

POONA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

On 13 April 2025 the Poona community was invited to the 4th workshop to review our Town Plan; a plan that was endorsed by Council in November 2020. In the 5 years since the last workshop that formalised the Town Plan, we have experienced community growth with many new residents. It is an appropriate time to review.

Detailed below are the raw inputs from the workshop (including comments from some that could not attend on the day). In the main the inputs have been collated to align as much as possible with the 10 Pillars detailed in the Town Plan. The Town Plan, and many other documents can be viewed on the community webpage <https://poonacommunity.com.au/poonaplanning.html>

Many aspects of the plan are not definitive and before implementation it's envisaged there would be consultation (eg. foreshore path design). On that basis and as a general guide, where a respective input differs to that in the Plan, the following notes are added to the comment ('new' or 'contra').

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Pathways & Walking Trails

- Clean up the walking tracks and install seating
- Walkways need to be wheelchair accessible
- Control of bikes & electric bikes on foreshore (and road) **'new'**
- Remove the Poona Palms trees on the foreshore - they are a mess **'new'**
- Pathways & walking trails (end of Outridge) need seating
- Walking paths along foreshore need improvement
- Walking paths along waterfront need improvement
- Perhaps info signage
- Formed path on foreshore for bikes **'new'**
- Better signs on walking tracks
- New FCRC wildlife signs
- Ensure enough seating on foreshore
- Concrete pathway from Owen Cox St ramp to Fig tree (northern end) **'contra'**
- More seating along the walking trails
- Give thought to a crusher dust walking trail
- Defined path - natural state (no concrete)
- Engaging observations on nature, history, star-scape, fauna, flora along pathways
- All access pathways
- Better maintenance on bush pathways eg mowing
- Community Art Projects that reflect nature **'new'**
- Make the beach area between the foreshore access opposite Livistonia and Poona Point a dog off the leash (subject to conditions, eg between 3pm & 8am) **'new'**
- Like to see an all-weather walkway along the foreshore
- It's time Poona had navigational markers on the channel
- Drainage on the foreshore needs addressing - do what Toowoomba did with the ground being levelled to facilitate drainage – in our case to the swales **'new'**
- Educational interactive walk - keep it green, not concrete. Make it a great educational hub for school kids **'new'**
- Formed path along foreshore with interactive signage for wild life
- Signs along foreshore and walks about the marine life, birds & wildlife need to be renewed
- Poona photo frame - a view framed with local images (see Whyalla) Possibly a seat as well. **'new'**

Beach Erosion/Mitigation

- Make use of mangrove planter boxes to protect new trees **'new'**
- Don't use rocks or concrete for retaining walls - they are not boat or people friendly. Use timber we are in a timber mill area **'new'**
- Poona Pt - erosion into current marsh area & walking track
- Not sure how but needs to be addressed
- Vegetation to reduce erosion
- Foreshore erosion in Nth Qld is made of using Palm Trees
- Implement man-made reefs offshore to - break energy of waves and encourage & increase marine ecosystems **'new'**
- Rock walls to help with erosion control
- Undertake a small trial to see if it works
- Trial different methods of erosion control. Is there a study that proves an offshore wave breaker to be the better option?
- Strategically protect the foreshore when and where the best engineering advice recommends, using a solution which is compatible with the natural qualities of the area
- Protection by placing rocks as protection
- Give consideration to a board water wall 200 mtrs off shore
- Plant more mangroves
- Can mangroves be planted
- Not over clearing foreshore to help protect
- Rock walls
- Rockwall on foreshore to stop erosion
- Community mangrove raising, planting and nurturing
- Work needs to be done to protect the Point Fig Tree (tree of significance) from erosion. Some engineering assessment should be a starting point

Foreshore Infrastructure (incl carparking)

- Boat ramp parking upgrade needed **'new'**
- We are now faced with a trailer parking debacle in the centre of the town that demonstrated a lack of forethought by Council in pulling out of the creek proposed boat ramp site
- Removal of the large amount of palm fronds at the end of Outridge Avenue **'new'**
- BBQ's on the foreshore with lots more seating
- Replacement of the toilet block at end of Boronia **'new'**

- Increase boat access (more tidal access)
- Build a replacement toilet at end of Boronia or Outridge **'new'**
- Continue with the latest plans for the boat ramp improvement in its current position

Foreshore Enhancement

- Informative signs for wildlife (education)
- Number beach access posts (in case of emergency) - easily identify location **'new'**

Street Scaping

- Gardens in cul-de-sacs need maintenance
- Fix gutters on the foreshore side of Boronia **'new'**
- Better drainage on Boronia Drive on houses on foreshore side of the road **'new'**
- Maintenance of FCRC's stormwater drains on Boronia (water now backing up over topping banks and flooding nearby properties **'new'**)
- Need footpaths **'contra'**

Precinct Infrastructure

- Dynamic fitness & exercise stations (made in Australia)

Precinct enhancement

- Community Arts projects that reflect nature community - where art is designed & locals create (eg mural on external hall walls) **'new'**

Community Services

- Need public transport
- Need a medical centre/doctor
- Public bus service needed
- Public bus service - weekly between communities
- Like to see a bus service - great for an ageing community (no longer able to drive)
- Need a community bus

Development

- Need a mens shed
- With the sister communities lobby for a new flood proof Granville Bridge **'new'**

- With the Olympics coming to SEQ we need the Cooloola Coast Rd upgraded - it will not be it for purpose in coming years **'new'**
- Would like to see a mens shed - great for the community
- Amend the by-laws to dis-allow the use of containers as storage facilities. Allow containers as residential units if fully sheathed externally with approved materials and roofed with approved materials **'new'**
- Playground for teenagers - see Granville playground eg skate bowl
- Cooloola Coast Rd - needs to be upgraded and roundabouts at least at TCB Rd and Boonooroo turnoff (dangerous spots) **'new'**
- Please keep it green
- Create more recreational areas/ activities
- More sporting equipment for recreation area for community use (basket balls, soccer balls)

Council Services

- Cleaning of bus stops
- Better drainage from roads to foreshore
- FCRC should pick up palm fronds (as they used to many years ago)
- Clean drains - they are a haven for mozzies and toads
- Council to regularly check that all drainage easements on private property are clear and maintained as required by the by-laws
- Ensure regular cleaning and unblocking of all the stormwater system by the Council
- Check the legality of all existing containers as per the by-laws and Council to enforce **'new'**
- Minimal FCRC services - need a green waste service or a collection point for garden waste in Poona
- We need a green waste area and access to mulcher to reuse the mulched green waste
- We need large blue bins for extra refuse, like it was years ago
- Weed management of foreshore - Noxious weeds including Singapore Daisy, Giant Rat's Tail, Asparagus fern (particularly at end of Outridge) **'new'**

General comments

- If we didn't pay rates for 1 year, we would have enough money to do what the community needs
- Community must strongly stand up against individuals who take actions contrary to community agreed positions (eg new boat ramp on the creek)

- Tell visitors at the boat ramp - no jet skies
- Community Grants - Community groups instructors (maybe courses)
- Consultation and engagement with all Sandy Strait communities (regularly)
- Suspend Council rates until Council addresses concerns of ratepayers (something more than empty a wheelie bin once a week)