



Midway Point Community Conversation Meeting

Pittwater Scout Hall – 28 April 2016

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Crl Deborah De Williams, Crl Carmel Torenus, Crl Graeme Evans.

Staff in Attendance

Robert Higgins - General Manager, Russell Fox – Manager Engineering & Regulatory Services, Jess Radford – Manager HR, Customer & Community Services

Further Response to various questions raised at previous Community Conversation held in Midway Point on 27 May 2015

- Q. How do we deal with the impacts of additional traffic resulting from future/new subdivisions on Midway Point residents trying to get out onto the highway?
- R. The section from the airport roundabout to Sorell is identified by the Department of State Growth as a 'hot spot', however, there are no real plans or strategies currently in place for dealing with the increased traffic, other than those already in place such as the traffic monitoring cameras and traffic light on Midway Point junction. Midway Point is not an isolated problem in relation to the traffic, and any measure to elevate the problem at Midway Point will need to be considered in relation to overall Highway network from Sorell through to the city.

Further Detail: Council is now aware that the Department of State Growth have commenced collecting data around the traffic situation in Sorell through to the Airport Roundabout.

Department of State Growth have the Midway Point Roundabout scheduled for analysis to see if any improvements to traffic movements are possible.

- Q. Speeding is a real problem along Penna Rd, particularly in the vicinity of 72-76, Malunna, the shop and bus stops. What can be done?
- R. Council will approach the Department of State Growth to investigate the possibility of having this section of the road reduced to a 40km zone. Council will also look into the possibility, during the 2015/16 financial year, of a crossing around the shop area. However, these works



would need to be considered as part of future budget discussions and with regard to other road users and nearby properties ie: emergency services.

Further Detail: Council set up a traffic counter for a two week period and the results identified that there is a problem. Almost half the traffic on this stretch of Penna Road was exceeding the 50km/h posted speed limit. As a result Council has budgeted funds (TBC) in the 2016/2017 budget for a pedestrian crossing and associated traffic calming measures.

- Q. Car park next to shop on Penna Road causes gravel to spill onto footpath and into kerb and channel on an ongoing basis.
- R. Council will write to the property owner and ask when the car park can be sealed.

Further Detail: Council did write to the property owner and this remains ongoing.

- Q. Request for additional footpaths along Penna Road, Shark Point Road and to provide access to the dog walking beach area.
- R. Included in the 15/16 Annual Plan is a review of the Tracks & Trails Strategy. In the future this strategy will likely see a continuation of the Waterway Trail and provide a loop through Midway Point /Penna back through to Sorell. At this stage there is no budget allocation for access to the beach area. Once the loop trail is constructed Council will consider additional accesses, such as the one to the beach.

Further Detail: Council has drafted a concept plan for the construction of a predominately gravel pathway around Orielson Lagoon to link the existing pathways in Sorell and Midway Point into a formalised loop. The loop will encompass Penna and Shark Point Roads. Construction of the loop will likely be subject to Council receiving external funding for the project.

- Q. Will Council consider a pedestrian crossing from Weston Hill Road across the highway to the Coles complex?
- R. Council has recently submitted a Vulnerable Road Users grant application to fund a crossing on the Western Hill Road side of Cole St and the Coles Plaza.

Further Detail: A pedestrian crossing will be constructed by 30 June this year.



- Q. What are Council's plans for footpaths in Midway Point?
- R. Council is currently in Year 2 of its footpaths plan for Midway Point. This year there has been approx. \$100 000 spent on footpath renewals, including works on the stormwater pit lids. There is a further \$150,000 allocated in the 15/16 budget for continuation of these works. These works will continue along the Esplanade then turn into Bay Street and ultimately join back onto Penna Road.

Further Detail: The first stage of Council's plans for Midway Point footpaths has been completed. Esplanade and into Bay Road has been finished. Bay road footpaths will continue in the 2016/2017 financial year.

