

Depot Hill Community Conversation Meeting

Date 31 October 2017, 7pm. Meeting held at the Depot Hill State School

Meeting Notes:

1. Councillor Wickerson opened the meeting and discussed: economic development, major projects, the Adani Carmichael Mine Airport funding decision and showed attendees a video of the 2017 flood.
2. Rockhampton Regional Council (the Council) provided an overview of works completed in the Depot Hill area over the last 6 months.
 - a. Campbell Street Rehabilitation
 - b. Francis Street Slurry Seal
 - c. Denison / Derby Street intersection upgrade (Blackspot project)
 - d. Denison / William Street intersection upgrade (Blackspot project)
3. The Council provided works programmed for the Depot Hill area for the next 6 months.
 - a. Slurry Seals Program

Road Name	From	To
Campbell Street (Shoulders)	Wood Street	395 Campbell Street
Carr Street	O'Connell Street	End
East Street	O'Connell Street	Wood Street
Kent Street	O'Connell Street	Wood Street
O'Connell Street	Murray Street	Denison Street
West Street	Wood Street	End
Wharf Street	O'Connell Street	Wood Street

4. The Council provided an overview of the Riverfront Revitalisation, the Rockhampton Recreational Fishing Development Strategy and the Rockhampton CBD Redevelopment Framework.
5. The Council provided an overview of the Economic Action Plan and its progress.
6. An open floor was provided to the community for questions and answers, the following areas were covered:
 - a. Resident asked when a flood levee around the airport was going to occur? Council responded that there was a concept plan completed for the airport levee however much more detailed planning and hydrology work was required before a decision could be made.

- b. Resident raised the possibility of cutting a channel around the river to assist with flood mitigation.
- c. Resident asked why Fiddes Street has a constrained chicane. Council responded that it is to stop large trucks from accessing this local road.
- d. Resident requested a covered bus shelter at No.71/72 Wood Street. Council responded that this has not been completed due to new standards brought in by the government however it will be considered for the next budget cycle.
- e. Resident asked if the business Adani falls over what happens to ratepayer funding towards the Carmichael airport? Council responded that it has in place a guarantee.
- f. Resident raised that the Stop Sign and Give Way sign on Fiddes Street has been knocked down. Council to investigate and rectify.
- g. Resident indicated that there wasn't enough marketing and promotion of what the Rockhampton Region had to offer tourists. Council responded that the newly established Council group - Advance Rockhampton is responsible for developing and implementing a destination marketing plan.
- h. Resident raised that the initial plans for the Riverfront Revitalisation had a unique ping pong table set up for older teenagers. However the current designs did not have this. There was concern there wasn't any real focus for older teenagers in the design for recreation. Council indicated that this concern will go to the next Riverfront Revitalisation Control Group for consideration.
- i. Resident requested that an audit be completed on the concrete islands in South Rockhampton as it is reported that some of these do not have the illuminous white paint on the kerb. Council to investigate.
- j. Resident asked if the WiFi was to be extended. Council responded that this was planned to extend into the CBD.
- k. Resident asked what is the Region doing to tell our story and our heritage? Council responded that it was working on various projects that had interpretive / historical signage and that further consideration would be applied to more interactive methods to tell our story. Resident indicated that in NZ the Edmund Hillary walk was a good example of this.

- l. Resident raised that maybe the City's branding needed to change from the beef capital to the River City. Resident indicated we need to look forward.
- m. Resident raised the possibility of an off take road coming from the new bridge into an industrial road of Park Avenue to divert cattle trucks from the centre of North Rockhampton.
- n. Resident asked if Council has completed any planning for residential properties within the South Rockhampton Flood Levee. Council response was the planning under the current planning scheme would not be modified for any larger scale development in the Depot Hill area if the levee was to proceed.
- o. Resident asked if Council will keep the one way direction for Quay Street. Council responded that a decision has yet to be made on the subject.
- p. Resident raised an issue of weeds in Roselle Park, Depot Hill. Council to investigate.
- q. Resident requested a footpath from Denison Street to O'Connell Street to the school. Council to consider request.
- r. Resident requested a footpath from Depot Hill along Quay Street to connect with the Riverfront Revitalisation. Council to consider request.
- s. Resident raised that there was soil being washed away from a culvert located on Wood Street near Bartlem Oval. Council to investigate.