

# Community Connection Session

Wednesday 13 June 2018

Civic Centre, Council Chamber Wonthaggi

3.00pm to 5.00pm

## I. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm

Phillip Island Community Adult Learning (PICAL)

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

Joyce Ball – President PICAL, Linda Morrison – Centre Manager, Barbara Parratt, Committee Member & Steve Munro – President U3A

### Notes:

- Presented last November with decision from Council to build purpose built Community Neighbourhood House.
- PICAL have since been working with Chris Wightman and Sue Pascoe-Johnson on options and concept designs for a building of 400sqm with possible expansion in the future.
- Committed to building an eco-sustainable building and have joined forces with Energy Innovation Cooperative for a clean energy building. They have offered to provide solar panelling, water tanks and other eco-friendly products.
- Preference is to re-locate on-site closer to Community Garden.
- Building would need to accommodate our community organisation partners with flexible classrooms, delivery and storage areas for the PICAL pantry, a discrete area for Centrelink a rehearsal space for U3A etc.
- A purpose built facility is preferable to PICAL being re-located to the Cowes Cultural Centre – rumoured to be an option for Council.
- Reiterated that PICAL not being relocated to Cowes Cultural Centre.
- Mayor stated that Council value the services provided by PICAL
- CEO confirmed that \$1.2mil has been placed in draft budget for PICAL rebuild

## **2. Presentation Topic: 3.15pm**

Carneys Road Wonthaggi

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

Beth Banks – Wonthaggi Nursery & Seed Bank

Linda Petit – Wonthaggi Nursery & Seed Bank

### **Notes:**

- South Gippsland Conservation Society & Wonthaggi Seed Bank & Nursery are seeking \$5000 for work to be undertaken to fence and revegetate the tracks currently being destroyed by motor bikes and 4WD vehicles
- Parks Victoria and DELWP are the Crown land managers for this land area. Council has already made a contribution to the Carney's Road Rehabilitation Project via the 2018 Round one Community grants Program of \$5000, and provided 4,000 plants as an in-kind contribution.
- Has been identified as public land that could become a walking/bike track between Wonthaggi and Inverloch
- Long term vision could include partnership with Wonthaggi Secondary College offering an education pathway for students.
- CEO stated that \$5000 would be considered as part of budget submissions

### **3. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm**

AGL Gas Terminal Western Port Bay

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

Don Juniper – Save Western Port

#### **Notes:**

- Concerns about AGL proposal to develop a liquefied natural gas import facility using a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) to be located at Crib Point to secure gas supplies for the future.
- This facility would be continuously moored at the existing Crib Point jetty and will receive carriers of approximately 300m in length.
- Risks:
  - Exchange of water between FSRU and Western Port Bay at the rate of 450 mil ltrs/day pumped into the Bay. Chlorine used in this exchange (to filter effluent) – will impact on sea life
  - Effect of possible explosions on immediate population
  - Effect of possible bushfires on facility
  - Noise
  - Pollution
  - Impact on local endangered wading birds
  - Effect on RAMSAR Wetlands
  - Eventual possible effect on tourism and reputation
- Cr Whelan requested additional information from Mr Juniper in relation to the AGL proposal impacts on environment

#### **4. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm**

Miniature Railway for Phillip Island

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

Bev Munro – Phillip Island Miniature Railway

#### **Notes:**

- Business Plan for Phillip Island Miniature Railway Park with approximate funding requirements/predictions
- Require a 15-20 acre site to develop the Park with appropriate buildings and 7 gauge track for tourism
- Have spoken with Council staff who support the tourism concept
- Council land at Cnr Ventnor Rd and Tourist Rd not considered big enough
- Are prepared to consider shared site arrangement with another entity
- Also considering arranging a not-for-profit share offer to fund land purchase
- See the Park as a huge family attraction
- Can utilise the skills of many retirees to maintain trains and assist with building
- a meeting with planning and economic development can be arranged once a site has been selected
- Mayor advised Ms Munro that she would like to meet with her to discuss further – Council officers will arrange a meeting time

## **5. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm**

Smiths Beach Master Plan

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

Phil Wright - resident

### **Notes:**

- Draft South Coast Community Plan developed in 2009-2010 but not adopted by Council
- Specifically looking at development of Smiths Beach Master Plan - nothing for Smiths Beach in future planning
- Issues for Smiths Beach residents around parking and access to beach, footpaths, pedestrian crossing at Back Beach Rd, lack of recreation space ie: a town square
- No-one is managing the land – trees being removed. A issue on the Island in general
- Mr Wright was informed by Cr Whelan that Council require clear, concise submission by Smiths Beach Community Group rather than an individual