

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement Session

Comments from Kernot 30 January 2017

THEMES

Youth and Children

3/186 = 1.6%

- We need to build facilities that encourage the youth off the streets and into worthwhile activities
- Better childcare facilities
- Lack of childcare/crèche facilities for local families (to enable covers employment opportunities)

Waste

4/186 = 2.15%

- Weakness: Rubbish removals (dumped)
- Install dump sites in appropriate areas
- Free passes for rubbish from Kernot Hall the hall belongs to the shire help with funding or shire to remove rubbish!!! *

Tourism

18/186 = 9.6%

- Advertise/promote “daytrip tourism” to encourage car clubs and senior groups and international travellers into the area via scenic drives ***
- Free camping for travellers in Kernot reserve: Signage, rubbish bins, solid tables etc.
- Signage “Grantville-Gateway to Bass Coast and Phillip Island”
 - Put a flyer over Bass Coast Highway with racing cars, penguins – Entrance to Bass Coast

- Visitor centre in Wonthaggi should be more like Phillip Island Centre. Too many visitors not to have major visitor info centre.
- Caravan free camping!
- Power and caravan toilet facilities at Dalyston Rec Reserve and Kernot reserve! ✓
- Free camps? There are none in BCSC for visitors (Kernot reserve) ****
- Caravaners in QLD parks have been told “don’t go to Bass Coast, you won’t be welcome”.

Sports and Recreation

4/186 = 2.5%

- building to go to if a disaster happens like fire at Harmers Haven. The existing town hall is antiquated. Why not build a combined basketball, emergency stadium, town hall that can cater for everything. It is an embarrassment that the Mayors ball has to be held at RACV Inverloch.
- A firm commitment to address the poor state of the Dalyston football club change rooms, netball court and social rooms **

Roads

26/186 = 14%

- Threat: Poor traffic management re access to PI *
- Reduce speed limit at Kernot Store Corner to 60km/h to make it safer *
 - Turning is extremely dangerous! Remove solid wall at the store – you can’t see through it! ✓✓✓****
- Intersections in Wonthaggi Korumburra Rd/McKenzie Rd, Murray St/McKenzie Rd either roundabouts or lights **✓✓
- Old bridge what will happen with this?
- Roadside weed control
 - Landcare advises that they receive \$60K PA for the whole shire, only enough or 1/3 of area. Meanwhile noxious weeds germinate. Increase finding to cover whole area anyway. \$60K is not enough ✓✓✓ *
 - Is this not the landowner’s responsibility?
- An alternative route from Philip Island to San Remo if roads blocked due to accident or such. Delays can be hours. *

Public Transport

3/186 = 1.6%

- Weakness: Public transport

- Weakness: Narrow bridge to Phillip Island – Ferry!
- Retain transport for the elderly and improve buses and volunteer drivers and TELL people about services – your Council workers can't help when I've asked!

Positive

3/186 = 1.6%

- Strength: Great staff!
- Strength: New Council going forward
- Publicise councillors achievements and increase public respect for the senior management

Planning

10/186 = 5.4%

- Threat: Hideous development – control and supervise planning!
- Follow the planning rules without exception – no special deals as in the past! **X**
- Better education for new landowners **** ✓**
 - And follow ups from planning to ensure the proposals are followed.
- Accelerate planning and industry development project issues *****

Infrastructure

10/186 = 5.4%

- Opportunity: Enormous opportunities to build infrastructures because existing structures have been neglected for way too long.
- Better parking at Kernot hall/fire shed road should be sealed and drains fixed. Kernot. ******
- Krowera hall needs maintenance done and BBQ needs upgrading
- Bass flats drainage to be improved or maintained. Push Melbourne water if necessary.
- Street furniture in Grantville near chemist and bank for elderly and frail *** ✓**
- Funding for solid fence at rear of hall for safety/creek Kernot

