

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

## Council and CCB's meet to discuss issues.

Last week Council staff met with representatives from the Community Consultative Bodies from across the city to discuss key issues.

Major topics addressed in the meeting were:

- The subject of the long-running Local Environment Plan preparation was a key topic for discussion with and amongst the CCB representatives present. Significant concerns were raised by many people at the meeting and Councillors will receive a summary of the issues for their information as part of overall feedback from the annual forum. The concerns covered both the draft LEP mapping of height control and the way the preparation of the LEP draft (yet to go to exhibition) has been conducted. Staff will provide a report outlining recommended steps towards exhibition of the LEP to the Shoalhaven LEP Height of Buildings Committee scheduled for this Thursday.
- Round one of Regional Funding- Oallen Bridge Crossing, Upgrade of Albatross Aviation Park Utility Augmentation and the Turpentine Road upgrade have been prioritised to optimise the chances of funding success. The Ulladulla Civic Centre will be made a priority for round two.
- Emergency Management Operations- Council stated that there are complex emergency management systems in place and it seeks to have a community programme demonstrating how it can help the community when an emergency occurs.
- Community Engagement Strategy- Following a productive workshop late in 2010 to consider the draft strategy, many of the key points identified by workshop attendees are included in the latest draft Policy for Council's further consideration.
- New website launch- Council's new website will be launched in June. Council welcomed community feedback received on the earlier prototype website, and content and graphic style development is now under way for the new site.
- Heavy grass growth around the city- Due to recent high volumes of rainfall, Council is working on several partnerships to address the issues of managing the increased workload.
- Graffiti Management- Council informed that there are plans in place to partner with community service workers and volunteers to assist with management of graffiti within the city.

General Manager and meeting Chairperson Mr Russ Pigg welcomed the chance to meet with the representatives of the community consultative bodies on an annual basis.

"These meetings help Council and the community connect on many issues and discuss concerns that are being faced. It allows for a deeper understanding of the processes of council and the wishes and needs of the local people." Mr Pigg Said.

Councillors are invited to attend to listen to the concerns of the CCB's, and Deputy Mayor Gary Kearney and Cr John Fergusson were in attendance.

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