



**District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula**

*Working with our  
Rural and Coastal Communities*

**Notes of the  
Strategic Plan Review Community Meeting  
held in the  
Marble Range Community and Sports Centre,  
Wangary  
on  
Tuesday 9 February 2016  
commencing at 7.40pm**

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## **DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA**

NOTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW COMMUNITY MEETING HELD IN THE MARBLE RANGE COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE, WANGARY ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.40PM.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors JK Low (Mayor), DB Millard (Deputy Mayor), DB Laube, JT Quigley, G Bayly and PL Mitchell.

T Goldsworthy (Consultant), R Pearson (Chief Executive Officer), A Douglas (Director Works And Infrastructure), G Jutzen (Works Manager), S Hopewell (Manager Corporate Services) and M Low (Executive Assistant).

Michael Doudle and Donna Hampel.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Cr WJ Holman, Coffin Bay Progress Association (L Bradford And Annette and Trent Griffiths)

### **WELCOME**

Mayor Low welcomed the community, Councillors and staff and introduced Mr Tony Goldsworthy, who would be leading the presentations.

### **Staff and Consultant presented information on the following:**

- Strategic Plans;
- Overview of projects for future years in 2012-2021 plan;
- Overview of a typical Council budget; and,
- Community Survey results.

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### Questions from the Meeting:

**M Doudle:** queried the likelihood of Farm Beach Road being sealed as the condition of it during the summer months is appalling and it is a major tourist road, noticing that it was not included in the forward Capital Works program. He queried how Council prioritised their Capital Works program and how does Council determine which roads will be sealed.

**AD:** indicated that Council doesn't currently have a quantifiable methodology, but does use counters on the roads regularly. Farm Beach Road has in excess of 200 vehicles per day in peak season which is high, but to attract funding is difficult as the SLRP funding is weighted towards commodity / freight routes and Council competes against the other Councils on Eyre Peninsula. Freight or commodity routes will outweigh other roads – especially Recreational / Tourism roads.

**Mayor:** advised that the Regional funding is a competitive process, and the Councils on Eyre Peninsula are working toward a model for the region for assessing roads.

**RP:** DCLEP has a number of roads which potentially could qualify for Special Local Roads Program funding, including

- White Flat Road:
- Farm Beach Road
- Airport Lane
- Pound Lane
- Fishery Bay Road

**D Hampel:** queried why Airport Lane was on our list, considering there is an alternative sealed road, where Farm Beach only has the one access.

**M Doudle:** queried the cost of sealing Farm Beach Road.

**AD:** indicated that it would be in excess of \$3m.

**D Hampel:** queried whether it is Council business to be investing in Aged Care Living – the Australian Government is encouraging people to live in their own homes longer, so is it really the way to go.

Discussion ensued in relation to the options of Aged Care Living from Lifestyle/Retirement Village, Independently owned units, to supported accommodation live in facilities.

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**Questions from the Meeting:**

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**D Hampel:** queried the reasoning behind the closing of Farm Beach to Campers?

**Mayor:** indicated that Council was under pressure from the State Government and members of the community to close the beach to campers and the decision was not taken lightly.

Discussion ensued in relation to a marker on the beach which defines the responsibility by either Council or State Government. Also discussed was the approach taken by Council and the State Government to policing the use of the beach.

Mayor Low thanked people for attending.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.