

Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting  
Whitsunday Way  
RSL Proserpine

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| <b>Date:</b> | 11/3/10 | <b>Time:</b> | Start: 1pm<br>Finish: 3pm | <b>Number:</b> | 13 |
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| <u>FILE REF:</u> |                  |                     |
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| Attendees:       | Peter Jennings   | Community member    |
|                  | Faye Chapman     | RTA                 |
|                  | Jim Jarvis       | Community member    |
|                  | Rogin Taylor     | WRC                 |
|                  | Robin Salmon     | Community member    |
|                  | Jan Clifford     | WRC                 |
|                  | Majella Cummings | DTMR                |
|                  | Jim Wort         | RTA                 |
|                  | Marc Turner      | Tourism Whitsundays |
|                  | Pat Aprile       | DTMR                |
|                  | Arwen Rickert    | EBC (Chair)         |
|                  | Terri Buono      | EBC (Minutes)       |
|                  | Apologies:       | Mark Fenton         |
| Jennifer Whitney |                  | WRC                 |
| Mary O'Flynn     |                  | RTA                 |
| Ian Husband      |                  | DTMR                |
| Gary Martin      |                  | WRC                 |
| Jan Jarratt      |                  | Local Member        |
| Katrina Clarke   |                  | DIP                 |
| Jennifer Whitney |                  | WRC                 |

| Item No. |  | Action |
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| 1.0      | <b>Meeting opened by Arwen Rickert at 1:10pm</b><br><br><b>Apologies received.</b>   |        |
| 2.0      | <b>Minutes from previous PAC meeting 21/08/09 accepted.</b>  |        |
| 2.1      | <b>Business Arising from the previous minutes</b>  |        |
| 2.2      | <b>Ian Husband's role</b><br><br>DTMR advise that Ian Husband has been appointed to the position of Regional Director (Mackay) but is now Acting General Manager of State Assets and will be based in Brisbane for two months. | Noted  |
| 2.3      | <b>Future of the PAC</b><br><br>In late 2009, Ian Husband advised AR that DTMR would continue to provide funding to EBC to facilitate the PAC. There was no specific time placed on the arrangement.                           | Noted  |
| 2.4      | <b>Traffic Model Report</b><br><br>AR has sent the report on CD to members who requested it.   | Noted  |

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| <p><b>2.5</b></p> | <p><b>Badging the Whitsunday Way</b></p> <p>PA apologised for the delay in erecting the signage. The signs have been designed and are being produced by the manufacturer. They should be erected in two months time. There will be one sign placed at the Bruce Highway and another at Hamilton Plains.</p>  | <p>Noted</p>   |
| <p><b>2.6</b></p> | <p><b>WGMI Report</b></p> <p>DIP advised DTMR that they will post a summary of the report on their website soon.</p>   | <p>AR to ensure DIP places a summary of the WGMI report on their website and to advise PAC members as soon as it is available.</p>   |
| <p><b>2.7</b></p> | <p><b>Signage</b></p> <p>The PAC resolved at the last meeting there would be no communication to Hungry Jacks from the PAC. The sign was compliant with WRC's by-laws and therefore the developer had done nothing illegal.</p> <p>Some PAC members were concerned that a similar situation regarding signage could prevail when the new McDonalds Restaurant is constructed in Airlie Beach. JC advised the McDonalds building to be constructed in Airlie Beach would be of a similar design to that of the shop constructed in Bowen which is fairly unobtrusive. PAC members suggested they would like to see what the new store looked like. AR agreed to detour to Bowen on the way home and send photos to PAC members.</p> <p>RT advised that the WRC was in the process of developing new town planning regulations of which visual amenity and signage would be one component. It is a lengthy process. Once complete there would be a three month community consultation period. However there would be an interim planning instrument.</p> <p>PAC members stated that the Whitsunday Way Vision had been adopted by Council and DTMR, but wanted to know how Council would incorporate the vision into the interim and new planning scheme? It appeared at present the Council's signage policy was not in line with the Whitsunday Way Vision.</p> <p>JC stated that in the case of Hungry Jack's the sign application was managed by WRC officers, the issue did not go to a council meeting. These types of applications are self assessing and do not require endorsement by Council.</p> <p>RT suggested the PAC needed a policy regarding signage. The policy could be communicated to WRC staff. It was determined the PAC did not have a specific policy on signage as the Whitsunday Way Vision was written in broad terms and not specific in relation to signage heights, numbers etc. The PAC would need to obtain a copy of the current WRC signage regulations before developing a policy.</p> | <p>AR to take photographs of Bowen McDonalds and distribute to PAC members.</p> <p>JC to forward the current sign Bylaws to AR to distribute to PAC members.</p> <p>Once PAC members have reviewed the WRC policy a special meeting of the PAC will be held to develop a response to WRC.</p> <p>PAC will also formally ask that Council take into consideration the Whitsunday Way vision when revising their planning scheme, especially with regards to signage on the road frontage.</p> |

