

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement Session

Comments from Inverloch 19 January 2017

THEMES

Youth and Children

1/456 = 0.2%

- Youth club in Inverloch

Waste

40/456 = 8.8%

- Threat: Large construction debris and visitor rubbish impacting on recycling
- Keep Inverloch Recycle Station (tip) open **** (2)**
- Keep the tip – Inverloch ****** (4)**
 - Move to other area?
- Consolidate the Inverloch and Wonthaggi tips to one new site where green waste can be composted and available for purchase by residents as part of turning a problem into an asset
 - Don't agree
 - What a load of rubbish *** (1)**
- Keep tip!! *** (1)**
- Keep the Tip! ******* (5)**
- Rubbish bins – more please
- NO 3rd BIN!!!
- Way more bins – especially at each beach entrances
- Keep Inverloch tip open ****** (4)**
- Keep tip for all sorts of rubbish
- No 3rd Bin! *** (1)**
- Keep transfer station open at Inverloch. The traffic issues through Wonthaggi main street could be chaotic ****** (4)**
- No third bin **** (2)**

Tourism

15/456 = 3.3%

- Strength: Awesome destination!
- Strength: Phillip Island Nature Parks: attracts international visitors at scale, Council should seek to leverage of this nature based tourism and provide environment that complement and encourage tourists to stay longer. Long term vision is required.
- Weakness: Improve tourism
- Weakness: Tourism focus mostly for summer
- Opportunity: Link up with Great Ocean Road with Cowes Ferry
- Threat: Loss of our tourist due to lack of on water facilities
- Make Inverloch a holiday destination distinguished by its bike friendliness e.g. 40 km/h on all streets in summer! * (1)
- Think of Inverloch as part of a great tourist destination (not just Phillip Island). Our tourism keeps all local businesses in business.
- Promoting Inverloch to visitors helps to keep Inverloch the thriving lovely place that it is
- More consistent tourism focus for the non summer months * (1)
- Destination points around the inlet
- Tourism boost – from people using them and bringing of own aments to the area
- Develop the area as a cycle touring destination

Toilets and Cleaning

25/456 = 5.5%

- Improve facilities (toilets) *
- Toilets!
- Rainbow Park toilets a disgrace * (1)
- Toilets needed by angling club! * (1)
- Boat ramp toilets needed knocking down and new ones built *** (3)
- Minimum standard* (1)
- Soap!! Soap in toilets
- More toilet blocs at beach entrances – include showers!
- Toilets
 - More!!!
 - And clean!!!
 - And light up at night properly
- Public toilets need cleaning more often in holiday times
- Public toilets needed in the Glade ***** (4)

Sports and Recreation

29/456 = 6.3%

- Strength: Unrealised water sport based potential
- Play grounds on way (from Kilcunda – Cape Paterson - Inverloch)
- Improve Bass Coast Aquatic Centre **** (2)**
- Improve sports facilities *
- Frisbee golf for kids at Inverloch
- Sporting facilities for the youth (engagement)
- Locate suitable location (Ullathornes) for new sporting Hub **** (2)**
 - Move RSL and Bowles into new hub with surrounding playing fields
 - Sport facility, new oval current clubs cannot expand tennis, cricket, soccer, bowls, netball *** (1)**
- More playgrounds in Inverloch. New estates need space for playground/basketball shooting space included with every development and built *** (1)**
 - Link in with bike paths
- We only have 1 playground (Rainbow Park) not enough for when town is busy and too far away from many homes
- Upgrade sporting facilities ******* (5)**
 - Basketball stadium with multiple courts
 - Ensure all clubs are adequately supported with facilities appropriate to their needs
 - Work with clubs to highlight what is available to local kids to promote participation in enjoying sport in all its formats
 - Upgrade to heated pool and complex at Wonthaggi *

Roads

30/456 = 6.6%

- Strength: Road access to area
- Remake the Dalyston – Wonthaggi Road *** (1)**
- Removal off chicanes! Dangerous for all Emergency Services!
- No chicanes anywhere in Inverloch – DUMB!
- One way from pensioners point to Abbot St *** (1)**
- Either remove chicanes or give access direction (Inverloch)
- Treat all roundabouts the same. Glendale Court gets very little attention
 - (when cut it can be 600mm high)
 - Edger doesn't do the centre edging
- Main road into town from highway (Powlett St): Intersection is dangerous need stop sign, Shrubs grown over fences
- The speed limit along Inverloch- Tarwin Lower Rd should be 80ks until over the bridge away from Inverloch to protect native animals

