

Gracemere Community Conversation Meeting

Date: 17 September 2018

Location: RSL Gracemere & District Sub Branch Inc.

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

Introductions by Acting Senior Executive Business & Economic Development.

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

Meeting notes:

Regional Services (Delivered by General Manager Regional Services)

1. Rural Roads – How are they assessed
 - RACAS system

2. Works completed
 - Cherryfield Road – Bitumen layed between Reigal Drive and Ashford Street
 - Gregory Street – Bitumen seal
 - Kabra-Scrubby Creek Road – Bitumen seal
 - Neerkol Road, Stanwell – Underground drainage
 - Old Gracemere Road – Graded shoulders and widen bitumen seal
 - Brooks Street – Drainage
 - Johnson Road – Footpath
 - Fisher Street – Footpath

3. Works being completed – Grading
 - Goodwin Road 2.8km
 - Halfpenny Road 2.8km
 - Murphy Road 4.0km
 - Kabralea Road 1.6km
 - E Williams Road 3.0km
 - Moore Road 800m
 - Stanley Road 800m

4. Works being completed – Floodways
 - Nine Mile Road \$513,000

5. Works being completed – Reseals
 - Completed:
 - Allen Road 510m \$14,000
 - Johnson Road (both lanes) 530m \$165,000
 - Planned:
 - Johnson Road (inbound) 190m \$37,000
 - Johnson Road (outbound) 420m \$81,000

6. Works being completed – New Seals
 - Griffith Street, Stanwell 580m \$120,000

7. Works being completed – Footpaths
 - Gracemere CBD upgrade 100m \$480,000

8. Future proposed projects
 - Boongary Road-Kabra Road – Intersection upgrade
 - Melville Street, Stanwell - Construct open earth drain (to improve stormwater run-off)

It was noted that water is an issue for current roadworks as moisture is required to bind the roadwork materials together.

It was also noted that the Gracemere CBD have been liaising with DTMR.

Communities (Delivered by General Manager Communities)

1. Works completed
 - Cedric Archer Park – Water play area
 - Cedric Archer Park – Water play infrastructure
 - Cedric Archer Park – Hans Christian Anderson theme
 - Cedric Archer Park – Play equipment
 - Animal Management Centre – Improved animal management facilities including suitable and secure staff facilities
 - Ashes Garden – Beautiful addition to the Gracemere Cemetery
 - Ranger Street – Streetscape work
 - Bill Birch Park – Renewed playground
 - Springers Lagoon Redevelopment – Car par

2. Works being completed
 - Touch of Paradise
 - Gracemere Cemetery Expansion – Concept perspective plan / Concept master plan

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

- Resources
- Water security agribusiness – Rookwood Weir
- Defence
- CBD Development
- Tourism and events
- International trade and relations

Open Discussion / Questions

The following topics were covered:

- Why can't water be enabled into the Stanwell township such as with a \$25m funding being from the State Government as with Great Keppel Island? This has been discussed for a long

time (18 years). Stanwell Power takes untreated water. The water at Alton Downs is with Sunwater. Sunwater has the pipeline to Stanwell.

ACTION: For review by Council. (See PW#5463850)

- A resident lives close to Gracemere, near the school. She is carting water...200m away is a water supply on Cherryfield Road.
ACTION: Resident was advised that \$300,000 has been allocated for a potential network extension for Cherryfield Road.
- Victoria Street resident questioned are they getting water?
ACTION: Call resident with response. (See PW#546388)
- Cattle/livestock enquiry– Response: RRC have a 24 hour service if you phone up. The pound-keeper then goes out to either collect or take back to the owner. (see PW#546394)
ACTION: Better communication is required to promote this service to rural areas.
- A resident talked of the caravan dock/dump point in North Rockhampton near the Sound Shell.
ACTION: Could Council consider having a dump point for Gracemere? (See PW#346397)
- Foster Street and Stewart Street – truck issues with them coming down the residential end of Foster Street and this has also become a safety issue. With Foster & Stewart Street, a traffic management device was explored but there was not a lot of support, it was 50/50. Truck routes are not being used properly. That was the reason Capricorn Street with developed first.
ACTION: Attempt to obtain who is doing the wrong thing. (See PW#546404)
- Dog attack. A resident has had 8 dog attacks. The resident was threatened by the owner of the dog. Also feral cats are an issue. Animal Control Officers don't want to accept pests. If there is an issue with a dangerous dog, call Council. The CEO will discuss this further with the resident.
- A resident reported a drain in Breakspear Street required attention. There is a lot of silt over the drain.
ACTION: Council to investigate. Concrete is the better answer. (See PW#546407)
- Gracemere Pensioners League – Annual kerb-side pick-up.
ACTION: Would Council consider carrying out this collection service? (See PW#546409)
- A representative from Gracemere Voice thanked Council for providing the opportunity to meet with the community. It was stated water, water and water are the issues. The irrigation on Ranger Street and Conaghan Street are not working. The view is that parks and gardens have been neglected. Could Council splash a bit more water around? Can Council use recycled water such as at the Gracemere Golf Course? Is there to be an upgrade to Lawrie Street?
ACTION: Parks to investigate the irrigation system on Ranger and Conaghan Streets. (See PW#346413)
ACTION: Please email Gracemere Voice with response to questions on water/recycled water usage. (See PW#346417)
ACTION: Please email Gracemere Voice with response to question on upgrade to Lawrie Street. (See PW#346421)

Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys

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

Approx. 50 people attending the meeting.