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CC Lucilla Marshall

Re: PMHC Draft One Year Operational Plan 2021 - 2022

Dear Clare,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Draft One Year Operational Plan 2021-2022.

As you are aware Bonny Hills has a Community Plan with agreed Actions and timelines but because Bonny Hills CCAT is in limbo, BHPA is responding to the request for submissions on behalf of the Bonny Hills Community.

Every year the Operational Plan (OP) has improved on the last and this year is no exception. Congratulations to all involved. It is readable and easy to follow.

Following our recent meeting with you, answers to our queries about various elements in the OP were provided and are attached for the record. This has provided a short cut to our response here.

We are pleased to note that there are several projects for capital expenditure directly relevant to Bonny Hills, and of course considerable expenditure proposed elsewhere that will benefit all who reside in our LGA.

But as discussed at our meeting, a priority for Bonny Hills residents identified in our Community Plan is path works, with five prioritised for immediate attention back in 2019. To date nothing has been delivered and it seems there is no guarantee of delivery in the upcoming year. If correct this is most disappointing – see item 7 in the attached email response.

It is great to see that Project 4.4.1.32 *Commence corridor planning - Kendall Road - Ocean Drive - Hastings River Drive regional road corridor (MR538 / MR600) (multi-year project)* which has been on the books since 2016 for commencement, is actually about to commence!! We live in hope as we were advised five years ago to await the completion of this study before submitting

requests for works, on the basis that it should provide a foundation for a strategic approach to resolving vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian problems along Ocean Drive including through Bonny Hills.

We have already provided submissions on the adequacy of the location on the corner of Ocean Drive and Houston Mitchell Drive for a proposed light industrial development, 4.5.1.11 – see item 10 in the attached email, and refer to this item in our briefing paper for the concerns raised.

We would like to accept Dan Bylsma’s offer to have a follow-up meeting re project 4.1.6.21 – item 8 in the attached - as this sub-catchment study appears highly relevant to the concerns our community has about stormwater management.

BHPA is pleased to note continued implementation of actions from Council’s Biodiversity Strategy, 4.8.3.1. As indicated in our briefing paper, we are keen to continue discussions with Blayne West about assessing the value of the natural assets in and around Bonny Hills as a strategic basis for determining the appropriateness of locations for future development.

Again, we can only encourage development of an agreed Management Plan for Lake Cathie (4.2.1.16). Ditto for items 4.2.1.18, 19; and 4.2.2.1 regarding Climate Change. And we continue to encourage consideration of cultural burning as part of the bushfire mitigation strategy, 4.2.1.17. [Is the date correct for this item – September 2020?]

BHPA would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this submission further if required.

And finally, we do understand what a difficult period 2019/2020/2021 has been for Council and the strain it must be placing on staff and resources to undertake ‘normal’ duties and tasks. The amount of remedial work ahead is large following the recent weather events, and will be additional to proactive works and projects identified in the OP. And it has exposed several failings in aging infrastructure that will take time and resources to remedy. Let’s hope the Community at large appreciates this as well.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Barlow
President

Email received 5:27pm 30/04/21

Roger,

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you on this matter.

Please find responses to each item below.

Dan Bylsma

Director Infrastructure

[Previous email from BHPA]

As agreed yesterday we have the following queries about items in the Op Plan to clarify things before we respond with our submission:

1. 4.1.1.26 – only \$50k so does this finish the job?
 - a. The total cost for this project are approximately \$7M to finish the works, so the \$50,000 is to complete the design and land tenure prior to commencing construction.
2. 4.1.1.28 - \$250k – is that just for planning?
 - a. The \$250,000 allocation is to finish the detailed design, procurement and construction planning of the Bonny Hills to Kew water trunk main. This is a multi-year project and total costs will be in the order of \$10-15M, which will be confirmed by the detailed design.
3. 4.1.1.48 – \$50k - is that the tank off Panorama? Just for planning?
 - a. This is the Bonny Hills High Level Reservoir off Panorama Drive. The \$50,000 allocation is to commence design works.
4. 4.1.1.46 - \$777k – looks like a serious bit of work – to do what exactly?
 - a. This project is the continuation of the Bonny Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade for recycled water to meet EPA requirements with treatment and disinfection. It includes additional UV treatment, chlorine disinfection and storage tank.
5. 4.1.4.7 – is there a generator in here for Bonny's?
 - a. The generator is for the Camden Haven Pump Station #9.
6. 4.8.1.5 (p122) – is that an 'independent' internal check on safety aspects of the sewerage systems?
 - a. This is our normal operations for the sewerage network.
7. Does the \$237k allocated for recreational walkway replacement have any overlaps into Bonny's? Does this overlap with 4.4.1.03 on P110 [with no mention of budget here]?
 - a. There are no recreational walkway replacements planned for Bonny Hills in the 2021/22 FY.
8. 4.1.6.21 – how do we find out more about this stormwater project and whether Bonny's is one or more of the 62 sub-catchments mentioned? We have not heard of this project previously. Seems pivotal to our discussions?

- a. Bonny Hills is one of the 62 catchment areas. This project is in its planning phase so more information will be provided as we progress, however we can arrange a meeting to discuss if you would like.
9. How do the following OD projects integrate – MR538/600 (p110); 4.4.1.123 (p114); 4.4.2.6 (p116)?
- a. The Corridor Strategy (MR538/600) is the overall strategy for this road corridor.
 - b. 4.4.1.124 relates to removing fill from National Parks Land
 - c. 4.4.2.5 refers to maintenance requirements out of the EIS for the Link Road (now Ocean Drive) that was constructed in 2008
 - d. 4.4.1.123 relates to Maria River Road
 - e. 4.4.2.6 refers to bridge works
10. 4.5.1.11 re light industrial area covered in meeting notes [on their way] – JS to respond re reporting date 2022 v DA in train?
- a. The revised Planning Proposal is proposed to be presented to Council in May 2021. This follows the latest public exhibition of the proposal and the draft DCP. If endorsed by Council, the Planning Proposal will then be forwarded to the Minister for Planning for the Plan to be made. No DA has been lodged at this stage.