

# Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

## Community Engagement Session

### Comments from San Remo 17 January 2017

#### THEMES

##### Youth and Children

5/367 = 1.4%

- Youth activities in Phillip Island theatre/music/dance/music youth rights!
- Lack of 'Youth Infrastructure' in San Remo and Phillip Island\* \*
- Council seek funding from State Government to better provide recreational programs from young people, especially during winter to keep them gainfully occupied!

##### Waste

8/367 = 2.2%

- Retain Free green waste period
- Extend green waste disposal
- Review: hard waste disposal options
- Hard rubbish management – green waste collected
- Establish a new tip on Phillip Island... businesses need to know that they can service visitors/clients affordably and effectively\*
- A real transfer station
- We used to have a transfer station
- Whatever happened to the hard rubbish collection included in the rates?\*

##### Tourism

5/367 = 1.4%

- Tourism facilities are a strength
- Opportunity: Eco tourism \*
- Opportunity: Off peak tourism/attractions \*

## Toilets and Cleaning

1/367 = 0.3%

- Tidy up & freshen the public toilet on the foreshore

## Sports and Recreation

20/367 = 5.4%

- A swimming pool is required – Cowes or close by\*\*
- Skate park/community space (see Fremantle as eg.)
- Encouragement of participants exercise, public health
- halt on expansion of Wonthaggi pool – use this funding to establish the Phillip Island pool (50mtrs – greater use + function, broader audience...water polo, train, teach, learn, recover) then re-assess Wonthaggi's needs – as a majority of pool users are from the island. p.s. the highest cause of infant death is in drowning and blood cancer \*
- Pool with Hydrotherapy\*
- More community 'connectedness'. ie. Green Space/Free activities
- An Island pool to include facilities for the elderly/rehabilitation
- We need a swimming pool on Phillip Island\*
- A swimming pool is way overdue. It should be considered way before the Wonthaggi upgrade.\*\*\*
- No public swimming pools in this area
- Ageing population would benefit from all year round exercise in pool, lower health risks. Young children would benefit from swimming lessons, pool instruction all season required.
- Build pool on Phillip Island or in San Remo

## Roads

60/367 = 16.3%

- Traffic management re: roundabouts and median strips to improve road safety.
- Weakness: Roadway strategy – lack of
- Intersection is dangerous another without extra congestion!
- Roadside refuse needs improvement
- Traffic flow to and from the San Remo township (busses) \*\*\*
- Traffic flow in and out of Back Beach Road & Phillip Island Tourist Road\*\*\*\*\*
- Seal! Shetland heights Road and Potters Hill Road plus a footpath\*\*\*
- Improve traffic management
- A more strategic/major look at the whole road network across Phillip Island\*
- Improve the access in and out of San Remo particularly in peak periods\*\*
- Improve our atrocious roads
- A toll on the bridge for non-residents\*
- A sealed road to Pyramid Rock (<4kms!)

- Surf beach service road
- More cyclone fencing on main roads to combat road kill
- Improved traffic management, especially during peak tourist times and when events are on
- Investigation of access options to and from the Island, for example, another bridge/tunnel\*
- Safer and smoother traffic flow
- Immediate attention to Back Beach Road and Phillip Island Road intersection in San Remo Roundabout Woolamai Rd \*
- Primarily increase the safety of Potters Hill and Shetland Heights Roads by providing footpaths and bicycle tracks as per prior agreements also seal both these dangerous roads \*  
\* \*
- The council should follow through on San Remo Access Strategy as passed in 2013. \*
- Information of San Remo Access Strategy recommendations.
  - Roads
  - pathways
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- Potters Hill Rd & Shetland Heights Rd are urgently required for construction. Why are these low on the urban road and drainage program????
- Sealing of Shetland Heights Rd. What happened to the monies that would have been paid by the golf course developer to the Council as the sealing of the Road was a condition of the planning permit being issued to the golf course developer? \* \* \* \* \*
- Is there a plan to have residents share the cost for the sealing of the road. If so, what is it?
- Seal major roads that serve communities in S.R. or P.I.
- Improved road system for emergency vehicles in case of Island road closure\* \* \*
- Traffic Management San Remo, Cape Woolamai and Newhaven.

## Public Transport

**9/367 = 2.5%**

- Lack of public transport – no coverage to frequently visited beaches + sights, use of a Myki type System to remove excess traffic \*
- Weakness: No transport
- Better coordinated local and V-Line bus services\*
- More cross transport to recreation and Phillip Island – i.e it's embarrassing
- Seeing international travellers on the bus crying, because they can't afford a taxi to the parade. And no late public transport bus to Melbourne after the penguins
- Not enough transport to access public health facilities. But also the younger population need access to activities and job opportunities – promotes independence and wellbeing\*

