

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of five minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 June 2018

Name	Subject/Comments
Public Forum – 10.00am	
Ian Hitchcock	MR18/003 Wharf Road, Batemans Bay
Peter Bernard	MR18/003 Wharf Road, Batemans Bay QON18/002 Rural Lands Strategy QON18/0036 Princes Highway Strategy QON18/004 Council Loans to TCorp GMR18/015 Determination of Local Government Tribunal
Owen Cartledge	GMR18/016 Adoption of the revised 2017-21 Delivery Program and 2018-19 Operational Plan
Lindsay Boyton	CAR18/023 Draft Moruya Showground Landscape Masterplan

PRESENTATION BY IAN HITCHCOCK – MR18/003 – WHARF ROAD

Good morning Madam Mayor, Councillors, and staff.

My name is Ian Hitchcock. I am the Eurobodalla Regional Coordinator for the NSW Coastal Alliance.

I am here today to speak on Mayoral Report MR18/003 – Wharf Road, that announces Minister Upton's approval of the Wharf Road Coastal Zone Management Plan.

In that plan, Council endorsed the use of E2 environmental zoning, to sterilise development land on Wharf Road.

It endorsed the Coastal Panel's declaration that inundated lands along Wharf Road would be forfeited to the State.

And to top it off, Council made a submission to Roads and Maritime, to build a sea wall and reclaim the subdivision for its own use, when the land was back in public hands.

Did councillors make a conscious decision to strip the Wharf Road owners of their land and property rights? Was it your decision to buy the land back at bargain prices, and reclaim it for Council's own use?

Council claims to have given the Wharf Road owners every opportunity to present mitigation options, before it moved to have the area declared a coastal hot spot. I put it to you that those opportunities were insincere. Speak to some of the owners, and you will find that they were required to spend large amounts of money on planning and engineering consultants with little or no offer of Council support, and little hope of approval.

I congratulate the Mayor for stepping in and trying to "calm the herd" on the Wharf Road and Surfside coastal management issues, but fear that it might be, too little - too late.

You have set a precedent for the down zoning of coastal land, and expropriation of inundated land without compensation. OEH and the Coastal Panel will not give up these ideological gains without a fight.

If you are serious about giving the Wharf Road owners the opportunity of reclaiming their land, and in one case saving a home, I suggest that you find out first whether the Minister, and the OEH, will consider an application for a reclamation plan to replace the current CZMP. Before committing the owners to more expense, you should at least ask for:

1. An assurance from the Office of Environment and Heritage that the study will be taken seriously, and that any practical reclamation/mitigation recommendations, supported by Council, will be accepted by the Department, and;
2. An assurance from the Minister, that she is prepared to overturn the new CZMP, and accept a revised defensive plan, if it is supported by Council.

If recognition of a further study is rejected by the OEH and/or the Minister, then you should be fighting for **FULL** compensation for the owners. Your plan to buy-back foreshore land at sterilised values is an insult to the affected ratepayers.

It should also be recognised that Council's tendering of coastal management consultancies, consultancy briefs, and the selection of consultants, leaves a lot to be desired.

I won't go into detail here, but there are flaws in the briefs provided by Council on the Eurobodalla Coastal Management Program, and great concern about the appointment of a consultant who publicly challenged Surfside's right to exist.

If a group of Wharf Road owners is prepared to put up 50% of the study costs, it is only fair that they are given the right to full participation in the project.

Here I suggest that the mayor changes her recommendations in the mayoral minute to include participation of the Wharf Road owners group in:

- A. The preparation of the technical brief for the study.
- B. The short listing and selection of suitable tenderers, and;
- C. The selection and appointment of the preferred consultant.

Councillors should also be aware that the Sethi report on the erosion of Wharf Road, the Surfside spit, and the northern sand shoals, is critical to any future studies on the Clyde estuary.

I understand that you are meeting with Mr Sethi, and the Surfside Engineers Group, after this meeting. Please take careful note of the Sethi findings, and their implications for the Eurobodalla Coastal Management Program.

There WERE two very distinct bays forming Batemans Bay in the nineteen sixties and early seventies. The inner bay, and the outer bay. The sand bars that formed the inner bay, and protected Wharf Road and Surfside, did not disappear through an act of nature. You don't need to be a coastal engineer to understand that the old Surfside spit is now under a football field and playing grounds at Corrigans reserve. Unsurprisingly, the growth of Corrigans Beach by 300 metres coincided with the sea wall works and extension, on the southern bank of the Clyde estuary. It was this erosion that exposed the Wharf Road subdivision to the destructive forces of the open sea.

This environmental damage must be repaired at government expense.

Thank you for your time.

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MADAM MAYOR.YOUR MAYORAL MINUTE

DIRECTION 55 OF THE COASTAL PROTECTION ACT HAS FOUND THAT WHARF ROAD EAST PRECINT WILL BE IMPACTED BY NON -STORM TIDAL INUNDATION BY THE YEAR 2100. MANAGEMENT OPTIONS WERE ASSESSED AND VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION WAS SELECTED AS THE REFERED OPTION.

