

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement – Arts and Culture

Cinema/Performance Arts

- The Union Arts Centre is a great asset for the shire, but it is getting tired. Will you be continuing with plans to revamp and revitalise it?
- The Wonthaggi Cinema hosting quality music as Warragul does would be great. Keep the good movies coming.
- Cinema
- Out door cinema on the island.
- More local entertainment in Wonthaggi Continued Cinema screenings &/or performances at WUCAC Growth of the town of Wonthaggi as opposed to Phillip Island & Inverloch
- Reinstate and improve cinema in Wonthaggi to run regularly on weekends.
- cinema. An area for our dance school to put on a concert with a stage and static seating. We have to organise two separate concerts and separate siblings just to fit into the Wonthaggi Arts Centre. And we can only secure one date annually.
- Can the cinema be like a normal cinema? Open daily.
- Wonthaggi Union Cinema improved.
- Wonthaggi Arts Centre improved.
- Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre incl ability to screen films to be retained.
- Improve the Union Arts Centre - Refurbish inside and promote a wide variety of events there.
- Improve entertainment at WUCAC
- The upgrade of the Wonthaggi ARts Centre by Council has been a fantastic project
- Better cinema eg like Village standard.
- Cinema fully operational.
- Well done on keeping the cinema in Wonthaggi up and running.
- More Entertainment = Things to do in WONTHAGGI Music groups/Bands/Comedy Acts in Arts Centre
- Well done on the developments with WUCAC. It would have been a tragedy to lose the cinema and the future looks very positive.
- No Cinema on the Island
- No picture theatre (on PI)
- I am happy that the cinema is being retained and would like to see more movie offers.

- Regular cinema
- More cinema shows
- Wonthaggi cinema is great now
- Improve the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre – Cinema
- Local cinema
- More cinemas offering art house films and new releases, A festival of the arts similar to the Woodend Winter festival, that is also a festival of ideas, cultivation of classical music and serious music, medieval/street music at places where people can stop during organised walks around the coast during the festival..... I have been thinking for years.....
- More support for live music and arts e.g. Some sort of gig guide? Grants and funding for local aspiring musicians and artists.
- A sound shell in Iverloch Glade
- The cinema is a positive step! People from Phillip Island come to watch movie and then spend \$\$ in town. Only problem is parking!
- Develop a Wonthaggi cinema/theatre
- Renovate Union Theatre and perhaps ass a theatrette.
- Opportunity: Some facility for entertainment on the foreshore Coronet Bay. Perhaps a temporary concert hall
- Island cinema
- Cinema on the Island!
- Movie theatre in Cowes
- An Island Cinema *
- Strength: Keeping cinema ✓ *
- Wonthaggi Union Cinema ✓
- Continued Council support for community facilities. Council did such a good job with the Union Arts Centre and the Centennial Centre Info/Art space. Council officers were terrific in their support **
- Keep cinema in Wonthaggi * ✓
- Arts centre – improve fabric of the facility and variety of events there
- Cinema retained * ✓
- Maintain the fantastic Union Cinema ✓
- Need Arts Centre to be improved and a wide range of events there
- Union Art Centre ✓
- Use/refurbishment of the old drive-in screen
- Opportunity: Music festival
- Improve Wonthaggi Union Theatre
- Proper sound stage in the glade facing south ** (2)
- Upgrade to Union Theatre
- The Wonthaggi Cinema re-opening was a great idea (well done)
- Cinema
- A performing arts centre / cinema

