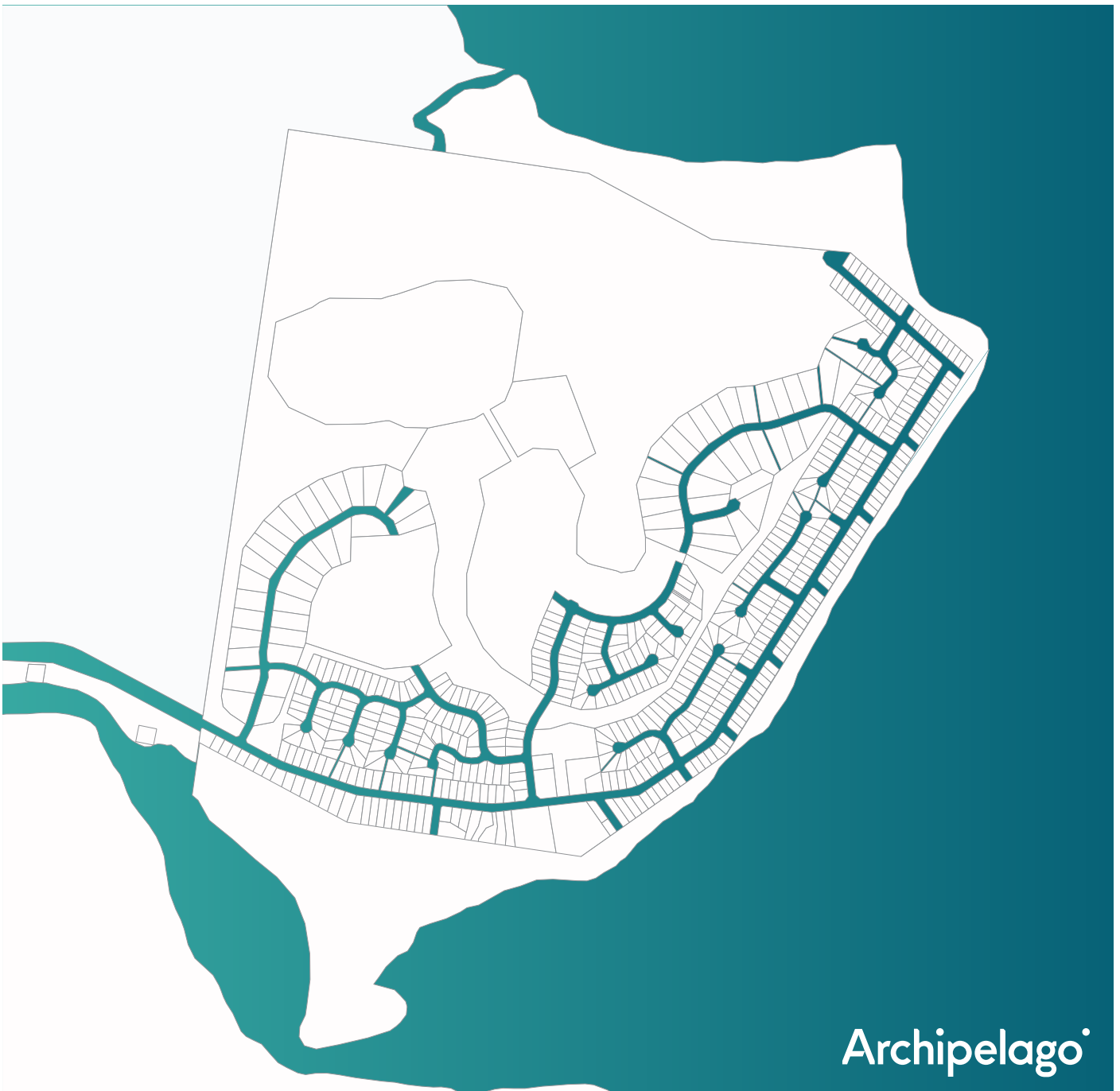


POONA

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

The Poona Community Infrastructure Plan Vision Workshop was a half day issues and idea workshop facilitated by Archipelago and attended by the Poona Community.

