

Toolangi Castella Community Planning Meeting Notes from the meeting

Monday 25 November, 2019

7pm – 8.45pm

Welcome and introductions

Sandice McAulay was welcomed to her first meeting of the group. Sandice is an MSC Councillor with the portfolio of Community Planning, and she also has significant experience as an active participant for the Marysville Community Plan.

Update

Over 70 people have contributed to the initial voting (and in providing additional ideas) since September. The list is now updated and initial votes collated. These provide some insights into emerging priorities and will help us plan the prioritisation event in February. **However at this stage they do not determine final priorities for the plan.** Priorities for the community plan will also greatly depend on other factors including how many people indicate that they are dedicated to actioning a particular project idea.

Special thanks to Kerryn for distributing and collecting a significant number of voting sheets, which has greatly helped us to receive feedback and develop the ideas.

Through the voting process feedback was also received regarding a number of issues which we addressed as much as possible by modifying or adding to the ideas. There were a number of comments regarding business. Some queried the relevance of business and private interests to the community plan, while others felt that more recognition and support of all local businesses was needed. The community planning group members felt that business and private interests have an important role to play in the community, and valuable resources and connections to offer, and considered it would be useful to include more detail about this prior to the prioritisation event, and for the community plan itself. Further discussion at the next meeting would also be useful to ensure the community plan is as relatable as possible to the broader community - and to find ways to present ideas that may be considered contentious.

Possible funding options for the tennis courts was also raised. The Tall Trees Trail was also discussed, relating to proposed extension and maintenance. Julie advised that a customer request has been recorded at Council for some required maintenance, however others noted that there is an identified need for ongoing maintenance.

Hard rubbish collection is also an emerging priority so far, and it would be worth considering a range of options for pursuing a hard rubbish collection locally.

ACTION: Julie to provide updated project ideas list in minutes.

ACTION: Julie to provide collated ideas & votes to Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre Committee

ACTION: Community planning members to prepare words to explain the value of business and private interests in implementing goals of the community plan

ACTION: Julie to connect Kerryn and Kerry with Stuart Collier at MSC to receive some advice about possibilities for the tennis courts.

Prioritisation event

- A dinner and prioritisation event had been booked for 21st Feb, 7pm at the Toolangi Tavern (***date and venue now revised to 27th February, at CJ Dennis Hall***).
- Details of event to be refined at next meeting in January

Promotion of prioritisation event

- Banners – Julie has investigated options for banners
- Logos – groups invited to have their logo included on banner & flyer
- Council media release including prioritisation event has gone out

ACTION: Julie, with other group members, to develop and finalise banner and flyer design.

ACTION: Interested groups to provide logo to Julie asap if they would like it included

ACTION: Julie to prepare Facebook event and Community House will share

Drafting the community plan

We discussed preparation of an outline, vision and background information to include in the community plan. After the prioritisation event, top priorities could be added into the drafted plan. Sheryn will get a start on developing an outline.

ACTION: Sheryn to provide a draft outline for the group to consider.

ACTION: Julie to provide a copy of Community Action Plan 2008-2010 to Adam for use as a template in considering design of the Community Plan (as suggested by the group)

The next meeting will be on Monday evening, 20 January 2020.