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Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 29 May 2019

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm. The Chair, Tom Anderson, welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Chris Wilson

24 people attended the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Waramanga Play Space Paul Brookbanks – Indesco

- Indesco did some pro bono work in the early stages of the project.
- Many suburbs are looking for new play spaces
- Some are more deserving but Waramanga was given some money because of community involvement.
- Indesco got the contract for the co-design.

Engagement Summary – 3 stakeholders

- Design group – local residents
- Key stakeholders – schools, churches, WCCC, Scouts and businesses
- Waramanga residents

Engagement

- Have Your Say flyer showing new and existing playgrounds
 - Kids map was sent to schools
- Design Group
- Walkshop (walking around the sites and other playgrounds) looking at sign posts pointing out where playgrounds are and how far to walk.
- Pop ups:
 - Waramanga shops 3 May 2019
 - Arawang Primary School 18 May (polling day).
 - The demographic on polling day was very different from the shops.
- Workshop Mount Stromlo High
 - Looked at intergenerational play from morning through to night as in Asia
 - Focused teenagers on one part of the park. They wanted somewhere to “hang out” with a shade structure and seating.
- Feedback from pop ups
 - Preferred new play space at Waramanga shops
 - Climbing, nature play/interaction
 - Seating
 - Pump track – BMX

- Intergenerational play
- Fitness
- Water play
- Shade/shelter (could be an art piece)
- Community garden
- Balancing
- Skate facilities
- Fenced in playground
- Feedback from Kids Map
 - Swings
 - Slides
 - Flying fox
 - Basketball ring
 - Climbing structure
 - Monkey bars
 - Spinning disc
 - Seesaw
 - Soccer goal
 - Spider swing
- Some people wanted flush trampolines
- Need to cater for carers e.g. parents and grandparents supervising
- The engagement activities are nearly concluded.
- Now going to do designs.
 - Going to ACT government next week
 - Looking at sustainability, accessibility, health and well being
 - Will seek feedback on design
 - Existing playgrounds in Weston Creek all look the same
 - Variety of play is important
 - Free Wi-Fi
 - Some people for barbecues, some against
 - Look at overall masterplan for Waramanga.

Q. What funds are allocated?

A. \$1.9m for five sites, \$200,000 for Waramanga.

Q. What size in m²?

A. Don't know yet. There may be one play space or a necklace of smaller spaces. Depends on community feedback. We will avoid lots of concrete and hard spaces. Need soft fall – sand, tan bark etc.

Q. What is the size of the whole space?

A. 20m x 30m

Q. What is the community engagement time?

A. TCCS – 2 months

Q. Is there any consideration of a district play space near the skate park?

A. It is a good space - not on the oval but going back towards McDonalds but there is a storm water culvert.

Q. Have you considered the impact of illegal vehicle incursions on compaction?

A. Not just cars, kids cause it too. The site is 20m from roads. We are looking at barriers – artistic, landscaping or cultural. We don't want bollards. There will be an issue with car parking. TCCS are looking (in the future) to expand car parking. We will also maintain existing trees.

Q. Have you considered deciduous trees?

A. Yes. Native trees e.g. eucalypts put in as a forest – not for sitting under. Deciduous trees allow for sitting underneath. In this instance we are looking mostly at deciduous and smaller natives.

Q. Has any consideration been given to private funding e.g. from local developers?

A. How much would you like to contribute? There is no real development in Waramanga so

there is no-one to ask. We could ask local businesses to be involved in pop-ups etc. There has been a lot of money wasted on some playgrounds. If people use this play space then this would generate more funding.

Murrumbidgee MLA's – five minutes

Caroline Le Couteur

- Hydrotherapy pool – there is a motion in the Assembly about not closing the pool in the short term or until there is an appropriate pool for use on the Southside (not the pool at Stromlo). Organisations need to keep pushing the government.
- Stickers – Compost not Landfill. Green bins are great but are only for garden waste. Food waste can be composted like garden waste. Queanbeyan, Cooma and Byron Bay allow food waste in the green bin. It allows soil to be improved and reduces greenhouse gases.
- ACT budget is next week.

Q. Any chance of a bulky waste collection?

A. Excellent question I am not sure we don't do it.

Chair commented: The government has said in the past that it is too costly - \$6m Bulky Waste - \$60 for a 4m x 6m trailer at Tinys Green Shed. Concession Card and Seniors get one free pick up per year. Some people advised that they don't put the stuff out for you and that you need to tell them exactly what is going in (different people had different experiences).

Q. How do you mitigate the risk of contamination with composting?

A. Education. Contamination is the largest risk. Green Bin trucks have cameras. They will put stickers on your bin if you are doing the wrong thing and will eventually stop coming. NSW areas do not have a problem. Glass is a bigger issue than plastic.