The workshop covered community feedback that has been distilled into 10 pillars:

1. Pathways and walking trails

2. Beach Erosion

3. Foreshore Enhancement

4. Foreshore Infrastructure

5. Streetscape
6. Precinct Infrastructure

7. Precinct Enhancement

8. Community Services

9. Development

10. Council Services

The workshop aimed to create an environment where we could collectively decide what were the most important aspects of the 10 pillars, discuss the project overview and what steps are needed moving forward.

25TH OCT	AGENDA
11:00 - 11:10	Workshop
11:10 - 11:30	Project Overview
11:30 - 12:45	Pillar Oppurtunities



POONA COMMUNITY VISION

In 2032, Poona will continue to be a small, secluded and peaceful seaside village in a superb natural setting with amenities that enhance the village character and natural beauty, where people with a strong sense of community safely live, holiday and relax with friends - exercising, boating and fishing.

Our Poona community will:

- Be diverse and welcoming, respectful of our differences whilst sharing a common vision for our town;
- Be aware of opportunities that better our lifestyle whilst protecting the natural environmental assets that drew us to this special place;
- Be supported by collaborative governance systems which provide for us to plan and make decisions together in partnership with the Fraser Coast Regional Council;
- Be a happy, active, healthy, safe and engaging place to live for people of all ages, incomes and abilities;
- Provide diverse recreational opportunities with robust and resilient infrastructure and unfettered access to the foreshore;
- Have access to medical, health and community assistance programs and facilities;
- Conserve and value important environmental; Aboriginal and European cultural heritage assets.



PATHWAYS AND WALKING TRAILS



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Improved walking trails with all weather surfaces
- Build pathways to new boat ramp
- Create pathway/boardwalk/markers along foreshore
- Build the missing link paths between developments
- Wider paths so that snakes can easily be seen
- Build a number of bird hides along the trails

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Link the access paths in the various developments, that currently go nowhere. These could be incorporated into the broader cycle/ walking paths that may get into the final plan
- We have paths at the end of cul de sacs that go nowhere, for example the path at the end of Pandanus Place that heads towards the shop and comes to a dead end - small resumptions to finish
- Need to put timber in the swampy part of the walking track similar to the butterfly walk at Agnes Water
- Make walking tracks better including making them wider so that snakes are more easily seen
- Need to install boardwalks on the wet sections of the Reserve
- A bird hide would be a good idea on the walking tracks
- Support a boardwalks in the wet parts of the walking trails
- I would love to see more than one bird hide - different species are attracted to different locations due to the broad range of vegetation types.
- Support a boardwalks and bird hides on the walking trails
- Support a boardwalks in the wet parts of the walking trails
- Poona is renowned for its wildflowers and birdlife - maintain tracks with elevated walkways through wet lands (minimum intrusion)
- Backburning needs to be undertaken in consultation with flora & fauna experts
- Possible lake areas in swampy zones to improve drainage and provide habitat for water birds. Introduce fish species to control insects
- New walkways could be incorporated with the new boating facility
- to put a billboard at the start of the bush track showing what birds are there
- pathways do not connect to a network - can't access Boronia Dr from Cockatoo Cr via concrete paths, green zones, or easements, without walking through private property



PATHWAYS AND WALKING TRAILS



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Invest in preventing shoreline erosion by:
- Creating rock protection
 - Using Pathways as revetments
 - Installing protective planting
 - Installing outfall access for tidal fishing

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Add rocks and a concrete path to the out fall pipes along the beach. This allows people to fish on the tide, is more ascetically pleasing and may contribute to beach erosion
- Fix the beach erosion - the longer it is left the harder the job
- the erosion from the point towards the caravan park has steadily eroded over the years. The sand comes and goes and the alluvial rock from the point has washed up and down the beach making the beach unattractive and difficult to use
- Fore shore erosion is a major concern and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency
- Highlighting with photos the level of erosion in the area of Peter Petersen's place



FORESHORE INFRASTRUCTURE



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Noting a new Poona Creek boat ramp is proposed:
- Add a pontoon to new ramp for paddle craft access
 - Enhance existing boat ramp area as fore shore focal point
 - Install Channel Marking

