

Community Connection Session

Wednesday 10 July 2019

Rhyll Mechanics Institute Hall

3.00pm to 4.30pm

I. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm

Phillip Island Conservation Society and National Trust tree register

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Jeff Nottle and Greg Buchanan

Notes:

Mr Nottle informed Councillors about a proposed pilot project between PI Conservation Society and National Trust of a significant tree register for Churchill & Phillip Islands and once successfully trialled look at Council rolling out across the Municipality

Envisage a community supported register – provide council with comprehensive approach and report by 2020

The register will also provide historical knowledge of Churchill and Phillip Islands trees

Mr Buchanan advised that National Trust has a register of significant trees and they would apply the same criteria to recognise significant trees.

Mr Nottle and Mr Buchanan stated that the process would include discussions with Council, conducting a public forum, setting timelines for submissions and having a register of arborists and botanists

Actions:

- Building and Open Space team to contact Mr Nottle and Mr Buchanan to discuss way forward.

2. Presentation Topic: 3.15pm

Transparency - including discussing the 3 petitions: Live Streaming, Recording of Individual Councillor Voting Decisions and Content of Public Questions Recorded in Council Minutes

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Kevin Griffin, John Trigt – Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association

Notes:

Mr Griffin and Mr Trigt spoke to Councillors about three petitions recently before Council – two are currently on the table until the July Ordinary Meeting of Council. The third petition was voted down at the last Council Meeting.

They would like to see recording of the for/against in Minutes. Currently recording of votes now done by a Councillor calling a division.

They would also like Councillors to reconsider Live Streaming of Ordinary Council Meetings.

The other issue raised was is that the people providing Questions to the Council Meetings are not allowed to read their preamble prior to the Question being responded to at the meeting. That, and the 100-word restriction is not part of the Local Government Act – it is a BCSC restriction.

Actions:

- Noted by Councillors

3. Presentation 2 – 3.30pm

Topic:

The Ferry Captain Sculpture

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Carmen Bush & Jim Kiley – Rhyll Community Association

Notes:

- The Rhyll Community has been actively involved in celebrating the Island's 150 anniversary (of the land sales)
- The cypress on the Rhyll foreshore was significantly storm damaged and had to be cut down for public safety
- Idea to make a carving was mooted and a tree carver was sourced through the local community.
- It was agreed to carve an acknowledgement to the ferry captains – Rhyll has a proud history involving ferries from 1860 through until today.
- Ms Bush and Mr Kiley thanked Council for grants and Council staff provided landscaping around the trees and provision of bollards
- The sculpture is very popular, so much so that there needs to be no standing either side of it as vehicles are obstructing the sculpture
- A suggestion has been made that CCTV be mounted on the shed nearby the sculpture to ensure would be vandals are deterred.

Actions:

- Building and Open Space team to contact Rhyll Community Association to look at options regarding traffic management

4. Presentation Topic: 3.45pm

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Sandra Peters – Exhibition Space Committee

Lois Green - Artists Society Phillip Island (ASPI)

Topic: Arts Hub and Exhibition Space in Cowes

Notes:

Ms Peters and Ms Green are representing ASPI and Exhibition Space.

They wished to thank Council for their support in the Arts Space and are excited about the Draft Arts Strategy

Reason for presenting to Council is that they would like to invigorate an art hub in the old kindergarten site in Chapel St Cowes as they currently do not have an arts hub, curating space and will provide a quality arts space for the future.

The potential is enormous – this is a great opportunity.

Actions:

Noted by Councillors

5. Presentation Topic: 4.00pm

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Jim & Carmen – Rhyll Community Association

Topic: Priorities for the Rhyll Community

Notes:

Some issues that the Rhyll Community Association would like the Council to consider:

- Loch Rd into Beach Rd – 500mm stormwater drain carries water into the bay
Washes a lot of effluent onto beach – need the drain structure to be moved out further into the bay.
- 50km speed limit – many travel in excess of the 50km
Can a 40km zone be developed along Beach Rd – suggested in Rhyll Traffic Management – Plan 2015
- Election promise – of an updated boat ramp for Rhyll
Can Council advocate on behalf of the Community

Actions:

Part of Council's Advocacy Plan to approach VicRoads

Building and Open Space team to contact Rhyll Community Association re the drains

6. Presentation Topic: 4.15pm

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Phil Wright

Topic: Pedestrian Access to the North East of Phillip Island

Notes:

Mr Wright advise the purpose of this presentation is to request Council to consider the best use of the North-East of the island and in particular limiting vehicle movements along Coghlan Rd.

Mr Wright would like Councillors to consider the development of a long-term strategy to protect the NE corridor from traffic.

Request that BCSC requests discussions with Minister for Roads to conduct a Review of long term traffic movements to decide on the best “corridor alignment”.

Actions:

Noted by Councillors