

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement Session

Comments from Rhyll 24 January 2017

THEMES

Youth and Children

3/538 = 0.5%

- Kids are the future
- More open spaces appropriate for young people to gather
 - Using carparks i.e. Coles as skate parks too crowded
- Activities for teenager years – improved sporting need public area for basketballs, running tracks etc.

Waste

24/538 = 4.4%

- Opportunity: Better management of green waste
- Weekly rubbish collection
- One free hard rubbish collection yearly – ditto! ✓✓ *
- Bins to be kept clean when major events are on
- Definitely NOT fortnightly rubbish collections *
- Green bins
- Green waste? **
- A tip for Phillip Island **
- Rubbish tip for Phillip Island
- Reopen transfer station/tip
- Give us better waste management. Weekly in summer for tourist and accommodation. Better hours during free waste amnesty!
- Use the money for a hospital and tip and a pool
- Open transfer station *
- Free hard rubbish pickup

Tourism

22/538 = 4.1%

- Strength: Phillip Island a long term holiday destination
- Strength: Close to Melbourne
- Strength: Having Phillip Island Nature Park on the Island
- Strength: Profit from visitation
- free camping sites in the Shire
- Opportunity: Phillip Island is the destination of international visitors
- Opportunity: Develop Bunurong Coast – Cape Paterson as alternative destination to Phillip Island.
- Opportunity: Planning for better tourism infrastructure
- Opportunity: Work neighbouring Councils for visitor Information before you enter the area i.e. Caldermeade
- Opportunity: Better walkways linked to natural environment to increase visitor stay
- Threat: Don't have infrastructure to host cruise ships to Rhyll and Cowes
- A wider range of camping facilities for families and over seas visitors
- RV friendly places.
- Better integrated plan for Cowes especially Isle of Wight area **
 - Facilities for tourists
- Tourism is out of control
 - Needs better management and support
 - Get the infrastructure right first!
- The Island is currently too crowded in the summer months. This cannot be sustained. Neither will it be comfortable to live, either for residents or visitors. As an area of outstanding natural beauty it would perhaps be better to think about conservation and preservation of the existing landscape. And some restriction placed on numbers of people visiting (best printer award!)

Toilets and Cleaning

26/538 = 4.8%

- Toilets at Rhyll foreshore ** and at:
 - Oswin Rovers (lobby Nature Park)
 - Chinamans Estate (lobby nature park)
 - Surf Beach Kids Park, esplanade
- Showers at the beaches so that people can hose off before leaving. Most beachside tourist towns have these... *
- Foreshore toilets improved –Cowes – Rhyll **
 - Not good enough for tourist town! ✓
- We love Jetty jumping and we want showers on our beach – and good toilets *
- Clean toilets regularly! In peak times more often
- Construct and improve the toilets in Rhyll and Cowes!
- Toilet block at Rhyll UPDATED and maintained. *

- Public toilets in Rhyll
 - Self cleaning ones for visitors/tourists *
- Please remove the public dunny outside Gulliners restaurant it is a OHS issue! YES *

Sports and Recreation

58/538 = 10.8 %

- Skate Park and other activities for the youth!! – And there has been no change in recreational facilities on the Island since the 80s!! *
- Put pool up near carnival
- A rotunda for Rhyll Foreshore Yes!
- Also more “picnic friendly” facilities (tables/BBQs etc.) along Rhyll foreshore
- Improve skate park for all types of skate riding: Street, Park, Bikes
- We need a pool * PI
- Extension of Sporting facilities *
- An aquatic centre – slides etc. Then locals and tourists dollars can utilise the island all year round ***
- Skate park too small – dose not cater for different ages
- Improve skate park – very dangerous with boulders
- Skate Park and actives for the youth!
- Pool and 24 hour medical centre **
- Improve Skate Park with street riding facilities as well.
- Activities for teenager years – improved sporting need public area for basketballs, running tracks etc.
- Aquatic facility for rehabs and recreation
- Ventnor Rec Reserve plan completed
- Construction of an aquatic centre ASAP! *
- Swimming pool for the Island
- Skate park for youth (what about Blue Gum Reserve) and more facilities for young people!!! – Yes please **
- Pool for the Island - a 50 metre pool – better regional and long term opportunities
- Pool on the Island
- Hub *
- Skate Park
- Pool and warm water exercise pool
- Playground at Erehwon Point seriously re developed – re: Marysville or a water inspired theme.
- Hydrotherapy pool on Phillip Island
- Heated! Pool on the island **** - especially hydrotherapy pool
- Skate parks (new and supervision)
- Pool *