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- In favour or a revamped boat ramp for better water access
- A major boost would be to get a 24 hour access channel to the boat ramp which would encourage more tourists and residents.
- A deeper channel for our boats and a floating pontoon for fishing on a high tide would b great
- The boat ramp that goes nowhere - range of options could be considered. Reduction in water access is having an adverse effect on real estate values
- It's about time we had a decent boat ramp with proper parking
- Support a new 24/7 boat ramp and trailer parking
- first project being the extension of the boat ramp to the creek to allow all tide access
- Speaking first hand the comment regularly gets made that it is a shame that Poona does not have all tide access and that some people turn away from Poona because of this. Therefore I think this is on top of the list.
- All tide access boat ramp complete with pontoon, adequate car and boat trailer parking and breakwater
- Fully endorse the actions to get a proper boat ramp and trailer parking
- Poona needs a better boat ramp both for residents and visitors
- Poona needs a much better facility. The present one is unsafe and unusable for over half the tide. That poor infrastructure is holding Poona back.
- endorse the actions to get a new boating facility
- A boat ramp is an absolute necessity for the community to go forward
- Fully support the actions to get a new boat ramp
- A boat ramp upgrade is desperately needed
- The boat ramp is not fit for purpose – needs work now
- Support an all tide access boat ramp to bring more visitors and residents to Poona
- would like to see a better access for boats to the water. People who live around this area (Tuan etc) mention how bad our boat ramp is, so they won't come here to access the water.
- Need an all tide boat ramp
- inadequate, small and dangerous
- Proposed GHD site could be done but ensure it is well thought through from an environmental perspective
- A pontoon should be included in the new boating facility



FORESHORE ENHANCEMENTS



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Install additional seating/picnic facilities in public areas
- Install a formal pathway/boardwalk for all weather access
- Install informal pathways (eg sand, gravel)
- Install public property markers to define foreshore edge
- Remove exotic plantings
- Limit turfing and mowing of foreshore
- Ensure unrestricted foreshore vegetation maintenance

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- “make a formed (concrete) path, bike way along the water front for easy walking for elderly, children in prams and anyone who love to walk or cycle along the water front. This could end at the old toilet block or continue around the point.”
- Seating along the foreshore walkway should be considered
- Poona has some great walkways with bird watching etc. I would like to see these walkways remain in their natural state – no concrete or asphalt. It would be environmentally sad to alter.
- first priority is the beautician of the foreshore
- all tide access along with other foreshore beautification projects will attract holiday makers, part time residents and full time residents
- like to see the foreshore and beach developed with walkways, shelters and BBQ scattered along the stretch
- Some standardisation of what should and should not happen in the foreshore management. Different people do different things
- Illegal gardens blocking walkways on foreshore should be stopped
- The fuel load along the fore shore is excessive and needs to be thinned out
- Clean up the under story along the fore shore
- Re vegetation of fore shore
- Would like to see a concrete footpath running the full length of the foreshore
- Native plant revegetation
- sandy parthways part of the country lane character - should be kept natural
- Facebook 19 January 2018 - more seats/tables along foreshore. Could set a standard with such donated in memorium & at no cost to FCRC
- Need to cater for the elderly and blind impaired
- Facebook 20 Jan 2018 Last place I lived our (informal, natural) walking path was replaced by a concrete path - our leisurely walks soon turned stressful with bike users ding-dinging and speeding past. Be careful what you wish for.



STREETSCAPE



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Make Owen Cox St a shared street to existing boat ramp
- The entrance and turnoff to Poona needs to undertake some beautification
- Lower speed limit and use walk cycle graphics to share the roads
- Improve verge drainage and property crossovers
- There is a demand from the community to have better parking facilities near the caravan park to cater for day trippers and boat trailers
- Improve ease and presentation of parking near caravan park

