

Community Meeting – Great Keppel Island

Group Meeting Details

Community Meeting		Date: 20 October 2019
Meeting Leader:		LSC Community Meetings
Start Time: 10am	Finish Time: 12.20pm	Location: Grassed area near Hideaway

Attendance Record

Name	Name	Name	Name
Mayor	Cr Eastwood	Cr Mather	Meegan Armstrong
Cr Belot	Scott Casey	Sharon Sommerville	Narelle Housman
Suzette Garden			Community members: 11

Discussion Items

Mayor – Welcomed everyone and acknowledged the Councillors and Council officers and placed apologies for Councillors Hutton, Mather and Wyatt.

Mayor provided a general update on Council projects including:

- Focus of Council in this budget and future budgets is on consolidation and debt reduction. Since de-amalgamation there has been no net increase in debt and this year Council's debt is lower than it was in 2014 at de-amalgamation.
- State and Federal funding and how smaller councils can't keep matching funding for major projects
- Overview on major projects:
 - Lagoon and Yeppoon Foreshore is exceeding expectation with record attendance figures
 - Emu Park foreshore on track and also attracting tourism and visitation to the area
 - Tourism overall for our region looking positive
- Great Keppel Island Development
 - New Developers are currently doing due diligence with the State Government but outcome looks positive
- Council has worked closely with the Yeppoon Inlet Association and State agencies to formalise appropriate management of the area, which Council now has trusteeship of. The Darumbal people have also entered into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the State to allow compliant jetty sites to stay.
- No short term future plans to construct another harbour on the coast as yet
- Council is currently in major discussions with the Federal and State Governments regarding the military expansion and hopes to achieve a positive outcome for the whole region
- The matter of a possible future boundary realignment has been referred to the Electoral Commission and nothing will happen prior to the local Government elections in March 2020.
- Keppel Bay Sailing Club convention centre is progressing.

Issues were raised by the community members who attended (please see snapshots for detailed information)

Formal Meeting closed and community members had the opportunity to liaise one on one with Councillors and Council staff.