- Use the money for a hospital and tip and a pool

Roads

45/538 = 8.4%

- Dust suppressant needed on roads (side roads) very big health issues. Dirt in house not dust. *
- Rhyll-Newhaven Rd 80km/h signage not enough area to pull up coming onto Phillip Island. Should be changed to 60km/h as all other traffic in this area is 60km/h *
- Living **** Suppress the dust/dirt on the side roads. Very unhealthy
- Ask VicRoads to make the blue line available during peak times, either approaching or leaving Philip island. Note: VicRoads's policy is only to open the blue line for three hours AFTER the moto GP i.e. once a year *
- No to VicRoads unnecessarily widening the road at Newhaven. Just improve current roundabout! ***
- Better roads – less potholes in Rhyll! ✓
- Better integrated plan for Cowes especially Isle of Wight area **
 - Better traffic flow Especially in high peak periods
 - Bridge?
 - Wider roads?
- Catering for emergencies
 - Traffic congestion
 - Ambulances
 - Coroner's
- Rhyll Newhaven Road – reduce to 80 km/h and make 80km/h or less uniform throughout the island
- Roads fixed – Dust suppression *
- Speed limits changed, some roads still have 100km/h? – 80 day/60 night Rhyll/Cowes Rhyll/Newhaven *
- Get cars off the Bass
- Consideration as to 65km/h speed limit on Rhyll-Cowes Rd and Rhyll-Newhaven Rd *
- Dust – down
- Seal the roads! (And ratepayers shouldn't have to pay!!)
- All roads should be sealed to reduce dust and health risk *****
- Roads

Public Transport

22/538 = 4.1%

- Community bus Rhyll to Cowes
- Regular bus from Rhyll to Cowes
- Improved public transport around the island *
- Public transport for youth (and all) from Rhyll – Cowes – Ventnor.

- Increase bus services around the Island
- Car ferry to come into Rhyll
- Bus lines to have and advertise around the island. Penguins etc. painted on side of bus
- Better service between towns
- Hop on/off bus for tourists
- Ferry? – Vehicle and passenger ferries – oh no! :(
- Public transport shuttle / from San Remo
 - Frequent
 - Cost effective
- Hop on/off shuttle bus using a day pass/week pass reflecting the real costs * Town bus!
- A much better inter island ferry. Not well managed currently
- Community Buses – island – town *

Planning

29/538 = 5.4%

- Opportunity: Major master plan for the whole.
- Opportunity: Save Boys Home for heritage purpose – could be a boutique hotel of conf. facility
- Opportunity: Manage increase in population
- Weakness: Strategic plans sit on shelves and don't get actioned or funded
- Threat: Maintain balance of natural environment / development ✓✓✓
- Threat: Over development ✓
- Threat: Inappropriate over development /block sizes too small too much over lighting from street lights
 - Impacts on natural environment
- Threat: Need acreage near farmland
- Coastal land health. Do not over develop Surf Beach, Sunset Strip (etc.) with curb and channelling. Sealed roads yes but beautify road ditches with plantings for frogs etc.
- Retain existing town boundaries (no new subdivisions until need established)
- Retain the environmental and rural nature of the Island – Sustainable development *
- Cap on housing to keep the island for what it is known for
- Defend existing town boundaries **
- Enforce 7.0m building height restriction **
- Include DDO re small coastal townships to conserve neighbourhood character *
- No new subdivisions
 - New ones (sub divisions) to connect with others and paths – more indigenous planting
- New low lighting options for estates – park bollard style etc.

