

### Pacific Palms Community Conversation - 2 May 2019

**Q1. Why does Council insist on using a central email address and form to communicate with residents? Having used these channels three times, with follow-up action taken by Council on only one occasion, the system does not work and is a frustration to residents and council volunteers.**

A. It is important we track the requests coming into Council to ensure they are acted upon. A central system allows us to do this and also ensures we meet the expectations of State record keeping requirements. While we are confident that requests received are acted upon we acknowledge that on occasion there are issues with closing the loop and letting members of the community know that we have followed up on the requests lodged.

**Q2. Can we have an ocean pool at South Elizabeth Beach? We live in times with obesity, mental illness and other illnesses relating to be sedentary and indoors. We have one indoor pool in Forster servicing a huge area. The Forster bullring is extremely dirty and not cleaned as much as ocean pools on Sydney's northern beaches.**

A. If an ocean pool at South Elizabeth Beach was a priority for the community we would look at the feasibility of this, however it has not been raised as a community priority to date. The Forster Ocean Baths are cleaned once a month from February to November and twice a month in December and January. The Forster Ocean Baths are of a different design to the ocean pools in Sydney.

**Q3. Can we ban MHE and similar developments that involve high density, low-budget living from our villages that aren't set up to support them?**

A. It is very difficult for Council to ban MHEs. There is State Government legislation, State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) 36, written to support MHE development. The State has made it clear they are not intending on changing this policy. We continue to work with the Department on this issue where possible.

**Q4. Can Council look at collecting recycling bins more often than once a fortnight?**

A. We are in a long term contract for our waste services so are unable to change the current requirements, however we can consider this when we look at new contracts.

**Q5. Can something be done about the exit from the Charlotte Bay shops?**

A. We are currently reviewing the traffic arrangements at this intersection, following a trial.

**Q6. Can someone look at Williams Reserve at Blueys Beach, it is overgrown and benches have been removed?**

A. We will look into this and report back.

## Top priorities

1. Retain unique character and protect environment
2. Sustainable development
3. Access to bike paths/footpath tracks and foreshore walks
4. Promoting tourism – off season
5. Community spaces / recreation areas

## Full list of priorities identified

### Group one priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tourism - improved tourism signage</li> <li>2. Unsealed roads; move from budget drive - needs; drive – repairs               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Coomba Road – more sewerage trucks as move to pump out – road damage</li> <li>b. The Lakes Way – constantly under reconstruction. Poor materials or poor workmanship?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Management of Smiths Lake reserve – fire management, enforcement of regulations on Lake Foreshore</li> <li>4. Recycling collection – weekly instead of fortnightly</li> </ol>
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### Group two priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bike pathway/cycleway; loop that connects all palms communities eg Smith's, Coomb Road, etc.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Speed signage/business signage</li> <li>b. Council events in off peak season eg Local food/produce/music</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Retain unique village character (No MHE) small local boutique business</li> <li>3. Smith's Lake recreation area;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Community gardens</li> <li>b. Barbecues – place for community to meet</li> <li>c. Upgrade to netball and tennis</li> <li>d. Council support for small business – not barriers!</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Pacific Palms visitor centre – support from council (funding)</li> <li>5. Community notice boards</li> <li>6. Amenities block at Bungwahl</li> </ol>
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### Group three priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environment               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Vehicles on beaches; policing of current beaches; identify current suitable beaches; penalties</li> <li>b. Creation of marine parks and beaches NPWS/Council</li> <li>c. Road closures – limited access NPWS</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Charlotte Bay; service station and supermarket access</li> <li>3. Preservation of the natural environment – more walking tracks in National Parks</li> <li>4. Closing of Bluey Beach, Caravan Park replacement housing estate</li> <li>5. Lizzie Beach boat ramp; ocean pool cleanliness at Lizzie Beach Community Health</li> <li>6. Development of cultural activities</li> </ol>
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### Group four priorities

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environment;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Stop chopping all the trees down</li> <li>b. Foreshore walks friendly to environment</li> <li>c. Stop approving subdivision in the forest</li> <li>d. STOP MHE's</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Social Diversity               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tourism for all not just the rich and famous who want 5 star</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Infrastructure               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pedestrian/cycle ways/ bush paths</li> <li>b. Coastal walk</li> <li>c. Social</li> <li>d. Shops and doctors</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Sustainable management of growth</li> <li>5. Place Making               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Community friendly</li> <li>b. Shopping areas</li> <li>c. Beautification</li> <li>d. Play area for kids</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Don't waste money on things like new street signs "MidCoast Council".</li> </ol>
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