



Bonny Hills

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY VIEWS

INTRODUCTION

The Goals, Objectives and Actions contained in the Community Plan on pages 22 to 29 came from two sources:

- The range of views expressed by the Bonny Hills Community at meetings held by Council, and from on-line feedback.
- Discussion by the Community-Council Action Team (CCAT) of any significant issue that may have been overlooked.

What follows is a summary of our community's views listed under related Goals and Objectives. These will be further considered as each action is undertaken.

Note that where similar comments were made on an issue, they have been combined for the sake of brevity.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: TO REVIEW AND UPDATE 2012 RESERVES MASTER PLAN, INCLUDING ALL RESERVES AND LINKAGES BETWEEN THEM

ACTION 1

Identify methods, resources and deliver an updated Master Plan with final recommendations following community consultation (Target May 2020)

ACTION 2

Execute recommendations from the Master Plan according to the timetable, including annual review of progress over an agreed timetable.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY VIEWS TO CONSIDER

- Undertake additional planting of native trees and landscaping on Rainbow Beach.
- Investigate options to upgrade pedestrian access to Rainbow Beach (stairs, erosion and embankments)
- Review, upgrade and extend parking at Rainbow Beach and Surf Club
- Upgrade parking at Beach Street (paved and marked)
- Investigate options for passive/ active recreational spaces in Bonny Hills
- Storm water upgrades, new toilet blocks/ upgrade at Bartlett's Beach
- Consider the development of a management plan for Rainbow Beach which includes restoration
- Investigate increased shading for playgrounds and adult supervisors
- Purchase Lot 2 Beach Street (Goat Paddock) and create a car park
- Maintain the beach and surrounds to cope with the amount of people and water quality for swimming
- Explore options for sporting field north of St Kitts Way
- Improved management of paraglider activities at Bartlett's Reserve

OBJECTIVE 1.2: TO IDENTIFY AND UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL WORKS TO ENHANCE THE VILLAGE CHARACTER OF BONNY HILLS

ACTION 1

Specify the deficiencies in the Gateway entrances to Bonny Hills including gravel stockpiles, and explore possible solutions for discussion with Council and inclusion of remedial actions in 2020/21 and subsequent Operational Plans (Target February 2020)

ACTION 2

Upgrade the viewing area around Grants Head Reservoir off Skyline Place

ACTION 3

Install a mural on the Rainbow Beach Reserve amenities block as part of an initiative to promote better artwork and minimise graffiti tagging by October 2019

ACTION 4

Identify initiatives that will maintain and enhance the integrity of the beaches in Bonny Hills in the face of the increasing pressures from nature and man (Target June 2020)

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY VIEWS TO CONSIDER

- Perform regular checks that quarry traffic, noise and blasting time comply with conditions of approval, and respond to community complaints
- Explore options to retain larger lot sizes in Bonny Hills
- Clean up existing graffiti and develop a strategy for diverting graffiti artists into more acceptable avenues.
- Design and implement Gateway Entrances. Southern entrance remove road waste opposite Grants Head. Explore options to redesign truck yard at Northern entrance.
- Investigate options for kerb & guttering along Ocean Drive to mitigate flooding of homes
- Maintain local character of beach scape by limiting heights of new buildings or creating a visual buffer
- Clean Rainbow Beach weekly

- Ensure compliance with building codes [keeping building heights restricted was a source of concern for many residents]
- Consider the establishment of a community garden
- Monitor vehicle access to Reserves and beaches including illegal camping (esp. Grants Beach)
- Consider removal of vehicle access to Rainbow Beach north of Duchess Creek
- Calls for a town Centre. A village gathering space.

OBJECTIVE 2.1: TO UNDERTAKE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE AREA WEST OF OCEAN DRIVE, AND THE NATURE RESERVES AROUND BONNY HILLS, AND SALTWATER CREEK AND DUCHESS REEK RIPERIAN ZONES TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP, BIODIVERSITY STATUS, NEEDS FOR CONSERVATION AND REMEDIATION AND THE INTEGRITY WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

ACTION 1

Utilise existing biodiversity maps [basis of Council's Biodiversity Strategy] and local expertise and knowledge as a 'first pass' assessment of the status of Bonny Hills' native flora and fauna resources (Target March 2020)

ACTION 2

Make recommendations about areas warranting conservation or remediation and the likely resources required to execute proposed actions (Target March 2020)

ACTION 3

Examine the current hazard reduction burning regime for bushland around Bonny Hills with the aims of determining its adequacy for safety purposes and its appropriateness for maintaining flora and fauna (Target June 2020)

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY VIEWS TO CONSIDER

- Assessment of the “environmental value” of the area west of Ocean Drive down to southern entrance (exact area to be defined)
- Assessment of the potential for conservational and recreational use of the above area
- Identification of ways on how to use and add recreational spaces without negative impact on the environment
- Assessment of how to modify existing tracks and paths and how to link them together e.g. bike track between Bonny Hills and North Haven taking into account environmental impacts
- Study of erosion along beaches and creeks and options for reduction of erosion and remediation
- Flood study of Saltwater Creek and Duchess Creek
- Investigate the repair of Grants Head track
- Investigate opportunity to create an under & overpass for native species access
- Advocate for the reduction of tree removal in new residential developments
- Monitor water quality around our creeks and ocean.
- Conserve native trees, including planting of corridors in new developments
- Investigate why the trees are dying along Beach Foreshore
- Undertake a Saltwater Creek environmental assessment
- Encourage planting of appropriate tree species by residents
- Removal of pine trees and replacement with native vegetation
- Lot 2 Beach Street (Goat Paddock) returned to the koalas and the people
- Consider removal of the vine covering Sponeys cliff face in an environmentally appropriate manner
- Consider regular fire hazard reduction on beach area

