

Bulahdelah Community Conversation - 1 May 2019

Q1. When will Sawyers Creek Road be graded? It hasn't been touched in 15 years and my phone calls are not returned! It used to be graded once or twice a year and only took an hour or two.

A. Sawyers Creek Rd has a maintained section that is maintenance graded based on the condition of the road and the efficient use of resources. The next maintenance grade is planned to occur within the next three weeks, weather permitting. There is a further section of road beyond the maintained section which is not regularly maintained. This section of road acts as a driveway to private property. There is a gate at the transition point between these two sections of road.

Q2. When does MidCoast Council expect to have the promised public consultation workshops for the Rural Strategy?

A. The Rural Strategy is currently being drafted, and will go to Councillors late this year, and will then be placed on public exhibition. During this time a range of activities, including workshops, will be held to test the strategy with the community. The strategy will then have informed the combined MidCoast Council LEP.

Q3. How can Council support eco-tourism and arts tourism in the Bulahdelah area?

A. Council has recognised import opportunities for whole area in eco-tourism and arts tourism through the Destination Management Plan and will be looking at those opportunities moving forward. There is an action plan in the Destination Management Plan that provides a framework for these activities.

Nature-based tourism and cultural tourism are both recognised as key areas in the Destination Management Plan.

From a cultural point of view, we are currently looking at ways to support cultural industries and are about to embark on a cultural plan, which is about people, places and programs to support culture in our region.

Applications are now open for the Cultural Plan Reference Group and you can always talk to our tourism office about eco-tourism opportunities.

Q4. When will the repairs to the two pavilions at Bulahdelah Showground be started and completed? Pavilions were damaged in Dec 2018 and left open to the weather causing further internal damage to fixtures and fittings. We are concerned that repairs will not be completed in time for the running of the 15th November 2019 Show.

A. This has been in the hands of our insurers, however the damage has now been assessed and we have only recently been given the go-ahead to engage the contractors. Contractors will be on site from Monday – you may not see a lot of work straight away as it will require the construction of new trusses – however the work will

be done within a period of two months and well and truly in time for the show. The insurance has covered the internal damage to fixed building assets as well.

Q5. Can you provide an update on the Masters decision?

A. Councillors made a decision at the 8 April meeting to progress with the single site option. It is important for the community to know that there will be no rate increases as a result of this decision and it will not impact on our service delivery. We are confident as an administration that a single site is more efficient and are confident we can deliver this efficiency to the community as a result of the move. There is extensive information on our website about the project for those who would like further details: www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice

Q6. Since the highway upgrade there has been inadequate access to Wootton, there is no proper ingress and egress and school buses etc have to access the area – what can be done?

A. The standard of the intersection of Wootton Way with the Pacific Highway is an RMS issue. However it is something we can talk to the State Government on as part of our advocacy role.

There are formed road shoulders for buses passing through Wootton to pull over. It is unclear if further works are being sought in this location.

Q7. Can we have flood signs and flood depth indicators back, particularly in Stroud and Stewart Streets?

A. Flooding depth signs can be reinstated. A request for this work has been made.

Q8. There are three dead pine trees at the back of the old Caltex on council land – can they be removed?

A. The trees sit on an unformed road reserve at the back of the old Caltex site. Council is the default road authority for this road. Staff are investigating whether the trees are a safety issue and will action depending on the outcome of the risk assessment.

Top priorities

1. Maintenance of facilities
2. Roads and drainage
3. CBD Beautification/town
4. RV Support/camping
5. Signage

Full list of priorities identified

Group one priorities

1. Drainage money? Maintenance? (Prince Street)
2. Wootton Community Plan
 - a. Land release
 - b. House strategy
 - c. Retail strip
3. Security for visitors info centre and tourism icons

Group two priorities

1. Local Roads
 - a. Repair roads
 - b. Re-sheet some dirt roads
 - c. Tar some dirt roads (Markwell Back Road, Booral Road, Sawyers Gully, Lee Street, Markwell Street)
2. Repaint the tree guards and replant dead streets.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Beautification of Stroud Street is essential! Maintained! 5. Lions Club free camping needs Council support 6. Showground amenities need upgrading. Wade Park could be cleaner 7. Contract cleaner – council buildings 8. Old Inn Road – causeway needs concreting 9. Wattley Hill Road – please continue upgrade 10. Bombah Point Road – please complete upgrade <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attention to Bulahdelah roads 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Redo the islands on the main road 4. Town beautification, drains, mowing and weeds 5. RV friendly town in conjunction with private parks 6. Mountain Park work 7. Sail in Wade Park for shade 8. Wash jetty and remove geese 9. Maintenance 10. Weeds on walkway at the roundabout to the golf course 11. Better drainage through town 12. Blocked drain Lee Street 13. Pine trees growing in drainage + vegetation ditches
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Group three priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stroud Street streetscape 2. Tar seal Markwell Road (road trip to Gloucester – tourism) 3. Showground and amenities 4. Free camping enhanced 5. More parking 6. Back lane IGA 7. Highway signage advertising facilities in Bulahdelah 8. Lower the speed in the CBD 9. New skate park to have visible cameras 10. Flood signs 11. Accessibility improved

Group four priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disaster Management Plan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To be implemented and advertised to all – signage etc. b. Plan A = showground 2. Town strategic plan – updated and advertised widely 3. Community strategic plan 4. Roads and Signage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Asphalt all roads to Gloucester b. Tourism is denied to Bulahdelah because of road condition c. Signage to be improved to show visitors to the areas d. Specific signage: bypass sign shows distance but also the distance if you would stay on the highway as comparison. 5. Tourist attractions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Walks b. Bikeways c. Accessibility to Alum Mountain d. Campers 6. Council relax on subdivision and re-zoning 7. Improve the communication with ratepayers regarding zoning 8. Town chocked for developments due to reserves relax conditions on land holders outside of town 9. Lack of transportation for elderly and tourists to get around the region and traffic management through town especially heavy traffic.
