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Community meeting with council re Grassy Head Reserve

18.4.24 11am Grassy Head Reserve.

*This is a summary of what I heard and observed at the meeting*

**Apologies** Jo Stewart, Alun Machin, Asha Ovenden, Bibi Ahmed

**Attending** Dylan and Aaron from Kempsey Council and. Local residents Dayna, Ruth, Michael J, Chris K, Wendy, Evonne, Peter, Genevieve, Char, Margii, Nick, Sue B, Sue F, Brett H, Mary-Lou, Bruce C. and Jen Hetherington

The reserve has limited infrastructure in keeping with the natural area where it is located and any changes need to fit with the natural setting. The reserve is a unique and becoming rare, natural park where native bushland meets the sea.

SPaDCO would like to thank Dylan and Aaron from council for meeting with us on 18<sup>th</sup> April to explain the process thus far. We welcome the opportunity to work with council to get an agreed outcome for Grassy Head Reserve.

It was evident from those present that a strong emotional tie exists for this reserve. With a strong agreed opinion that the proposed new site for the playground was inappropriate and the tower was out of place and wrong for this reserve. It was voiced that a desire to keep things rustic not metallic or plastic whilst treading lightly on the earth was preferred. The proposed site for the new playground should be retained as a buffer to the dune vegetation it is a valued quiet space to gather oneself after or before the beach.

We heard from Dylan that compliance issues mean replacement is necessary for safety reasons. Dylan agreed that a halt on the works would continue. He agreed that the Council & Community would have to come to a mutual agreement before any further continuation of the "improvement" project.

I since spoke to more residents and have included their input also

The following points were discussed

- Playground. New swing set to be installed on current site. It needs to be stressed that moving to another site is not acceptable. Those at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> voiced that no other equipment was needed. After further discussions with mothers of young children some other equipment would be appreciated to entertain their little ones. They gave an idea of Timber structures for play learning.
- Parking bollards replaced and or repaired as necessary. To keep cars off the roots of the trees around the area.
- Recently excavated areas to be restored
- Tree plantings Utilising expert advice and stock from grassy head nursery
- Seats, picnic tables and shelters to be installed. Shingle roof like before was preferred



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- Electric barbecue to be installed (this is a replacement for old broken barbecues) A review of the impact, effectiveness and location is necessary. (Stuarts Point BBQ's are often not fully working)
- Dim Light replacement.
- Shower at beach entrance to be made functional.
- Wombat crossing to be installed.
- Disability access. This involves seating on a picnic table extending beyond the end of the table. Probably needs one dedicated disability parking area and a dreading concrete path to the table. The best location needs further discussions. Are the amenities accessible?
- Shower outside amenities block to be reinstalled. This was removed on Christmas Eve 2020
- Access track to the beach. The plastic corduroy for the first 10 metres at the western end needs to be completed. The proposed ramp onto the platform should be installed.
- Remove dumped vegetation in bushland from Coral tree trimmings
- Bins and recycling to be installed away from beach entrance.

We hope that these or others can fit within council's grant arrangement and the Tower can find a suitable home. Looking forward to a revised agreeable approach. Thanks for your time and considered assistance.

Kind regards

Mary-Lou Lewis

Chairperson SPaDCO