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## **Draft Meeting Minutes:**

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**Project:** Community Consultation Project for the Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road

**Subject:** Minutes – Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting No.4  
1:00pm – 3:00pm, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Whitsunday Shire Council Board Room

**Meeting opened by Mark Fenton at 1:10pm**

### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Attendees:**

1. Marc Turner – Tourism Whitsundays (TW)
2. Faye Chapman – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
3. Phil Holloway – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
4. Pat Aprile – Department of Main Roads (DMR)
5. Jillian D’Urso – Department of Main Roads (DMR)
6. Dr Mark Fenton – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
7. Arwen Rickert – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
8. Jim Jarvis - Community member
9. Robin Salmon – Community Member
10. Steven McDonald – Department of Main Roads (Guest)

#### **Apologies:**

1. Cr Mario Demartini (WSC)
2. Cr Tolma Camm – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
3. Cr Jennifer Whitney – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
4. Cr Kieran McCarthy - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
5. Cr Steve Muller - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
6. Danielle Seymour – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
7. Rebecca Andrews – Whitsunday Development Corporation (WDC)
8. Mary O’Flynn - Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
9. Jim Wort – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
10. Peter Jennings – Whitsunday Way Advisory Committee (WWAC)
11. Jan Clifford – Community member
12. Lyn Gregson

## **Agenda Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting**

### **2.1 Minutes from PAC 3**

The minutes from PAC meeting number 3 held on 26 September 2007 at the Whitsunday Shire Council Boardroom were confirmed.

## **Agenda Item 3: Update on consultation activities to date**

### **1.1 Advertorials**

Three advertorials over the past four weeks have been placed in the local newspapers (Whitsunday Times and the Guardian). A briefer advertorial allowing larger type: Whitsunday Way – Have YOU Had Your Say? was placed on 10 and 11 October and 17 and 18 October. An advertorial announcing the public displays was placed on 24 and 25 October. Information on the displays also appeared on the Whitsunday Shire Council website.

Mark Fenton was interviewed on ABC Local Radio.

A number of media releases and responses to media inquiries have also been printed in the local press. Jillian D'Urso circulated copies of these to PAC members.

### **1.2 Letter box flyer**

No further letterbox drops have occurred however flyers have been distributed at stakeholder meetings and will be distributed at the public displays.

### **1.3 Email address, 1300 telephone number, PO Box number, fax and web page**

As of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007, 24 new messages had been received on the 1300 number, 17 new emails had been received via the [shute@ebc.net.au](mailto:shute@ebc.net.au) email address, 10 new submissions had been made via the internet submission form, 13 additional people had registered their email addresses via the internet site to receive further information and newsletters, four more letters had been received to the PO Box and two faxes had been received.

### **1.4 On-ground consultations with businesses, residents and stakeholders**

To date more than 100 individual residents and businesses had been approached by an EBC consultant to provide input to the project. More than 25 community, interest and service clubs had also been approached to provide input.

Meetings were held with developers of 121, Whitsunday Lions Club and Whitsunday Chamber of Commerce.

## **Agenda Item 4: Upcoming consultation process**

### **4.1 Public Displays**

Arwen and Jillian described the materials developed for the public displays and explained that the displays were designed to provide another means for gaining input from the broader community as well as visitors

to the area during the information gathering phase, and therefore would not be presenting options but rather showing the existing situation and inviting comment.

The public displays will be held Saturday 27 October at the Markets from 8am to 12noon and at Whitsunday Shopping Centre from 1pm to 4pm. They will be in Centro from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 28 October.

The public display will consist of poster size, aerial photographs of the entire Proserpine to Shute Harbour road as well as a more detailed view of the Beach to Tropic Road area. The posters will be laminated to allow people to draw on them with markers. The aerial photography is from Whitsunday Shire Council and is 2004, the most recent available.

An input form based on the questions from the website will also be available for people who wish to send in their response at a later time.

#### **4.2 Timeframes and processes for the next phase (Negotiation Sessions)**

The Phase 2 activities will focus on negotiation sessions commencing with the Beach to Tropic Road section. This section would require three sessions:

1. An information briefing session where important background information necessary for decision making would be presented
2. A negotiation session focussing on Adina Street and the intersections in the immediate area (Pandanus and Manooka)
3. A negotiation session looking at the entire Beach to Tropic Road section, including consideration of preferred options for Adina Street and implications for the entire section.

It was agreed that an independent traffic engineer be engaged to help articulate community aspirations for the road *function*, and that a landscape architect also be engaged to articulate the community's vision for the road *form*.

While people from outside the local area would have more independence from the process, it was also recognised that there existed two very capable local landscape architects. It was agreed that EBC continue to try to source the appropriate people.

The negotiation sessions were originally scheduled to occur in November given the need to provide direction for the Adina Street intersection treatment prior to the Child Care Centre opening in early December. However, Main Roads and EBC have been advised that the WGMI traffic modelling data will now not be available until the end of November. The PAC agreed that the traffic modelling data is essential for the negotiation sessions and therefore that the sessions would have to be held off until the data was available. Furthermore, some time is required to compile all the information gathered from consultation to date, including the input received at the public displays, to feed into the development of a vision and for consideration in the negotiation sessions.

Therefore Main Roads may need to implement an interim intersection solution at Adina Street to enable the Child Care Centre to open prior to the negotiation sessions considering a longer term option.

It was agreed that the following timeline be implemented:

- Early November – EBC summarise consultation outcomes to date into a report
- Mid November – EBC submit the report to the PAC
- Early December – PAC meeting to discuss the consultation outputs and develop a vision statement and develop negotiation session materials
- Late January/Early February – hold negotiation sessions on Adina Street and Beach to Tropic Road

Information necessary for the negotiation sessions would include:

- WGMI traffic modelling
- Consultation outcomes and vision
- Future development patterns
- Pedestrian, cycle and public transport strategy

The PAC agreed that it would be necessary to be flexible and use whatever information is available from Maunsell and the WGMI process at the time, the traffic modelling is essential but we don't necessarily have to wait for all the other information.

## **Agenda Item 5: Other items**

### **5.1 WGMI update**

Pat Aprile gave a quick verbal update to the committee about the WGMI process and timetable. It was agreed that the linkages between the consultation outcomes and Maunsell's work needed to be explored further and that both the projects should feed into each other. It was agreed that EBC would discuss with Maunsell how the consultation outcomes could be used in the WGMI project and vice versa.

### **5.2 Linkages with other projects.**

It was agreed that a similar dialogue was needed with the Airlie Main Street project that GHD are doing and also with the Master Planning process that Whitsunday Development Corporation are responsible for.

Phil Holloway undertook to arrange a discussion amongst these parties at the next WWAC meeting to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November and to arrange EBC to participate via video-conference.

The PAC agreed that these other projects should be a standing agenda item for PAC meetings to enable the linkages to be further explored

**Meeting closed: 2:45pm**

**Next meeting: PROPOSED ONLY – TO BE CONFIRMED Early December.**