

Community Meeting – Byfield

Group Meeting Details

Community Meeting		Date: 23 November 2019
Meeting Leader: Mayor, Cr Bill Ludwig		LSC Community Meetings
Start Time: 10.00am	Finish Time: 11.30am	Location: Byfield Store

Attendance Record

Name	Name	Name	Name
Mayor	Cr Mather	Cr Eastwood	Meegan Armstrong
Cr Belot			Suzette Garden
			Community members: 8

Discussion Items

Chair – Welcomed everyone and acknowledged the Councillors and Council officers and placed apologies for Councillors.

Chair provided a general update on Council projects including:

- Dynamic term of council and have achieved many milestones including the Foreshore and Town Centre Revitalisation in Yeppoon and Emu Park.
- 2050 Community Plan
 - First time a document of this type has been driven purely by feedback from the community
 - The thirty (30) year plan will be used to guide the more statutory plans Council has including the corporate plan
- This Council has focused on job creation and revitalising our tourism industry as well as encouraging people to live here
- Major disasters with cyclone Marcia and the recent fires affect our agricultural industries
- Budget overview including debt consolidation since amalgamation \$81.2m was Council's debt at the time of amalgamation and in the past six (6) years have completed \$312m in capital works.
- Over the next few years, the rate rise is set to CPI with very limited growth and no increase in borrowings. Debt is predicted to be down to about \$20m in the next 6 years.
- Commend the Emu Park community groups for their funding partnerships with the local projects

Cr Mather

- Portfolio is roads - Working hard to ensure our roads are maintained but it's not easy
- All roads have a classification and an intervention level – measured by a roughameter.
- Recipe for sealing a road includes – it is not a through road, does it have bus routes, volume of vehicles per day and then budget!
- 1300km of road and 180km of this is dirt in our Shire.
- Grading roads is no good if there is no water it is a waste of money.

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Cr Eastwood

- Portfolio is Library Arts and Culture and Sport and Recreation but I also care about the roads as well
- The Arts – Emu Park will have a new Art Gallery next year and there will be upgrade to the Mill gallery in Yeppoon in 2020.
- Libraries – great library here, upgrade at Marlborough- great digital opportunities available from the library if you can get internet of course, including movies, music etc
- Youth – Council is trying to utilise the youth trailer more. Council has also activated a youth action group and it encourages youth in Byfield to get involved with this group
- Placemaking, which is part of the arts. Local artists just won two (2) national awards for street art in Emu Park, the surf club toilets and Anzac memorial. Great outcome for our region.

Cr Belot

- Portfolio is recycling, water and waste. Advised that full outfit is from Vinnies to try and be more sustainable in the way I live
- Recycling is not an easy task when you have created these habits over many years – council is constantly aware and constantly trying to change the habits of the community in this space.
- The community plan - saw it as community data and an insight into what our community thought
- The algorithms you get from Facebook gives you a direct indication of what the community is thinking
- Don't want to see the Rates high
- Transfer station at Farnborough is going really well. Better advertising and local policing of the area has reduced the vandalism and misuse of this area

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.