Infrastructure

16/538 = 3.0%

- Threat: Don't have infrastructure to host cruise ships to Rhyll and Cowes
- Improve drainage please – breeds mosquitoes
- Storm water drain on beach at Rhyll-Loch Rd/Beach Rd needs to be extended further out to sea. Is smelly, unsightly a haven breeding mosquitos.
- Natural gas to the island
- Mow grass more often not just when bike races on!
- Clean up Rhyll beaches (extended sewage outlet) *
- Natural gas **
- Remove storm water drain at end of Loch Rd / Beach Rd ✓
- Pump sand back up onto foreshore ✓
- Relocate sand from Anderson Boat ramp!!
- Roof over BBQ foreshore

Paths, Trails and Footpaths

49/538 = 9.1%

- Opportunity: Cape Paterson – Inverloch shared trail
- Opportunity: Better walkways linked to natural environment to increase visitor stay
- Develop coastal habitat walks
- Extend footpath from Rhyll General Store up Lock Rd ***** And all the way down Rhyll/Newhaven Rd to Phillip Island Rd to enable people to then access walking/bike tracks to Cowes or San Remo ***
- Bike lanes on major local roads
- An improved and extended walking track from Silverleaves through Ventnor (boardwalk style)
- Improve and extend pathways for athletes and coaches *
- Rhyll Footpaths
- Safer paths for bikes *
- Footpath from Hastings St into Rhyll – Newhaven/Rhyll are for students going to the bus stop.
- Widen the roads for safe bike paths – cheaper option!
- Better bike paths that connect *
- More coastal board walks like Cape Paterson – Inverloch *
- Bike paths built to specifications linking all areas i.e. a path or decent shoulder from Rhyll to Cowes **
- Linking bike and walking track including Ventnor Ed to Nobbies *****
- Safer walking and bike tracks at Rhyll *
- New footpaths (sealed or unsealed)
- Extension of bike paths into Rhyll linking Cowes and Sunderland Bay intersection *

- Improved footpaths for wheelchairs especially in Cowes. Poor edging from road onto footpath – tips wheelchair *
- Footpaths – especial to school bus stops
- Bike track – along Rhyll – Cowes Rd and Rhyll New Haven Road to Phillip Island Highway
- Pathways for scooters/parking/crossing the road
- Walking / bike track from Rhyll to Cowes to Phillip Island Road – promoting health and wellbeing and fitness! Plus a safety issue for persons walking from the Nature Park Boardwalk along Cowes Rhyll Rd. ****

Local Laws and Animals

2/538 = 0.4%

- Threat: Friction between nature loving people and pet owners
 - Who are also nature loving but need places/spaces for pets
 - Have very diverse views
 - Need a compromise
- Dead animals removed daily

Health

75/538 = 13.9%

- Opportunity: Increase the standard of medical facilities and practitioners – need a taskforce with minister for health
- Weakness: Lack of medical facilities
- Threat: Older population moving away because of lack of facilities and essential services
- Medical system needs improving ****
- Pool and 24 hour medical centre **
- Hospital. High school *
- Family facilities in Cowes that are pram friendly. Feeding, changing etc.
- Facilities for young mums e.g. breastfeeding
- Medical facilities – for all age groups * :Kids, Workers, Elderly
- Medical - Adequate signs as to where medical attention can be obtained ***
- Medical
- Percentage of people over 50 + wider to deride medical services
- 24 hour medical service
- Orthodontics: Improved dental services instead of driving to Melbourne
- Ophthalmology services
- Optometrist that operates daily
- Doctors that stay on the Island more than 12 months
- Youth health – mental and physical
- Lack of doctor appointments during peak periods!! And lack of bulk billing

