



Primrose Sands Community Conversation Meeting

Primrose Sands Community Hall – 25 August 2022

Councillors in Attendance:

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Deputy Mayor Natham Reynolds, Crl Beth Nichols, Crl Melinda Reed and Crl Carmel Torenus.

Council staff in Attendance:

Robert Higgins - RH (General Manager), Russell Fox – RF (Manager Engineering and Regulatory Services) and Jo Cooper – (Corporate Administration Officer).

Public attendance: 38

Introduction by Mayor Kerry Vincent

Kerry welcomed the community attendees and also introduced Gavin Hallett, Police Inspector for the South East Division.

Issues raised by residents:

- **Footpaths**
A number of residents raised the issue of the lack of footpaths in the area with very limited safe areas to get off the road when walking. Additionally, that the Council could consider the installation of shared zone signs or linemarking for key locations.
RF advised that Council have budgeted for the extension of the footpath along Tamarix Road to Carlton Bluff Rd which will occur this financial year. KV advised that unfortunately it is not as simple as putting a footpath on every street in the municipality and that footpaths need to be networked together. Further, that many of the road verges are not suitable to accommodate footpaths due to the topography and civil construction adopted when it was originally a shack area.
- **Primrose Sands Road junction with Colleen Crescent - pull off area**
A resident who drives the local school bus asked if this pull off area could please have some road base or gravel placed as it has become quite wet and holding a lot of water making it difficult for pickup of children. RF to follow up.
- **Speeding of vehicles**
Many residents had concerns for the amount of vehicle speeding in the area making it feel unsafe to be out walking near the roads.



KV advised that where possible to try and get photos and registration details and forward on to Police. This was confirmed by Inspector Hallett who added that the more information that you can provide to Police the more they have to act on.

RF also advised around the speeding concerns on Sugarloaf Road that we have had the speed limit reduced to 80km/hr in an attempt to help address these concerns.

- **Road Signage/Markings**

A resident advised that Tamarix Road was in need of guideposts and/or line marking. RF advised that he would look into this.

Concern was raised with broken lines on Primrose Sands Road allowing for overtaking near the crest of a hill. RF advised that he would look into the line marking and if this can be changed to a solid line.

Another resident asked if signage could be placed as you come into Primrose Sands at the RSL warning drivers to beware of wildlife as several Echidna's have been hit by vehicles. RF advised that he would look into some appropriate signage here.

- **Littering**

A resident raised concern over the amount of litter in the area and asked if Council pick this up. They also questioned regarding the container exchange program. KV advised that Council don't collect litter and that a lot of changes will progress on this front over the next 2-3 years with the Container Refund Scheme in July 2023 and the introduction of the Waste Levy.

- **Cars on Beaches**

A question was asked if Council controls cars on Beaches.

RH advised that Beaches were a matter for Crown Land Services (PWS) and dangerous behaviour of cars on beaches should be referred to the Police.

- **Dog on Beaches**

A suggestion was made if the times for Dogs on Beaches could be reduced to being after 4pm rather than currently 6pm.

It was advised that the Dog Management Plan is currently under review, and this could be put forward as a potential review point noting consistency across beaches (and municipalities) is preferred.

- **Shipping containers**

A resident raised a question regarding shipping containers and should these follow the same planning guidelines for setbacks as with outbuildings. RH advised that he would look into this.



- **Road Driveway Accesses**

Concern was raised regarding the placement of the driveway access for the Carlton River Tourist Park being constructed in a dangerous spot and another rural property access further along Primrose Sands Road on a bend.

RF advised that there are regulations around line of sight and would investigate these accesses further with Councils Development Engineer. Both accesses have been assessed and once some vegetation has been removed both will comply with the minimum AusRoads requirements.

- **Radiology Services**

A question was raised if there were any plans for a Radiology service in the municipality.

KV advised that unfortunately no, currently there are not enough available professional service facilities but there are plans for future developments to provide required tenancies.

- **Flight Paths**

A resident questioned if Council would be able to advocate for the community to have the current flight paths over the peninsula area reviewed as this will be the last opportunity to have a say.

KV advised that he would arrange to discuss this with Matt Cocker of Airservices Australia.

- **Roadside Spraying**

Concerns were put forward regarding roadside spraying in particular, if a more environmentally sound product or methodology could be used.

RF advised that unfortunately we need the product to be effective with managing the roadside fire risk hazard. Nationally a lot of research has been done for alternative products but at this time nothing has been found to be as effective. RH added with the workforce requirement for the networks of roads, it would not be practical to brush cut and mow these areas. Roadside spraying covers a majority of roads but not all.

RF advised that should you not wish for the area at the front of your property to be sprayed, that you can apply to be added to the No Spray Register. Going on this register, however, puts the responsibility back to the resident to maintain this area.

- **Fire Tank – Community Centre**

It was asked if Council would be able to assist in installing a pipeline from the fire tank at the back of the Community Centre to the road frontage on Primrose Sands Road.

RF advised that a cost estimate would need to be considered in the first instance.