- Theatre
- Support cinema - create evening activities.
- Support cinema.
- Cinema – we need 2
- A cinema, yes a cinema. (Phillip Island)
- More than 1 kids movie showing on Hollis!
- Get heating at the Arts Centre.
- Be able to bring food in the movie from shops.
- Free wifi at Arts centre (2)
- Horror Movies (3)
- More movies more often
- More events at the Arts Centre.
- Upgrade the bathrooms at the Arts Centre (2)
- Continue to support this venue (Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre) and staff it for films and shows.
- Keep the cinema open and more often!!
- More movies
- Keep movies coming!! Good selection Kids and Adults!!
- More movies.
- Get heating (at Wonthaggi union cinema).
- Free wi-fi please :) (at Wonthaggi union cinema).
- More movies more often please. (more kids movies, too) thx.
- Cowes: Cinema is needed – we had a temporary one but now it closed. Nearest is now 1.5 hrs at Leongatha!
- Support of a cinema, even an outdoor cinema (Phillip Island)
- And a cinema would be great.
- A theatre/movie theatre (PI)
- Take a look at Phillip Island which is a crown of tourist treasures of Australia. A highly neglected treasure of Australia. No Aquatic centre, no hospital, no botanic garden, no movie theatre. No place to sit down and enjoy this magic place.
- Holiday makers need a pool and cinema in Cowes – they have these in Inverloch/Wonthaggi – so Phillip Island is not as well prepared for holiday makers.
- A Cinema put in (PI)
- Movies (4)
- Cinema (9)
- Cinemas (17)

History

- i would like to see more emphasis on celebrating and retaining the history of the town and surrounding area. the Wonthaggi historical society do a fantastic job but instead of reading

about it in books, people should be able to experience it first hand. the eastern area mine is great but so much mining and town history has been neglected or lost, (no.5 brace, 20 shaft area, western area and kirrak mine to name a few). beautiful buildings have been lost in the name of "progress" over the years it is heart-breaking. lets embrace our past by remembering Wonthaggi was built on mining and coal, not trying to forget it by knocking down every last remaining piece of that connection. also, the amount of old Wonthaggi houses being lost to high density housing by knocking them down and replacing them with units is a terrible loss.

- I would like to see all the things mentioned above retained and the rich history of the Island highlighted and improved.
- A strength: History in Newhaven (Boys Home) *
- History at local cemeteries
- Protect our heritage rural built beaches, museum – cultural centre*****
- Retain all the historical points
- Greater protection and improvement of the regions heritage
- We do not need a great hall. The Phillip Island Historical Society Museum needs to be preserved and supported.
- A much greater acknowledgement of Bass Coast's pre-colonial history - within Council's own operations, and also to educate the public about the Bunnerong & Kurnai peoples, and their living culture and contributions.
- History of Wonthaggi recognised & brought to life, like Beechworth and Yackandandah. It could be an awesome historic yet modern township.
- Help the Cowes Historical Society be open five half days each week. More local place names in the local Aboriginal language. Advertise our pre-history contents such as dinosaurs.
- More focus on historical info and particularly in Inverloch.
- 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 * ✓
- Strength: All townships have interesting histories
 - Create trails (history/food)
- Strength: Historical buildings history – community spirit especially Wonthaggi ✓*
- Retained historical buildings, knowledge of towns history ✓✓
- Funding for a home for historical society
- Making sure the history of the area is retained! Historical buildings preserved (no subdividing of older properties)

- Retain information centre to promote wide range of historical, natural and cultural assets of Bass Coast
- The heritage
- Historical Boards. More needed in the Shire. We are custodians of this land and the history should not be forgotten. Public History of The Gurdies, Kernot, Almurta, Woodleigh and the Shunt Off is sorely lacking.
- The Wonthaggi RSL would like to heritage list the Wonthaggi Cemetery. The RSL lost heritage grant to heritage list grave of WWI vets family because cemetery is not heritage listed.
- Retain the historic coffee shop on the pier (Cowes).