## Planning

85/367 = 23.2%

- No overdevelopment (Strong emphasis on town boundaries) \*
- Open spaces are a strength \*
- Weakness: Poor transparency and accountability of planning
- Weakness: Inconsistent planning!!! \*
- Opportunity: Retain village sense of Newhaven (limit sub-division) \*\*\*
- Opportunity: Retain village sense of San Remo Also \*\*\*\* + Cape Woolamai
- Threat: Cheap high density housing
- Threat: Overdevelopment. \*
- Threat: And more overdevelopment!
- Threat: Demolition of Newhaven school hall college. \*\*\*
- It is silly to demolish the school hall college \*\*
- Threat: When the Newhaven hall is so small. Negotiate with the developer!!! \*\*\*
- 'The Boys Home' – Community Asset\*
- Retain 'Town Boundaries'
- Adopt an "in principle" user pays support vehicle to fund development + implementation of "hamlet" master plans
- Retain: Existing town boundaries\*\*\*\*\*
- Retain neighbourhood character of all small communities\*\*\*\*\*
- Retain controls of building heights\*\*
- Improve: Control of development\*
- Significant trees – Boys Home
- Essential that area doesn't become one giant housing estate\*
- Consider how to protect the combined site of the Old Boys Home and School Site from inappropriate/over development\*\*\*
  - Think: Abbotsford Convention. What a multi-attraction that is
  - Out of character with the Newhaven area
  - If developed larger lifestyle blocks in keeping with character (School Site) of Newhaven
- Size of shops are too small for offering alternative retail space
- We do not want to become another Mornington Peninsula\*\*\*
- Retain the rural nature of the island\*\*
- Restrict rural land development
- Less subdivision – keep larger blocks
- Not Melbourne
- Low density\*
- Preventing Bass Coast to become over developed like the Gold Coast\*\*
- Retain Island community feeling
- Development of and adoption of "hamlet" Master Plans\*
- Revise or develop a Master Plan for Phillip Island
- Stage 2 of Marine Parade San Remo\*
- Coastal rural ambience in developments, ie. Don't demand bitumen roads to proposed businesses offering an experience, ie. Wedding reception centres
- establish a change in approach to subdivisions: reduce the amount of lighting, -establishing alternatives such as park-style bollard lighting (on non-street entrances); when subdivisions

are sited in rural areas i.e. san remo. create greater sizes stepping down from farms(maintain/increase ambience) i.e. 5 acres adjacent to farm, 1 acre blocks next. then 1000 sqm – smaller.

- Remove grassed nature strips in commercial areas. This was planned as Stage 2 of Marine Parade Improvements 15 years ago

## Infrastructure

**5/367 = 1.4%**

- Get rid of the unsightly stormwater pipe on the foreshore between the bridge & pier
- Storm water management needs improvement
- Remove orange posts on beach at pelican feeding. Looks like road works
- Replacement/removal of old infrastructure such as the old concrete outfall pipe on the front beach at San Remo\*

## Paths, Trails and Footpaths

**34/367 = 9.3%**

- Improve Footpaths on San Remo link (main streets/roads) ie. Shetland Heights!\*
- Shetland heights Road and Potters Hill Road plus a footpath\* \* \*
- A bike path across the whole Island\*
- Walking track from Punch Bowl Road to Fools Lookout\* \*
- Footpath in Shetland Heights Road\*
  - 60km and it is unsafe\*
  - Children and elderly and residents exercising all use it\*
  - It is now the link to all the new estates out the back of San Remo! Council promised it was in capital budget 12 months ago!
- Adoption of planned shared pathways
- Seal Shetland Heights Road in San Remo and provide paths\* \*
- Connecting pathways\*
- Paving and pathway Shetland Heights Road SR\*
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- Where is the walking track!
- Is there a plan to extend the Foote's walk to Bore Beach? Yes!

- Improve pathways and foot traffic on Marine Parade.
- Need more footpaths that are needed\*
- Safe paths so people of all abilities can walk or commute around their local area.

## Local Laws and Animals

**8/367 = 2.2%**

- Improve the management of the San Remo Cemetery
- Ranger response to issues\*
- No traders to use footpath as added space, it is untidy and tacky! Not safe. Should consider people with disabilities
- Public fire plan for Phillip Island or San Remo
- Helicopter noise at Cape Woolamai\*\*
  - Increasing rapidly
  - No laws to stop it happening all day every day.

## Health

**37/367 = 10.1%**

- Weakness: lack of Hospital and mental health facility \*\*
- Bring our hospital back (PI)! We have the numbers to dictate\*
- No hospital in Phillip Island\*
- Better medical facility on weekends in San Remo (currently Mon-Fri 9-5pm)
- Appropriate Emergency Medical Facility (24hr) (PI)\*\*\*
- Rehabilitation Facility\*
- Mental health facility in Bass Coast Shire –Urgent\*\*
- Not having our hospital back is outrageous – residents and tourists are at risk\*\*
- My concern is no hospital on the island.
- Lack of medical facilities means people will eventually move away
- The island deserves its own hospital\*
- Contingency plans for Griffiths Point Lodge which is approaching the end of its useful life. Generally adequate integrated aged care for our residents.
- Emergency Access\*
- Medical Emergency\*
- Griffith Point
  - Aged Care Facility is getting old\*
  - Has not been extended or renovated in 20 years.\*
  - Won't meet the community needs in near future\*
- No 24hr medical service, which worsens on peak times and weekends\*
- Improved medical service coverage over weekends, too much pressure on Wonthaggi Hospital, if everyone requiring medical attention presents at the emergency department\*

