

# Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

## Community Engagement Session

### Comments from Corinella 24 January 2017

#### THEMES

##### Youth and Children

4/258 = 1.5%

- Some sore of facilities in the local townships for younger citizens to engage and encourage them to stay in the area Ditto - I agree
- Support the Children's Centre to be bigger and better and well funded. ✓

##### Waste

5/258 = 1.9%

- Increase opportunity for free disposal of green waste
- An optional green waste bin. Elect for an extra charge \*\*\*

##### Tourism

14/258 = 5.4%

- Opportunity: We have the opportunity to encourage free camping areas the travellers can stay at from say 8pm to 8am daily. The opportunity is adding income to local businesses.
- Opportunity: I would also suggest a farmers market/supermarket/free camping at the "worm" at Bass instead of McDonalds
- Opportunity: Free camping in old football/cricket oval to be provided and enhanced
- Threat: Free camping \*
- Grantville developed as "gateway" to shire information/promotion for entire shire. Current infrastructure maybe sufficient but underutilised. ✓
- A free camp area at "the worm" in Bass. Encourage a farmer's market/Supermarket to take campers away from the back of McDonalds. \*\*
- Dump points for caravaners and free campers to use. Showers pay as you use \*\*
- Stop viewing platforms being placed in front of heritage bay

## Toilets and Cleaning

6/258 = 2.3%

- Toilet at Norsemans Road beach entrance \* ✓
  - Agree!
  - Also track around retention pond \*

## Roads

6/258 = 2.3%

- 50/60 km zones
- Improve roads
- Widen Agar Rd to accommodate boats/vans and increased traffic \*
- Facilitate improved roads including VicRoads leading into Corinella \*

## Public Transport

1/258 = .4 %

- Probably a separate issue but public transport could be improved. Perhaps later buses from Southern Cross to the area.

## Planning

52/258 = 20.2%

- Strength: The fabulous natural environment but it has to be protected and not developed so it is unsustainable
- Strength: Uniqueness of these small coastal villages needs to be retained \*\*\*
- Opportunity: Planning and Health departments to be more encouraging, developing relationships with business to benefit shire. Less enforcement more guidance.
- Weakness: Council should not allow developers to destroy foreshore \*\* ✓✓✓
- Threat: Developers and commercial gain. We do not want to become like Cowes or Inverloch which has lost its charm. \*\*\* ✓
- Threat: Overdevelopment!
- Threat: Unsustainable development ✓✓✓ \*
- Threat: Absentee Land Lords \*
- Threat: Developers clearing land without any thought for the natural environment
- Small village feel
- Retain 2010 zoning
- Improve culture of planning and health departments to embrace/partner developers and businesses to encourage \$\$ to be spent in Bass Coast better approach at welcoming others.

- Re: Coronet Bay \*
  - Low rise development only \*
  - Minimise development \*
  - Only 2 story housing \*
- Planning processes slow down small community development with alot 200 vacant blocks for sale Coronet Bay and Corinella. Sudden growth will impact schools (Bass Valley) and new Child Care centre will be outnumbered before it has time to establish itself.
- Retain the unique nature of Corinella, Coronet Bay, Temby Point – do not commercialise these beautiful peaceful areas \* ✓✓✓✓✓
  - I agree
- Keep our town boundaries in place! ✓
- Ensure we don't allow intensive farming e.g. of cattle, pigs and chickens
- Ensure that inappropriate development is held in check. I agree! – restrict developers in developing blocks under 600m<sup>2</sup>
- Cape Paterson is currently under threat. ✓

## Paths, Trails and Footpaths

15/258 = 5.8%

- Opening up of path around the retaining basin at the bottom of Norseman's Rd Coronet Bay has been an ongoing request to Council
  - Pathways (Noresmans Rd)
- Footpaths
  - Corinella has many areas unpaved including many people living with a disability
  - Same for Coronet Bay
- Access to beach between Hughes Street and Cuthbert St which zigzags down so Prams and pushchairs and wheelchairs have the ability to get onto the beach. This access would also help with getting on to the off leash beach area at high tide.
- We need footpaths along Agar Rd for children and elderly \*\*
  - X Corinella Rd
- Better foot access on Norsemans Rd to the beach. At the present time it is very unstable for people with disabilities \*\*\*
  - Agar Road, footpaths urgently and Norsemens Rd, Scenorama Rd \*

## Local Laws and Animals

8/258 = 3.1%

- Threat: Horses: safety and environmental issues ✓
  - Club horses on beach ✓
  - Safety \*
  - Put people off \*

## Health

16/258 = 6.2 %

- Opportunity: Planning and Health departments to be more encouraging, developing relationships with business to benefit shire. Less enforcement more guidance.
- Information when specialists are in attendance at the Wonthaggi Hospital. Saves a trip to Melbourne. \*
- Easy access to Health Services could improve
- Partnering within other service providers BCSC + ???
- Encourage private enterprise re- Hospital Phillip Island
- Hospital on Phillip Island \*
- More doctors
- Access to aged care facility in Northern Part of Western Port Ward
- Lobby for expansion of Wonthaggi Hospital – support initiatives to upgrade it to a regional hospital
- Continue to fund and upgrade aged and disability services. HACC is a wonderful service. ✓  
\* CHSP
- Hoon drivers affect many people across entire shire
  - Providing a structured outlet for their behaviour could help

