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## re: PMHC Draft One Year Operational Plan 2017 – 2018

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Draft One Year Operational Plan 2017-2018.

The BHPA has endeavoured to critically analyse the document and its impact on the Bonny Hills Community – a task that has been made difficult by the lack of detail in most areas where the "Performance Measures" constantly use the phrases "*according to approved schedule*" or "*Project delivered according to approved project plan*". As an example, it is impossible to comment on items such as 2.3.3.6 *CW Carry out playground equipment replacement program* when the Performance Measure is *Replacement delivered according to approved schedule*. How much equipment is to be replaced – 5%, 25%, 50%??? and which playgrounds are on the approved schedule??? If these approved project plans and schedules are available, they should be linked to the specific line items to make comments relevant and informed.

Another concern with the document is that it is not user friendly. Whilst the tables are easy to read when printed, the excessive use of dark colours and white printing, large colour photos and multicolour pages makes printing expensive and printing in black and white problematic. Staff may argue that the document does not need to be printed however, for the BHPA Committee to annotate the appropriate sections and collate comments, printed copies are essential. The Draft Operational Plan is a document for discussion and comment – not a coffee table book and should be designed as such.

In the BHPA's 2016 submission on the Draft Operational plan we stated the following:

*"In the 2015 BHPA Submission on the Draft Operational Plan we restated our 2014 comments (italics) and urged Council to consider the coastal side of Ocean Drive for this footpath.*

*5.1.1.4 (d) The lack of a footpath on Ocean Drive between Rodley Street and Beach Street (south) has been the subject of many meetings and a large volume of correspondence over recent years. The BHPA urges PMHC to allocate funds to rectify this dangerous situation immediately.*

PMHC included this footpath in the 2014-2015 Operational Plan. However, the complex engineering requirements of a footpath on the western side of Ocean Drive has resulted in the project not being commenced. The BHPA urges PMHC to consider the eastern or coastal side of

Ocean Drive as an alternative option to provide safe access for visitors and residents, including parents with young children.

PMHC's response was as follows:

5.1.1.4 (d) The specific components of the footpath / cycleway program are currently being finalised with assessment based on the rolling priorities of the 2014-2015 program and a review of the practicality of construction. The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) will also be referenced in this finalisation process. The BHPA submission to the PAMP has also been noted in regard to this point.

A footpath on the northern side of Ocean Drive between Rodley Street and the existing surf club access is listed in the PAMP as one of the key pedestrian infrastructure components in Bonny Hills. Assessment of priorities and funding availability to progress these works will be an ongoing process for Council.

Given that the original footpath was proposed two years ago, the BHPA requests an update from Council as to the status of this project and the reasons for not locating the footpath on the coastal side of Ocean Drive."

The PMHC response stated in part; "Further consultation with BHPA, the broader Bonny Hills community and potentially affected land owners will be required prior to any further progress on the detailed design of this pathway."

The BHPA requests that PMHC advise when this "further consultation" will take place as this project has been in the planning phase for many years. (An email to Mr John Hanlon on 10<sup>th</sup> May has thus far failed to elicit a response).

The BHPA makes the following comments on specific sections of the 2017-2018 Plan:

1.2.1.1 The BHPA recommends that local community groups, including progress associations, also formally meet with PMHC on a regular basis and that such meetings be facilitated by Council.

1.4.1.4 CW Will these images be available to community groups and the public?

2.3.4.4 When will these plans be available to community groups and stakeholders?

Page 68 – "Camden Haven River Recreational Boating Improvements" - Where are the details of the improvements?

Page 68 - "Spooneys Bay Reserve- Replacement of beach access ramp" – the BHPA supports the upgrade of this popular facility.

Page 68 – "Parks Signage" – The accuracy of signage has been a concern for a number of years. PMHC must ensure that adequate funds are allocated to provide accurate and informative signage for locals and tourists.

4.1.3.11 The BHPA has been in regular contact with PMHC staff re the water quality in Duchess Creek, Saltwater Creek and in the vicinity of the STP. The BHPA requests that details of this line item be provided to the Association.

4.1.5.04 The location is Skyline Place, not Skyline Terrace.

4.4.3.3 Area-wide traffic study (multi-year project) – The BHPA submission to the 2016-17 Operational Plan stated: *5.2.1.4 The BHPA requests that results of the Area Wide Traffic Study be made available to the Association and other Community Groups.* The PMHC response stated: *Access to the Area Wide Traffic Study will be available to all of the community when the study is considered by Council through a future report to Council following completion of study.* The BHPA requests an update on the study and advice as to when meaningful data will be available.

4.8.3.1 This line item is not given enough priority and should be under *4.3.1 Undertake transparent and efficient development assessment in accordance with relevant legislation.*

The BHPA would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this submission with Council as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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