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|            | DTMR would only be able to contribute to policy development in relation to signs within road reserves or outside the road reserve if signage impacts on sight or causes safety issues. Once the PAC had developed recommendations, DTMR could review and ensure compliance with their policies.  | Noted.  |
| <b>2.8</b> | <b>Ergon</b><br><br>PA will investigate what the status is with Ergon's request to install power lines within the road reserve.  | DTMR to investigate Ergon's request re installation of powerlines within the road reserve.  |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>PAC Terms of Reference</b>  |   |
| <b>3.1</b> | <b>Chairperson</b><br><br>EBC will continue to facilitate meetings.  | Noted   |
| <b>3.2</b> | <b>Role of the PAC</b><br><br>New role will be:<br><br>"To provide advice and uphold the vision of the Whitsunday Way Vision to the Department of Main Roads and Transport and the Whitsunday Regional Council."<br><br>PA suggested that the PAC should focus on the Whitsunday Way. DTMR would not fund a committee that pursued broader issues outside of the main transport corridor, however issues outside of the transport corridor that have an impact on it should be considered as part of PAC's core business.  | AR will draft the revised TOR and send to members to review and ratify at next PAC meeting. |
| <b>3.3</b> | <b>Membership</b><br><br>The Chamber of Commerce is in hiatus so needs to be deleted from membership.<br><br>There was discussion on inviting external people to join the PAC and formalising the PAC by nominating office bearers. Members did not think it necessary to change or expand the existing membership. They felt if people were interested they would have been involved previously.<br><br>PA did not see the need to add new members. People can provide thoughts and comments, but the role of the committee is to provide input into the community consultation process. The committee was advisory.<br><br>PAC remains open to all as observers. Only core PAC members can vote on policy.<br><br>AR asked the PAC who she should be sending PAC correspondence to. Many were on the distribution list who did not attend meetings. AR will provide the list to the PAC and the PAC will advise who should be receiving information. | AR to provide a list of people on the distribution list to the PAC.                         |

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| <b>3.4</b> | <b>Committee Name</b><br><br>It was resolved the PAC change its name to:<br><br><i>“Whitsunday Way Project Advisory Committee”</i>  | Noted.   |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>General Business</b>   |  |
| <b>4.1</b> | <b>Airport Signage</b><br><br>It was raised that there appears to be a lack of signage directing people to the airport at the Bruce Highway intersection. PA will investigate.  | DTMR to investigate installation of airport signage at the Bruce Highway intersection. |
| <b>4.2</b> | <b>Pandanus Drive</b><br><br>It was raised that there has been some negative publicity about conflicts arising from people undertaking a U-turn manoeuvre at Pandanus Drive. DTMR will be placing arrows on the pavement to indicate that vehicles will be turning in this lane. It is not the most desirable situation to have people do a U-turn at this point as there is no protected lane, however line marking should assist in making the manoeuvre safer.   | Noted  |
| <b>4.3</b> | <b>Airlie Main Street Redevelopment</b><br><br>WRC is in consultation with DTMR regarding the upgrade to Airlie’s main street including “demaining” and naming. Most of the engineering plans have been completed as have concept drawings for above ground level and negotiations to acquire land for a carpark. The works are projected to cost \$25m with the infrastructure under the road surface the most expensive component of the development.<br><br>“Demaining” of the road is dependent on DTMR completing some works such as the Coconut Grove upgrade, works on Waterson Way and works at Harbour Street. | Noted  |
| <b>4.4</b> | <b>Pedestrian Infrastructure (121 to Pandanus Drive)</b><br><br>The footpath will be developer driven and incorporated into part of the development application in the area.  | Noted  |
| <b>4.5</b> | <b>Intersection Upgrades and Landscaping</b><br><br>DTMR advised that the Beach Road roundabout is complete and that roundabout construction at Tropic Road should commence in the latter half of the year.<br><br>PAC members commented that the Beach Road Roundabout was a success however there appeared to be issues with the landscaping.   | Noted.   |

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| <b>4.5</b> | <p>The issue was between DTMR and Council regarding water access. Council will landscape the roundabout with drought tolerant species and will water with a water truck in the interim. The landscaping will be considered in next year's Council budget.</p> <p>Landscaping at the Tropic Road roundabout and any other landscaping along Whitsunday Way is negotiated between DTMR and Council. DTMR has regulations on the type of species that can be planted in roundabouts.</p> <p>Community PAC members asked if the traffic islands would be made wide enough for landscaping? DTMR advised the islands will be painted and not contain landscaping.</p> <p>DTMR has been successful with funding to upgrade the Rifle Range Road intersection. Fig Tree has been investigated and will be incorporated into future works planning. If DTMR obtains funding for Fig Tree DTMR will fund the upgrade, if not the developer will be responsible for funding.</p> <p>The "Four-laning" of the William Murray Drive section is being investigated by DTMR however there is no funding for these works at this stage.</p> | Noted   |
| <b>4.6</b> | <p><b>Lighting – Roundabouts</b></p> <p>FC questioned the amount and location of lights in the centre of the Coconut Drive roundabout. The placement of light poles could hamper landscaping, could the lights be placed on the perimeter of the road not in the roundabout? When constructing the Tropic Road roundabout could DTMR consider not installing lights in the centre of the roundabout?</p> <p>DTMR advised lighting of roundabouts had to meet certain requirements. It is the responsibility of designers to ensure the lighting requirements are met.</p>  | Noted   |
| <b>4.7</b> | <p><b>Roundabout Safety</b></p> <p>PAC members suggested there needed to be a public campaign on how to enter and exit a roundabout. Rotary clubs had hosted information sessions and schools have done similar. DTMR advised an article did appear in the Whitsunday Times on completion of the Beach Road roundabout. It was unclear whether the turning movements allowed in each lane was marked on the roundabout with arrows. If not then DTMR needs to ensure arrows are painted in there as soon as possible</p>   | DTMR to consider developing media regarding safe use of roundabouts and arrow marking on the roundabout to indicate the use of the lanes. |
| <b>5.0</b> | <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The special meeting to discuss signage policies will be held on a Thursday in April between 1pm and 3pm – TBA depending on Gary Martin's availability.</p> <p>The next PAC meeting will be held in May TBA depending on Ian Husband's availability.</p>  | TBA   |