

Council Plan Consultation Sessions – Complete Listing of Issues

Maryborough – 20/2/17

Community and Culture

- Change in sporting culture
 - Individual focus
 - Teams decline
- Demographic of our current community
 - Leadership problems (20-40years) (1)
- Opportunities for families/young people to live and work here (3)
- What support can be provided to existing organisations? (1)
- A wide range of community organisations in this shire

Economy and Growth

1. Aged care is terrific and needs continued support (1)
2. Tourism and rail services to support this e.g. weekend trains (1)
3. Jobs
 - Food manufacturing
 - Explore opportunities for all

Built and Natural Environment

1. Be positive about our water with the new filtration system
2. Deliver on Sustainability Action Plan 2012-2020 (2)
3. Follow up / clean up local business' exteriors (empty shops)
 - presentation of CBD (1)
4. Residential blocks to be maintained.
 - Pride in our community (1)
5. Promote assets e.g. aerodrome and continue to improve
6. Bike park development / ride / walk/ scooter paths (1)

Priority Ideas/Ideals

1. Refugees (3)
 - Do we have a policy regarding acceptance and encouragement (holistic approach?)
2. Alterations to zoning (planning) (2)
 - Is it
 - localised?
 - advertised?

- appropriate to residents?

3. Provision of Services
 - Inadequate youth services (1)
 4. GPS system at Airport (2)
 - Ensure we maximise the use of the airport which is considered to be amongst the best in country Victoria.
 5. Tourism
 - Cycling tracks along railway tracks
 6. NBN
 - Council need to pursue NBN corporation to provide consistent and proper connection relating to cost
 - Lobby State/Fed Members
 7. Consultation (1)
 - More regular
 - More talk back on radio
 - Council could utilise the radio options more fully
 - Emails
- Make community areas more user friendly i.e. shade, toilets, drainage, utilise open spaces e.g. Peel Street – make into a park
 - Encourage tourism – need attractions regularly open
 - Cycle tourism – encourage – investigate ‘warm showers’ program
 - Improve tourism signage e.g. toilets, caravan parking
 - Encourage sustainability (1)
 - Velodrome – needs rejuvenating for regular use and encourage cycle carnivals
 - Encourage junior sport, stop selling off sporting grounds for housing
 - Encourage weekend trading which attracts visitors to town – visitors spend money!
 - Councillors more approachable, have community meetings
 - More transparency and accountability by shire management
 - Encourage clean sustainable businesses that do not impact on residents’ lifestyle and health. Query solar park at Flagstaff.
 - Put the unity back into the community
 - Quality markets like the Station market used to be (2)
 - New residents = new ideas, be open, receptive by encouraging their ideas
 - Missed opportunities at transfer stations. Too many resources going to landfill. Sort and sell e.g. Eaglehawk recycle centre
 - Why can we no longer buy old fridges, steel etc.? (1)
 - Encourage community to feel comfortable approach shire and Councillors. Eliminate the fear of reprisals
 - Return Wattle Festival or similar. Look at improving Maryborough Show, encourage new craft groups – visiting artisans (1)

- Improvement in heritage buildings appearances to encourage visitors and improve self-worth values in locals (1)
- Shire staff need to be more aware of sustainable opportunities (1)
- Don't permit noxious industries like gasification in areas close to homes (7)
- Community mental health affected by feeling helpless to do anything about decisions made by shire (1)
- Develop a large community garden that people can have their own garden for growing food. Essential for those who live in properties with no garden space
- Encourage a community participation in learning sustainability and cooking rather than relying on takeaway – address the obesity issue (1)
- Go Goldfields responsibilities should be clarified
- Fund raising drives should stay with the community (1)
- Focus on job creation and building disposable income – tackle underemployment
- Affordable housing – Council advocacy to State and Federal Governments (2)
- Passenger train services advocate for more services to boost tourism and visitation (2)
- Ensure all heritage listed properties are fully and properly maintained – Goldfields Heritage Restoration Scheme – advocacy (1)
- Parks Victoria – advocacy – better maintenance including weed control and heritage sites e.g. Major Mitchel's Trail (1)
- Better consideration and community consultation on selective burns
- Council question time needs to be more responsive to residents
- Action Officers (rather than Directors) visible for their reports at Council Meetings (1)
- Councillors to report on their activities at meetings – available for questions (2)

Our Community

- Facilities / Activities / Youth (Sport/Art/Education)
 - continued advocacy and support (3)
- Recognise diversity (of people) – and support various sustainability projects (i.e. community gardens, and re-visit/follow-up)
- Sustainability plans – with a view to actions (1)
- Further promote cycling/walking tracks
- Exercise / recreational facilities around lake (1)

Economy

- Tertiary Industry – i.e. government department (those with education can stay in town and create social capital)

- Support and encourage events both new and existing – tourism (long term tourism i.e. Vet cyclists, Energy Breakthrough) & other more minor events triathlon club, highland games (1)
- Encourage locals to purchase local produce and promoting local produce (2)
- Solar Park (Penney and Lang) (1)
- RV Friendly signage and location

Environment

- Solar Park
- Continue to incorporate sustainability plan and report annually to community/against targets set in that plan (4)
- Further explore and promote aboriginal heritage (1)
- Heritage / Art Deco buildings – maintain and promote (economic/tourism)
- Maintain and preserve natural environment (Box Ironbark) – promote for visiting – tourism

Organisation

- Communication – with community
- Consultation with community } (1)
 - Especially in regards to major decisions / issues which could impact all residents
- Spend money wisely
- Set length of tenure for management (3)
- Maryborough splash park (water grant)
- Assistance for early high school students with learning difficulties (2)
- Withdrawing funding from something useful to the businesses (\$7,000 grant dropped for bike event)
- Better than was 10 years ago
 - Not much for kids under 10
- GPS at airport (1)
- Review of Common Law Land tenure
- Mental health services – young adults (1)
- Encourage customer loyalty to local businesses
- Can't buy a myki in Maryborough
- Derby Road footpath (east) waling side needs upgrading
- Maryborough Senior Citizens Club want the men's toilets upgraded, improved storage areas and an enclosed verandah on the conservatory.