

Wycarbah Community Conversation Meeting

Date: 27 September 2018

Location: Wycarbah Hall

Meeting commenced at 7pm. Introductions by Acting Senior Executive Business & Economic Development.

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

Meeting notes:

Regional Services (Delivered by General Manager Regional Services)

1. Rural Roads – How they are assessed
2. Works completed
 - Arthur Street Westwood - Replaced old concrete floodway. Cost \$35,000
 - Native Cat Road - Minor re-align Rosewood Road intersection to improve safety
 - Rosewood Road - Grading and gravel resheeting between Wycarbah and Hanrahan Road
 - Riverslea Road - Heavy formation grade
 - Thirsty Creek Road - Grading first 4km
 - Thirsty Creek Road – Tree Clearing
 - Rosewood Road - Replace old concrete floodway at Ch. 42.54, 45.70 & 47.91. Total cost \$109,000
3. Works to be completed
 - Kalapa Black Mountain Road - Replace 4 old concrete floodways at Ch. 4.04, 5.71, 6.68 & 7.99. Estimated cost \$148,000
 - Griffith Road, Stanwell - 580m to be bitumen sealed. Estimated cost \$130,000
4. Works to be completed – grading & gravel resheeting
 - Rookwood Road (from Melaleuca Creek to Weir Park Road)
 - Smith Road
 - Yarra Road
 - Weir Park Road
 - Grandleigh Road
 - Thirsty Creek Road
 - Rosewood Road (Hanrahan Road to Glenroy Road)
 - Barrett Road
5. Works to be completed – floodways
 - Rosewood Road (1) Ch. 36.35
6. Future proposed projects
 - Arthur Street, Westwood - Bitumen seal approx. 800m. Estimated cost \$209,000
 - Melville Street, Stanwell - Construct earth drain to minimise localised flooding. Est. cost \$68,000
7. Waste in your area
 - Current situation
 - Interim solution
 - Long term solution

Communities (Delivered by Cr Rutherford)

1. Works completed

- Cedric Archer Park – Water play area
- Animal Management Centre - Improved animal management facilities including suitable and secure staff facilities
- Ashes Garden - Beautiful addition to the Gracemere Cemetery

Advance Rockhampton (Delivered by Acting General Manager Advance Rockhampton)

- Sports and Events Tourism – Proving to be an events destination. Upcoming Food & Wine Festival, Rowing Regatta, Easter Music Festival, Fishing the Fitzroy. Riverfest numbers increased this year.
- Defence
- Resources sector – employment opportunities
- International relations and trade
- Jobs within the region and by-products of that.
- Expanded agricultural opportunities with guarantee of water from Rookwood Weir.

- Cr. Rutherford promoted the Drought Program Review Regional Forum to attendees.

Open Discussion / Questions

The following topics were covered:

- Culverts at Sandy Creek, Connors Road and Thirsty Creek Road - Jump up and drop down when entering culverts. A contractor is doing these jobs as part of Cyclone Debbie funding and they will be consulted regarding this matter. See PW#544789
- Thirsty Creek Road - Half trees chopped, half trees still there. See PW#544790
- One section of Thirsty Creek Road near Gogango Creek needs resheeting. Noted by Coordinator Rural Operations. See PW#544792
- Attendee advised that when travelling Thirsty Creek Road, it does not stop at Moora Plains boundary grid. 20km should be maintained, not 16. These comments were acknowledged by General Manager Regional Services. See PW#544793
- To drive the road with a load is not like driving in a vehicle using RACAS.
- An offer was made to grade Connors Road for far less than it costs for Council to do the works. Money is wasted each time machinery comes out.
- Local ratepayer asked to move that Council puts out to public tender the maintenance of rural roads in this Council. Advice was to put this in writing to CEO. See PW#544806
- Question: Does Council use a 360 tender system like Central Highlands Regional Council? Answer by CEO: No.
- Waste arrangements – Why can't rural residents be treated same as urban residents?
- Why can't rubbish be left at bin location at the resident's convenience? General Manager Regional Services advised that receipt of rubbish must be vetted and manned as per State Legislation. This is what has instigated the change to previous service.
- Local resident advised that at the wash-down area at the far end of Connors Road – 35 tyres were left as illegal waste but they have since been collected by Council staff.
- Westwood – any plans to seal roads around the school? Advice received re: speeding Council truck. See PW#544809
- Floodways – First culvert on northern side of Gogango. It is getting worse and breaking up. Coordinator Rural Operations advised it was going to be capped with asphalt. See PW#544810

- Timber bridge at Gracemere Creek that was damaged. Hand rails need to be replaced. Whose responsibility? Council. Coordinator Rural Operations advised this job is scheduled.
- Waterpark at Gracemere – What about small communities in rural areas. Can facilities be made available for children? See PW#544811
- Commonwealth money should be found for small communities who do not have a water supply. See PW#544886

Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys

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

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

Requests logged via Customer Service Officer

- PW#544037 – Litter/Illegal Dumping – Hume Road
- PW#544014 – Grading Unsealed Road Maintenance (Asset) – Property easement/roadway access enquiry, Westwood
- PW#544084 – Miscellaneous Road Issues (Asset) – Realignment - Stuart Creek Bridge
- PW#544030 – Marketing Enquiries – Late arrival of waste survey letters