- Intersection of Abbot St with Toorak Rd/Venus Rd is accident waiting to happen *** (3)
- Proper turning lane into Ullathornes Rd off Bass Highway *(1)
- Corner of Treadwells Rd and Inverloch Tarwin Lower Rd needs street lighting and the trees cut right back for better view of traffic coming both ways. The speed limit is 100ks and it can be quite dangerous exiting Treadwells Rd. *** (3)
- Better lighting along Toorak Rd (one of the main through fares) * (1)
- Remove Chicanes – they are a health hazard. Speed humps will slow traffic and not aim traffic directly at pedestrians ***** (6)

Public Transport

14/456 = 3.0%

- Weakness: Very limited number of v-line services – especially on weekends
- Weakness: Public transport
 - Lack of weekend night
 - All Public Transport cancelled at Christmas
 - Better links to towns
- Bus stops at Punchbowl for George Bass Walk
- Public transport – I would like to get a bus home from Melbourne that leave later than 5.55pm * (1)
- Public transport to Melbourne. Train? ** (2)
- Bus stops at each end George Bass Coastal Walk to encourage tourists
- Better V Line Service
- Get the Phillip Island Ferry to Crib Point coordinate with the Bike Bus from Wonthaggi. Then train/ferry could be used for cyclists x2

Planning

47/456 = 10.3%

- Weakness: Inverloch = as big as other towns but without services – lib, park
- Weakness: Lack of alignment (adoption of) with state Planning Frameworks. Allows inappropriate development that is inconsistent with Township Character study recommendations
- Threat: Inappropriate expansion of town boundaries
- Threat: Over development turning Inverloch into Cowes, Lorne!
- Planning
 - Implement Township Character Study recommendations for Inverloch (high priority) ***** (7)
 - Adopt state planning scheme standards ***** (5)
 - Benefit will reduce Planning Department workload and reduce uncertainty for owners
- Town boundaries ***** (4)

- Inverloch – Planning of residences e.g. two stories only no three stories ***** (5)
 - When do overlays apply?
- Rehabilitate the current transfer station at Inverloch as part of Screw Creek Open Space Management Planning Process ***** (5)
- Maintain village atmosphere
- Responsible development through town boundaries
- Stricter enforcement of overgrown blocks – i.e. more action throughout year rather than once only per year!!
- Cuttriss Street Activity Area Plan 2014
- Value the natural environment of our area and the leafy seaside feel
- Implement planning controls protect village atmosphere ** (2)
- Limit estate expansion
- No change of town boundary * (1)
- Good planning laws to maintain our friendly local communities
- A clear vision for the region with a long term strategy and shorter term activities to move us toward achieving the objectives

Infrastructure

4/456 = 0.9%

- Drain and constant supervision of “stinky pond” – Ayer Creek
- Main road into town from highway (Powlett St) Drains are often blocked
- Maintenance of Ayer Creek after thousands of \$ spent on excavation. It’s now back to the state before construction! * (1)

Paths, Trails and Footpaths

102/456 = 22.4%

- Strength: Kids can ride to school in Inverloch
- Opportunity: Kids can ride to school in Inverloch – still improvement connecting some areas and crossings
- Opportunity: Build Wonthaggi-Inverloch bicycle corridor within 2 years
 - YES!! * (1)
 - Via Cape Paterson and the spectacular coast
 - Why not priority?
- Opportunity: Cycling/walking track from Inverloch via Cape Paterson/Harmers Haven/Kilcunda. Makes most of our coast and encourage visitors all year round *** (3)
- Improve paths *
- Promote Inverloch to Cape Paterson Road as a bicycle riding rival to the Great Ocean Road by having events that close it for a weekend.