THE AREA IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE DIRECTIVE REFERSTO THE COASTLINE THAT IS BEACH AND CAN REASONABLY EXCLUDE THE EASTERN ROCK HEADLAND AND AND THE EXISTING COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS ADJACENT TO THE BIG 4 HOLIDAY PARK .

IT COMPRISES OVER 40 PRIVATELY OWNED RESIDENTIAL LOTS , ROAD RESERVE AND WAS CREATED BY SUBDIVISION DURING THE 1890'S WHEN THE SHORE LINE WAS ACCRETED OR GROWN TOGETHER .

THERE WERE OTHER SUBDIVISIONS IN BATEMANS BAY CREATED DURING THIS PERIOD ?

WOULD THE COUNCIL ADVISE ME WHICH STATUTORY AUTHORITY CREATED THESE AND OTHER SUBDIVISIONS FROM THAT PERIOD? IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL OF THESE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOVE THE HIGH TIDE MARK AND SUITABLE TO BE BUILT FOR RESIDENCES AND OTHER STRUCTURES IT WOULD APPEAR THAT OTHER SUBDIVISIONS WERE CREATED DURINGTHE BUILDING OF THE CUIRRENT BATEMANS BAY BRIDGE .

EXAMINATION OF DESIGN PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED BRIDGE REVEAL PEAKS FLOOD LEVELS EXTENT AND LEVELS . NOT ONLY WILL THE FLOOD LEVELS EXTEND FURTHER OVER THE SUBJECT LAND BUT MOST OF THE ENTIRE BATEMANS BAY CBD . THE LATEST REPORT FOR THE NEW BRIDGE STATES THAT AREAS SUCH AS ALBERT RYAN PARK AND CLYDE STREET WILL BE INUNDATED . PRESENT DAY CLIFF ROCK FORMATIONS INDICATE WHAT HAS OCCURED IN THE PAST UP AND DOWN THE COAST . TO EXPECT SOME DEGREE OF COMPENSATION TO BE PAID BY GOVERNMENT FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST IS QUESTIONABLE . THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH "BICKIES IN THE BANK " . NOBODY SHOULD BUILD UP THEIR HOPES LEAST OF ALL THE OWNERS OF WHARF STREET PROPERTIES .

MADAM MAYOR IT IS ALL THE FAULT OF THE PLANNERS WHO NO DOUBT LIVE IN THE HILLS . MADAM MAYOR I LIVE ON THE COAST AT DOWN TOWN DALMENY AND DESTINED TO BE DROWNED , YOU LIVE IN RUINFORD AND DESTINED TO BE BURNT BY BIODIVESITY . I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME YOU AND I PACKED UP OUR TROUBLES IN OUR"OLD KIT BAGS AND SMILED, SMILED AND SMILED.

PETER BERNARD 28-6-2018

PS . MADAM MAYOR . I CANT SEE HOW YOU COULD REFUSE AN OFFER LIKE THAT! I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU REFUSED MY PREVIOUS OFFER TO HIDE ME IN YOUR SUITCASE AND TAKE ME TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS CONFERENCE

Peter Bernard
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AGENDA ITEMS

MR18/003 , QON 18/ 003 , QON 18 -004

R URAL LANDS STRATEGY -
ANTHONY MAYNE
CORRIDOR STRATEGY UPDATE
PHIL CONSTABLE
PROPOSED LOAN T . CORP
PAT MC GINLAY

MADAM MAYOR . I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK THE ABOVE COUNCILORS FOR FINALLY PUTTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER ,.EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO IN BRINGING THE ABOVE ON AS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE . THEY HAVE BROKEN THE ICE AND SHOWN THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE THAT HAVE BROUGHT THREE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO THE FOREFRONT .THEY HAVE SHOWN THEIR INDIVIDUALITY ON THREE DIFFERENT BUT VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES . I WILL NOT SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS BUT WILL SAY THAT IN DOING SO THEY WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO WAIT AND JUST RUBBER STAMP WHATEVER IS DUMPED BEFORE THEM ON AGENDAS ITEMS AT THE ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL .

WHILST I COULD COMMENT ON THE REPLIES I SHALL LEAVE THAT TO THEM TO QUESTION THE RESPONSES AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VARIOUS DIRECTORS .

I HOPE I AM NOT WRONG AGAIN WHEN I SENSE SOME RESENTMENT WITHIN THE VERY BRIEF EXPLANATIONS .TO QUESTIONS RAISED AND THE EQUALLY BRIEF RESPONSES BE "RECIEVED AND NOTED " .

PETER BERNARD

Peter Bernards

GMR18/015 COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES

IN THE CASE OF THE EUROBODALLA COUNCILLORS .

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL FEE .

1.1 PAID TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLORS

2.0 PAID TO THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

3.1 IS IT A SEPERATE ENTITY FOR TAXATION PURPOSES

4.0 IS IT GOVERNED IN ANY WAY BY ANY AMOUNTS PAID BY CENTRELINK
OR THE TAXATION DEPARTMENT

Public Forum - Owen Cartledge
Delivery Program 26.6.2018

Today we are presented with the ESC 2017-21 Delivery Program, + 2018-19 Operational Plan, all code for ESC Budget.

