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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.8  
1:00pm– 3:00pm, 30 May 2008, Whitsunday Regional Council Boardroom

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

[Agenda Item 1: Introductions and Apologies](#)

**Attendees:**

1. Marc Turner – Tourism Whitsundays (TW)
2. Pat Aprile – Department of Main Roads (DMR)
3. Peter Jennings – Whitsunday Way Advisory Committee (WWAC)
4. Faye Chapman – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
5. Mary O’Flynn – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
6. Jim Jarvis – Community member
7. Cr Jan Clifford – Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC)
8. Gary Martin – Whitsunday Regional Council
9. Ceara Hart – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
10. Dr Mark Fenton – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
11. Sarah–Jane Bartlem – Department of Main Roads (DMR)
12. Danielle Seymour – Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC)

*Guests:*

Peter Jenson – Regional Manager for Integrated Transport Planning, Queensland Transport (QT)

Peter Button – Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC)

**Apologies:**

1. Jillian D’Urso – Department of Main Roads (DMR)

2. Lyn Gregson – Adelyn Retail
3. Jennifer Whitney – Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC)
4. Cr Mark Gaudry – Whitsunday Regional Council (WRC)
5. Rebecca Andrews – Whitsunday Development Corporation (WDC)
6. Louise Mahony

## [Agenda Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting](#)

### **2.1 Minutes from PAC 7**

The minutes from PAC meeting number 7 held on 27 February 2008 at the Whitsunday Regional Council Boardroom were confirmed.

## [Agenda Item 3: Communications and Consultation Materials](#)

### **3.1 Review of draft vision brochure**

PAC members were shown colour hard copies of the Whitsunday Way brochure.

Feedback on the brochure design:

- Smaller text – more spacing
- Replace photograph of crane symbolising development and consider replacing the other 2 photographs on the front page with Whitsunday tourism photographs (suggestions include a roundabout, Abel point, lagoon, coral reef). Marc Turner, Whitsunday Tourism, will provide EBC with a number of pictures to choose from.
- Map of Proserpine – Shute Harbour Road:
  - Colour the road green to distinguish the Whitsunday Way from the other roads
  - The road labels are unclear; need to be in a larger font
  - Black out the white labels which appear in the middle of the road on the close up
  - Blacken the border around the close up

### **3.2 Community comment period and communications for draft vision**

The draft vision for the Whitsunday Way is the result of input received from the community and key stakeholders as part of Phase 1 of the community consultation process for the project. The PAC members agreed that the vision in the form of the brochure should be communicated to the broader public (without further public comment).

Communication strategy:

- Webpage
- Email contacts/ key stakeholders
- Advertorial in the local newspapers explaining that the brochure can be viewed via the website (Whitsunday Times, Mackay Mercury)
- 500 hard copies to be displayed in selected community places, including organisations that will be involved in future decision making (number of copies will be flexible in case more are needed)
  - o Ideas include Libraries (Beach library, Proserpine Library, Mackay City Library), Shire Offices, MainRoads, Tourism Centres, RACQ

#### [Agenda Item 4: Next Steps for PAC and Consultation Process](#)

##### **4.1 Review of original proposal**

Phase one of the original proposal for the PAC will conclude with the communication of the vision brochure as discussed for the previous agenda item.

The PAC agreed that the next major steps (phase two) will include information and negotiation sessions for intersection treatments along the Whitsunday Way, focussing initially on priority areas such as Beach to Tropic Road, using the Whitsunday Way vision and traffic information/modelling derived from the Whitsunday Growth Management Initiative (WGMI).

It was agreed that the negotiation sessions should not commence until the WGMI process was completed. Once this has occurred Maunsell representatives will be invited to present their findings to the PAC explaining how the traffic models were reached and the consequences/constraints of their findings for sections of the Whitsunday Way.

The PAC can discuss any imminent issues that may arise in the meantime regarding specific intersection treatments along the Whitsunday Way. It was agreed that the PAC should meet monthly until the WGMI findings are released.

##### **4.2 Status of WGMI activities – discussion postponed**

##### **4.3 Broader Planning Contexts**

Presentation by guests, Peter Jenson, Regional Manager for Integrated Transport Planning, Queensland Transport (QT) and Peter Button, Whitsunday Regional Council

Peter Jensen outlined 3 elements of statutory planning which may influence the region and the Whitsunday Way in the next 12 months:

### **1. Regional Planning**

Cairns, for example, has recently adopted a regional plan for Far North Queensland (a plan for South East Queensland already exists). This provides a process of governance between state and local governments. Such a regional plan may be developed in the future to encompass the Whitsundays, Mackay and Issac. If so, the statutory plan would essentially become a footprint which would monitor development and land use in the area, with the State government holding the power to veto specific projects.

