

Mount Morgan Community Conversation Meeting

Date: 2 October 2018

Location: Mt Morgan School of Arts, Morgan Street

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

Introductions by Acting Senior Executive Business & Economic Development.

Cr. Rutherford welcomed the attendees and gave an overview as Divisional Councillor.

Meeting notes:

Regional Services (Delivered by Cr. Rutherford)

1. Rural Roads – How are they assessed
 - RACAS system
2. Works completed
 - Byrnes Parade – Upgrading of stormwater field inlets. Cost \$13,000
 - Callaghan Lane – Sealed with recycled asphalt. Approx. 320m. Cost \$7,500
 - Central Street – Sealed with recycled asphalt. Approx. 120m. Cost \$6,000
 - West Street – Sealed with recycled asphalt. Approx. 130m. Cost \$4,000
 - Perlick Street – Sealed with recycled asphalt. Approx. 200m. Cost \$7,000
 - Millican Street – Minor works to improve intersection safety
 - Patterson Street – Bitumen seal carpark. Cost \$45,000
 - William Street – Minor drainage works
 - Leyden's Hill Road – Table drains repaired with flood damage funding. Gravel resheet 1.5km. Cost \$60,000
3. Works to be completed
 - River Street – Low cost seal. Approx. 700m. Estimated cost \$103,000
 - Barea Crescent – Bitumen seal. Approx. 200m. Estimated cost \$27,000
 - Byrnes Parade Service Road – Bitumen seal. Approx. 100m. Estimated cost \$6,000
4. Future projects
 - Morgan Street – Footpath and street upgrade \$450,000
 - Planned
 - Mount Morgan Long Range Coach Stop. Estimated cost \$50,000
 - Proposed
 - Further seals (specific streets not identified yet)
 - William Street (Black Street to East Street) – kerb and channel

Communities (Delivered by General Manager Communities)

1. Works completed
 - Boyd Park – Playground and shelter
 - Mafeking Bell – Plaque restoration
 - Rack Rail – Monument project
 - Mount Morgan Show 2018

- 2018 National Tree Planting at Newman Oval, Mount Morgan
- 2018 Australia Day at Mount Morgan
- Mount Morgan Capital Works – School of Arts, Mount Morgan Library, Mount Morgan Chambers
- Morgan Streetscape Improvement Project – Streetscape opened 23 February 2018

2. Works in progress

- Morgan Streetscape Improvement Project
 - Seating being installed
 - Mafeking Bell plaque to be installed
 - Interpretive signage fabricated and to be installed
 - Shelter signage being redesigned and then installed
 - Opening plaque to be installed
 - Retaining walls around fig trees to be installed
 - Additional handrails to be installed
 - Rack rail to be installed
- Mount Morgan Rail Museum

Advance Rockhampton (Delivered by Acting General Manager, Advance Rockhampton)

- Resources
- Water security agribusiness – Rookwood Weir
- Defence
- Tourism and events
- International trade and relations
- Pilot water ski event competition – Mount Morgan No. 7 Dam. 15 & 16 December 2018
- Fish Habitat Rehabilitation – Mount Morgan No. 7 Dam. Contract signed. November 2018 - Habitat survey. February 2019 - Habitat plan. March 2019 – Construct.
- Drought Program Review Regional Forum.

Open Discussion / Questions

The following topics were covered:

- Access road in East Street near the lookout requires attention. Can this please be investigated? (See PW#546477)
- Negative feedback as an event was placed on the same day Golden Mount Festival. Acting Manager Advance Rockhampton provided an overview about these overlapping events. Mayor also provided an overview of the reason behind this. Residents added that the festival is about pride for the event. Attendance was down by approx. 3,000 participants. It was advised that Council will look to make it up for next year.
- Mayor Strelow talked about the mine and how Council was working to try and get access for the business, TMC Tours. A resident asked whether the Council would pay for the road and Mayor Strelow advised the Council would play its part to get it open. The Council is also currently working on trying to get access to the fire clay caverns in Mount Morgan.
- Resident asked the question about rates and roads and this was discussed further.
- Sports people approached Council regarding water skiing on the Dam around 7 years ago. There was a question regarding tourism and whether Council would look to allow higher

horse power on the dam. The resident also indicated that there were various other tourism opportunities. The Mount Morgan rail is a significant opportunity and the council hasn't focused on that opportunity. Mayor Strelow indicated the potential to map out the possibilities. This will be done before the end of the year.

- Can the potholes be fixed on the road to the dam? (See PW#546500)
- Events Mount Morgan was provided to Mount Morgan Promotion & Development Inc. (MMPAD). From this, the resident indicated that this organisation has not fulfilled the role it is meant to fulfil. The resident indicated that the Argus was a good publication but MMPAD didn't do anything else. The resident said we need to pull together to drive the economy forward using tourism. We need professional help to make this happen. Do we get the Golden Railway Group up and running again to get the railway up and active?
- President of MMPAD advised money comes from the running of the museum, things are moving. Work-for-the-dole volunteers provide the manpower. The President asked for those interested to come along to the next MMPAD meeting on 20 October.
- Timber for swinging bridge. Can something be done with the timber? The timber could be used for a slab hut or are there any other ideas? Could Council think of some ideas for the use of the material; the community will come with ideas to the roundtable later in the year.
- The owner of the Silver Wattle Caravan Park indicated that there are numerous tourism opportunities out there. He said that the mine tours were done well. Mayor Strelow indicated that unfortunately we can't make the process of the fire clay caverns go any quicker.
- A resident said that the mine is a toxic hole. A solar farm using this could produce hydro-electricity. The mine needs a clean-up...this is an issue.
- NBN is also an issue.
- A representative from the Rugby Club – once signed, the lease went from \$600 to \$2,000. A rates bill has been received for \$6,500. This is the first time a rates bill has been received. Sewerage bill - charged for Newman Oval. Council will look into this.
ACTION: General Manager Communities to investigate. (See PW#546489)
- Who is responsible for the guard rails? TMR.
- The new 60km/hour on the Razorback Road - Cr Rutherford indicated that the speed details were determined by the engineers. Mayor to ask for a report to come back to Council. (See PW#546506)
- Dee River - can the Council advocate to clean the river up? (See PW#546519)
- Customer service question - when you call through you can't seem to go through to the department. Response - Council try to answer questions quickly and there are some good reasons why this is done. It was noted that Mount Morgan customer service office is doing a great job.
- Can Council advocate to DTMR about not having trucks going down the range? Response - Council will do this. (See PW#546524)
- Is Council doing something about the intersection at Kabra, Gracemere and Mount Morgan? Response was that Council has applied for black spot funding.
- Public liability question regarding the gates across roads that go through their land. Can landholders/Council do this differently? Response was that there are good reasons why Council cannot be involved in the insurance.
- Discussion regarding the pool. It doesn't seem that Lane Four are doing their work. Council response is that Lane Four are keen to run programs like learn to swim and other things like twilight festivals.
ACTION: General Manager Communities is to speak to Lane Four. (See PW#546528)

Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys

- Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys were handed out to all attendees for completion.

Requests logged by Customer Service Officer

- PW#544594 – Mt Morgan Show Society – Seeking funding to have the ground in the centre ring softened for future events.
- PW#544601 – Request for meeting with resident, Cr Rutherford and Supervisor Regional Services to discuss access road into resident's property. Large dips and hard to navigate.
- PW#544607 – Washout in drain located at corner of East & Morgan Streets on the right hand side near the Leichhardt Hotel.
- PW#544611 – Poisoning/removal of lantana at the lookout at the top of East Street, Mount Morgan.

Approx. 50 people attending the meeting.