

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement Sessions

Comments from Bass 12 January 2017

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Youth and Children

2/125 = 1.6%

- Better youth activities and spaces *

Waste

2/125 = 1.6%

- Tip and transfer stations – cheaper fees
- Image – Waste on sides of roads

Tourism

11/125 = 8.8%

- Weakness: Distribution of tourist dollars isn't equitable
- Opportunity: Access tourist \$
- Opportunity: Local food tourism
- Visitor Info Centres good
- Improve amount of dollars from tourism going back to broader community not just PINP or business owners **
- Plan for Cowes as tourist destination that doesn't need you to drive
- Implement the tourism strategy and strengthen relationships with partners
- Up support to landowner to diversify and create eco-tourism opportunities *

Sports and Recreation

15/125 = 12.0%

- What about Phillip Island pool issue? Where is the money that was raised? What is the status? *
- improvement to local parks etc. e.g. Cape Woolamai infrastructure and facilities

- Development of multi premier sports facility*
- Permanent skate facilities in Phillip Island area
- Strategic plan for recreational and sporting clubs across shire *
- Promote alternatives to main stream sports
- Swimming pool for Phillip Island **
- Exercise stations at improved parks *
- No gymnastics in Bass Coast, more active things for young people who don't play AFL etc.

Roads

17/125 = 13.6%

- Weakness: Phillip Island road safety in peak periods
- Opportunity: Road safety and infrastructure *
- Opportunity: Safer residential roads
- Improvement of access onto highway from San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai *
- Safer roads
- Speed limits – consistent
- Integrated weed control along roadsides
- Access to and from San Remo
- Dangerous on Phillip Island Road
- Backbeach Road also poor intersection Mario's corner / Roundabout
- Safer residential roads (disaster waiting to happen)
- Safe residential roads (speed humps don't work) speed limits and control devices *
- Major road upgrades – they are not safe
- Access to PI road – one roads only – could central area be made in road for peak periods

Public Transport

3/125 = 2.4%

- Bus service to Temby Point
- Improved ferry service from Peninsula to PI
- Include pedestrian rather than cars on esplanade and transport opportunities to attractions so you don't have to have a car to visit

Planning

20/125 = 16.0%

- Strength: Contained building heights
- Opportunity: Careful planning
- Opportunity: Land purchase and acquisition i.e. 30% veg
- Threat: Over development **

- Island is becoming a suburb of Melbourne
- Overdevelopment, loss of contrast Phillip Island vs city, loss of character *
- Retention of farm land
- Cowes foreshore upgrade
- Fancy (expensive) architecture, wont encourage people to visit Cowes because they come from places which already have this
- Built on existing strengths, remoteness, island character (feel). People from city visit for CONTRAST not similar surroundings
- OHS solution to fire exit Culture Centre in Cowes
- OHS issue in Theatre changing rooms no fire exit - Phillip Island cultural centre Cowes **
- Clear plan for the development of open spaces and rec reserves e.g. landscaping and infrastructure *
- Open spaces improved

Paths, Trails and Footpaths

7/125 = 5.6%

- Extended coastal tracks (George Bass to San Remo)
- Road safety crossings for pathways
- Continuation of George Bass Coastal walk into San Remo *
- Invest in bike and pedestrian pathways (integrated)
- New path big tick –Anderson to San Remo (although surface not ideal)
- Better connections of walking tracks and safer paths
- Links with coastal paths iconic walks etc.

Health

13/125 = 10.4%

- Weakness: Lack of hospitals
- Prevention of family violence and drugs education has been good
- Hospital Phillip Island
- Wonthaggi hospital upgrade **
- Waterline area a bit remote need access to healthy food
- White Ribbon, Women's Men's and sexual health
- Hospital on the Island / traffic on road – major incidents what is plan *****

Finances and Budget

1/125 = 0.8%

- Review and improve rural rate debate to ensure genuine improvement of land management – use partners to manage

Environment

11/125 = 8.8%

- Strength: Natural Environment *
- Strength: Wildlife
- Strength: Nature Park Landcare etc.
- Weakness: Natural environment – cleared weedy
- Opportunity: To improve landscape
- Threat: Wildlife
- Threat: Rabbits
- Retention of natural environment
- Up Phillip island vegetation cover to 30 % (how is this going to be done?) *

Education

2/125 = 1.6%

- Wonthaggi Secondary College upgrade *

Economic Development

3/125 = 2.4%

- Strength: Events
- Weakness: Cowes – old shops, old infrastructure, old foreshore
- Weakness: Unemployment

Car Parking and Signage

2/125 = 1.6%

- Weakness: No paid parking for tourists
- Remove parking from foreshore/esplanade area

Boating and Fishing

4/125 = 3.2%

- Anderson road Boat Ramp jetty. Trailer parking? (Charges doubled) **
 - Fish cleaning facilities
- New boat ramp at Anderson road

Amenity of Towns

2/125 = 1.6%

- Opportunity: Revitalise corners
- sense of arrival

Advocacy

16/125 = 12.8%

- Weakness: Police resources
- Weakness: Lack of cooperation between authorities – eg Council/PINP/ Parks VIC ****
- Opportunity: Advocacy and partnerships
- Threat: Crime
- Relationship between Council and PINP good – can be improved *
- Retain partnership with Landcare and strengthen the partnership *
- BCCH are good
- Shire to improve their representation of their community when negotiating with higher government
- Safe Serving of alcohol in community clubs
- Up advocacy of resident when negotiating and planning with corporates and higher government (raise the profile of Bass Coast)

Accessibility

1/125 = 0.8%

- Better disability and unisex facilities for sport clubs e.g. change rooms in venues *

Other

3/125 = 2.4%

- Strength: New Council
- Opportunity: Gain trust of community
Some services and activities are seasonal