



Community Conversation Meeting

Minutes from meeting – 3 June 2015, 6.40pm to 7.45pm
Location: Pipe Band Hall, Gladstone Road, Allenstown

Apologies: Councillor Smith

Attendance: Approx 11 locals. 5 Councillors and 5 Council staff

Minutes

1. Wade Clark, (Community Engagement Officer) opened the meeting, introduced the Councillors and Council officers. Reference was also made to the budget process and that this will be pushed out a little further than usual due to Cyclone Marcia.
2. Divisional Councillor Greg Belz thanked the community for attending.
3. Wade Clark (Community Engagement Officer) outlined the Resident Satisfaction and Importance Survey Results for 2014.

Overall Messages

- Overall satisfaction with Council moving in the right direction - up 11.1%
- Top three priorities for the community are: Roads, Footpaths and Parks
- 16 services, facilities and infrastructure items that are meeting expectations
- Solid increases in satisfaction with infrastructure, but more needs to be done
- Top performers: Libraries, Art Gallery, Rockhampton Zoo and Heritage Village

Highest priority areas for us!

- Allenstown: Roads, Waste Services, Public Transport
- The Range: Roads, Parks, Footpaths, Employment
- Rockhampton City and Depot Hill: Bauhinia House, Childcare services, Community Development and Parks

Services, Infrastructure, Facilities that are below the Regional averages (across 47)

- Community Safety (RC & DH), Urban Sealed Roads (RC & DH) and the Rockhampton Showgrounds (The Range).
4. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) outlined:
What Council has done in your area recently:
 - Allenstown
 - Archer Street (various road works)
 - Separation Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Talford Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Depot Hill
 - Bolsover Street (slurry seal on road)
 - East Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Quay Street (slurry seal on road)

- Wood Street (slurry seal on road)
- Rockhampton City
 - Campbell Street (reconstruction)
 - Alma Street (footpath)
 - Kent Street (reconstruction)
 - Kent / Denham (new round-about)
 - East Street (traffic management)
- The Range
 - Agnes Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Jeffries Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Kidston Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Martha Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Penlington Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Rudd Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Spenser Street (slurry seal on road)
 - Upper Dawson (footpath)
 - Archer Street (reconstruction)
- Fitzroy River Water Works
 - Denham Street (water mains project)
 - Allentown (sewer mains relining)
 - The Range (sewer mains relining)