Public Art

- Wonthaggi - As you enter, it looks like the end of a town, not the start. Get the local kids to do some murals with indigenous elders, either side of the road, make it look inviting
- and fun street art to bend in the ugly things though the streets
- Less money spent on flowers at the roundabouts, I'd love to see a mosaic or similar done by local schools or artists.
- street art
- Permanent Town beautification for wonthaggi like more local sculptures around town and at town entrances. Christmas decorations in trees.
- * Put a temporary container park where the Isle of White was such as <http://downtowncontainerpark.com/> in Las Vegas. There's also plenty of bars, markets, food truck parks etc globally based on this. Could have a permanent market or more importantly have regional producers have outlets mixed in with cafes. Modernise this area, obviously the owners would need to agree. But containers are removable which they may be open to. * Have a Bass Coast and Phillip Island separate events page. People visiting have no idea what is on other than one or two listed on visitphillipisland.com.au. * Promote touring guides for foodies, vintage collectors, fisherman etc really have to hunt for this stuff.
- Our foreshores to be improved and updated with attractive statues and walkways.
- STOP WASTING Money on Rubbish Public Art - 50K on the work at Kilcunda - What an embarrassment
- More public art. i.e. sculpture, exhibitions, performance, street art, temporary installations. There are LOTS of festivals but they often feel like they are 'half done'. i.e. Shearwater festival, Laneway Festival, music in the glade.
- Often rubbish left behind and ignored. Some sculpture by the sea which reminds us to take our trash with us would be amazing!
- I have seen wood carvings in lakes entrance of soldiers and nurses, simpson and his donkey they represented the war why not something like this representing the miners with pit ponies and carts etc at the entrance to the town what an attraction
- We have sculptures – old trees!
- Public art (perhaps in newly built toilets) *

- Why not pens and whiteboards in toilets?
- Have a focus for the town / community ie murals on large spaces *
- Art based instalations!
- More public art like the paintings at the local church. People will come from far and wide to look at free art. Again, public art could also part of a new toilet complex (inside and out).

Fine Art

- The Robert Smith art collection to be housed in a gallery in Wonthaggi. For residents and visitors please don't let this opportunity slip by.
- Arts and culture. Council have an enormously exciting opportunity with The Robert Smith collection of developing a Centre of Excellence in art and literature. The scope is enormous from exhibitions that will attract visitors from afar to a digital exhibition accessed from across the world thus promoting our region. It is essential that this gift be housed in a central location that gives access to all and is properly staffed - not just by volunteers but a curator who can promote it, develop exhibitions, archive and file the material and provide access to students and academia who I believe will flood to use it. This gift is so significant that once the establishment costs have been met I believe will be self-funding.
- Dedicated art gallery to house the growing collection of art owned by the ratepayers of Bass Coast.
- More support and infrastructure for the visual arts and creative industries in the form of exhibition and studio spaces providing access to regional residents not exclusive to Bass Coast residents
- Build a large civic centre that contains a theatre and art centre complex. Refer SAM at Shepparton or MOMA Hobart.
- World significant Robert Smith art collection should be housed in an appropriate gallery in Wonthaggi This is an unbelievable collection please give this priority. It would be a treasure for the residents and a huge tourist attraction.
- Glad to see good sense prevailed by keeping the Centennial building with info centre and a beautiful art gallery!
- Community Arts Centre that runs classes, eg. Painting, ceramics, mosaics
- Community arts centre that runs ceramics, painting and mosaic classes***
- More Arts Spaces for All styles
- establish an Art Gallery for the Council collection, either in the old Post Office, or maybe a new building in conjunction with the old Mine Rescue Centre.
- A regional Art Gallery to house the art bequest recently announced and to replace the Artspace area. The old Coles supermarket site would be ideal
- More arts and theatre Bass Coast should look at featuring their own unique competition, like marine litter sculpture comp!
- Art space gallery (visit for Councillors to regional gallery Morwell).
- Regional gallery to house Colinihan and other acquisitive art works