Paths, Trails and Footpaths

1/186 = .5%

- Strength: Bike and walking tracks are very good

Local Laws and Animals

5/186 = 2.7%

- Clean up the fire risk in Gurdies Forrest
- Reduce roadside vegetation at Kernot Bridge
- Roadside overhanging trees trimmed for fire truck clearance.
- Fast CR Water truck on standby and ready on TFB days. *

Health

15/186 = 8.0%

- Strength: Grantville medical centre is wonderful for locals
- Threat: Without proper infrastructure the youth will turn to drugs and crime. Then less tourists, less money, more problems *
- Hospital on Phillip Island?
- Ambulance response times Kernot *
- Aged Care
- Improved hospital facilities ✓
- Mental health of young bored kids in area ** ✓
- Hospital facilities need upgrading ✓

Finances and Budget

7/186 = 3.7%

- Weakness: Inept Staff ✗
- Weakness: A lot of money spent on the consulting process and not enough on actually doing anything!
- Weakness: “high salaries” preclude more employment
- Further rate reduction for rural/farm land (house and curledge (?) to be rated separately) *
- Stability!
- No wage rises for next three years for ALL STAFF

Environment

4/186 = 2.15%

- Strength: Lovely bush areas
- Strength: Great beaches

- The environment! Take more care of native plantings – roadside veg and parks – provide plant lists for new houses and ensure planting is done as specified. Canopy trees for shade and cool! Environmental tourism is after all one of Council’s priorities *

Education

7/186 = 3.7%

- Opportunity: When will Wonthaggi education precinct be built? *
- Better education for new landowners ** ✓
 - And follow ups from planning to ensure the proposals are followed.

Economic Development

36/186 = 19.3%

- Strength: Rural employment opportunities
- Opportunity: Develop employment plans for labourers etc., apprentices, trainees
- Opportunity: Advocate for better mobile services
- Weakness: Internet blackspots in Kernot area. No NBN for all
- Better internet access for all. NBN not available in Kernot and Krowera *****
 - Agree! Priority one
- More residents in the villages
- Internet access for all *
 - Yes yes
- Council to advocate for better mobile phone coverage for Kernot, Woodleigh and Krowera! ** ✓
- A supermarket in Grantville ***** ✓
- Encourage small business and local produce sales/marketing. E.g. roadside stalls etc. in Kernot??
- Ensure commercially acceptable internet access is available to all businesses/commercial residents *** ✓
- Better mobile access
- At present there is no emergency

De-Amalgamation and Amalgamation

1/186 = .5%

- Threat: Amalgamation due to poor performances

Community Engagement

10/186 = 5.4%

- Strength: Community consultation is improving
- Weakness: Poor communication skills by Council staff
- TELL people about services – your Council workers can't help when I've asked!
- Improve community consultations and communications. Improve communications between council departments. One common data base for all council departments.
- Retain hard copy Coastell. Do you have all ratepayers' emails!
- Community Consultation about the bypass plan
- By pass plans should be displayed in this area and discussed ASAP Kernot **
- Weakness: Lack of common Council database

Car Parking, Crossings and Signage

4/186 = 2.15%

- Better parking at Kernot hall/fire shed road should be sealed and drains fixed. Kernot. **
- Signage "Grantville-Gateway to Bass Coast and Phillip Island"

Boating and Fishing

4/186 = 2.15%

- Strength: Fishing
- Coronet Bay boat ramp improvement or maintenance
- What is council doing about the Coronet Bay boat ramp/ramps? (a pre-election issue) *

Arts and Culture

4/186 = 2.15%

- Strength: Entertainment venues e.g. Kernot
- Strength: Great Local Halls / Need to be kept great!
- Library access for the hinterland
- We need a very large community hall for local functions/dinners

Amenity of Towns

2/186 = 1.1%

- Weakness: Street cleaners

- Grantville is bleak – beautiful!?! Extend tree (flowering gums) planting in front of industrial areas, shops, hardware, even one or two trees would help! Attractive street furniture – Seats along for elderly and disabled

Advocacy

5/186 = 2.7%

- Weakness: Bring back road patrol teams
- Council to advocate for better mobile phone coverage for Kernot, Woodleigh and Krowera! ** ✓