OBJECTIVE 3.1: TO ENSURE SAFE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE LINKS THROUGHOUT BONNY HILLS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF WALKWAY AND CYCLEWAY LINKS TO NORTH HAVEN AND LAKE CATHIE

ACTION 1

Conduct a preliminary audit of pathways within Bonny Hills and identify priorities for consideration in Council's 2020/21 Operational Plan

ACTION 2

Revisit and refine the preliminary audit of internal pathways (both walking and cycling), including adequacy of lighting and signage, and identify the order of priorities for consideration in subsequent Operational Plans (Target November 2019)

ACTION 3

Repair pathway and install signage on the Bonny Hills to North Haven walking track (Target June 2020)

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY VIEWS TO CONSIDER

- Develop plan for safe pedestrian links through Bonny Hills, and ensure footpaths are wide enough for multiple users
- Consider options for a Kendall Cr path to accommodate prams, bikes etc. (thru to Beach St)
- Consider the development of pathways from The Top Shop to Panorama Drive
- Consider the development of pathways south to skatepark and community hall
- Assess development of boardwalk along Duchess Creek with exit points to Rainbow Beach (existing pathway severely degraded)
- Investigate the development of a walkway and cycle path linkage plan to Lake Cathie & North Haven

OBJECTIVE 3.2: TO ENSURE SAFE ROADWAYS THROUGHOUT BONNY HILLS FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

ACTION 1

Continue to develop The Ocean Drive Corridor Plan (Project MR 600/MR 538: Providing an Ocean Drive Upgrade Design)

ACTION 2

Sequence the priorities identified in Action 1 for inclusion in subsequent Operational Plans

ACTION 3

Identify solutions to traffic and parking issues in Jungarra Cr relating to patronage of the medical centre (Target November 2019)

ACTION 4

Identify and prioritise secondary road issues in Bonny Hills for presentation to Council (Target June 2020)

ACTION 5

Settle the issue raised by community members of a Bonny Hills bypass by requesting information on the assessed need/feasibility/cost and from this the likelihood and estimated time frame for implementation (Target June 2021)

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- Explore options to alleviate traffic congestion at entrance to top caravan park (often cars/vans waiting to turn in create long queues onto road)
- Investigate reduction of traffic speeds on Ocean Drive
- New medical centre has implications for traffic and parking congestion in Jungarra Cres
- Pedestrian and motorist safety are considered to be issues along Graham St
- There were numerous calls for a Bonny Hills bypass
- Roundabout at Ocean Drive and Beach – opposite Nursery
- Assess the need for pedestrian crossings on Ocean Drive

OBJECTIVE 4.1: TO ENSURE FUTURE GROWTH IS ALIGNED WITH THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

ACTION 1

Examine Council's Urban Growth Management Strategy and other relevant documents to identify possible issues regarding Council's plans for future growth in and around Bonny Hills (Target June 2020)

ACTION 2

Light industry location and management - request immediate participation by CCAT in Council's current planning for this facility

ACTION 3

Options for future use of the quarry site beyond its current life to be explored [following confirmation of expected lifespan] (Target March 2021)

ACTION 4

Assess the adequacy of meeting and performance room facilities in and around Bonny Hills and the options to remedy deficiencies with recommendations delivered by (Target May 2020)

ACTION 5

Council to investigate modes of communication that better inform the community about issues of importance to them including existing practice, rules, regulations, progress of actions and what lies outside of Council control (Target June 2020)

ACTION 6

Determine the extent of NBN and mobile blackspots around Bonny Hills and if necessary, advocate for remedial action (Target November 2019)

ACTION 7

Identify opportunities to reduce Bonny Hills carbon footprint by leveraging Council, State and Community initiatives, initially by 31 March 2020 and ongoing thereafter

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY VIEWS TO CONSIDER

- Climate change impacts to be considered in future planning
- Identify alternative locations for the creation of a local light industry precinct out of sight and away from commercial and residential areas
- Carefully consider and identify options for future urban growth in Bonny Hills (there was a large cry for planned, sustainable development)
- Transport connectedness
- Explore options for Grant's Head Quarry post closure
- Prospects for young people – facilities and jobs. Focus on those under 30yrs of age
- Concerns that water pressure is already inadequate in higher parts of Bonny Hills
- Concerns about the adequacy of wastewater infrastructure with further development
- NBN and mobile phone issues
- Consider implementation of surf patrols at North Rainbow Beach as South Middle Rock Beach is unpatrolled
- Consider the development of an economic development plan for Bonny Hills
- Investigate the potential of setting up a community/business contributions fund for projects
- Investigate the opportunity to install adult exercise equipment trail through Bonny Hills