- An Art Gallery with featured blockbuster exhibitions (not unaffordable unnecessary preponderance of Noel Counihan works thank you) why should Wonthaggi be saddled with this expensive collection.
- Information and Arts space centre - wonderful! Keep it up!
- We are involved in this quite a lot and have no issues. Continued support for KernArt would certainly be appreciated.
- The Wonthaggi RSL is heritage listed in Bass. It will be 100 years old in January 2019. Its long term future in Wonthaggi is in doubt. Certainly the veterans operating the club will likely retire at the end of 2019. With this in mind RSL is looking for other uses of building, and have suggested using premises as an art gallery with a view to house Robert Smith collection. Contact has been made with artist's representatives and preliminary representations have been made with a feasibility study underway.
- Art Museum.
- Celebration of the life and work of Eric Juckert (Pottery)

Events

- The fireworks on New Years Eve (Inverloch) were excellent.
- Also would like to see a regular 'Lazy afternoon of music' in the park and/or pop-up food vans. (Bass)
- more community events.
- A greater emphasis on community festivals/celebrations. based around a theme for example coal mining(historical), cultural diversity and beaches/surf.
- Archies Creek music fundraisers and Rhyll Halls summer cinema, Kernots Hall art show. All good examples of "little big" successes.
- Have a weekly mid-week makers market in Graham or McBride Street (see what they have done in Mornington which brought huge benefits to local shopkeepers and cafes) Guaranteed market in the Apex Park all year round (if its wet, move the stalls undercover all the way up McBride St) Encourage more street art in the laneways as has already been started.
- special events such as farmers markets
- More entertainment
- Better support to collaborate with the council Events department on projects.
- better promotion of local events, any local events are poorly promoted and even though I live there and read the Sentinel Times regularly I still rarely know about events.
- Youth arts/music festival
- I would like to revitalise the P.I. new year.with this year there was a large throng in town.I am suggesting folk dancing and country and western music/line dancing.local bands/singers,and all ages can enjoy.and learn....Tom
- Encourage more/diverse social activities in locals halls to get people moving and interacting. Not just during the day, many people work/ go to school. Many activities in bc planned for retirees! Hall committees meet during the day. What about Disco dancing nights , yoga,

badminton, community soup and movie nights, after work walking groups. Take away barriers that may prevent hall committees from allowing all community to use halls.

- Farmers markets are great and very in vogue at the moment - they need to stay popular and supported.
- Supporting events put on by the community without taking over the event. Would be nice to see more Christmas decorations.
- Wonthaggi brought to life a little, celebrate the occasion like Christmas with decorating a ect
- I do however like the events that happen in Wonthaggi. the show, Carols by candlelight, Anzac services and I am very proud to live in this beautiful community.
- Retain Cultural events
- Cultural festivals and ceremony
- Host a monthly farmers market and annual events such as music and food festivals.
- More for Teenager on NYE – Fireworks!!!
- Good Bands at the pub.
- A festival with Rides and Showbags and Fireworks! :)
- Get the young 18-26's with disposable income back to the town. We have lost them as there are no festivals for their age group in the region any longer.
- Less events
- Retain the night markets and improve same by providing assistance with marketing. Retain fireworks (early) on NYE in Cowes. Implement a series of festivals, year round and market them well. Implement a cohesive strategy.
- Retain the great events throughout Bass Coast - so many community events are well run and enjoyed by many of the community and visitors also.
- I came to a community meeting recently and responded to the main questions but I have one more thing to suggest. We live in a beautiful area with a vibrant community and I think it is important to acknowledge and celebrate that. My suggestion is that we organise a 'Celebrating Bass Coast Festival' to showcase our good fortune. Hopefully, this would make present residents feel positive about their community and could also be used to 'sell' the area to people we would like to encourage to move down here
- Events – make most of community spaces
- Continue Community events such as this one (Music)
- Keep Ag shows and family events, low cost days out.
- Bring back fireworks New Years Eve in Cowes.
- All the current events, great summer entertainment
- Better Xmas decorations NYE celebrations - street parades and bands Night markets
- Separate issue - change format of Rotary craft markets to only be local to keep \$\$ in Inverloch
- Love the Show
- More cultural activities - music/plays/book festival/art prize- during holiday time to balance all of the sports events.
- Strength: The amounts of events are wonderful ***

