an Interwar bungalow and not considered as historically significant. Only recently has it been established as being one of the oldest buildings in Barwon Heads. At the time of assessment no one in the community came forward and said the building was incorrectly classified.*

*Kathy Alexander indicated Mr Harrison's comments would be taken on board.*

**Alice Vaillant** indicated an objection to the inaccurate statement in the Council Notice/Agenda of next week's Council Meetings regarding the renaming of Dog Leg Lane. This was used by the Geelong Advertiser to publish an article on this issue. It allowed the newspaper to portray myself and the neighbours as difficult people wasting Council money and two comments posted reflected this. I contacted the Geelong Advertiser about the inaccuracies on the article and they still proceeded to put an online poll based on that inaccurate information. The poll will be used to have the renaming of our section of Potter Street retain the name Dog Leg Lane which is not acceptable.

*The question raised related to an Agenda item listed for consideration and was subsequently deferred pending further clarification. The matter will be re-considered at a forthcoming Council Meeting.*

**Sally Nicholas** asked if the Administrators were aware that a petition was started on 2 July 2016 and that 2690 people signed this petition and that Change Org sent on an email to CoGG when a person signs. This number was achieved over only three weeks of people against the sand mine.

Did Administrators have the numbers passed onto them?

*Kathy Alexander responded she would follow up.*

*Peter Bettess responded that the City adhered to all legislative requirements.*

**Priscilla Pescott** asked whether a pedestrian refuge could be installed in Barrabool Road at Barwon Valley Park?

*William Tieppo responded that Council will investigate the location.*

**A subsequent written response was provided by the  
General Manager City Services in the following terms:**

*Thank you for your question lodged for public question time at the Council meeting held on 26 July 2016 requesting pedestrian refuge works be carried out on Barrabool Road opposite Barwon Valley Park in Belmont.*

*It is noted that there is a pedestrian refuge at Riverglen Court opposite the Park. Some minor works are required at this location to improve its prominence for drivers and to provide connections to the internal footpaths within the Reserve.*

*Your request for a crossing opposite the caravan park is supported and my team shall follow up with selecting a safe location preferably where there is a street light and good sight distance for both pedestrian and motorists. We shall consider the project for inclusion in future works programs.*

*If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Vicki Shelton, Manager Engineering Services, who will be able to assist you and can be contacted on 5272 4524.*

**Georgios Tolongos** expressed concern in relation to the new truck/container operations to replace former Rocke Bros site at Josies, Lara.

*Peter Bettess responded by saying that the business operated under existing land use rights and that Council worked with the business owner who have since relocated.*

**Judith Brooks** invited the panel of Administrators to attend Barwon Heads as part of their Community Engagement activity.

*Kathy responded, 'yes, we will organize a public meeting at a time to be determined'.*

**Grace Lewis** asked if Council could please investigate improving lighting at all bus stops in the Geelong Public Transport System Area 3. Lighting in particular on Townsend Road, Whittington could be installed on both sides of the road. It is currently very poorly lit and very dark which reduces bus frequency in the evening. It is also close to the Geelong Clinic.

*William Tieppo responded by saying that the City works closely with Public Transport Victoria (PTV), and would raise the issue with them. William also stated that the City's Bus Shelter Program provides for 10-12 bus shelters per year and the issue of lighting could be raised as a consideration.*

**A subsequent written response was provided by the  
General Manager City Services in the following terms:**

*Thank you for your question lodged for public question time at the Council meeting held on 26 July 2016 regarding the lighting of bus stops in the Geelong Public Transport area until.*

*As advised the City works closely with Public Transport Victoria (PTV), and will raise this issue with it. The City's Bus Shelter Program provides for 10-12 bus shelters per year and the location of shelters does consider the availability of existing street lighting. If there is a need for additional lighting, the City works with Powercor to install lights.*

*Inspection of the Townsend Road site near Tannoch Brae will be undertaken by my team to assess lighting requirements.*

*If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Vicki Shelton, Manager Engineering Services, who will be able to assist you and can be contacted on 5272 4524.*