- Extra services at peak times *
- Increased chemist facilities
- Increased GP hours on weekends
- 24 hour emergency cars/triage on Island ***** ✓✓
- Hospital – reinstatement ***
- Mental health *
- All these specialists services require a “medical hub” to work out of that as a 24/7 service (i.e. as a hospital) *
- Hospital – reopen *****
- More medical services - Waverly hospital site maybe?
- Specialist medical services *
- Ambulances – more?
- More aged care facilities ✓✓✓ Medical services
- Whatever is happening to the Warley Hospital Site? Surely this could be the new day surgery and 24 hr medical centre. And the ambulance station
- A 24 hour emergency care of some kind is needed urgently!
- Seek funding to increase ambulance funding
- Rooms available for breastfeeding mums! Nappy change etc. *
- Community Support - E.g. for people with dementia and disabilities
- Use the money for a hospital and tip and a pool

Finances and Budget

13/538 = 2.4%

- Weakness: Current financial position not sustainable/risk of being taken of by administration
- Weakness: Overspending / over use of consultants
- Weakness: Reduce operating budget by 40% redirect into renewal of assets
- Set budget into better balance. Less operational cost and more asset renewal/maintenance/development *
- No wasting money with consultants
- It would improve wellbeing to have a well-managed creative Council who spend money wisely ✓
- Sack the CEO “over aid” ***
 - No consultants

Environment

10/538 = 1.8%

- Strength: Fresh air

- Strength: Good beaches/family beaches/surf
- Strength: Natural environment and wildlife balanced with low development ✓
- Opportunity: Natural gas
- Opportunity: Better promote environment and wildlife balance
- Council to embrace/publish an environmental strategy that would see Phillip Island become green/clean. Sell this as an incentive to encourage business to the Island.
- Balance with nature
- A long term plan to protect our eroding foreshores, rock walls, wooden walls, mangroves and no development within 25 m of foreshore (in new developments). Avoid class action against Council when houses fall in the water.
- An environmental policy to reduce our greenhouse imprint

Education

26/538 = 4.8%

- Opportunity: Develop a public high school (11 buses leave Phillip Island for kids going to other schools)
- High school please! Too many children leaving the Island daily to attend Wonthaggi's already overburdened campus **
- We need a state high school on the island or at San Remo
- Hospital. High school *
- A high school to allow local kids to go to school locally *
- High school lose to everyone so we can ride and have fun
 - San Remo?
- We NEED a public HIGH SCHOOL
 - 11 bused a day going to Wonthaggi to take our children to a school that is already overcrowded isn't good enough. People should have the right to a public school system for children of all ages *****
 - YES!!
 - Yes on the ISLAND
 - YES!
 - Yes!
- A public high school on the island or San Remo **

Economic Development

9/538 = 1.7%

- Opportunity: Retain farmland for food security / affordability
- Weakness: Need to attract Business Activity
 - # empty factories in Wonthaggi
 - # empty shops in Cowes
- Threat: Potential of a commercial port (Hastings)
- Wi-Fi across the shire
- Create a mall between Chapel St and The Esplanade on Thompson Ave – locals

- More businesses
- No more \$2 shops for Cowes
- Better facilities for new and existing businesses etc.
- Encourage more businesses in the shire

Dogs on Beaches

2/538 = 0.4%

- Opportunity: Bluegum reserve as an off leash area needs to be made secure with fencing
- Threat: Friction between nature loving people and pet owners
 - Who are also nature loving but need places/spaces for pets
 - Have very diverse views
 - Need a compromise

De-Amalgamation and Amalgamation

6/538 = 3.1%

- Weakness: Left hand doesn't know what right hand doing (bring the mainland/Island coast together)
- Weakness: BCSC is not an appropriate fit for Phillip Island ✓
- Stand alone! We need money that is made on the island to stay on the island **

