

Community Connection Session

Wednesday 13 March 2019

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

3.15pm to 4.35pm

I. Presentation Topic: 3.15pm

Tulloch St, Dalyston

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Barry Cocks

Notes:

- Informal meeting on Monday at Tulloch with Mayor & Local Member.
- Brought to their attention that the following are still of a concern to residents in Tulloch Street:
 - Intersection of Bent St and Tulloch St – a dangerous blind corner and the mirror removed 5 years ago yet to be replaced.
 - Pedestrian traffic no availability to walk off the road in safety
 - No safe crossing for the school children at either Bent St or at the Highway & Tulloch St
 - Cars and Trucks using Tulloch St as a short cut and speeding – these are reported to police.
 - Road 7.1m wide – can Council put in speed restrictors ie: speed humps
- Works that were supposed to commence yesterday (12/3) on Tulloch St – have not happened -Can Council contacted developer to find out when those works will commence
- Asking Council to look at these issues and address - residents want Dalyston to be a safe place.

The Mayor has flagged speed humps & footpath at the end of Bent St & speed limit.

Local Member has already followed up with Mayor following meeting on Monday.

Actions:

Will take on notice the question about works commencing and follow up with the Developer.

2. Presentation Topic: 3.30pm

Smith's Beachcomber Association

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Phil Dressing, Phil Wright

Notes:

- More feet less footprints – manage increase visitors to Smiths Beach
- Would like to see a Smiths Beach Master Plan, include internal roads, parking, drainage and aspirational pathways, vegetation protection & revegetation adopted by 2023 and implemented by 2028.
- Currently there are issues around:
 - Erosion causes deep drains - open drains disappearing down one particular property and out through another property and out onto the open road.
 - Issues with tree growth and maintenance at Smiths Beach Rd
 - Cnr Smiths Beach Rd and Back Beach Rd – kids need to negotiate both roads to cross
 - With roundabout works on Tourist Rd and Back Beach Rd, risks increase.
- Historically some great things have happened at Smiths Beach:
 - Woolamai Beach Life Saving tower at Smiths and walkway – great structures
 - Also disability access
 - Smith Beach Community Plan – adopted 2010
- There are many resource documents that can be utilised to inform a Smiths Beach Master Plan
- Asking Council to fund the Smiths Beach Master Plan

Actions:

Noted by Councillors with the Mayor thanking the presenters

3. Presentation Topic: 3.45pm

Cape Paterson Residents & Rate Payers Association (CPRRA)

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Pete Muskens – President CPRRA, Stephen Ward and Greg Carman – Committee Members

Notes:

- Earlier this year the Association developed a Strategic Plan after seeking input from Cape Paterson residents and stakeholders.
 - Four goals to work on with members taking on portfolios of each
 1. Maintain, enhance and protect the natural environment
 2. Preserve the character of Cape Paterson through appropriate planning
 3. Advocate for infrastructure developments that enhance the liveability of Cape Paterson
 4. Identify and advocate for the social, health and wellbeing needs of the community
- Cooperation and collaboration with Cape Paterson stakeholders ie: Surf Life Saving Club
- Have met with and acknowledge the feedback from Council Officers particularly on inclusion of social, health and wellbeing needs of the community within the document.
- Have also met with Local Member and requests that Council looks at Distinctive Landscape Bill to govern the planning in our coastal villages.
 - CPRRA would like to see a Town specific current land supply done as soon as possible. Approach would be to limit the numbers of developments and have a staged approach
 - Will be a second round of meetings with Council Officers and portfolio officers to discuss concerns about George Bass Walk extension – a lot of cliff faces, land and vulnerable vegetation along proposed route and reservations about building campsites along the Walk
- Character of Cape Paterson – close knit community, we see it as a village and not to be commercialised and not as a suburb of Wonthaggi.

CR Kent observed that the San Remo foreshore committee have been successfully involved with the George Bass Coastal Walk

Suggestion made to the presenters that the Natural environment strategy group would encourage input in to the process of further development of the Walk

Actions:

The presentation was noted by Councillors.

The Mayor advised that Council will be receiving an update from DELWP regarding Distinctive areas and landscapes.

4. Presentation Topic: 4.00pm

Wildlife & Road Kill on Phillip Island

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Ron Day

Notes:

My purpose for offering this presentation is to introduce a mitigation system that has perhaps not been considered.

Road between Cowes-Rhyll Rd monitored since 4 February to determine road kill numbers – collection of data will be made available to Regional Roads Victoria (formerly VicRoads), Council and Phillip Island Nature Parks

Four possible options for mitigating road kill: --

- Static Signage – influencing driver behaviour
 - Lowering of vehicle speed
 - Hi-Lux (does not include a message panel)
 - Hi-Vis solar powered LED road sign
- Virtual fencing – trialled in Tasmania with roadkill reduction of 50%
 - We have double the amount of road kill.
 - Would require 144 units at \$200/unit for Rhyll-Cowes 3.6km distance.
 - Units are solar powered – 5 year battery life with six monthly inspection.
 - Unlike other options, virtual fencing influences animal behaviour

Comments from Councillors:

- Cr Rothfield thanked Ron for coming in and suggesting solutions – explore further with Councillors
- Cutting back bush and trees – is that an option? The road is a conservation road.
- Wallabies numbers increasing - Mr Day not aware of management through culling a species

Mr Day would like to discuss further with Council staff.

Would seeking commercial sponsorship assist with funding a trial?

Actions:

Noted by Council who thanked Mr Day for attending and presenting the different options.

5. Presentation Topic: 4.15pm

Climate change in the agricultural sector

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Michael Nugent, Will Hume – District Veterinary Office Leongatha

Notes:

- Climate Change – a warming environment - is causing extreme weather events and having an effect on biosecurity particularly in the agricultural sector
 - Less frost events resulting in more parasites, viruses ie: Hendra Virus, affecting horses and being transmitted to humans
 - Ticks prefer moist environments with high rainfall as experienced in QLD recently
 - Changes in range of some species due to higher temperatures
 - More bushfires as a result of drier conditions and higher temperatures
 - Drier conditions can also cause bacterial infections in humans ie: dust from storm events
 - Viruses and ticks are moving further south in Australia – there were only incidental findings in Victoria from early 1900s to 2006 – since millennium drought (1997-2010) many more cases confirmed
 - Affecting farmer resilience
- There is a lack of information in general populous in relation to Climate Change - Roll for Council – community outreach and education particularly at times of draught.
- Ensure Local Law officers know the rules, what's notifiable and what can be done to combat.
 - Please make it known to people who have pigs – do not feed meat scraps to pigs

Actions:

Noted by Council – Councillors thanked Will for his presentation.