- Cycle and electricity mobility planning.
- Inverloch – Wonthaggi shared path / cycle/pedestrian/horses? * (1)
- The Bass Coast Rail Trail and Phillip Island cycle paths are excellent please maintain! * (1)
 - And extend
 - And connect to Wonthaggi/Desal trails
 - George Bass MTB Trail?
- Surf Parade Path way
- Safer walking track between Ayr Creek and Surf Beach
- Link informal walking tracks to commercial precinct and beach
- More footpaths! One side would be great
- Footpaths!!! *** (3)
- All residential streets should have a concrete footpath at least on one side of the road. This will enhance neighbourhood safety and amenity. *** (3)
 - Agree!!!
- Footpaths on all streets and roads (one side) * (1)
 - Toorak road
 - Yes!
- Footpath to RACV from Ayr Creek ** (2)
- Continue footpath from Ayr Creek to Surf Beach (Inverloch) ** (2)
- So dangerous walking on roads with grandchildren * (1)
- Main road into town from highway (Powlett St) No Footpath, needs bike lane, Kids have to walk on roads on grass (uneven), Prams have to go on roads, Often in and out of cars parked, School nearby
- The bridge over Screw Creek needs resurfacing
- Maintenance of walking tracks
- Instead of footpath construction that turns Inverloch into Cranbourne be creative, use the already wide well-made roads. Put Copenhagen Lane for Pedestrians and cyclists – suggest Toorak Rd Inverloch. At the moment wide and a speedway it could be narrowed
- Zebra crossing across William St to Post Office. Refuge Island in the middle * (1)
- And for kids crossing from Pier Rd side of Inverloch to school the roundabout is quite busy
- No road works on footpaths (existing) during holidays (e.g. waterworks on path during Sep 2016) * (1)
- Shared pathway from Ayr Creek to Cape Paterson ***** (5)
 - And continue round to Kilcunda!
 - PLUS Inverloch Wonthaggi – decrease traffic if students and workers can ride
- Pathway along Surf Parade footpaths on one side of all roads
- Finish Inverloch- Wonthaggi path
- Develop the area as a cycle touring destination
- Footpath for Royal Parade – URGENT
- Finish the shared walkway on Surf Parade to the Surf Club in the next year. No more consultant report, get active x2 ***** (10)

- Footpaths in High St and Hopetown St due to high density car parking and having to walk in road **** (2)**
- Bike and walking track to the Surf Beach
- Push bike track extended further along the surf beach
- Build bike path to Cape Paterson via beach and cliffs ****** (4)**
 - Link (playgrounds) in with bike paths
- Develop a plan to provide a safe bike path linking Inverloch /Wonthaggi/Cape Paterson *** (1)**
- Paths. Nowhere to walk safely
- Complete path at least to RACV Resort (better to Cape Paterson) ***** (3)**
- Finish path BUT keep parking. Landscape as has been done with existing path – allowing view of the beach (it is beautiful why hide it)
- Lots of ways for people to keep active such as: *****
 - Shared offroad path Inverloch – Wonthaggi
 - Ability to safely walk and ride around the towns

Health

20/456 = 4.4%

- Opportunity: Ambulance station in Inverloch and upgrades to Wonthaggi Hospital *** (1)**
- Recognise Ice as a community problem and instigate initiatives to support programs
- Better Wonthaggi Hospital – enlarge emergency!!!
- More Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance
 - SES outside town boundary to incorporate emergency Hub and easy access to Highway
 - Freeing up good commercial expands up A'Beckett St
- Motorized scooters to ride on footpaths slowly
- Council should advocate strongly for upgrades to Wonthaggi hospital – ambulance stationed in Inverloch after hours Healthcare for emergencies *********
- More focus on active health – less focus othat food and wine are the only things to do *****
- More support for mental health and suciice prevention services
- ICE *****
- Acknowledge and recognise ice as a community responsibility and develop/support. Long term programs to curb impact
 - Intergenerational ICE engagement programs

Finances and Budget

11/456 = 2.4%

- Threat: Growth in operational expenses *** (1)**
 - Yeppo ↑ (bad management of Inverloch – Look ahead to the future!!)
- 2.5% rate cap

- Box Hill rates are 2/3 of Inverloch rates for same size house and value **** (4)
 - So are they in Sydney but more for your money
- 2.5% rate cap
- Weakness: Small population to finance administration of Council

Environment

18/456 = 3.9%

- Strength: Beautiful beaches
- Strength: Treed environment and remaining bush * (1)
- Strength: Lifestyle change for the retirees – wonderful relaxed atmosphere and environment to enjoy
- Strength: Great natural beauty along the coast and its hinterland
- Threat: Visitors leaving their rubbish on the beach
- Save our beach! ***** (6)
- Cycle and electricity mobility planning.
- Relax all the restrictions and regulations on and around the beaches and go back to enjoying it all. More foreshore camping – Never too old to enjoy the surroundings as they were.
- Plant local native trees on nature strips to enhance the environment
 - Choose trees of an appropriate height
 - Agree!

Education

2/456 = 0.4%

- Develop educational precinct to encourage investment in educational services
- Long term plan to relocate school due to higher enrolment expected

Economic Development

12/456 = 2.6%

- Strength: Fresh food – V. best
- Opportunity: The NBN has created opportunity for new small businesses to come to the area and hire the local young people but they need Hub style support to interact with each other and grow
- Streamline planning process to encourage investment
- Grow jobs for the kids. New types of work needed
- Would like somewhere to have a drink and see the sea! * (1)
- Ability to build business with small officials – hub style

- A start up group for new business and new ideas outside if the traditional summer based tourism (now we have the NBN)
- A plan for Inverloch shopping precinct.
 - Another supermarket? * (1)
 - More restaurants?

