

# Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

Whitsunday Way

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<b>Date:</b>	21/8/09	<b>Time:</b>	1pm - 3pm	<b>Number:</b>	12
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<b>FILE REF:</b>	PAC 12 - 210809	
Attendees	Peter Jennings	Community member
	Faye Chapman	RTA
	Mary O'Flynn	RTA
	Jim Jarvis	Community member
	Marc Turner	Tourism Whitsundays
	Rogin Taylor	WRC
	Robin Salmon	Community member
	Jan Clifford	WRC
	Chris Herring	DTMR
	Ian Husband	DTMR
	Majella Cummings	DTMR
	Jim Wort	Community member
	Lindel Ryan	DTMR (Townsville)
	Arwen Rickert	EBC (Chair)
	Terri Buono	EBC (minutes)
Apologies	Mark Fenton	EBC
	Jennifer Whitney	WRC
	Pat Aprile	DTMR
	Sharon Johnston	DTMR
	Gary Martin	WRC
	Katrina Clarke	DIP
	Rebecca Andrews	Enterprise Whitsundays

Item No.		Action
1.0	<b>Minutes from Previous PAC meeting 7/4/09</b>	Accepted.
2.0	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	As below.
2.1	<b>Traffic Modelling Report</b> The report has been completed by Maunsell.	AR to send to members
2.2	<b>WGMI</b> The Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) was contacted by DTMR. DIP is at phase 3 of the process. The report will be completed in a week or two then can be forwarded to members.	CH DTMR to send to members on completion.
2.3	<b>Airlie Beach Main Street.</b> Redevelopment plans are underway. Refer to agenda item 5.6.	PAC to keep abreast of the project's progress.

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2.4	<p><b>Badging the Whitsunday Way</b></p> <p>The final sign design was circulated by DTMR and approved by all members. The sign will take two to three months to produce.</p> <p>DTMR will continue to call the road Shute Harbour Road but the tourist sign will state Whitsunday Way. This is a similar situation to the signage of the Capricorn Coast tourist drive in Rockhampton. Local road signage is the responsibility of local government.</p>	DTMR to check on progress of erection of signage before next meeting.
2.5	<p><b>Adina Street Residents</b></p> <p>Adina Street uphill residents were consulted as per DTMR's request.</p>	Noted.
2.6	<p><b>Website Update</b></p> <p>The revision to the website text was delayed until the completion of the consultation. It will still require some revision but will not include reference to negotiation sessions.</p>	AR to update website text according to outcomes of this meeting.
2.7	<p><b>Minister's Briefing</b></p> <p>Letter to W. Pitt was not actioned. The PAC should assume that the incoming Minister was informed of the PAC and its terms of reference.</p>	Noted.
3.0	<p><b>Beach to Tropic Road Consultation Outcomes</b></p>	
3.1	<p><b>Consultation Report</b></p> <p>AR presented the draft consultation report she had prepared on the recent consultations with businesses and residents between Beach and Tropic Roads.</p> <p>AR was congratulated by PAC members for the excellent report and that all recommendations presented in the report should be adopted and circulated.</p> <p>The PAC determined there was no need to undertake further consultations, information sessions or negotiation meetings due to the consistency of the feedback from the consultations.</p>	Noted.
3.2	<p><b>Pandanus Drive</b></p> <p>I.Husband reported he had met with business owners at the shops on the corner of Shute Harbour Road and Stuart Drive with local member Jan Jarrett. Business owners were concerned that the U-turn facility at Pandanus Drive may be removed on completion of the Beach Road roundabout and that current car parking may be impacted by construction works. I. Husband advised the owners it was not DMTR's intention to remove the U-turn facility, that eventually there would be a roundabout constructed at the intersection. Car parks West of Stuart Drive would not be affected by construction works, however some disruption to car parks to the East of Stuart Drive may occur during the roundabout construction.</p>	DTMR will continue to consult with businesses in this area directly regarding the construction of Beach Road roundabout.
3.3	<p><b>Roundabout Time Line</b></p> <p>Ian also reported that the Tropic Road roundabout construction will take place as soon as the Beach Road roundabout is completed. Other projects under consideration (not funded) were fixing the single lane situation near William Murray Drive.</p>	DTMR to provide updates on status of priority intersection treatments at future PAC meetings.