- Q. What is happening with the footpath works around the Midway Point Kindergarten, linking to the new Penna subdivisions?
- R. Council this year will need to either acquire land or an easement from private property owners in order that the footpath works can be completed. Council has drafted a concept plan for the construction of a predominately gravel pathway around Orielson Lagoon to link the existing pathways in Sorell and Midway Point into a formalised loop. The loop will encompass Penna and Shark Point Roads and cover this area. Construction of the loop will likely be subject to Council receiving external funding for the project.
- Q. What can be done about the rubbish issues around lagoon and Barilla Bay – some of which is caused by oyster industry?
- R. The oyster farm does undertake routine clean ups following periods of bad weather. Council will continue to liaise with them on this issue. If residents are concerned at particular points in time they can contact Council's NRM Officer.

Further Detail: Council engaged with the Oyster Industry re this issue and they conducted a clean-up in the local area.

- Q. Can entrance issues related to football, soccer and netball games being played at Pembroke Park be investigated?
- R. This is something that Council is currently working on with the Pembroke Park Advisory Committee and Users Groups. There is funding allocated in the 15/16 budget for works to be undertaken on the Pembroke Park Entrance.



Further Detail: A double entry will be constructed into Pembroke Park by 30 June this year.

NEW QUESTIONS RAISED AT THIS MEETING

Questions Relating to Roads, Footpaths, Drainage and Bridges

- Q. Will there be footpaths built in the area of the new estates to the golf club, currently of concern to safety as people are walking on the road?
- R. Council is currently dealing with private owners on the issue, it is envisaged that these areas will be connected in the future, however is subject to Council obtaining additional land easements.
- Q. What is Council doing about the area between the Midway Point Kindergarten and Barilla Court? There is a small section of approx. 30metres that is quite dangerous with star-pickets and mesh fencing; this is causing people to walk along the road itself. It is of serious safety concern.
- R. Council will arrange for this area to be inspected and an assessment made. If necessary it will be considered as part of the 16/17 Budget discussions.
- Q. The condition of the Stormwater Lids in Midway Point is dangerous. They are raised above the footpath and present a safety issue; examples can be seen in Raynors Road, Reynolds Rd, Singapore St and Bay Rd.
- R. Council will inspect and make an assessment on this issue and carry out maintenance if deemed necessary.
- Q. Concern raised about the stormwater flooding in Shark Point Road
- R. Funding for stormwater drainage in Shark Point Road is included in the draft 16/17 Budget. Council is currently looking into the maintenance of the drains.

A note was made by Council, that what council brings in in Rates Revenue is to cover the cost of maintaining assets that already exist. Funding for anything new has to come from somewhere, for example external grants or increased rates.



Other Issues

- Q. What is happening with the issues of the lack of public transport in the area?
- R. The public transport contract for Metro is due for renewal in 17/18. As part of this process, there is a working group undertaking ground work on the service provisions required. Sorell is represented on this group and will be pushing for a better service for the Sorell area.
- Q. Complaint relating to waste not being collected on correct day.
- R. Council is currently working on this issue with the Contractor. Essentially, many residents in other areas of the municipality are putting out more than the allowable amount of waste and area also not booking in for their waste to be collected. These two factors are causing the contractors run time to increase significantly meaning that they are behind on their collection days. We are working with the contractors on how to improve this situation through Community Education.
- Q. Why was the Youth Week Colour Run not held this year?
- R. This event was a large scale event that in previous years Council received grant funding to assist with the cost of running. Council will be working with the Youth Advisory Group on the types of Youth Events that they may like to run in the future.
- Q. Why has Council stopped watering the oval at Flyaway Island Park (Vancouver St)?
- R. There is insufficient pressure from the reservoir to correctly operate the system and alternative solutions are currently being investigated.

Comment: Congratulations to Council on the works they have undertaken at Flyaway Island (Vancouver St Park), it looks great and there has been a visible increase in its usage.