

Community Connection Session

Wednesday 14 February 2018

Civic Centre, Council Chamber Wonthaggi

3.00pm to 5.00pm

I. Presentation Topic:

Reed Crescent Wonthaggi – Development of the Rifle Range

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Beth Banks – Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery

Chris Catterall – South Gippsland Conservation Society

Dave Sutton – President, South Gippsland Conservation Society

Geoff Glare – President, Wonthaggi Heathland and Coastal Reserve

Notes:

- Community project in partnership with Commonwealth - direct seeding program since 2005
- From November 2006 landscaping and reinstatement of the Wetlands
- 2007 Project won Victorian Coastal Award for Excellence.
- Significant vegetation regrowth since 2005.
- Request that Councillors consider flood and bushfire management overlay as part of this development.
- No drainage around Tip – development will result in ground water leaching chemicals as it fans out across flood zone and runs off into Wetland.
- Reed Crescent has flooded significantly several times over the last 20 years.
- All parties request a meeting with Councillors to discuss alternative planning principles.

Actions:

- Planning Council Officers to arrange contact Beth Banks with an update on Council's position.
- Councillors have agreed to again meet with the organisations represented in this session.

2. Presentation Topic:

Information surrounding, and outcomes of the community clean-up of a particular property, whose occupant has hoarding issues.

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

John French - Resident

Notes:

- History on the incidence of a neighbour of Mr French hoarding items around his garden and also in his residence.
- This neighbour has mental health issues and will only let a few of the local neighbours assist with clearing his garden.
- Mr French approached Council to assist with waste disposal vouchers so that items could be disposed at the Council's waste facilities, to be informed that vouchers are issued only to community support agencies.
- Currently \$1800 spent on disposing of waste – funded through the sale of some of the neighbour's items.
- Council provides assistance for hardship, but only for rate payments.

Actions:

- Mr French hopes this generates discussion.
- Wants to know what Council is doing about this type of issue.

3. Presentation Topic:

Petition: Albert Ruttle Wetlands Reserve

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Peter Ghys and Cait McMahon – Friends of Albert Ruttle Wetlands Reserve

Notes:

- Petition to Save Albert Ruttle Wetlands currently stands at 1570 supporters
- Ruttle Lane Development Plan 1993 establishes Wetland Reserve as Common Property
- Planning Permit 02687 (2002) allows the subdivision of the land into 30 allotments – building on these allotments is bound by conditions as set out in the Planning Permit
- Allotments increased from 30 allotments to 32 – no documentation setting out this process
- Environmental Code of Practice set up to protect the habitat of the Ruttle Estate
- Public Access signage removed – contravening a condition in the Section 173 agreement
- Request Council present evidence of how we have gone from a wetlands reserve as open space contribution to housing lots
- Request Council present evidence of how the stipulated 30 housing lots have increased to the proposed 32 lots
- Request Council ensure replacement of the signage to the wetlands as per the 173 agreement

Actions:

- Petition to be tabled at 21 February 2018 Council Meeting

4. Question or Presentation Topic:

Community Building

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Zena Benbow – Pioneer Bay Committee of Management

Notes:

- Video presentation on the community involvement in design and building of playground and BBQ area in the 'Paddock to Park Project' in Daisy Avenue Reserve Pioneer Bay.
- The Committee of Management wish to build a community room and toilet block to enhance this area as there is currently no facility of this type.
- Preliminary plans have been drawn up with guesstimates at \$250,000 to \$300,000.
- Require \$5000 to get structural plans drawn up formally however the Committee of Management can only approve to \$2000.
- Seeking permission from Council to sign off on \$5000 to commence drawing up of structural plans.

Actions:

- Pioneer Bay Committee to request permission in writing to Council's Corporate Property department.
- Council Officers to liaise with Pioneer Bay Committee of Management

5. Question or Presentation Topic:

Support for Phillip Island Web Radio

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Sharon Cantone and John Cantone – Phillip Island Web Radio

Notes:

- Presentation on background and history of Phillip Island Web Radio
- Passion for bringing together local community at major events.
- Proposed that Council uses PI Web Radio as platform for advertising at BCSC events

Actions:

- Request of a costed proposal from PI Web Radio
- Communications Team to follow up with John by 28 February.

6. Question or Presentation Topic:

Christmas Hampers

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Reverend Anne Perryman – Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi and Inverloch

Notes:

- Presentation on Combined Welfare types and numbers of Christmas Hampers for 2017
- Background on welfare issues across the Shire and involvement of welfare agencies and service clubs that assist with donations, no interest loans etc.
- Acknowledgement of Council's involvement with collection points at Council Offices and provision of the Town Hall for the putting together of hampers.
- Issues for agencies around types of items for hampers for teenagers. Currently young children are well catered for.
- There is also a need for families to receive food items that are not just Christmas related i.e.: pasta, rice, cans of vegetables – non-perishables that will last beyond the Christmas period.
- Wish to discuss with Council an idea adopted by some other Councils in Australia where fines are waived for toys or art and craft items, science kits, books etc.
- This is a very successful model that is a win/win for the Council and for the community.
- Suggestion that this type of model be launched for a month each year.

Actions:

- Mayor to discuss with Anne
- Check that Town Hall is available for hamper preparations week of 14 December - booked

7. Question or Presentation Topic:

YMCA update

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Rebecca Wilson - YMCA

Notes:

- YMCA Community Impact Statement 2016/2017 tabled
- Rebecca summarised YMCA involvement with community events, investment of grant programs benefitting the community, workplace programs, violence prevention programs, youth mentoring programs and youth live music programs.
- Partnering with the hospital, PAG programs

Actions:

- For information only