

## **Nabiac Community Conversation – 28 March 2019**

**Q1. Can you explain how the showground is managed and why we need to contact different people to book different parts of the showground.**

**A.** The current operational functionality of the showground management is a result of the absence of a masterplan. All of the current issues the community faces with multiple booking avenues will be resolved with the implementation of the masterplan, which is almost complete. We will be talking to the community about this shortly.

**Q2. What can Council and landholders do to improve the visibility (safety) along rural roads? There is fast growing long grass which grows thickly and right next to the bitumen on the road verges in our area. Deep drains often make it difficult for landholders to slash it.**

**A.** Currently slashing continuous lengths of unsealed roads is not a standard level of service for MidCoast Council. Our priority is slashing in areas for safety, such as near intersections and points of proposed danger. Residents are able to maintain their own front verge area of their property acknowledging the safety precautions around drains and the road. We are still working towards harmonising our slashing approach after the merger of the previous councils.

**Q3. The funded study of Town Creek Nabiac was completed in 2016 and the plan recommended the rehabilitation of Town Creek channel to improve flood conveyance, remove weeds and restore riparian vegetation and fish passage re-connection. Can Council tell us what measures have been taken to seek funding to commence the rehabilitation of Town Creek?**

**A.** The rehabilitation of Town Creek has clear support from the community, the project being listed as one of the top six priorities for Nabiac. This would require a whole of creek approach and for us to work cooperatively with the many landowners involved. We will report back later in the year on this project.

**Q4. How can we instigate more public art into the village of Nabiac? The group Artists of Wallamba, would like to be involved in whatever that process may entail.**

**A.** Council has resolved to develop a cultural plan for the MidCoast region. Arts and culture is an important aspect of our region and our community, so we are looking forward to progressing this. There will be an application process for representatives to apply to be on the committee and as those applications open, we will promote it to each area in the LGA.

**Q5. Nabiac Village Future Group (NVFG) has submitted a proposal of upgrade initiatives for Nabiac. The initiatives address pedestrian safety, traffic, parking, street tree planting, Town Creek rehabilitation. Councillors were requested to place a Notice of Motion before Council requiring to be advised of both feasibility and cost estimates of all proposals and to ensure that all proposals are incorporated in the 4-year Delivery Plan for progressive implementation. What is the status of this requested Notice of Motion? Community would like to**

**know where this is and how is it best to move things along/get things done in Nabiac?**

A. It is important to note only Councillors can put forward a notice of motion, it is not something staff can do. The proposal from the NVFG has some great ideas regarding the traffic and parking in the area. Council has had discussions with the RMS regarding the traffic controls and the initial feedback is positive. There is a Local Traffic Committee meeting coming up regarding the traffic concerns in Nabiac and the potential solutions. We will provide the community with the feedback from that meeting. There may be some issues with impacts of the parking on private land and for long vehicle/trailer turning. We are looking at some options and will reply back to the NVFG. With regards to actively progressing programs in Nabiac, we encourage you to take opportunities such as attending these meetings to raise your issues.

**Q6. The village needs a spoon drain to be installed across the front of the police station and War Memorial Park. What's there now is a mess. Also, when the spoon drain is completed the area between it and Clarkson Street needs to be asphalted as it is used daily by several school buses and it currently creates a lot of dust.**

A. A service work request has been put through for this highlighted issue. We have assumed it can be solved through the parameters of a service works job. If it cannot be completed under those parameters, we will update the community on how we will progress through the NVFG.

**Q7. There is a very, very dilapidated safety fence in front of the school (on Clarkson Street) that would have fallen over save the effort of a villager who used his own steel fence posts to keep it erect. When is Council going to fix it?**

A. We are working with the school currently and have planned to fix the issue in the coming school holiday period. We are planning to replace the current safety fence with asphalt and white guideposts with reflectors. We have worked closely with the school and took their recommendations on what would be best for that space. Some safety concerns were raised from the Community of children running out from the school and across the road. This will be taken into consideration when finalising the plans for the works.

**Q8. Community members would like to know when the multiple occupancy policy will be harmonised across the LGA?**

A. Currently the different former councils all have different policies on multiple dwellings. This means that dependent on your current zoning, you will have a different policy. We have asked the department of planning to harmonise all of the former policies to the Great Lakes Policy that will become the new MidCoast policy. It is currently well underway to change and the future is hopeful to create a policy that is as free as possible within the parameters. While we are unsure of the eventual outcome we will keep the community informed as the processes are completed.