5. Mayor Margaret Strelow outlined various local/Regional projects that Council is working on:

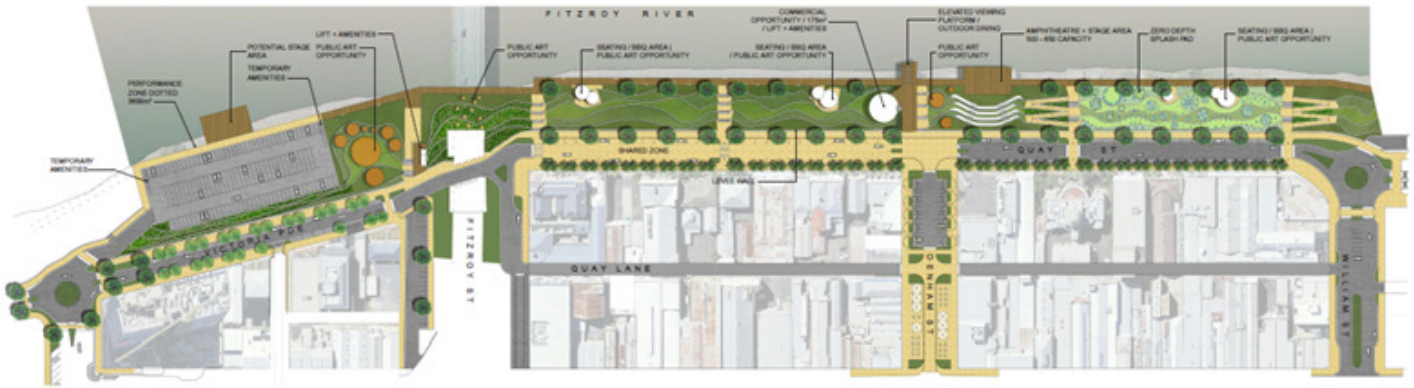
i. Rockhampton River Festival

- It was outlined that the Rockhampton River Festival will be held from July 9-12 and will include:
 - “The Fitzroy Sampler is about celebrating the end of the week and the start of the festival by heading down to the boardwalk, sitting back and feasting on 5 *Tastes of the Fitzroy* tapas made from local produce,”
 - “The Delizie High Tea on Boardwalk will be presented with the class and sophistication that makes this restaurant a must-visit, including the expected gourmet treats with an added river twist.
 - “Variety River Dine with the Mayor provides the opportunity to savour a three course gourmet dinner with wine and entertainment overlooking the river.”
 - “The Boardwalk Croc-tail Party will see many dressing to impress in black and white, being at the perfect location to experience the fireworks on Saturday and enjoying delectable food all night long.”

ii. CBD Revitalisation

- The Mayor provided some preliminary drawings for the CBD Revitalisation and indicated that there was further work to do.