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Flowers planted at the entrance of Poona like when you drive into Hervey Bay
- as the Poona community grows I would like to see Eric Coe Park rejuvenated and the whole area between Snapper Drive and the northern side of Owen Cox Drive (including Owen Cox Drive itself) become a shared zone with a low speed limit.
- Support the concept of streetscaping around Owen Cox Drive
- We need more effort in Poona to beautify our central area near the caravan park and shop
- The road down to the old toilet block at the point should not be closed
- would like to see a footpath along Boronia Drive to make walking for the many residents who walk easier and safer. Also a lot safer for our children who live here.
- Improved signage - eg facilities, BBQs, 'no overnight stays', protection of mangroves etc
- Public facilities to provide for open spaces for social interaction and manage visitor impact
- Verbal - Carpark where the old toilet block was should be bitumened to stop the dust
- road is used for walking - ok while traffic remains light. Traffic calming but no speed bumps because of trailers
- More street trees are needed
- Town needs to be extended to new boat ramp area and incorporate surveillance
- Road into Poona needs resurfacing
- Continue the drainage works and on both sides of Boronia Dr & Outridge Ave it's a disgrace
- continue doing the gutters along Boronia
- Drainage like the new concept on Boronia should be done on the eastern side as well. Spoon drains on the eastern side have not been maintained and have become ineffective holding water on properties instead of draining towards the swales
- like to see the curbing completed along Boronia Drive. It is quite unsightly for our main entry road to our town
- curb & channel Boronia & Outridge
- topography is a problem but the solution should be effective with minimum concrete
- Possible lake areas in swampy zones to improve



PRECINCT ENHANCEMENTS



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Rename 'Market Alley' to something in reverence to our fallen soldiers
- Construct BBQ areas in the recreational area
- Construct a community garden beside the hall
- Install more all age exercise equipment
- Install more playground equipment
- Install more parkland BBQ areas
- Ensure all equipment/shelters are of Poona character

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- A flying fox with a decent length for the older kids would be great as we now have quite a few pre teen and older kids who are looking for something a bit more exciting. The spider ropes are a bit more interesting.
- 3 more exercise stations on the oval with moving parts and easier for residents
- development of the Croquet area with an improved playing pad...maybe synthetics grass like golf - a particular good initiative for those not so healthy/ active
- Rename Alastair Martin Place/Walkway
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- skateboarding & BMX facility
- Rename this area to reflect something associated with ANZAC
- We should consider a non denominational chapel for Poona
- A community garden adjacent to the hall
- How about renaming Market Alley, which doesn't get used for markets, "Anzac Alley", as it is the site for the biggest get together in Poona's calendar.
- development of the Croquet area with an improved playing pad...maybe synthetics grass like golf - a particular good initiative for those not so healthy/ active
- need for picnic seats ,shelters along this track and would it not be good to have a barbecue somewhere in the middle;
- an outside barbecue for recreation area
- A shelter like the new ones at Woodgate should be installed on the northern foreshore adjacent to the boat ramp
- Gazebos on some of the foreshore access points
- place should remain natural with minimum structures of any kind



PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Replace existing public amenities with accessible facilities.
- Install a swimming inclosure near the existing boat ramp
- Create a memorial wall for those that scatter ashes
- Construct two bowling greens and progressively move towards having a dedicated Bowls Club
- Less infrastructure and fewer services compared to 1986
- Construct a Men's Shed
- Develop market Alley as a tribute to either district pioneers or ANZACS

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Are the men interested in working for a Men's Shed, is there a need?
- child care facilities
- Need a mens shed
- With the number of times ashes are scattered at Poona we should have a memorial wall
- Get a café going at the hall - maybe under a leasing arrangement. Too much in assets tied up for once a week use
- How did Boonooroo get started with their bowls club? Must have been a big thing for the.. Why can't Poona do something like that?
- 2 x lawn bowls greens to go on the eastern side of the tennis courts
- It would be nice to have a Pioneer walkway on the granite area leading into the Hall. A tribute to the district (broader)pioneers and include timber, fishing, farming, manufacturing
- A mens shed
- Swimming area set aside with enclosure
- the fact we dont have shops, cafes etc. I love the peace and quiet and that we're not over developed
- Only with more housing will it ever support a permanent cafe/shop or fuel sale operation.
- Are the men interested in working for a Men's Shed, is there a need?