The greatest disappointment in this Operational Plan is the failure of 9 Councillors to proactively create a budget with new policy directions. Community Voice, Community Action Alliance and others in this chamber campaigned on reform, an efficient Council and trust. This inaction is as disappointing as the failure of the ERA to support their electoral platform of no SRV.

Instead of implementing real efficiency gains along the lines of Percy Allan, councillors have looked the other way. Possible opportunities from a MOU with Bega Valley seem very slow indeed.

The current Council inherited a SRV (introduced into this chamber by a staff member), Fit for the Future obligations and associated new debt. We have seen the outcome of

excessive debt in many countries and states, Victoria being a recent example and now Queensland heading in the same direction. Here at the ESC, we are off the debt hook, we have "intergeneration equity".

The budget is opaque. The presence or absence of corporate overheads is often unknown. eg about 30% - 40% of Batemans Bay parking meter collections were allocated for corporate overheads before the remaining dollars were put to work. Conversely, nothing was charged for staff time utilized in the Citizens Jury.

The aggregation of activities in the budget creates possibly mysteries and secrets. eg. I am told the crazy Mystery Shoppers Program is continuing despite the Mayor suggesting it was past its use by date. There are certainly a few other financial secrets floating around at the moment.

I make the following subjective judgements. I query the role of Council in

- ① Assisting mothers adjust to \$ issues around sending their children to school for the first time.

② Synchronizing health care expansion and employment. 3

③ Assisting people to teach their children to drive.

Surely 1, 2, + 3 are responsibilities for other than ESC ratepayers.

My observation of the 2018, IPART SRV decisions, is frightening. Any NSW Council who has their paperwork in order, and has made a small token effort towards efficiency gains gets a large SRV approved. Larger, local government, directed from Sydney is well under way. I trust you & Councillors are not tempted to take the easy way again.

In Eurobodalla, the growing tourism, aged care and health systems all carry on in spite of the ESC.

A progressive reduction of ESC administration and the ESC generally getting off people's back would encourage private sector employment. The very recent sculpture

• 'Giasco is an example.

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In 2016 I took my ESC vote seriously, I am disappointed. The budget is the ultimate reflection of a Councillors philosophy and policy. I do not see election promises in today's budget document, I see more of the same.

Good morning,

My name is Lindsay Boyton and I am the Secretary of the Moruya Showground Management Committee.

I will like to talk about the Moruya Showground Landscape Masterplan 2018.

Over the last two years the users of the Showground via the Management Committee have been working with the Shire Council Staff on this Masterplan.

The Council Staff has been open and transparent in the way they have engaged with all the users of the Showground and the Management Committee. The way this Masterplan was assembled from both the Shire Council side and the users side was a great way of preparing masterplans. Both sides have had input into it, and between the two sides Council Staff has developed this Masterplan. I think this plan will be the best for the Moruya Showground users now and in the future.

It is a guide for future development and operations. It also keeps the agricultural and heritage characteristics of the old Showground with updated facilities.

This plan will make the Showground the jewel in the Shire. The updated facilities will help attract new events, exhibitions. Help with camping both event related and travelling. With the changes in sports the update facilities (changerooms) will help with this.

The process we went through to get to this point was:

Firstly, the Management Committee asked all the user groups, what they required. We then made a map with all this information on it. The map was then taken back to all the user groups where it was refined and then represented to the Management Committee.

After we had our final map with all the items that all the users had requested, we started to have meetings with the Council Staff.

At the first of these meetings we presented our requirement / thoughts on our final map to the Council Staff, that were working on the Masterplan. The Council Staff showed us the report / map that pertained to the Showground that came out of the ROSS planning draft. We delivered the ROSS map back to the user groups for them to discuss and bring their comments back to the Management Committee, so we could present it to Council Staff.

Some of the other meetings we had with council was with the planners, engineers, etc. These meetings were very helpful as they are the people that plan the work. We were able to talk directly with them about what we need and why we need things certain ways. It was at these meetings that the planners could tell us why we can not do things but how we can do it a different way and come out with the same outcome.

If something had changed the Council Staff would inform the Management Committee and keep us up to date with the planning. At each step the Council Staff had new plans for the Management Committee to take back to all the user groups.

After all these meetings, the Council Staff has developed this draft Moruya Showground Landscape Masterplan 2018, with input from all users of the Showground.

I like to, on behalf of the Moruya Showground Management Committee recommend this Landscape Masterplan to be passed and to be put out for the exhibition period.

Finally, I like to thank all the Eurobodalla Shire Council Staff that helped and worked on this Masterplan. It has been great working with these staff members and I hope it will continue when we put this plan into place.

Also, I like to thank the Shire Council workers that has been working at the Showground during the last couple of months doing the upgrades. While the workers were there, they were very helpful. When we had events at the Showground they would try to help by making the areas available for the users to use.

Thank you