Dogs on Beaches

19/456 = 4.2%

- Simplify rules for dog access on Inverloch beaches – the current rules are confusing and too restrictive. E.g. off leash before 9am /after 6pm on all beaches *** (3)
- Dogs brochure for residents and holidayers – see Bega Valley SC brochure
- Dogs – pit bulls on beach – no go? (Dangerous dogs!)
- Dog bags /info/water at each beach entrance and all parks * (1)
- Please sort out dogs of beach issues!
- More off leash beaches for people to enjoy with their pets
- More off leash dog beaches so people can stay fit while having a pleasant time with their treasured pets. Many elderly people in Inverloch have dogs which would help their health to be able to exercise with them. *** (3)
- Promote use of the beach for dog walkers – healthy and cheap and safe! ** (2)
 - Plus dog bins
- Dogs on leads on beaches 24/7

Community Engagement

16/456 = 3.5%

- Threat: Inability for council to link community input to outcomes/decisions * (1)
- When there is any community consultation that Council should take outcome into consideration and also use Council staff and not spend \$\$\$ on outside consultants *(1)
- More intergenerational interaction
- Better communication on events at Inverloch by 1 organisation - NOT multiple!!
- Become a leading light of transparency and Community Consultation of the 79 Vic Councils * (1)
- Listen to the community!!
- Implement specific evidence based communication for community input to Council priorities *
- Be transparent ** (2)
- Listen and Act
- Notify rate payer who not live full time at Inverloch of changes of **evemer**

Car Parking and Signage

3/456 = 0.6%

- Weakness: Poor ranger policing of parking of council by laws
- Remove parking restriction in main street (or extend) so that shoppers can do more than the essentials – allows customers to visit more shops / support more businesses
- More rangers in Inverloch to enforce PARKING!

Boating and Fishing

10/456 = 2.2%

- Weakness: Poor boating facilities at Inverloch which turns many tourists away as they are dangerous
- Weakness: Boat ramp poor policing means 80% of visitors do not pay the ramp fee and park their trailers out in the street
- Opportunity: Inverloch could be as good as Metung, Paynesville, Lakes Entrance but we have no facilities and own one real launch facility which is dangerous and inadequate
- Improve the boat launching facilities at the ramp. Currently nearly impossible and dangerous with fast moving tides and strong east /west winds. Pier only good for boating and crab netting *
(1)
- Inverloch entrance bar – is a death trap – how can it be improved?
- Improve Boat Launching and retrieval facilities in Inverloch
 - Visitors do not want to damage their boats at Inverloch Pier
- A real buoyage system on the inlet that is lit night Nav aids
- Open Tarwin River mouth for access. Mahers Landing boating facility
- Improve launching facilities town and Mahers Landing

Arts and Culture

12/456 = 2.6%

- Opportunity: Music festival
- Improve Wonthaggi Union Theatre
- Our fantastic libraries and staff – but help improve services
- Removal of Art Work from Ayr Creek! To be put in town don't need the view of Inlet
BLOCKED
- Proper sound stage in the glade facing south ** (2)
- Upgrade to Union Theatre
- Funding for a home for historical society
- Meeting spaces for community groups
- A community garden for Inverloch ** (2)
 - Could this be incorporated into the Men Shed?

Amenity of Towns

5/456 = 1.1%

- Beautify Inverloch shopping area
 - Weeds - footpath
 - Metal cover outside bayside lady – what for?
- Beautification master plan for Inverloch commercial precinct
- (too much seasonal planting on in Town roundabouts)

Accessibility

19/456 = 4.2%

- Inverloch Foreshore Cuttriss St Activity Area Plan July 2014 all access for people with disabilities roll out mats to beach **** (2)**
- Stairway to be cleared of sand – especially disabled showers
- Mobility scooters paths not roads!!!
- More disability paths for access to beaches
 - Pathway rollout mat for all abilities *** (1)**
- Wheelchair access
- Council talk to motorised scooter to use footpath not centre of Dixon St and Cashin
 - And all elderly residents including villages ... on how Inverloch is now.
- Access areas to beach for people with disabilities ***** (3)**
 - Rollout mats
 - Cuttriss St Foreshore Plan July 2014
- Inverloch foreshore Cuttriss St 2014 Activity to move on with point 8 all access for people with disabilities rollout mats for wheelchair etc. ***** (3)**

Other

2/456 = 0.4%

- Implement an evidence based approach to change. ALL CHANGE
- Retain townships as wonderful communities where people want to live