## Finances and Budget

**6/367 = 1.6%**

- Spend ratepayers money wisely. \* \*
- Tourist contribution to the Island – parking fees, toll (Pass for locals as per Melbourne & PPB Councils.)
- Financial Responsibility
- financial responsibility – accountability for delivery of voted/approved projects
- Sell residential block in Bergin Grove -> \$\$\$'s revenue ! and park as well

## Environment

**17/367 = 4.6%**

- Natural Environment is a strength \* \* \*
- The ambience with flora/fauna
- Opportunity: Boost our 'Eco' image by banning plastic bags/water bottles
- Threat: Pollution (\*Plastic Bags) \* \*
- Threat: Fishing litter + discarded catches \*
- Threat: Light pollution
- Threat: Removal of habitat –extinction
- Threat: Noxious weeds
- Eradicate all rabbits!\* \*
- Maintain and expand on our environment to ensure coastal ambience across the Bass

## Education

**5/367 = 1.4 %**

- Secondary College for San Remo
- Develop a master plan for the Bass Coast Shire in particular San Remo and P.I. incl. Tertiary Ed/facilities (Keep young people here to work for a better future) \*
- Fire Management\*

## Economic Development

**6/367 = 1.6%**

- High and excessive rents for shops leading to empty shops and broken family businesses. No incentives to survive the winter. No incentive to invest.
- Equitable business opportunities
- Embracing/promoting local produce and vast activities available that celebrate where we are -> promote local produce to be celebrated + used in our various cafes etc.
- Improve and retain Boys Home
- Improved retail outlets in Cowes – no more \$2 shops allowed!

- Promotion of local food stuff, ie: run annual local food competition, where people promote local produce. Annual winner gets rates waved etc.

### **Dogs on Beaches**

**2/367 = 0.5%**

- Improve Access to off-leash dog walking areas\*

### **De-Amalgamation and Amalgamation**

**3/367 = 0.8%**

- Put Phillip Island Stand Alone out of business through improved bsc performance \*\*

### **Community Engagement**

**7/367 = 1.9%**

- Keep improving “communication” between ratepayer and Council
- “Ears Open”
- Improve communication between PIITS group & residents
- I would like to see more “effective” engagement where the issues being considered are explained and those issues not being considered are fully explained
- Clearly articulate a plan:- consultation
  - Disseminate plan to the community
  - Monitor and communicate outcomes
- Community members (Representation) on more ‘shire’ committees.
- Transparency in decision making with regular public consultation to better improve public amenities \*
- I would like to see Council effectively “engage” with the community i.e. For any issue the Council “engages” with the community they make perfectly clear what issues are up for listening & renegotiation & what is not. i.e. manage expectations & state where Council is at in the IAP2 Engagement types.

### **Car Parking and Signage**

**4/367 = 1%**

- Residences and shops allowed to be built in Back Beach Rd, San Remo with no parking for customers...
- Develop a safer and improved parking area for visitors around San Remo waterfront area, ie. Separate coach parking areas up behind Fishing Co-op
- Parking meters in busy precincts for non-ratepayers (car stickers)\*
- Better planned parking around San Remo, encourage tourist buses to use service road. Not Genista Road! (Marine Parade) at P.O end.



## Arts and Culture

**29/367 = 7.9%**

- A strength: History in Newhaven (Boys Home) \*
- History at local cemeteries
- We have sculptures – old trees!
- Retain Cultural events
- Indigenous recognition in signage\*
- Protect our heritage rural built beaches, museum – cultural centre\*\*\*\*
- Community Arts Centre that runs classes, eg. Painting, ceramics, mosaics
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- Greater recognition of the fact that we are on land of the Bunerong people and use local language on all signs \*
- Greater recognition of massacre sights
- Greater recognition of who's land we are on
- Cultural festivals and ceremony
- Youth activities in Phillip Island theatre/music/dance/music youth rights!
- Encouragement of participants in arts
- Indigenous Awareness in San Remo/Phillip Island (acknowledgement)
  - No Cinema on the Island
  - No picture theatre (on PI)

## Amenity of Towns

**4/ 367 = 1.1%**

- Improve the 'Entrance' of S/R
- Improve the appearance of the entrances to San Remo and Phillip Island as major tourist destination for international visitors – most unimpressive!
- Street beautification planning and implementation
- Gentrification of Cowes shopping strip – less ugly buildings/facades

## Advocacy

**7/367 = 1.9%**

- Seek funding from State Government as Daniel Andrews went to China to promote Phillip Island!
- Advocating for a public secondary school – land has been set aside in San Remo for that?\*
- If this is to be a major state tourist destination, seek state revenue a.s.a.p to improve access to Bass Coast
- VicRoads should not be allowed to destroy Newhaven.
- 24hr Police Station – San Remo
  - Seek affiliation with Southern Health to improve efficiency of Wonthaggi Hospital