



## Community Conversation Meeting

Minutes from meeting - 27 May 2015, 6.30pm to 7.50pm  
Location: Bauhinia House, Berserker

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Apologies: Councillor Smith, Councillor Schwarten, Councillor Swadling and Councillor Belz

Attendance: Approx 15 locals. 3 Councillors and 5 Council staff

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### 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 Tony Williams thanked the community for attending.
3. Wade Clark 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

### Berserker Messages

- Highest priority areas for us!
    - Roads, Street Lighting, Bauhinia House, Parks, Flood Mitigation and the CBD Revitalisation
  - Services, Infrastructure, Facilities that are below the Regional averages (across 47)
    - Animal Management Service, Community Engagement, Community Safety, Disaster Management, Sewerage Collection Service, Streetscape Cleanliness, Urban Stormwater, Urban Sealed Roads (Koongal) and Street Lighting.
4. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) outlined:

What Council has done in your area recently:

- Bawden Street Slurry Seal
- Burnett Street Slurry Seal
- Charles Street Slurry Seal/Asphalt
- Dean-High Street Intersection Traffic Lights
- Linett Street Reconstruction

Local projects Council is working on:

- Miles Street Stormwater
- Dean/Rodboro Stormwater upgrade

- Stamford Street Stormwater
- Edward Street Reconstruction
- Eldon Street Reconstruction
- Phillips Street Footpath
- Lakes Creek Road Flood Mitigation/Stormwater valves

5. Michael Rowe (General Manager, Communities) outlined various updates:

- North Rockhampton Swimming Pool
  - Pool will be open after winter
  - Council is continuing to seek to source funding for upgrades.
- Fire Management Plan
  - Council has completed a regional Fire Management Strategy and a specific Bushfire Risk Assessment for Mount Archer.
  - Fire preparedness activities have been entered into in readiness.
- North Rockhampton Skate Bowl Improvements
  - Additional maintenance and works completed to bring this back to a suitable recreational facility – spent 70K.
- Bauhinia House
  - Keys to be provided to the North Rockhampton Senior Citizens (president)

6. Mayor outlined the Major Projects Council Is Working On ...

Relating to Berserker and Surrounding Areas

Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme	With Minister
North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation Stage 2	Seeking funding

Other Regional projects

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| - CBD Revitalisation  | Requesting funding          |
| - Cyclone Marcia Business Recovery Plan   | Phase 1 actions in progress |
| - Agriculture Repair – Help primary producers clear their fences of debris and damage.  |                             |
| - Encourage a 'Buy Local Campaign'  |                             |
| - Local Procurement for Domestic Repair (encouraging local contractors)                 |                             |
| - Kershaw, Botanic Gardens and Zoo Repair   |                             |
| - Clearing of Waterways   |                             |
| - Encourage major banks to establish a fund to assist small and micro business impacted |                             |
| - Online Procurement Application  |                             |

**Update on priorities listed by the community**

7. Deputy Mayor Councillor Tony Williams outlined:

North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation (Stage 1 project)

Cr Tony Williams outlined the works being done for Stage 1 of the North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation Project will protect approx. 400 properties from a Q100 flood.

*Map of properties in Berserker protected in Stage 1 of the project*



*Stage 1 North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation – Flood Valves (actual photo)*





*Stage 1 North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation – Temporary Barrier (example photo).*  
The temporary barrier will be located where the purple line is on the map on the previous page.



*Stage 1 North Rockhampton Flood Mitigation – Temporary Barrier (example photo).*



Councillor Williams also outlined that:

Council is progressing with plans for Stage Two of the project and is seeking support from the State Government.

Stage 2 of the project will include:

- Raising and reconstructing of a section of Water Street
- Relocation of the temporary flood barrier location to Water Street
- Will protect an additional 97 residential and commercial buildings
- Installation of stormwater and sewerage pump stations
- Potential installation of valves on the sewerage network to further control backflow and ongoing programs to reduce stormwater and flood water infiltration and inflow into the sewerage network.

8. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) provided an update on the following areas:

i. McLeod Park Drainage Strategy

- The investigation into the McLeod Park drainage system was completed in October 2013.
- The investigation recommended improvements to:
  - *The McLeod Park outlet culvert and channel to Frenchman's Creek*
  - *Some pipe duplication in the Donnollan and Hook Streets area*
  - *A new stormwater drain along Simpson and Leamington Streets to divert some of the catchment to Moores Creek.*
- *The outlet works have an approved budget and are likely to start early in the new financial year. The other stages are subject to budget approval.*

ii. Creek Catchments Update

- Council and the Department of Natural Resources & Mines have conducted numerous 1 on 1 meetings since Cyclone Marica with residents upon request.
- It has not been clear in the past where the responsibilities lie (Council or State) with regards to the creeks – Moores, Thozet and Frenchmans
- Post Cyclone Marcia, Council has undertaken creek clean-ups even though it was the State Government's responsibility.
- Council's focus was to undertake works as there is a risk if another large weather event struck the area and the creeks were blocked by debris.
- This was carried out by Council as a gesture of goodwill to the community.
- Council has spent a large sum thus far to clear debris from creeks and has continued to clear debris. The Council has capped the spend at a certain amount will re-look at this situation if this sum is spent.
- State Government has provided \$1M recently to help with creek clean ups. Note that Council will be seeking further reimbursement through the NDRRA.
- A determination has been made by the Department of Natural Resources that:
  - Frenchmans Creek is not a watercourse under the Water Act (2000)
  - Thozet Creek is not a watercourse under the Water Act (2000)
  - Moores Creek is a watercourse under the Water Act (2000)
- What does this mean for the community?
  - Clean-up of culverts and other Council infrastructure is Council's responsibility

- The Creek (and in most cases the banks) is the State's responsibility however they have indicated that only areas that are assessed as high risk will be cleared.
  - State has indicated that Council and residents can obtain an approval from the State to clean / clear the creeks.
  - Cost of current clean up may have to be borne by the Council if reimbursement is not obtain
- iii. Rockonia Road Study
- Modelling of Thozet Creek in the vicinity of Rockonia Road is nearing completion.
  - Once the refined modelling is complete, Council can then explore any proposed mitigation measures.
- iv. Stack Street Study
- Stack St study was completed 18 months ago.
  - First stage of stormwater works for floodway improvements on Stack St have been included in this year's budget and are expected to commence towards the end of the financial year.
  - Subsequent stages depend on project prioritisation and capital budget allocation.
- v. Deflectors for Rockonia Road Culvert
- Deflectors on Rockonia Road culvert have been designed.
  - Project has been included in draft 15/16 capital budget for consideration. Also further funding is being requested from the State for Rockonia Road
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## Community Priorities

### Environment

- a. Resident outlined that a creek close to his house had accumulated rocks from Cyclone Marcia and it was posing a risk. **Action:** Councillor Williams to liaise with resident and outline the various applications Council has made to obtain funding to clean this creek.

Pictures of debris...



Image taken on 03/03/2015





All locations are approximate

**Locality:** Koongal

**Issue:** Large trees across part of creek



FRENCHVILLE

This area is choked with rocks/debris that has caused a damming effect on the creek bed. There is limited capacity due to this for water to flow through this creek in a normal flow.

100 m



## Infrastructure

- b. 40m of footpath at Riverslea Park across the parkland has not been constructed. Action: Council to investigate and potentially make arrangements for its construction.



- c. Residents indicated that further footpaths are important to them. Action: Consider additional footpaths in planning for Berserker and surrounding areas.

## People|Places|Planning

- d. A resident mentioned that a neighbour has a skate ramp clear visible that is causing various issues including sight and noise issues. Council indicated that the ramp abided by the building code and that even though considered an eye sore it did not have the authority to request its removal. Council indicated that the Police through the *Nuisance Noise Laws (2015)* can be requested to enforce this law.