Poona Infrastructure Planning

Our Town - Our Say
Process Underway

- Community submissions taken – 100s of inputs
- Database of ideas created & collated
- Email contacts established and regularly updated
- Webpage - publically available information
- Meetings with Burrum Heads & a range of Government agencies to
  - understand scope, process & pitfalls when requesting improved boating facilities
- PCPA Sub-committee formed
- State Government commissioned GHD Consulting – conduct a future demand forecast of the State’s boating needs
- Community encouraged to ‘have their say’ to GHD survey
Need Identified

• Community Research & analysis -
  • BOM data – wind & tide
  • Property data comparisons to neighbouring communities
• Community workshop (100+ attendees) – 22 April 2017
  • establishing a ‘Vision’ for Poona & 10 Pillars of community needs
  • overwhelming support to obtain an improved boating facility
• GHD Statewide Study released – Poona ‘Priority 1’
  • recommended a location on Poona Ck as the best option
• Formal submission and presentation to Councillors’ meeting (July) identifying the needs across 3 aspects—Economic, Social & Safety
• Council holds a community Council meeting in Poona and Councillors given a guided tour of the town including an inspection of the GHD recommended site
• Ongoing meetings with a broad range of experts/officials
Council & State Government agree to a joint Feasibility Study of the Poona Ck site encompassing preliminary design to inform decision makers and community

- Study to include among many things – Bathymetry analysis (seabed shape & depths), geotechnical assessments, environmental, cultural and land tenure
- Community encouraged to pass concepts to TMR. See Ch7 Feasibility Study
- Community Builders Course completed
Community Consultation

Archipelago Consulting engaged by FCRC
- leads the community consultation on a town plan and boat ramp proposal (25 October 2019 – 100+ attending)
- shapes a draft formal town infrastructure plan, building on the identified 10 pillars
- Identifies need for more information on boat ramp proposal
- TMR & FCRC continued the work on the joint Feasibility Study
- Good Governance Course completed
Design Review and User Requirement Agreed

- FCRC and Archipelago Consulting (29 February 2020)
  - leads the community workshop (150+ attending)
  - TMR & FCRC released the draft Feasibility Study including design concepts, ramp gradients, water depths and car park design
  - Questions, comments & suggested improvements from community

- FCRC opened the matter to broader community submissions closing on 31 March 2021
  - 80% in support of the concept as proposed
  - Feasibility Study Appendix J for detail

- Final Feasibility Study - $900,000 of enhancements included, taking overall budget to $4.13m - User requirements set, no road blocks

- Councillors formally
  - 22 July 2020 - approved ‘in principle’ the progression of the Poona Ck boating facility subject to issues around land tenure etc., and
  - 26 August 2020 - endorsed the Poona Community Infrastructure Plan
Proposed Carpark Design
Proposed Design
Poona Creek – Spring Low Tide
Poona Community Infrastructure Plan
Detailed Design Progresses

- Boat Ramp
  - Detailed design to meet Federal, State, Council and Community User requirements continues
  - Stepped process with coordination from SARA
  - Local State member, Bruce Saunders has reaffirmed the State’s commitment to the new boating facility
- Consultation associated with this work recognised as best in the State (Award to FCRC)
Sub committee (long standing, experience and skills required) continue to champion a new boating facility through the Detailed Design process.

- Continued information flow to community
- Into the new year, lobby and advocate Poona’s needs both with the boat ramp and also the general infrastructure program (Poona Community Infrastructure Plan)
Summary
2016 to 2021

- An active & comprehensive process over 6 years
- Extensive and effective community engagement, resulting in a town infrastructure plan & $900,000 of boat ramp design changes
- Strong support from FCRC and State Government with considerable money already expended
- Work to date has affirmed the Poona Creek site for detailed design:
  - Feasibility study found no show stoppers & provides-
    - best natural water access to the Strait
    - best natural protection from wind and wave
    - public land available for shore infrastructure, and
    - a ramp on the high bank is generally preferred
- Sub committee committed to project completion
More Information

All relevant documentation is publicly available on the community webpage


The sub-committee can be contacted by email

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Thank you
for all the
valued inputs and ongoing support
to the
PCPA & Planning Sub-Committee