- Strength: The country shows are terrific
- Change date for Australia Day celebrations
- Festive season atmosphere
- More festivals / major events
- A cover for the park for outdoor concerts and markets
- More control over markets – make them craft only. Also, markets should not open before close of normal business. The markets should not start before 5pm. Otherwise this draws business away from the retailers. Markets should not be making cappuccinos and selling food, jewellery and clothes that the retailers sell all year while bearing such huge overheads. There needs to be a criteria designed for this purpose. A strict entrance/participation requirement like other markets.
- Bring back fireworks at New Years Eve. They bring a bit of fun to the Island. You could have markets as well.
- Events – brings in great variety.
- Library, Festivals.
- Retain fireworks at Inverloch and Coronet Bay
- More community events
- Arts/festivals/music for young people (8)
- Events

General/Other

- Arts and cultural activities available or increased.
- high quality arts - music and visual, Preserving historic buildings
- More culture, music, art, theatre
- Make Wonthaggi an arts and crafts centre for the Bass Coast region. Encourage residents to develop their nature strips, and not just with native plantings.
- a dedicated and very lively arts precinct, a lively classical music festival and series of concerts offering high end artists,
- Livelihood in the arts.
- More library branches - eg. one in San Remo, perhaps a library of "things"
- Increase infrastructure, entertainment opportunities,
- community gardens, arts spaces and events, youth events and spaces. Keep them coming :)
- I would like to see Mitchell House increased to provide more activities.
- Support arts wherever possible.
- Encouragement of the arts and artist spaces
- A cultural, green, eclectic mecca.
- I would like the Council to think outside the box and be inventive in the way the town is presented. There is a lot of potential to make Wonthaggi a really exciting arts precinct and to beautify the town in a way that will encourage visitors and provide residents and businesses with opportunities to develop.

- Set aside a whole central area for an arts precinct, that offers halls and dedicated buildings for cafes, concerts, readings, art exhibitions, music, drama and dance education and inspiration as well as extraordinary landscaping etc.
- Youth activities in Phillip Island theatre/music/dance/music youth rights!
- Encouragement of participants in arts
- Inverloch Hub open on weekends
- Wonthaggi build on its artsy vibe - a socialist arts community. It has the facilities to have some unique distinctive arts festivals - Has potential to be a regional centre.
- Natural wood signage celebrating the beauty of the area, tradition and community
- Good arts scene and venue at Coal Mine.
- Better support for the arts on Phillip Island
- 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 ***
- Strength: Arts and leisure ✓✓✓
- Strength: Rescue station – last one in Australia – do support ✓✓✓
- Strength: Vibrant community
- Opportunity: Participation in many areas of arts, sports clubs etc
- Opportunity: Build on the vibrant (arts) community
- The town hall is due for a BIG makeover (I was a teenager last time!)
- Continued Council support for community facilities. Council did such a good job with the Union Arts Centre and the Centennial Centre Info/Art space. Council officers were terrific in their support **
- Support for the Arts
- Rescue the Rescue station!
- Cultural programme engaging local and new residents
- Opportunity: Community Garden = community involvement ****
- Utilise the Coronet Park a lot more
- Community garden ***
- 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
- Meeting spaces for community groups
- A community garden for Inverloch ** (2)
 - Could this be incorporated into the Men Shed?
- Library service is great for Cape Paterson
- Health and wellbeing is supported by the arts!
- Longer hours at library
- A permanent home for the library
- Retain mobile library & Coronet Bay fireworks.