COMMUNITY SERVICES



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Establish a visiting GP medical room at the Community Hall
- Establish a community bus/cooperative car service
- Establish a community equipment service (mulcher etc)
- Establish a community green waste mulch service quarterly

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Medical facilities are a long way - establish facilities at the Hall for visiting practitioners
- Health care and emergency services
- Because we are semi remote we really should have like an emergency room at the hall with medical first aid supplies and a number of residents that can be trained to assist whilst ambulance or helicopter arrives
- we need to get some training happening or is there anyone that is up to date to use the defibulator
- We should push to have an ambulance based in Poona to service the immediate townships. Ambulances have to travel too far from Maryborough. In the alternative community first aid officers.
- The community should facilitate a visiting doctor by having a suitable room available at the Hall
- A community bus
- With an ageing population it would be good to have a volunteer operated community bus to get residents to doctors, hospitals etc. The bus if permitted could operate as a courtesy bus within Poona
- a community bus run by volunteers ,suggest 3days a week into Maryborough ,maybe 4hours ,take people to appointments, shopping etc. could work well as we have an ageing population . Maybe less people need to move closer to town as they age.



DEVELOPMENT



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Install a more prominent sign at the Poona turn off
- Install a solar operated light at the Poon turn off
- Patner with other towns on regional promotion campaign
- Create a community coffee and craft shop
- Revitalise the Poona Webpage
- Provide computer access and assistance at the Hall
- Recognising the aging population in Poona the PCPA and the council should take any oppurtunity to promote Poona as a suitable venue for a retirement village

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- SIGNING: We definitely need a larger Clearer sign at the Poona turn off . I too have sailed past the turn off several times.
- definitely benefit from having a solar operated light at the turn off. We have found that the yellow sign on the left hand side beyond the Poona turn off heading south, gives a false impression of it being the turn off
- The Great sandy strait has a huge ecologicaly significance as it is the only sandy wetland in the world and is recognised world wide
- a RAMSAR wetland - Mayor Loft is keen to push this idea, I have also had a visit from the person from Tourism and Events QLD and she thinks we are in an ideal position to promote this.
- Fully support the idea of a Poona Web page, would do wonders for us.
- We should have designated community ambassadors to routinely mix with visitors at the caravan park and at the hall - make visitors most welcome
- heard from tourists that Poona is a dump and that the area around the ramp is amongst the worst in the country. People have inquired why our council is not delivering better services
- The road signs for Poona (southbound) are too small - people have passed the turnoff before they have time to think about it
- The town is too small to support a medical centre or anything which would make, say a retirement village work, so it needs to foster more permanent residents
- Should we be looking towards community funding to purchase the land adjacent to the shop and creating a retirement complex? Add a few Eco cottages, convert the shop into a community facility and that's the beginning
- an aged care facility as self contained units,duplex or the like. Could start with 4 units and have a manager, groundskeeper on staff. Maybe the community could purchase
- Computer interaction for the elderly and/or widowed in Poona
- aged care facility



COUNCIL SERVICES



SUMMARY COMMENTS

- Establish a council green waste collection trasfer station
- Establish a Foreshore maintenance program
- Establish new toilet amenities at the point
- Establish a design character document to guide new house and ancillary buildings
- Establish a design guide to establish approved character for future amenities blocks, playgrounds and foreshore works.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Portable toilets should be installed where the point toilet complex was removed
- Need a toilet block at the end of Outridge
- I question the need for a second toilet block . I would prefer the money to be spent for the benefit of the local residents as it is our rate money that will be spent.
- If there has to be money spent the toilet block adjacent to the boat ramp could be cleaned . The only time a local would use the toilets at the boat ramp would be after a days fishing
- A new toilet would be better placed near Dr Price's residence. Any thoughts of positioning it at the end of Outridge will only encourage free campers and a consequential fire risk
- Because of erosion and disturbance to neighbours the toilets should not be rebuilt near the point. Possibly increase the capacity of the toilets at the boat ramp.
- My thoughts are that we need one at the end of Outreach Avenue, perhaps closer to the walking track . We could look at PORTABLE TOILETS which could be emptied regularly, when usage dictates.
- Better access to rubbish removal like we used to have would remove one of the negatives about the town
- If Boonooroo dump usage becomes more restricted, we are going to have increasing problems with illegal dumping. A green dump would be a good start
- Poona will become an illegal dump if charges are introduced. We also desparately need a green dump
- With the closure of free Boonooroo dump facility Council needs to have twice a year roadside collections (MCC)
- Council should reinstate the green dump by indemnifying the land owner against liability
- Palm frond clearing stations should be erected so that residents can drop the fore shore vegetation for council collection
- large amount of vegetation (palm fronds) on foreshore cleaned up by residents - need a new solution to dispose of the vegetation
- carting fronds to the designated spots without the use of a trailer is an interesting feat. Will have to put my thinking cap on. Perhaps tying them together and dragging them down the street, would get the job done.