## Finances and Budget

1/258 = 0.4%

- Threat: Competition from other shires for development \$\$

## Environment

48/258 = 18.6%

- Weakness: Vegetation e.g. Hughes Estate ✓
- Protection of foreshore especially with regards to further housing development \* ✓
- Protection of foreshore vegetation particularly in front of the heritage estate already enough that has been done to the native wildlife \*\*\*\*\*
- Expansion of planting of mangroves to protect coast \*\*
  - Environmental
- Certainty around retaining some existing vegetation on land zoned residential (Harold Hughes Estate loss of vegetation, an abomination) ✓✓
- Preserving the natural features and amenities our shire is renowned for – Phillip Island has had as much development as it can take ✓ \*

- Protect the environment and restore balance. Need to have only sustainable development. To retain 75% of our animal species need 35% of pre-European native bush. Currently its less than 10%. Far worse than this on Phillip Island. \*\* \*✓✓
- Hughes Estate, Corinella – appalling from an environmental point of view – virtually every tree destroyed. Wallabies and kangaroos etc. lost their habitat.
- Agree
- I agree
- Living in Hughes St by this new Estate from an environmental point of view it was devastating to see the whole 22 acres cleared of almost all trees. It is now a wasteland with not a tree in sight. Why did Council allow such devastation? If the new fire by laws influenced this then the saleable blocks should be bigger. Kangaroos and wallabies and ring tailed possums, native and other birds now have lost their habitat
- Wildfire corridors e.g. between the Hurdy Gurdy Creek, Gurides and Grantville State Nature Reservation reserves need to be protected and enhanced. ✓✓
- Greater protection of all natural features that attract people to the area in the first place. ✓✓
- Lobby State Government to make reserves (and interconnect as many as possible) such as those mentioned in Wildlife Corridors (two points above) and others into a national park. In 1996 or 7 1100 people signed a petition for this ✓✓
- Lobby for the protection of coastal areas from erosion and climate change e.g. encouraging more planting of mangroves \*\*
- A uniform body for local foreshore vegetation so small local committees cannot over ride benefits purely for selfish “we need a view” mentality \*
- Consolidate protection of foreshore vegetation ✓ \*
- Facilitate a study of foreshore cliff erosion between Settlement Point and O’Connors Rd
- Public Amenity (no threats to foreshore vegetation from private development) \*

## Economic Development

20/258 = 7.7%

- Strength: Business development department
  - Pro-active and encouraging
- Opportunity: Supermarket at Grantville – Coles or Woolworth. Nearest one over half an hour drive away at 100km/h
- NBN \*
- Badly need a supermarket and shops ✓
- Supermarket at Grantville
- Cafes in the small towns. Kernot is a great example. Gives a social gathering place. \*
- As a social meeting place I feel the heritage Bay Café will be invaluable.

- Vitality/events
  - Strong business \*
  - Local produce
- Continue to protect Westernport Bay from a container port \*\* ✓ and over development
- Support growth in jobs but not at expense of environment. Need sustainable development only.

### Dogs on Beaches

3/258 = 1.1%

- Dogs on beach on leads – good
- Increase in dog excrement \*
  - Smelly
  - Unsightly
  - Not nice if found by resident
  - Toxocara canis virus problem

### Community Engagement

10/258 = 3.9%

- Weakness: People who are afraid of change!
- Town profile - Missing Corinella foreshore committee
- An opportunity for all community club presidents to hold an annual conference and information session. Discussion of community and how each club meets its aims and objectives.
- I would like the Council to become known – i.e. develop a reputation for welcoming ideas, encouraging development and promoting Bass Coast
- The Council can be an advocate for Bass Coast creating a welcoming environment
- Cultural shift within Council away from enforcement towards promotion of the shire- we need to compete with other shires – last year's fires on west coast brought tourists/holiday makers to our shire.
- That the Council run at least one Council meeting per year at Grantville \*\*
- Instil a piece of pride in our neighbourhood

### Car Parking, Crossings and Signage

2/258 = .8%

- Sort out Norseman Rd options \*
  - Parking
  - Facilities

## Boating and Fishing

14/258 = 5.4%

- Re Coronet Bay \*\*\*\* ✓ - Re-establish old boat ramp \*\*\*
- The old kinder garden moved to Coronet Bay foreshore/boat ramp area to be used as an area for those monitoring boat movements in and out. \*
- Boat ramp upgrade is a welcome change to Corinella infrastructure
- Reopen Coronet Bay ramp

## Arts and Culture

16/258 = 6.2 %

- Opportunity: Some facility for entertainment on the foreshore Coronet Bay. Perhaps a temporary concert hall
- Opportunity: Secure local history
- Weakness: People not reinforcing Corinella's history
- Corinella local history:
  - Preservation of Corinella's unique history
  - Consider history in planning i.e. naming of estates, roads parks etc.
- Corinella has a very rich historical record. It needs to be displayed rather than locked in a storeroom in the hall \* ✓✓
- Readily available information of our history and links and walks i.e. an "I" both on office \*
- Opportunity: Hughes reserve to display the historical artefacts of Corinella
- Promote and retain local history \* Consider above in developments.
- Develop "worm" as an indigenous art space or educational facility \* ✓

## Advocacy

11/258 = 4.3%

- Weakness: Management of the coast line ✓✓✓✓ \*
- One "overall body" for the supervision of the Coastline. Being the first contact. They then direct requests to the particular authority responsible for the specific action in question \*\*
- Extra revenue to improve police force capacity 24 hours \*

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