### **2. PIA / PIP process**

PIP – Priority Infrastructure Plan

PIA – priority infrastructure area that is serviced by the PIP

Old councils have abandoned their PIPS – now they have amalgamated the issue arises as to whether they need one or two PIPS. There is flexibility to ‘add to’ plans when dealing with special interest areas.

### **3. Planning Schemes**

Due to amalgamation, the Whitsunday Regional Council requires a planning scheme within 3 years. Peter Button explained how imperative it was for the Whitsunday Regional Council to work with other Regional Councils in achieving this.

Faye Chapman, Residents Traffic Action (RTA), expressed the importance of incorporating the Whitsunday Way vision into the new regional plan as a means of ensuring the vision’s successful implementation. Peter Jensen and Peter Button suggested the RPAC (Regional Planning Advisory Committee) as a forum to report the findings of the PAC and to influence planning at a regional level. The RPAC includes majors of the regional body; Mr. Lucas is the Chair of the Committee and Mike Bruner is the Vice Chair.

The PAC agreed that the Whitsunday Regional Council should investigate how such a process might work and whether it could host discussion with other bodies, i.e. environmental, tourism bodies. Sarah-Jane Bartlem, Department of Main Roads, would also look at opportunities via MainRoads channels.

### **4.2 Status of WGMI activities**

Pat Aprile, Department of Main Roads (DMR), explained that he had contacted a member involved in the initiative to try and wrap up the process. He stressed that it had not been intentionally stalled and he would have details about the initiative's progress for the next PAC meeting.

## [Agenda Item 5: Other items](#)

### **5.1 Airlie Streetscape**

It was hoped that GHD representatives would attend the PAC meeting today to present their proposal for the Airlie Streetscape, but after making contact with the company, Mark Fenton, EBC, received no response. The Council members on the PAC explained that the project was moving ahead although consultation with the community had been postponed until the engineering issues, such as drainage, water services, easements, parking etc, were resolved. Furthermore, MainRoads is yet to sign off on any proposals.

The PAC members were very keen to organise a GHD representative to present at the next PAC meeting to begin the process of integrating community views/knowledge into the engineering designs. Danielle Seymour, Whitsunday Regional Council, will try again to contact GHD and organise for them, as well as a representative from the sign design consultants 'Entica', to present at the next PAC meeting in about a month's time.

### **5.2 Whitsunday Way Committee (WWC)**

Peter Jennings from the Whitsunday Way Committee reassured the PAC members that despite views to the contrary, the WWC had not been dissolved. Although the Whitsunday Regional Council had withdrawn financial support, the WWC would continue to operate as a community lobby group.

A number of PAC members were disappointed by how the situation was handled and have asked for the Council to publicly explain the new of capacity of WWC. This media release should also stress the continuation of the PAC as an instrument for the implementation of the Whitsunday Way vision (which the WWC helped to create). PAC members would also like to see a photograph of the Major, Mike Brunner, and the Whitsunday Way Vision Brochure (as a sign of Council support for the PAC process).

### **5.3 Council Attendance at PAC**

A number of the PAC members were concerned about the small presence from the Whitsunday Regional Council at the PAC meeting and wondered whether this signalled

a lack of support for the PAC and streetscape projects. Cr Jan Clifford explained that the small presence was by no means a reflection of the Council's support for the PAC but more of a logistical/time issue for the recently elected Councillors.

Video conferencing was suggested to help Councillors participate when they are unable to travel to Proserpine. Jan advised that she would keep the Councillors up to date and let them know when pressing issues are due to be discussed.

#### **5.4 Beach Road Roundabout**

The PAC queried whether the proposed 30metre roundabout at the Beach Road intersection could be smaller. Cr Gary Martin is aware of project and will keep the PAC up-to-date.

#### **5.4 Crash statistic for Queensland intersections**

Mary O'Flynn, Residents Traffic Action (RTA), requested MainRoads to obtain the current crash statistics for Queensland intersections.

#### **5.5 Agenda for next meeting**

- Aim to have both GHD and Entica presenting on the status and design of their projects
- Update from Pat Aprile on the WGMI
- Decide on the sections of the Whitsunday Way which need to be negotiated first (when the WGMI data arrives), and consider any additional information needed to facilitate these negotiation sessions

**Meeting closed: 3:00pm**

**Next meeting: To be advised - anticipate a month**