

## Alton Downs / Ridgelands Community Conversation Meeting

Date: 4 October 2018

Location: Alton Downs Polocrosse Grounds

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
  - Alton Downs – Nine Mile Road - Widened approx. 1.5km single lane bitumen to 6.5m. Cost \$360,000
  - Nine Mile Road- Cement stabilised pavement behind Airport. Approx. 2.8km. Cost \$680,000
  - Nine Mile Road - Widening of final 500m of old narrow floodway. Estimated cost \$513,000
  - Bishop Road floodway - Ch. 0.06. Replaced old concrete floodway. Cost \$31,000
  - Bishop Road floodway - Ch. 3.41. Replaced old concrete floodway. Cost \$79,000
  - Black Gin Creek Road - Grading and cement stabilised floodway. August 2018
  - Glenroy Road - Maintenance grading. August 2018
  - Kabra-Scrubby Creek Road - Bitumen sealed approx. 1.8km. Cost \$330,000
  - Lion Mountain Road Ch. 3.26. Replaced old concrete floodway. Cost \$44,000
  - Lion Mountain Road - Ch. 4.51. Replaced old concrete floodway. Cost \$38,000
  - Lion Mountain Road - Ch. 6.86. Replaced old concrete floodway. Cost \$25,000
  - South Yaamba Road - Replacement of Sandy Creek Bridge. Cost \$700,000
3. Works to be completed
  - Calmorin Road - Replace Hansen's Bridge. Estimated cost \$925,000
  - Glenroy-Marlborough Road - Ch. 25.98. Replace old concrete floodway. Estimated cost \$35,000
  - Morinish Road – Ch. 6.07. Replace old concrete floodway. Estimated cost \$30,000
  - Moses Road – Ch. 3.13 & Ch. 5.29. Replace two old concrete floodways. Estimated cost \$70,000
  - Rosewood Road – Ch. 36.55. Replace old concrete floodway. Estimated cost \$35,000
  - Seymour Road - Ch. 0.26 & Ch. 0.82. Replace two old concrete floodways. Estimated cost \$75,000
4. Proposed future works
  - Alton Downs – Nine Mile Road - Widen narrow bitumen. 2019/20 \$209,000. 2020/21 \$261,000
  - Glenroy Road - Bitumen seal approx. 1.3km. 2019/20 \$320,000
  - Milner Road - Bitumen seal approx. 300m. 2019/20 \$105,000

- Pink Lily Road - Bitumen seal approx. 800m. 2019/2020 \$209,000
  - South Yaamba Road - Bitumen seal approx. 1km. 2019/2020 \$236,000. Replace old concrete floodway at Ch. 3.76. 2019/20 \$75,000
  - Sheldrake Road - Bitumen seal approx. 1.5km. 2019/2020 \$461,000
  - Glenroy Road. Replace Louisa Creek Bridge. 2020/21 \$472,000
5. Waste in your area
- Roadside Bin Stations
  - Alton Downs Waste Transfer Station
  - Proposed Kerbside Collection

#### Communities (Delivered by General Manager Communities)

1. Works completed
- Electricity upgrade at Ridgeland Showgrounds
  - Support for hall insurance
  - An update on services provided to the community

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

- Resources
- Water security & agribusiness
- Defence
- Tourism & events
- International relations & trade
- Promotion of the Drought Program Review Regional Forum to attendees.

#### Open Discussion / Questions

The following topics were covered:

- A resident reported that the culvert on the side of Ridgeland Road at Sheehan Road turn-off needs attention. (See PW#545404)
- Question from resident: Where does vehicle doing the RACAS program drive? Response by General Manager Regional Services: Vehicle is driven as you would your normal vehicle.
- Question from resident: Riverfest - How were crowd numbers determined. Response by Acting General Manager Advance Rockhampton: The process was explained.
- Question from resident: Why the decision to use 1<sup>st</sup> October as a start date for change in waste services considering this was a public holiday? Response by General Manager Regional Services: Waste is a seven day a week business. It makes no difference to our contractors as to when they work with regard to reference of overtime being paid. The only day our contractors do not work is Christmas Day.
- Question from resident: Is a waste levy currently being paid and could a service be provided with a certain amount of free collections each year? Response by Mayor Strelow: No, a specific waste levy is currently not being paid. Money is currently transferred to take up the expense of the waste.
- A resident noted that agriculture forums are making inroads. Michelle Landry MP has advised of the Building Better Regions Fund. He asked could this be used for irrigation infrastructure / what can be applied for with this grant regarding the water supply situation. The resident was advised that Advance Rockhampton can assist with providing direction and advice regarding grant applications. He said the establishment of a co-op is being considered in the region and also the use of a Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility loan. (This dot point forwarded to various ED officers for their information).

- A resident explained he has previously spoken with Mayor Strelow and said he was not going to use the landfill facilities. He explained it was cheaper to bury on-property but he will be fussy. He suggested could ratepayers possibly receive landfill tickets. Mayor advised consideration is still being given to any ideas for a solution to the waste issue. (See PW#545407)
- A resident spoke of the filthy condition of the Fitzroy River (Glenroy area). Discussions were sought with Premier previously but no response. He has lived in the area for 20 years and the river health has gone downhill in that time. There is no marine life left in that area and he has tested the water with a result of a PH of 3. There is dead vegetation. We should take a close look at the river as something is being pumped into the river and it will end up downstream. The river is an important part of this district and needs to have care taken. Pathogens are where care is required. General Manager Regional Services said Council, as the water authority, tests daily. He has heard or seen nothing of this. Cr Rutherford said FBA do regular river health checks with a full documentation of information gathered. Cr Smith talked of pest management within the river system. Bio-controls are in place for hyacinth control rather than the previous spraying of chemicals. Self-assessments are done by mines. River health documentation is available to the public. It was advised that River Health Partnership works on this matter and Council will check where this is at. (See PW#545409)
- Question from resident: Roadside waste collection – numbers need to be crunched for a solution moving forward. Concerns based on safety when conducting the service. General Manager Regional Services advised approx. 600 surveys have gone out. If a cluster wants bins this could happen. Resident asked would an impact survey be conducted. General Manager Regional Services advised a report will go to Council which will be a public document and visual for all to see.
- A resident spoke about the poor state of Murphy Road. The General Manager Regional Services offered to speak directly to the resident after the meeting. (See PW#545427)

#### Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys

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

The meeting closed at 8pm.

#### Requests logged by Customer Service Officer

- 544836 – Complaint regarding the safety of children at bus stops around the Alton Downs community.
- 544835 – Questions regarding stock routes and rroperty access.
- 544834 – Grading and repair of Sheehan Road and Weder Road.
- 544833 – Height and state of corner of Reid Road and Nicholson Road.
- 544832 – Request for sealing of Dalma-Ridgeland's Road to the quarry.
- 544831 – Follow up on request given to Coordinator Rural Operations at last year's Community Conversation.
- 544831 – Safety on the corner of McKenzie Road and Laurel Bank Road.