



# **MEETING NOTES**

## **Strategic Plan Meeting – Cummins Council office**

**7:30pm, Wednesday 16 October 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley, Cr Steve Woolley, Cr Dave Barrowcliff, Cr Brett Howell.

CEO Rod Pearson, DWI Tim Blacker, MCS Sacheen Hopewell, MDES Leith Blacker, WM Gary Jutzen, R&P Officer, Caro Miller.

Community members – Tanya Branson, Josie Hammond, Margaret Walter, Kirsty Fox, Anika Swaffer, Leanne Millhouse, Jenna Hughes.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Cr Peter Mitchell, Cr Alan Tingay, Cr Wendy Holman, Liz Mickan

### **NOTES:**

*Presentation of survey data provided, along with an overview of the format (vision, mission, function areas) of the current strategic plan by Mr David Harding, Excelerate Consulting.*

### **Waste & Recycling**

Attendees noted an increase in participation in recycling noted an improvement in the percentage of people willing to pay.

Q: What change in operational costs might there be for a monthly waste collection service if recycling was introduced which would allow for an overall reduction in waste to landfill.

CEO indicated it would reduce the annual cost as much of the costs related to the truck driving around and people staffing those vehicles.

Q: Where would local recycling go?

It was noted that that would need to be investigated / determined.

Q: How will you find out?

Local Government Association have been running forums, new initiatives and opportunities are being investigated.

Q: Would income received from the sale of recycling materials equal the cost of transport? Was it cost neutral?

Currently the recyclables are delivered to Waste Transfer Stations are almost cost neutral (noting that there is a small user charge to deposit some recyclables at the Waste Transfer Stations).

General discussion about landfill vs recycling, how long it would take people to get used to the change and start reducing the amount in bins to landfill, reductions in tonnage, secondary recycling options etc.

### **General observations of the survey data:**

Public observation:

Noted that expenditure items that people showed the highest levels of dissatisfaction were the 'big ticket' areas and that changes in these areas were difficult without more money.

General discussion about the presentation of the survey;

- Questions were not in layman's terms
- Queried why people would choose neutral (general discussion held)
- Budget amounts confusing as nothing to benchmark against (apart from other spend items in the question)
- Clarification sought on why in only some items was there a comparison between districts (Answer: only where the areas were quite different in opinion was it highlighted).

### **Vision**

Nil comments

### **General Comments**

- Overtaking lanes a State issue?

CEO indicated they were and explained what Council had been doing to a) initially in trying to stop rail being closed and b) advocate for improved safety on roads c) advocate and action improvements for roads and road funding. General discussion held on the rail corridor in Cummins and finding options for traffic management in Cummins etc.

- Be pro-active about recycling
- Be pro-active about Climate Change.
- Health & Ageing

No beds at Miroma, Council should advocate for more.

General discussion held about health & ageing in Cummins.

- Childcare is an issue and the State appear to be trying to make it Local Government's responsibility.
- Tourism

DCLEP need their own tourism officer, need to focus more money in tourism as big industry.

Noted RDA's Eyes on Eyre projects, general discussion on those held.

It was noted Council are trying to join the City of Port Lincoln's 'Southern Eyre Peninsula Tourism plan' but have not yet been invited to be a co-owner of that plan.

- Update on the Hall requested.

It was noted Council are awaiting the engineers report and that the report Council did on the hall did not provide any real solutions to funding opportunities / future options for the hall.

It is also noted the Cummins Institute is the only hall owned by Council, all other halls are owned by the community with Council offering a small donation towards insurance costs for those halls.

- Not a huge level of input from youth

Council advised it had contacted the Cummins school (with high school students) for input and the Mayor is meeting with school staff in a couple of weeks to try and obtain more youth 'buy in' to the plan.