

# Community Connection Session

Wednesday 13 February 2019

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

3.00pm to 3.50pm

## I. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm

San Remo Skate Park

### Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Jean Dunstan – Representative of Concerned Residents and Ratepayers of San Remo

### Notes:

Questions in relation to the San Remo Skate Park:

- What data or SWOT analysis was done when selecting the site at San Remo?
- Who by?
- Is there a copy available?

Ms Dunstan has done her own SWOT analysis.

Ms Dunstan stated that the decision to locate the skate park at the designated site is flawed and that Council has not:

- followed its own Strategy Plan in recognising the value of retaining individual environments and community differences.
- followed the findings of the Bass Coast Community Engagement Report (2018) that gives priority to new playground at Anderson St Park.
- consulted with the wider community of rate payers and residents of San Remo, choosing instead to rely on input from a very small group of people, most of which came from places other than San Remo.
- taken into account that 28% of those surveyed picked Cowes as their preference and 23% chose Kilcunda. Only 17% chose San Remo.
- considered the id profile(2016) for San Remo which predicts the demographic for the next 10 to 20 years will be mainly in the 50+ age group and that the small percentage of those in the 5-25 age group will change little.

Ms Dunstan commented on the type of people who use skate facilities, citing a Facebook post criticising the group opposed to the Skate Park in San Remo. She also distributed a picture of graffiti at a skate park in Knox. She has concerns of anti-social behaviour and possible graffiti at the nearby Cenotaph.

- Cr Rothfield pointed out that the site was chosen as it is very visual enabling passive surveillance. This should help prevent anti-social behaviour.
- Cr Rothfield went on to say that San Remo was chosen ahead of Cowes and Kilcunda as is centrally located within the Bass Coast Shire.
- Cr Ellis informed the meeting that Kilcunda was not chosen as the site would be one side of the Bass Highway and the shops on the other side of the Bass Highway.

**Actions:**

Noted by Councillors

## 2. Presentation Topic: 3.30pm

Steven Gough

### **Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:**

HACC Services

### **Notes:**

Mr Gough thanked staff for arranging his presentation spot at short notice.

He stated that he is here to lobby on behalf of people who will no longer receive HACC services as they fall between those services and will not receive ongoing support under the privatised system.

Those with mental illness ie: bipolar

He has had 38 years practice in this area and in his personal life and can attest that people suffering from this disability (a non-physical disability) get great assistance from HACC services.

HACC recipients are generally older and some have physical disabilities, Alzheimer's and dementia. They require showering, cleaning services and many other services around the home that BCSC HACC team provide so well.

These people will fall through the gaps under the new system.

Mr Gough is requesting that BCSC consider lobbying the state government.

He alerted Councillors to the fact that a former BCSC councillor was on a panel with the state health minister and that person could be a point of contact for lobbying the government.

He also stated that the Federal Minister for Health, Greg Hunt has the responsibility for federal funding to state government for these services and that local government should be lobbying Min Hunt also.

PAG services going.

Local government should be lobbying hard to get these thing changed.

HACC service is rates well spent.

In the circles I move in we don't have the money for extra services or paying for changes to services - I am here to advocate on their behalf.

BCSC is not lobbying, please reconsider the position then go to state or federal government to take another look at it.

A few years ago Mr Gough was so impressed with HACC services provided by BCSC that he wrote an article in Sentinel Times stating how fantastic HACC services are.

Mr Gough is concerned that Councillors are under the impression that all of the existing HACC clients would be covered under the new services. This is not the case.

He encouraged Councillors to find out what the gaps are and to lobby on behalf of those affected.

Cr Tessari stated that BCSC advocates consistently on behalf of constituents.

**Actions:**

Noted by Councillors