- Library System
- Comments from the Phillip Island Arts and Cultural Committee (PIACC) formed 1993. Membership includes representatives from the West Gippsland Regional Library (Cowes), Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre, Artists Society of Phillip Island, Phillip Island and District Historical Society, Offshore Theatre, Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society, Friends of Thompson Avenue Golden Cyprus, Phillip Island Community Art Gallery and the Phillip Island Movie Club. PIACC continues to support the "The Bass Coast Arts and Culture Plan 2015 -2019" — its vision for "A dynamic arts and cultural life in Bass Coast". In particular PIACC endorses the following: 3.1 Key Activity: Provide and Maintain Cultural Activities and Spaces to meet the needs of a changing community. 3.13 Measures: cultural facilities are maintained to meet arts and cultural needs. For example — community strengthening staff participate in redesign of Cowes Cultural Centre and the Wonthaggi and Union Community Arts Centre Review.
- 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
- Better library/mobile library services on the island.
- The library is wonderful but should be updated
- I love the 'Southern Ocean' focus at the Nobbies exhibition – we also need a Western Port (ie ecology, history) exhibition (Rhyll?)
- Community Gardens
- Produce sharing
- Having more things to see and do everyday.
- A Christian Church (Phillip Island).
- The library is wonderful. Be great to continue that by improving it even more.
- The Library (PI) should have more kids chapter books.
- A bigger library.
- Already has an excellent library (PI)
- Mobile Library
- Bigger more modern library
- New library Cowes.
- Bigger Library (Cowes)
- Library (PI)
- Books
- More Alice Mirandia books and Clemantine Rose books.
- More comics, more Geronimo Stilton books and Thea Stilton and bigger book shelves, and more computers – Library Cowes.
- Reading/Discussion groups/clubs
- We need a bigger library it's the same one since I was a young child, Im now 37!! (Cowes)
- More books that tell you how to ride horses.

- Library (3)
- Young artist club
- More arts (12)
- More multicultural recognition
- A Pizza oven in one of our parks. Eg Guide Park

Indigenous Culture

- Stronger acknowledgement of our Indigenous past. Event to celebrate Indigenous past like the Shearwater Festival funded by council. Place names in two languages. Acknowledgement of massacre sites or place of significance.
- more emphasis on the region's history and heritage
- Greater profile of aboriginal heritage.
- 1) Change the Date A more inclusive celebration of "Australia Day". I would like to BCSC to take a lead from Fremantle Council in WA and change the Australia Day celebrations to a date other than the 26th January. The 26th January is not one to celebrate for many people particularly those of Aboriginal heritage. The 26th January commemorates British occupation of Australia that led to the destruction of Aboriginal culture and the taking of Aboriginal lands. Current celebrations of Australia Day on 26th January are not inclusive of current ATSI people because it is all about celebrating Australia's European history. I cannot feel pride in this date. We need another date (maybe 1st January 1900 when Australia became a nation could be a starting point for discussion) that all Australians can be proud of and celebrate what it means to Australian for them.
- Indigenous recognition in signage*
- Greater recognition of the fact that we are on land of the Bunurong people and use local language on all signs *
- Greater recognition of massacre sites
- Greater recognition of who's land we are on
- Indigenous Awareness in San Remo/Phillip Island (acknowledgement)
- Better recognise and appreciate our First People - invite them to lead community discussions on our shared future.
- Make all place names with Aboriginal language.
- Creative innovation and culture and a focus on Boonwurrung facts
- Aboriginal Heritage and Acknowledgement. Get rid of the acknowledgement of the land previously belonging to the aboriginals in this area before each Council meeting and discussion. This is old hat and causes divisions in the community. It just makes me squirm. If you want to continue with this then why not bring back singing The National Anthem or God Save The Queen. At least we can then have some patriotism in this Shire. Maybe we should acknowledge the original explorers in this area instead, namely Bass and Strzelecki and the work they did for the area.

