

Mount Morgan Community Conversation Meeting

Date 14 November 2017, 7pm. Meeting held at the Mount Morgan School of Arts Building.

Meeting Notes:

1. A/Mayor Cr Williams opened the meeting and outlined that many initiatives had been undertaken since amalgamation to assist the development of Mount Morgan from a community and a tourism perspective.

A/Mayor Williams thanked the Mount Morgan community for their patience with the development of the Morgan Street Streetscape. A/Mayor indicated that significant investments into local tourism assets such as this will allow for Advance Rockhampton to further promote Mount Morgan as a tourism destination.

A/Mayor outlined a variety of Mount Morgan projects that had been completed recently and others that were about to start.

2. Rockhampton Regional Council (the Council) provided an overview of works completed in the Mount Morgan area over the last 6 months.
 - a. Baldwin Street – Bitumen Seal
 - b. Macks Esplanade – Bitumen Seal
 - c. Morgan & West Street – Bitumen Seal
 - d. Morgan Street – Bitumen Seal and Kerb and Channelling
 - e. School Street – Bitumen Seal
 - f. West Street – Bitumen Seal
 - g. East Street Extended – Slurry Seal
 - h. Lyons Street – Slurry Reseal
 - i. Racecourse Road – Slurry Reseal
 - j. Limestone Road – Concrete Floodway (Works for Queensland)
 - k. Wyvilles Road – Concrete Floodway
3. The Council indicated the works programmed for Mount Morgan area for the next 6 months, this includes:
 - a. West Street, bitumen sealing from Dee to Morgan St and in front of ANZAC Park.
4. The Council provided an outline of works to be considered for future Council budgets
 - a. Pepperina Lane, bitumen seal 2017-18
 - b. Archer Road, reconstruct and widen approx. 1km 2019-20

5. The Council provided an overview of the Mount Morgan Streetscape project and its progress, outlining that:

- It was a \$2M streetscape upgrade.
- It provides for a streetscape that utilises Mount Morgan history, culture and story.
- Power has been undergrounded to open up the streetscape.
- Features include:
 - *New arbors, new street lighting, new seating shelters, reinstating the Mafeking Bell, upgraded toilets, bubblers, bird proof bins, ambulant and disabled facilities.*
- Parking is available close by and Council urges locals to use these whilst construction continues and patron local businesses.
- Naming of shelters had undergone some community consultation and that a refined list was being worked up with the help of the community.
- Expected completion date – December 2017.

The following questions were taken on the streetscape:

- a. Was the roundabout an appropriate size to allow a variety of traffic to utilise it? Council response, yes this has been built to standard and will allow all traffic through.
- b. Will stallholders at the Golden Mount Festival still be able to utilise the car parks? Council response, yes the concept was developed with stallholders in mind.
- c. Is there disabled parking? Council response, yes there is and this is directly adjacent to the pathway and close to the reconfigured toilets.
- d. Will there be footpath access to the shops? Council response, there is a winding footpath in the streetscape project and there is also a project recently funded for the Morgan Street CBD footpath which will see this access improved.
- e. Will Mount Morgan be getting WiFi similar to Rockhampton. Council response, in the Morgan Streetscape project Council has placed down infrastructure for this to occur, it has been future proofed.
- f. What has happened to the Rack and Rail? Council response, this piece is being replaced as the owners of the original have taken it back.

6. The Council provided an overview of the Economic Action Plan, its progress and the initiatives being undertaken to assist Mount Morgan. Council indicated that a buy local Mount Morgan campaign would be undertaken in the near future to assist local businesses.

7. The Council provided an overview of the Morgan Street CBD footpath project that is anticipated to start in September 2018.

8. The Council provided an overview of the Rockhampton Recreational Fishing Development Strategy and where the Council is at with regards to the Mount Morgan No.7 Dam Fish Habitat Rehabilitation project.
9. An open floor was provided to the community for questions and answers, the following areas were covered:
 - a. Resident raised a concern with the proposed Carbine operation and the movements of trucks past their property. Resident was concerned with pyrite materials from the trucks being exposed to locals and that there wasn't adequate consultation before signing off on the traffic route. Council responded that this was the only viable route that Carbine Resources could use and took on board that some residents felt the consultation could have been done differently. It was also mentioned that following Carbine Resources processing the unroasted pyrite is considered stable for transport and that Carbine would transport the materials appropriately.

Council urged that any residents interested in discussing this matter further would have the ability to do so at an upcoming community consultation meeting that Carbine is holding on the 28 November 2017.

- b. Resident raised the issue of elevated toxin levels in a variety of creeks, waterways in the Dee River system. This was not responded to directly on the night as the discussion went back to Carbine Resources.
- c. Resident asked why did the Council provide Adani \$15M towards the Carmichael project? Council responded that this was an investment in obtaining over 600 jobs for 30 years and this economic impact would far outweigh the initial investment.
- d. Resident raised that there was some concern at a local quarry on Central Street, Mount Morgan. Council to respond directly to resident.
- e. Local business owner raised that there were some items of historical significance not being looked after – the historic gaslight and the rockwall. A local resident also highlighted that a hitching rail was also in the same class. Business owner indicated that he had mentioned it beforehand but nothing was done. Council to investigate.
- f. Resident raised that a house at 13 James Street had been badly affected by TC Marcia and that may pose a danger to the community. Council to investigate.

- g. Resident raised that various trains at the Mount Morgan Railway require some form of cover from the elements as some are over 100 years old. GM Communities to investigate.
- h. Resident asked if residents could provide information for local tourism purposes. GM Advance Rockhampton spoke to the resident after the meeting had closed.
- i. Resident asked if the Scout Hut could be improved for a women's group to use. GM Advance Rockhampton to speak to resident.
- j. Resident raised that the current gutter adjacent to the Morgan Street CBD pathway was too deep and created many problems for people with mobility issues. Council responded that when the pathway project is being completed this issue will be addressed.
- k. Resident raised that the "Mount Morgan" gabion sign whilst looking great requires the adjoining land to be kept tidy and that there was some adjoining signage that is detracting from the gabion sign. Also there was a request for lighting of the sign similar to Rockhampton. Council to contact TMR to understand if adjoining signs are permitted legally to be there, if not a request for removal of signs will be made. Also Council will consider options for lighting.