Community Engagement

17/538 = 3.1%

- Opportunity: Don't give residents a hard time
- Weakness: Too much confidentiality
- Continue "community plus" meetings at Cape Woolamai either monthly or bi monthly
- Improved:
 - Efficiency of Shire bureaucracy
 - Effectiveness of Department Managers
- Make and own decisions**
- Do NOT use consultants as first choice
- If staff not up to job – remove them! **
- No consultants!
- Connection with our immigrants and including proactive policies to include them in our community
- Transparency of Council and more detail in budgets
- Community engagement that is listened to and acted upon!
- No consultants

Car Parking, Crossings and Signage

13/538 = 2.4%

- Opportunity: More pedestrian crossings
- Threat: Signs for pedestrians to cross roads safely – be more obvious
- Retain – parking in Jetty Triangle at street a drop off area for semi-disabled and families to access the beach
- Signs for 'Give Way to Traffic' need to be more obvious. There is much confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at the moment *
- More signs for wildlife on roads
- Don't do the triangle keep as is!!
- Car access to jetty triangle retained *
 - Duty of care to provide car access to public transport (and elderly, disabled) being the Stony Point ferry.
 - Emergency services need access to jetty in case of any water, ferry, boat accident (etc.).
- More pedestrian crossings
- Cowes main street scheme- very tired looking footpaths need to be made safer all uneven brickwork unsafe for young and old pedestrians
- Regulated parking around end of Donsmore beach end

Boating and Fishing

2/538 = 0.4%

- Better structured car/boat trailer parking along Beach Rd Rhyll
- Improve Jetty (see Geelong for example, encourages water activities for youth). I.e. not boat, fishing and kids jumping in one spot.

Arts and Culture

18/538 = 3.3%

- Strength: All townships have interesting histories
 - Create trails (history/food)
- Leave cultural centre as it is but just extend the library. *
- Redevelop Cultural Centre – need a proper theatre
- Island cinema
- Cinema on the Island!
- Better support for the arts on Phillip Island
- Movie theatre in Cowes
- A redesign of the cultural centre Cowes
- An Island Cinema *
- Improved facilities including culture and arts
- We need an art room *
- Phillip Island needs an Art Centre for art as therapy sessions and youth art and aged programs ***

Amenity of Towns

15/538 = 2.8%

- Opportunity: Phillip Island is the destination of international visitors
- Improve the appearance of Cowes. Do upkeep when needed.
- Whole foreshore of Rhyll to be improved - Beautification
- Cowes main street scheme- very tired looking footpaths need to be made safer all uneven brickwork unsafe for young and old pedestrians
- San Remo foreshore facelift
- Landscaping entry to Phillip Island for 2 kms
- Town entrances should reflect unique character of town
- Improve external face of Coles!!
 - Patterned or photo glass and some plants!
 - Take a trip to Coolum in QLD for ideas! Especially landscaping! **
- Improve appearance of main street of Cowes *
- Attractive entrance to the Island that represents the beauty of the Island and is well maintained
- Improve landscape design down Thompson Ave
- Beautify Rhyll Beaches * More picnic seats etc. ✓

Advocacy

23/538 = 4.3%

- Prevent vandalism of Newhaven boys home *
- Speed cameras operate in this area. Rhyll is a 50km/h zone
- Fines for littering
- Make Brian Paynter and Greg Hunt accountable for their seats
- Make Brian Paynter and Greg Hunt accountable for their safe seats!! ***
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- No to VicRoads unnecessarily widening the road at Newhaven. Just improve current roundabout! ***
- Vacant properties made to be maintained all year not just a clean-up once a year especially vacant land. Keep mowed ✓✓✓
- Encourage Coles to incorporate some photos landscapes into glass windows so we don't have to see shelves, groceries and trolleys and landscape outside corner
- Police
- Petition VIC Government to appoint an administrator – Yes

Accessibility

2/538 = 0.4%

- better local services to allow access for all
- Need to improve access for people with a disability at the jetty

Other

11/538 = 2.0%

- Everything is a priority! *
- Unity and strong leadership ***
- Remove the CEO
- Forward planning! ***