Cowes Cultural Centre

- The building of the new culture centre in Cowes.
- A redesigned Cowes Cultural Centre
- Improve the current cultural centre in Cowes.
- Cultural center improved and more flexible.
- STOP WASTING MONEY ON The plans for Cowes Cultural Centre -
- Cowes Cultural Centre to become a great community hub as planned. An arts hub in each major town.
- Reach a point where the COWES Cultural Centre is at least ready to be built, if not underway which would be ideal.
- Redesigned Cultural Centre in Cowes 24 hour medical service
- Money wasted on the poor quality, unattractive cowes civic square
- Increased community use of Cowes Cultural Centre
- Make sure Cowes Culture Centre is noticeable and the logical place to go to find out about the Island and Bass Coast.
- Renovate Cowes Cultural Centre
- Retain and improve the existing Cowes Cultural Centre - We do not need to spend millions and council made the correct decision to defer extravagant plans. The library does need to be updated but there are state government funds available for this.
- I would like to see the township of Cowes made much more user friendly! The Cultural Centre should be built so Cowes could become a come to destination (example: Bendigo Art Gallery, Shepparton Art Gallery)
- Cowes Cultural Centre
- Leave cultural centre as it is but just extend the library. *
- Redevelop Cultural Centre – need a proper theatre
- A redesign of the cultural centre Cowes
- Weakness: No cultural centre upgrade *
- Opportunity: **Develop the Cultural Centre and the other initiatives in the Cowes Activity Centre Plan ***
- Threat: Cultural Centre will create vibrancy
- Threat: Where is the \$12m incoming coming from to support the cultural centre development
- Cowes Cultural Centre ***** (6)
- Cowes Cultural Centre – (improved)
- Continuing with the Cultural Centre Planning
- Cowes Cultural Centre
- Move ahead with proposed Cowes Cultural Centre - create community heart
- Detailed design for Cultural Centre ✓✓✓✓✓
- The building of the Cultural Centre! Get plans ready **more design development required 5(?)** reports
- New Cowes Cultural Centre ***** (7)

- The cultural centre should be built in the next four years!, This facility is an embarrassment to the residents
- Lack of Cultural Centre for development of Arts etc. – wellbeing focus
- As Men’s sheds assist with suicide prevention so would the Cultural Centre
- Weakness: Men don’t communicate – offer more opportunities to gather ie cultural centre
- I know the Civic Centre has been put on hold which is good because you will get a chance to revisit the design and hopefully it will be more inclusive of all stake holders(all community groups).
- At the Council Ordinary Meeting of 14th December, 2016, Council rejected the recommendation to:
 - Go to tender for the detailed design of the Cultural and Community Centre and the Transit All Day Carpark
 - It's noted that this project, which had already undergone extensive planning, community consultation and financial commitment, is in alignment with the Council Plan 2013- 2017.
 - Given that the project is considered to be a vital element in the development of a culturally rich community and a catalyst for Cowes revitalisation, can you please explain:
 - The extent to which the Council was briefed upon the proposal and its understanding of implications of any rejection

How the Council proposes to restore public confidence in the prospect of any such proposal ever being considered again.

- I attended the last Council Meeting held in Cowes on 14th December and, along with many others, was stunned and saddened by the decision not to proceed with developing the plans for the proposed Cultural Centre in Cowes against the recommendations of the diligent Council employees who had prepared the report. I particularly thought it was ironic that at the same meeting where such an important proposal for community pride, creativity and involvement had been shelved, the extremely serious issue of suicide awareness and prevention was brought to our attention. Men's Sheds in particular were cited as a positive example for suicide prevention, that is, places of community pride, creativity and involvement where people can look out for each other.
Then I had a glimmer of hope when I recalled that most Councillors at the same meeting had said that, in principle, they thought that the proposed Cultural Centre is a good idea but shelved it because of potential costs.
So, in light of the above I have two questions.
 - Could Madam Mayor and Councillors please briefly each let us know the reasons why they said that the proposed cultural centre in Cowes is a good idea, or if not, why not?
 - Given that a significant amount of ratepayers' money has already been spent on the development of the Cultural Centre proposal, and another \$806,000 has been budgeted to bring the plans to the standard required to secure Government funding,

is Council committed to proceeding with the proposed Cowes Cultural Centre development under the 2017 - 2021 Council Plan

- Upgraded Cowes cultural centre. Borrow the money and show leadership.
- The Development of the Cowes Cultural Centre.