



Primrose Sands Community Conversation Meeting

Primrose Sands Hall – 13 February 2018

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Deputy Mayor Brett, McDonald Crl Lindsay White, Crl Nathan Reynolds Crl Carmel Torenus Reynolds, Crl Deborah De William, Crl Graeme Evans and Crl Vlad Gala.

Council staff in Attendance:

Robert Higgins (General Manager), Russell Fox (Manager Engineering & Reg Services), Jackie Rafferty (Manager HR, Community Services & Customer Service).

Changes to Flight Paths - Residents raised concerns with the noise levels from the changes.

Council relayed the following information to residents - Council was only given a fortnight notice of the changes and then put up information on our website and Facebook page informing the community of the changes and the contact details of Air Services Australia. Air Services Australia conducted limited public consultation and Council recognise that this lack of consultation has been a significant factor for the affected communities. Council made a submission to Air Services on behalf of the community. Council had information for the Noise Ombudsman available in the Council offices. There are processes in place to address the issues but these will take time. Air Services Australia attended a meeting of the Airport Advisory Group along with Mayor Vincent in February and some changes to the flight paths were being made as of 1 March and the review was continuing.

Fire Hazard Issues

Council conducts inspection for fire hazards before Christmas and issues abatement notices for properties that pose a fire hazard. Re-inspections are then carried out in January and properties that haven't complied with the Abatement notice are then cleared by Council's contractor and invoiced back to the owner. Council has no authority over Crown Land. That is the responsibility of the State Government. Residents can report complaints about fire hazards to Council by phoning Customer Service. These complaints will be logged in our Customer Request System and followed up on by the appropriate Council Officer accordingly.

Rubbish Dumping



Concerns raised about rubbish being dumped in the area

Council conducts rubbish pickups based on a complaint basis. Rubbish that is dumped on private property is a concern, but is difficult to control and is not the responsibility of Council.

Summer rubbish – concerns with overflowing bins in the area and along the roadsides.

Council informed residents that extra collections of street bins are carried out during the busier summer month. Bigger bins do not necessarily assist with the problems but Council can look into this.

Security Cameras

Security cameras are operating in the Primrose Sands area.

Road Line Marking

Council has completed some line marking, subject to budget constraints. State Growth provides limited support with this and there are only two contractors in the State completing this work. Council is happy to discuss where line marking should occur in the area, but it will be completed on a priority basis as budget permits.

Unsealed roads and road maintenance

What road maintenance is Council doing in the area?

Spending in this area is based on managing our assets and maintaining them so they reach their full life span. The 2018/2019 budget process is just beginning, so Council will look at what roads need to be finished in the area and add them to the budget as appropriate.

Sugar Loaf Road upgrade – This is being upgraded section by section. Guard rails are needed in some areas and these will be installed as part of each road re-construction project.

Speeding

Concerns with speeding along Tamarix Road

Council will look at putting in a traffic counter to assess the severity of the issue.



Concerns with road speed along Sugar Loaf Road – Can the speed be reduced to 80km from 100km?

All approvals for road speed changes needs to be assessed and approved by the Department of State Growth. Council will consider requesting for a section/s of Sugar Loaf Road to be reduced to 80km

Signage

Council is investigating installing a new sign next to bridge with a photo of the area.

Wild Life signage – residents requesting more signage regarding wild life in area as there appears to be an increase in roadkill. Can signage to be more specific to the types of wildlife around?

This is the responsibility of Parks and Wildlife and there currently are signs up – Wildlife Dusk to Dawn signs.

Walkways / tracks / footpaths /BBQ areas

Walkways along the beach are Crown Land. Council are continuously working with Crown land Services and requesting for upgrades to tracks and paths. However, if Crown agree, the upgrade and ongoing maintenance responsibility becomes Councils, which will then impact the budget and rates.

A new BBQ has been installed at the park. Council are looking to build a shelter and more seating there subject to budget approval.

What are the chances of the continuation of the Tamarix gravel footpath as there are safety concerns for walkers?

Council can look at completing more work along this section of the road subject to approval in the next budget.

Caravan Park - Is the development going ahead?

If the development is to go ahead, a Development Application will need to be submitted to Council for approval.

Footpath to RSL along Primrose Sands Road



As part of the budget process, Council will consider upgrading this existing path.

Gypsy Bay Jetty – concerns with litter and request for toilets

There is a lot of difficulty putting in amenities because of the restrictions of the limited area and lack of sewerage system. There are public toilets in other areas of Primrose Sands available to the public.

Toilet amenity at Petrel Street end of beach - Request for extra toilet amenity block

There are no plans to construct more toilets in the area.

Street Lights – request for more streetlights in the area

Request would need to be made through Council to Tas Network but Council are required to pay the ongoing associated costs.

Cars on Beaches - Residents raised concerns with cars parked on beaches.

This is a Crown Land Services issue. Council can discuss this with Crown to see have they have any suggestions to limit/stop this from happening.

What can be done about the graffiti in the area?

Council will proactively clean up as it occurs. Graffiti on power poles is Tas Networks responsibility to remediate. Graffiti can be reported by phoning or emailing Council and also via the 'Report It' function on the My Local Services App.