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re: PMHC Draft One Year Operational Plan 2015 – 2016

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's Draft One Year Operational Plan 2015-2016.

The BHPA has reviewed its submission on the 2014-15 Draft Operational Plan (extracts in italics) and makes the following observations about progress to date:

5.1.1.3 (b&c) The BHPA strongly supports this allocation although we note that large sections of Houston Mitchell Drive, one of the busiest rural roads in the LGA, will remain unsatisfactory.

The 2015-16 Draft plan states that "Activity associated with this number conducted in 2014-2015" although the condition of the road is still unsatisfactory. Additional money needs to be allocated to ensure that Houston Mitchell Drive is able to accommodate the ever increasing number of vehicles which use this road and the BHPA supports the allocation of funds in 5.1.1.3 (r&s)

5.1.1.4 (d) The lack of a footpath on Ocean Drive between Rodley Street and Beach Street (south) has been the subject of many meetings and a large volume of correspondence over recent years. The BHPA urges PMHC to allocate funds to rectify this dangerous situation immediately.

PMHC included this footpath in the 2014-2015 Operational Plan. However, the complex engineering requirements of a footpath on the western side of Ocean Drive has resulted in the project not being commenced. The BHPA urges PMHC to consider the eastern or coastal side of Ocean Drive as an alternative option to provide safe access for visitors and residents, including parents with young children.

5.2.1.3 The intersection of Ocean Drive and Bonny View Drive has been the subject of many requests for a street light over the years. Although the recently completed work has improved this intersection, it is still dangerous at night especially when travelling south. The installation of a street light at this intersection should be part of the overall program in the area.

This issue has not been adequately addressed and Council is urged to include this intersection on the priority list.

5.3.1.2 (a) On many occasions, the BHPA has drawn to Council's attention the inadequacy of signage on the Reserves. Many signs are outdated, others are contradictory and some are difficult to interpret. We also note that the Lake Cathie Progress Association has recently made

submissions to PMHC re dog signage on Reserves and Beaches. Residents will welcome the updating of all Reserve signs.

The BHPA notes that there has been considerable work done in this area. However, the signage issue should be addressed on a regular basis as there are still contradictory signs in Bonny Hills and Lake Cathie. In addition, signage needs to be erected at Rainbow Beach Reserve to stop parking on the grassed areas outside peak times and to advise customers of the Surf Club and the Fat Fish of the access facilities available for people with a physical disability. The BHPA has had many assurances from PMHC that this signage will be erected although this is yet to occur.

In relation to the specifics in the 2015-2016 Draft Operational Plan, the BHPA makes the following observations:

5.1.1.4 (d) This funding allocation should be in addition to the footpath from Rodley Street to the 'Top Shop'. In addition, safe access must be provided to Lake Cathie Public School, especially from the housing estates at the northern end of Bonny Hills. The BHPA has included this aspect in its PAMP submission.

5.1.2.5 One of the areas of concern is Ocean Drive near the Tavern and Nursery. This is probably the widest section of Ocean Drive with turning lanes, provision for bus stops and a pedestrian refuge in addition to the usual carriageway. Funds need to be allocated to ensure that this section is properly maintained with the refuge clearly marked and traffic lanes clearly defined.

5.3.1.2 (l) The BHPA supports the upgrade to the existing facility. In addition, the BHPA notes the continued improvements to the Reserves in Bonny Hills and undertakes to work with PMHC to obtain grant funding for some of the remaining projects from the Masterplan including the playground.

5.5.1.2 (b) The BHPA has previously suggested that PMHC investigate including a walk/cycle way above the Southern Arm truck main although we have not received any feedback on this suggestion.

The BHPA has formally discussed the provision of pedestrian refuges on Ocean Drive in Bonny Hills and we welcome the news that PMHC and the State Government have agreed to a 50/50 funding arrangement to ensure that three refuges (near Panorama Drive North, Jordan Ave and Bartlett Street) are to be constructed.

Attached are two documents for your information and consideration in relation to the Draft Operational Plan:

1. The BHPA submission on the PAMP
2. A draft review of the Bonny Hills LATM

The BHPA would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this submission with Council as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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