

Community Meeting – Emu Park

Group Meeting Details

Community Meeting		Date: 23 November 2019
Meeting Leader: Mayor Cr Bill Ludwig		LSC Community Meetings
Start Time: 3.00pm	Finish Time: 5.40pm	Location: Emu Park Cultural Hall

Attendance Record

Name	Name	Name	Name
Mayor	Cr Hutton	Cr Eastwood	Meegan Armstrong
Cr Mather	Cr Belot	Cr Kelly	Suzette Garden
			Community members: 44

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:

- Emu Park foreshore under way and set to be completed in early 2020
- This Council has focused on job creation and revitalising our tourism industry as well as encouraging people to live here
- 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.
- Major expenditures predominantly funded by state and federal government -

Cr Hutton

- The newly adopted 2030 Community Plan
- Long term financial plan and ten (10) year capital plan
- Provided overview of the five (5) themes out of the community plan

Cr Kelly

- Communities portfolio
- Announced officially not running in 2020
- Community Plan – not a council plan it is a community plan, influenced by the community and created by the community. It is a legacy the current council is leaving to the shire and the incoming Council and will influence decisions that it makes in the future.
- Task forces have been formed following the bushfire disaster. These are designed to help the community, lessons learned and are in partnership with the key agencies
- Encouraged community groups in the locality to keep applying for the Community grants

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.

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

- Recycling water and waste – full outfit is from Vinnies – trying to 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 habits of the community
- See the community plan as community data and an insight into what our community thinks
- 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

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.