

Community Connection Session

Wednesday 14 August 2019

Council Chambers, Civic Centre

3.00pm to 4.30pm

I. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm

Working Partnership between Bass Coast Landcare and Bass Coast Shire Council

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Dave Bateman & Rick Oldham - Landcare

Notes:

Dave and Rick provided Councillors with a summary of the work they have been undertaking and the benefits derived from the funding received from Council, which assists them to leverage other funding sources to implement the important work that Landcare undertakes

Actions:

Noted

2. Presentation Topic: 3.15pm

San Remo Cemetery Master Plan

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Jean and Russell Riseley – Friends of San Remo Cemetery

Notes:

Russell provided feedback on the development of a good relationship with the current officer in Council dealing with cemeteries.

Russell also raised concerns regarding the draft masterplan, which have been provided to officers and lack of opportunity to have input.

Actions:

Mayor stated that the community consultation session to give feedback on the Master Plan is for Monday 19 August 2019 and he encouraged attendance by all interested parties.

3. Presentation 2 – 3.30pm

Topic:

Planning Application 180122 23 Dunvegan Cres, Surf Parade

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Michael Ritterman - Applicant

Ken Rudan

Notes:

Mr Ritterman asked that Councillors support this application.

Mr Ruden addressed the Councillors as the likely purchaser of the proposed development, stating that he and his family are invested in the Island as a holiday lifestyle place.

Actions:

Noted

4. Presentation Topic: 3.45pm

Topic:

Inverloch Surf Parade Shared Pathway

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Dom Brusamarello – Surf Parade Shared Pathway Alliance

Peter McIntee Bass Coast Board Riders Club

Gary Taylor – Resident

Stephen Carr - Resident

Notes:

Provided positive feedback on the exceptional community consultation and the many opportunities and forums for giving feedback.

Noted that community overwhelming supported Option 2 and would like to see this supported by Council, with a slight modification to parking for the best long-term community outcome.

Suggestion that angle parking modification be implemented to add to community benefit and safety.

Actions:

Noted

5. Presentation Topic: 4.00pm

Topic:

Dogs in Blue Gum Reserve and Dunsmore Beach

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Rod Andrews - Resident

Notes:

Mr Andrews advised Councillors of a situation that occurred at Blue Gum Reserve Sat 13 July 9.00-9.30am where he was attacked by two dogs in the Reserve

Concerned that situation getting out of hand and concerned for elderly people and children.

Suggested feedback for the Master Plan.

- Natural vegetation fence for 'housing' dogs is not secure enough.
- Need to fence it properly – in a compound where other people can use the park and not be at risk of attack.

Actions:

The Mayor thanked Mr Andrews for his feedback and advised it would be provided to officers working on the Blue Gum Reserve Masterplan.

6. Presentation Topic: 4.15pm

Topic:

Climate Emergency Petition

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Michael Nugent – Bass Coast Climate Action Network

Aileen Venning – Resident

Isabelle Rook – Student

Callum Bugbird - Student

Notes:

Mr Nugent advised Councillors of a petition to next meeting of Council requesting Council declare a Climate Emergency R

Over 1000 people who have signed this petition.

Ms Venning asked Councillors to accept the science:

- Average temperature increasing
- Warmer atmosphere – extreme weather events
- Gippsland getting drier – has potential to undermine tourism and impact on the farmers

Ms Rook indicated students are frustrated at the lack of action.

Mr Bugbird stated that the community must act before it is too late.

Mr Nugent asked the Council to show leadership to declare climate emergency

- Prepare an impact assessment and overall plan
- Seek advice from community – a wealth of knowledge out there

Actions:

The Mayor commended Isabelle Rook and Callum Bugbird on their presentations and passion.

He indicated Councillors would like to know ramifications to community before declaring a climate emergency.

The Mayor advised that a Petition normally sits on the table for the month before being considered by Council.