**Q9. We would like to know a timeline for the completion of Avalon Road?**

A. The entire 6.7km of Avalon Road is contained within the \$100m program and will be delivered over the next four years. We intend to continue the reconstruction from the current segment towards Nabiac (towards Wallanbah Road) next financial year for approximately 1.5km. There are allocations of \$1.8m, \$3m, \$2.5m and \$2m over the coming years to complete all the works. We would then move to the western end of Avalon Road (Krambach end). The entire road is designed so we can shift projects as necessary.

**Q10. How will the Showground Management committee be set up?**

- A.** At this current stage we do not know how that will be set up however there will need to be broad representation from the Community on the committee. In order for Council to run the facility and manage it, there would need to be a very strong and clear desire from the community for that to occur.

**Top priorities**

1. Parking/Traffic/RVs
2. Rural Roads
3. Beautification/Street Improvements/Village atmosphere
4. Shade
5. Community Space Masterplan
6. Creek Restoration

**Full list of priorities identified:**

**Group one priorities**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Positive youth programs</li> <li>2. Roads – gravel road maintenance? Grading and resurfacing</li> <li>3. DA Conditions – sealing roads in subdivisions</li> <li>4. Motoring complex/make Nabitac a destination – learner driver/driver awareness/drag strip/go karts promotes growth to the area and growth in employment locally</li> <li>5. Support small businesses with incentives and assistance programs</li> <li>6. Long range cattle transport hub – future planning for the long term</li> </ol> |
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**Group two priorities**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Master Plan for Community Land in Nabitac</li> <li>2. Response to proposed Draft Plan of Management for Showground Precinct</li> <li>3. Management of Parking – needs planning and compliance and more parking spaces</li> <li>4. Street improvement strategy</li> <li>5. Master plan for sealing gravel roads</li> <li>6. Need roadside slashing more often</li> <li>7. Keep trucks off local roads and no overnight parking</li> </ol> |
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**Group three priorities**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking/ area in front of the police station needs sealing and a spoon drain/parking is difficult so fill the old school of arts site/naming the road over the highway overpass – Beisler, an old family of the land/long vehicle signage to where parking is as currently people get lost/Koala sign on Possum Brush Road</li> <li>2. Beautification/Cenotaph Corner and creek needs attention and beautification especially – members of the community have offered donations and to clean it out/Krambach Camphor Laurels need complete removal from the area</li> <li>3. Roads/Possum Brush/Avalon Road timeline on completion/Krambach –</li> </ol> |
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**Group four priorities**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Traffic Calming/Parking/Village Centre/RV Parking</li> <li>2. Street trees/Street art/visual environment/community plan LEP/keeping the rural village atmosphere and scale</li> <li>3. Restoration of creek and vegetation</li> <li>4. Showground/camping fee/ management/caretaker on site/ upgrading of showground lane/sports ground development with injection of funds required</li> <li>5. Village security/camera/youth liaison officer/graffiti buster/artists working with kids for public art</li> <li>6. Community Centre art gallery including local and aboriginal art</li> <li>7. Aged Care/ housing and health</li> </ol> |
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<p>Burrell Creek unfit for cattle trucks and needs complete upgrade</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Shade sails over parks and playground</li> <li>5. Food Scraps/ in a doggy bag/bin provided by council and collected in green waste.</li> <li>6. Any major impact on the town must be brought to public attention prior to it happening</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Tennis Courts/shade/playground shade</li> </ol>
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### Group five priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No new service centre on highway</li> <li>2. Maintain heritage/rural village atmosphere</li> <li>3. Trees to create shade</li> <li>4. Camping permitted at Showground (Nabiac)</li> <li>5. Parking/drainage/footpaths/signage</li> <li>6. Signage for caravan parking</li> <li>7. Footpaths</li> <li>8. Traffic congestion remedies</li> <li>9. Replace fence around show ring</li> <li>10. Bitumen from main gate of showground to the library and further</li> <li>11. Heritage signage</li> <li>12. Upgrade of canteen BBQ area in Showground</li> <li>13. Pedestrian crossing outside the school</li> <li>14. Direct access from Nabiac to Forster</li> <li>15. Operational police station</li> <li>16. Changes to zoning for more housing</li> </ol>	
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