VISION WORKSHOP OUTCOME

Walking Trails

- Walking trails need to be clear
 - Hazards
- Issues with accessibility/wheelchairs/frameset
 - Older population/mobility/pedestrian realm importance
- Needs of walking, cycling?
- Not asking for all concrete pathways, just one good one!
- Alternatives to concrete
 - Road base
 - Natural
 - Mobility accessible services
- “Place for Everyone”
- Suggest between boat ramp and Point
 - Woodgate example
- Platforms for fishing opportunity
- Agreement:
 - hierarchy of path network – connection of mobility infrastructure to caravan parks
 - Missing Link paths? Clear understanding of where pathways and private properties etc.
 - Find ways of stitching green spaces together. Signage to not create visual clutter

Beach Erosion

- Adjust erosion line on plan.
- Agreement:
 - Erosion issue is important!
 - Toilet block damage
 - Protection
 - Replacement
 - Location
- Policy re: if its going to erode let it erode.

— AGREEMENT

- Areas where no mangroves seem to not erode) mangroves attract mud -v- beach)
- Education on not destroying vegetation
- Can we manicure mangroves?
- Re-establishment of....
- Celebrity “Mongrel” mangroves near boat ramps
- 40 years ago – rockwall at Poona
- Studies on benefits of greyness etc.
- CHAS feedback from survey
 - Get to Peter

Boat Ramp

- New boat ramp will create erosion
- Existing ramp needs digging out – show handsome support
- 10 min difference between tides go slow zones
- No. of required parking/trailer parks.
 - 50/50 split with show of hands – New vs Old
- If new ramp – will exist ramp exist
 - DTME hasn’t seen anything related to private ramp
- New ramp will provide near all tide access
 - 2 low spots – hydrology studies
- Has there been a “noise” study for new ramp.
- Hydrology – erosion etc can change depths

Foreshore Infrastructure and Erosion

- No MTCE of existing walkways leaving hazards – pine nuts, palm leaves etc.
- Crusher dust -v- gravel as surface
 - Agreement: more natural surface
- Concrete paths create MTCE regime

— Agreement: foreshore high priority

- Who is going to maintain additional infrastructure
 - Tables
 - Chairs
 - Shelters
 - Etc.
- Timeframes for repairs/replacement of foreshore infrastructure – not quick enough
- No POO bags in bins
- Is all infrastructure going to affect rates?
- Foreshore drainage issues, swales, pipes – new infrastructure needs to consider drainage/overflow land
- Who is responsible for fixing fallen trees – esplanade
 - FCRC -v- State Government
- Lots of Palm Trees + Palm fronds – need to be collected

Foreshore Infrastructure and Erosion

- Investigate lower speed limits
 - Snapper Drive
- Peter comment: variety of methods to slow traffic
- Agreement: Poona entrance is awesome
- Signage on “No Through Roads”
- No-one reads speed signs on Boronia Dr.
- Visitors/holiday makers and locals
- Council Trucks should be reminded to slow down
- Signage/challenges – Poona is for all users
- Streets are thought about differently
- Shared traffic area – Kerba channelling – main circuit bitumen is a priority

Precinct Enhancements

- Can we require “developers” to deliver some community infrastructure?
- No-one sidelined during future discussions

Precinct Inhancements

- Bowls Green – have quotes – need grants
 - Parallel to tennis court
- Second toilet block – walkers to foreshore
- I moved to Poona because of no Hotel

Community Services

- Mulcher available – but dangerous
- Potential for FTE person @ Poona (FCRC)
 - Mobility for bus/community Bus
 - Local car pool – service already exist
 - Can this be grown?

Development

- Don’t move boat ramp - leave it where it is

Council Services

- Suggest – vouchers for dump
- Toilets near mangrove walk
- When Hall closed – no toilets – now addressed
 - Genuine public access
- Rubbish – Kerbside collection – no longer
- Boonooroo refuse facility

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