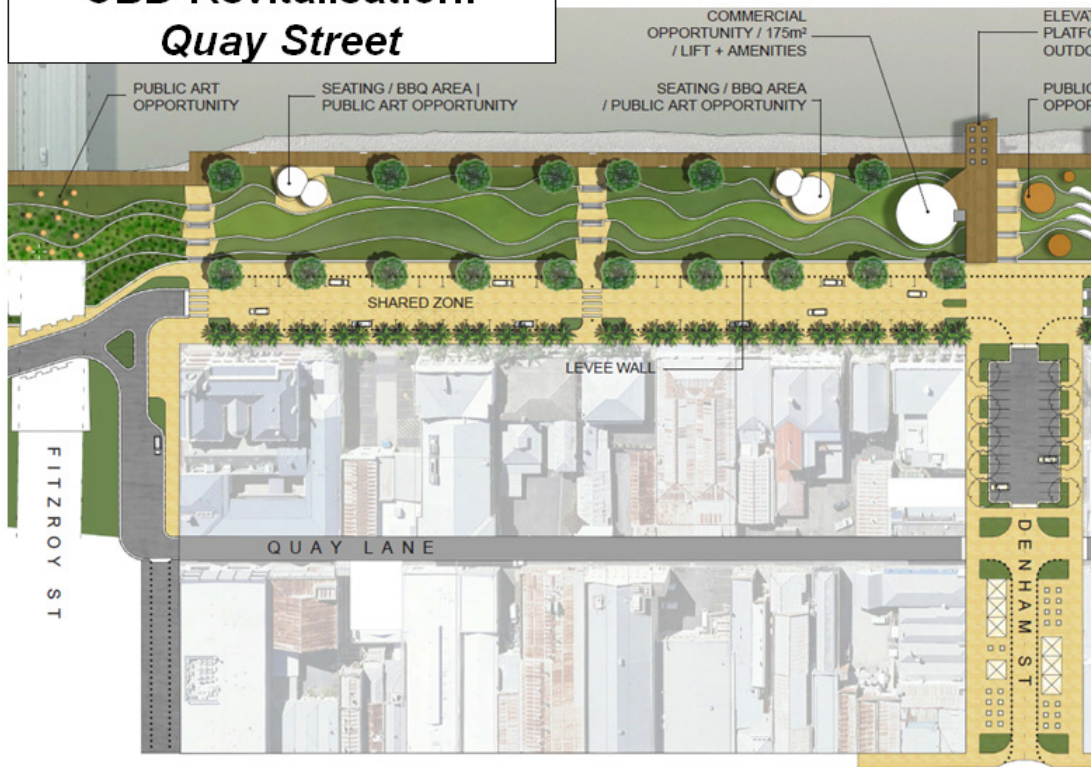
Overall Map



CBD Revitalisation: *Victoria Parade*



CBD Revitalisation: *Quay Street*



CBD Revitalisation: *Quay Street Cont...*



Update on priorities listed by the community

6. Michael Rowe (General Manager, Communities) outlined:
- i. What is occurring with clean-ups including the Botanic Gardens Clean-Up
 - o It was outlined that there has been an extensive effort to restore the Botanic Gardens however the Cyclone has claimed many of the older larger hoop pines and other trees. The Zoo lost one of its exhibited birds.
 - ii. Walking Track Connections
 - o At this stage there is no further connections planned for the 2015/16 financial year however this will be considered for future budgets.
7. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) provided an update on the following areas:
- i. Methods being implement to improving the condition of local roads
 - o Various techniques are being employed from a technical perspective and a planning perspective to improve local roads.
 - o Residents are saying that roads are improving yet we have some way to go to meet the expectations of the community
 - o *“Urban sealed roads up 23%, from a community score of 1.98 (2011) to 2.43 (2014) – meeting expectation is a score of 3”.* Resident Satisfaction Survey 2014
 - ii. Sewerage Infrastructure Initiatives
 - o FRW has targeted wet weather sewage surcharging in private properties hot spots in Southside.
 - o Seven hot spots were identified and additional infiltration diversion valves were installed to eliminate sewage surcharges in properties.
 - o This initiative has been highly successful with surcharges becoming a rare event.
 - o There has also been quite a lot of sewer relining carried out averaging around \$1M per year over the last couple of years.
 - iii. Traffic / Volume on Upper Dawson Road
 - o There are no plans to do anything with traffic volumes or speeds.
 - o Upper Dawson Road is an urban-arterial and its traffic carrying function is important.
 - o Recent traffic volumes approx. 8,000vpd at southern end to 9000vpd towards shopping centre end.
 - o 85% of speeds are still at or below posted speed limit. Heavy vehicles at about 2.5% over speed limit.
 - o Growth between 4% to 6 % which is a little high but not unexpected given the expansion of the shopping centre and Dan Murphy’s.

Resident raised a question: Why are so many cars using this residential road? General Manager replied that this is an arterial road and as such is a major thoroughfare.
 - iv. Allenstown Shopping Mall
 - o Current issues with entry into Allenstown Shopping Mall.

- Shopping Centre entrance – not constructed as approved.
- Ongoing discussions with owners about this.
- Have noticed a recent minor improvement to entrance through the introduction of a right turn ban into the first parking aisle which will assist if it is complied with.

Residents in attendance indicated that they were satisfied with changes done to date. Also it was outlined that the owner still needs to complete further works.

v. Hospital Parking

- There have been various residents indicating that the hospital parking is a major issue for them.
- The Rockhampton Base Hospital is a State owned and operated service.
- Council can continue to advocate on behalf of the community to the State Government requesting them to address the issue. Action: Mayor to advocate to the Minister on the issue.

8. Mayor outlined the Major Projects Council was working on

Relating to Allenstown, The Range, Depot Hill and Rockhampton City

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| • Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme | With Minister |
| • Botanic Gardens repair | In progress |
| • CBD Revitalisation | Requesting funding |
| • River Festival | Coming up |

Other Regional projects

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| • Cyclone Marcia Recovery | In progress |
| • Creek catchment clean ups | In progress |

9. Discussion/Questions

Living|Learning|Leisure

- a. Resident indicated that a positive from the Cyclone was that community members were brought together and gave each other a hand. Resident mentioned that it was important to think of more constructive ways to bring the community together – ie community development initiatives. Action: General Manager for Communities to consider.

- b. Resident indicated that we (as an overall community) let ourselves down and that we don't sell ourselves well, this has an impact on community pride. Also the resident noted that there were some instances where this was also related to Council staff not showing the type of pride that should be shown in their community. Resident mentioned that there should be some considered effort towards ideas for people to take pride in their area. Action: CEO to consider.

People|Places|Planning

- c. Resident questioned whether Mater Hospital has undertaken a change of use process to undertake a conference centre service as signs for this went up a couple of weeks ago. Action: Council to investigate.

Infrastructure

- d. Resident indicated that behind the local TAFE College there is a sharp rise on Quarry Street which is proving dangerous as there are also cars permitted to park on the left hand side of the road. Is it possible to increase the amount of road space for driving cars by placing in a yellow line on the side of the road to stop people parking there? Action: General Manager for Regional Services to organise an investigation.