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<b>3.4</b>	<b>Size of Roundabouts</b>  Some PAC members indicated they didn't think future roundabouts needed to be as big as the one at Beach Road. DTMR noted that the size is relevant to the turning circle of vehicles and being a B-double route 30m roundabouts were required.	Noted.
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Landscaping</b>  PAC members asked DTMR's intentions regarding landscaping of roundabouts. Some members asked if it was possible for some large single stem trees to be planted in the middle of roundabouts and that infrastructure for irrigation be incorporated into roundabout designs? DTMR advised there were no plans as yet for landscaping however meetings have been organised with the WRC to discuss landscaping issues.	DTMR to provide updates at future PAC meetings.
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Pedestrian Access</b>  DTMR were happy to further explore the placement of pedestrian refuges in the vicinity of bus stops near Beach and Tropic Roads. Adina Street would not be suitable for a pedestrian refuge due to site limitations (sight distance). However it may be necessary to also install a pedestrian activated signalised crossing in the vicinity of Adina Street to accommodate the elderly, people with disabilities and parents with small children and prams, however the location would be dictated by safety parameters such as sight distance. DTMR acknowledged that the priority was for a footpath between 121 and the Whitsunday Markets Shopping Complex near Stuart Drive. DTMR explained that footpath construction can be triggered by development and the council often does put the onus on developers to construct footpaths where necessary.  Council advised footpath issues were being progressed as a priority at council level.	DTMR would contact G. Martin re footpath construction between 121 and Stuart Drive.
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Media</b>  There was a need to thank those that provided input into consultation and that community outcomes of consultations to date be communicated to the public.	AR to liaise with DTMR re communication of consultation outcomes in the media.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>The Future of the PAC</b>	As below.

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<p><b>4.1</b></p>	<p><b>PAC Future</b></p> <p>All present were in agreement that there were good reasons to continue with the PAC process. It has been beneficial to have EBC as an independent facilitator. Issues will continue to arise in relation to Shute Harbour Road as the population increases and the PAC is a good structure to ensure the community has input and keeps abreast of issues. Issues can be dealt with as they arise alleviating the risk of problems escalating.</p> <p>DTMR told PAC members to not be concerned about ongoing funding of the PAC. Members thought that cost should not be excessive.</p> <p>The PAC agreed the primary future role of the PAC was to ensure the Whitsunday Way vision was implemented. PAC members agreed there needed to be more involvement by DIP and better mechanisms for ensuring the Whitsunday Way vision was incorporated into WRC policies.</p> <p>WRC members stated that the WRC supports the PAC process and they could see no reason why council would not continue to participate in the PAC.</p> <p>L. Ryan commented that Paul Smith and herself had discussed the PAC and its future and were supportive of the continuation of the PAC. There is a need to draw in the State Department of Infrastructure and Planning into the PAC. P. Smith will progress this issue at a higher level over the next few months.</p>	<p>P. Smith will progress DIP's involvement at a higher level.</p> <p>I. Husband will talk to M. Fenton regarding continuation of EBC's involvement.</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>As below.</p>
<p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>Signage (Hungry Jacks and the Whitsunday Way Vision)</b></p> <p>A PAC member suggested the committee writes to Hungry Jacks objecting to the signage adjacent to Shute Harbour Road which is clearly not consistent with the Whitsunday Way vision. While the PAC agreed that the signage was not consistent with the Whitsunday Way vision the action was not endorsed by all members of the PAC. The Chair suggested that the PAC needs to reaffirm its Terms of Reference to determine the role of the group into the future in order to provide direction on signage and other issues relevant to the Whitsunday Way vision to the responsible governing authorities rather than lobbying individual businesses.</p>	<p>PAC Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Whitsunday Way Vision</b></p> <p>In relation to the concerns about the Hungry Jacks signage, PAC members felt that although WRC had formally adopted the Whitsunday Way vision there needed to be an urgent review of its internal policies to ensure consistency with the vision. This would help prevent further issues similar to the Hungry Jacks signage arising with future developments.</p>	<p>The PAC resolved that the WRC representatives present would take up the issue internally with WRC.</p>
<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>The Master Plan</b></p> <p>DTMR is progressing a "Master Plan" incorporating a management plan, a flood study for the western end of the road, four lane layouts and appropriate treatments. The project is funded.</p>	<p>Updates to be provided at future PAC meetings.</p>

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<b>5.4</b>	<b>Ergon</b> DTMR advised the committee to be aware that Ergon is requesting to install some power lines along a road reserve. The first request has been refused by DTMR as the installation does not comply with DTMR's policy or with the Whitsunday Way Vision. It was suggested that Ergon be made aware of the PAC and invite an Ergon representative to the next PAC meeting.	EBC to write to Ergon providing the WW vision and inviting a representative to the next meeting.
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Hermitage Drive</b> There was discussion around the issues of pedestrian crossings near the works at Hermitage Drive. There are significant future developments in the vicinity which will increase the volume of pedestrian traffic.	DTMR will investigate the options and provide details to the PAC.
<b>5.6</b>	<b>Airlie Town Centre</b> There was discussion around the "de-maining" of the main street, and parking issues in the centre of Airlie Beach. Council is working on these issues.	G. Martin to provide more details at a future PAC meeting.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting will be advised.	