Q. There is an issue with bulky goods. Why do they charge \$35 for a cot mattress which is the same price as for a full size mattress?

A. That is the cost to get rid of it.

Q. Should you revisit the advertising campaign about what can be recycled?

A. Agree. 100% of aluminum will be recycled. Screw it up into balls. 100% of ferrous metals and decent pieces of paper can be recycled.

Q. What about paper cups?

A. They have a plastic liner so they are a problem.

Organise an excursion to the recycling centre.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of 1 May 2019

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved: Pat McGinn Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch Carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 1 May 2019

- Nil

Treasurer's Report

- Main Account \$8,280.67
- Fetherston Gardens Account \$11,791.77

Moved: Jenny Adams

Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch

Carried

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report

Q. Fetherston Gardens has a lot of money in it. When is it going to be spent?

R. A. Soon. We can organise someone from Fetherston Gardens to come to a meeting to talk about their plans.

General Business

Dudley Street Yarralumla (near the Brickworks)

- A development application has been lodged to put in a roundabout 50m from the traffic lights on Cotter Road.
- This is a bad idea because of the proximity of the intersection and the amount of traffic using it.
- We will put the details up on the website.

Zapari development (sold as 44 units)

- WCCC talked to the planners at the May committee meeting about the new design.
- It is much better.
- There are still some concerns about the height and the number of units.
- We will put the details up on the website.

Pod development (sold as 40 units)

- The development application has been relodged.
- They have reduced the number of units from 120 to 107.
- They have not spoken to WCCC.

Luxe development (sold as 177 units)

- 244 units were proposed
- This has been reduced to 242 units.

Q. Why were earlier units developments approved when they were outside guidelines?

A. You need to ask the planning authority.

The planning authority is using more planners and more inspectors. We do not know if the sewerage, electrical, gas etc can cover all the additional units they want to build. Parking is an issue. They all use the same on street parking spaces in their count for each development.

At the POD consultation some months ago it was filmed to intimidate people and to see who was complaining.

There is a place in Bruce that is going ahead without a DA even being lodged. The footings are done and the concrete has been poured. The planning authority has stopped it.

Review of the Territory Plan

- There has been consultation to design the consultation.
- Positive comments are coming from the planning authority.

Q. What mechanisms are there to provide feedback on DAs? Can it be put through social media?

A. Write to the planning area. It can be done on the ACTPLA website – look for Development Applications. It is difficult, however, to read plans on line. WCCC can provide feedback for you if you let us know.

Walk in Health Centre

- It is at the planning stage.
- They are still saying it will be finished by November 2019.
- They are looking at the positives and negatives of the existing centres.
- We will get them to come and talk at a WCCC meeting.

Q. Can we get someone to talk to us before approval?

A. We are trying.

Cycle path on Heysen Street – Stage one

- The ACT government hasn't spoken to us but they have spoken to Pedal Power and ACT Equestrian
- ACT Equestrian comments:
 - The problem is the bottom near the substation
 - The horse can get half way across the road and then shie and then go back across the road. This is dangerous for the horses, cars and cyclists.
 - It would be safer for the bike path to go through the other corner (near the substation) but it is "too expensive".
 - GHD, the designers, offered this as the obvious choice but the ACT government says it will take too long and cost too much.
- ACT government has been written to several times asking for some road base and compaction for the shoulder. They said yes but nothing has been done.
- The bikes will be going up and down Heysen Street on the same side of the road so it will be dangerous.

Q. Surveyors have been there recently and put up posts on the northern side. Is this correct?

A. Should be the southern side.

Trennery Square

- City Services has rung wanting to meet with us because Chris Steel spoke to them about our concerns e.g. seating, tables, rubbish bin, wind protection and a trolley bay.

Succession planning

- The Committee will need a Treasurer and a Secretary this year and a new Chair next year.
- Without them it will be hard to keep WCCC going.
- Please think about nominating.

Age Friendly Footpaths

- There was pop-up in Trennery Square with the ABC.
- It is a good idea to upgrade footpaths.
- What areas should be done?

Bus Network

- Still trying to get routes 63 and 66 on the same platform as the others.

Q. What is happening with a Molonglo Community Council?

A. Nothing.

Q. When is the second petrol station to open?

A. Probably before Christmas.

Molonglo update

- Letters have been sent to Minister about community concerns:
 - Coombs shops has only one small shop and it is struggling
 - The public housing needs environmentally friendly window coverings to keep out the cold
 - Molonglo is not on the register for street sweeping
 - The government should investigate a community hall in existing infrastructure in Coombs.
 - The community is fighting the POD development
 - An estate manager should be appointed.
 - Holden Creek Playspace. Everybody wants something but not necessarily what is proposed.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 26 June 2019
Raiders Club, Liardet Street Weston