



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Dear Community Residents

The following issues have been discussed since the last newsletter in December 2003.

- Moorundie Street Re-development Plan.** The consultant Franek Savarton & Associates plan had been received by Council and adopted in principle and has been on display for Public Consultation. The Board met and discussed the plan together with Andrew Strauss, Works Supervisor of Mid Murray Council. A submission with a number of suggested alterations was sent to Council by the Board. Council recently appointed a Sub-Committee to oversee the implementation of the plan with representation including Elected members, Council Staff and Community representatives. Council is discussing the implementation of proposed undergrounding of the power lines and STED scheme.
- Transport SA Traffic Calming Plan.** As stated in the last newsletter the Federal Government had allocated \$140,000 to Transport SA for traffic calming measures for Moorundie Street in two areas - better lighting and reduction of speed. The speed limit has been reduced to 50 Kph and protuberances are being constructed to make the street appear narrower.
Two general meetings and one Board combined with the Moorundie Street Sub-committee were held in February and March. The two general meetings were well attended. Plans submitted by Transport SA were considered. The original plan had 23 protuberances. Through decisions made at the above meetings and in consultation with Mr Kevin Wynne of Transport SA this number was reduced to 15 of which 3 are designed as pedestrian crossing points.
The Association endorsed and approved the revised proposal. The request of a meeting to install temporary protuberances was rejected by Transport SA. The lighting and protuberances project is in the course of construction.
- Speed Cameras.** At the community meeting held on 4th March Senior Sergeant Martin Kennedy, OIC regional HQ Barossa and Yorke Police Division stated that there were no fixed speed cameras in SA but three were going to be introduced. Truro is not considered a high priority because statistics prove there have been few accidents, not excessive speed and lower traffic volumes compared to other areas of the state. As a result the Police Department could not justify the installation of permanent speed cameras in Truro. Signs stating that 'Speed cameras used regularly in this area' were of little use as the number of cameras in the regions did not allow their regular use here.
- Traffic Count.** As requested Transport SA did two traffic counts in Moorundie Street in different locations.
 - By Craneford from February 18 to March 2 (13 days) 43,459 vehicles (8,964 Commercial) 3,343 per day. Commercial vehicle count – 40 - 50 Kph 49%; 50 – 60 Kph 35.7%; 60-70 Kph 6.6%.
 - By HBR Karts & Parts from 8th to 29th March (21 days) 70,399 vehicles (14,212 Commercial) 3,352 per day. Commercial vehicle count – 40 – 50 Kph decreased to 28.7%; 50 – 60 Kph increased to 54.9%; 60 – 70 Kph 12.9%. In both places the majority of the excessive speed was between 10pm and 6am.
- Pedestrian Crossing.** A Pedestrian crossing was requested to cross Moorundie Street at the Possum Track by the Bakery. Transport SA did a count at three different locations but none met the criteria for a Koala or PAC (lights) crossing. They stated they considered that the two protuberances designed for this position would aid pedestrians crossing the street.
- By-pass.** At the community meeting on the 4th March Mr Adrian Bolton, Operations Manager Transport SA, Eastern Region stated that Transport SA had a commission set up to do a study of the Sturt Highway from Gawler to the Victorian border. The identified bad spots were at Renmark, Monash and Waikerie. Truro was however not one of them. A By-pass for Truro was a very low priority and was probably 10 years away. An overtaking lane was to be built East of Truro soon. The new Federal Government Aus Link report released in June stated funding of \$58m on an upgrading program for the Sturt Highway, including the above places and re-alignment through the Truro hills.
- Undergrounding of Power Lines.** Council agreed to lodge and expression of interest with the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) to seek a subsidy for the project. Council's contribution would be 1/3 of the cost of the project for 750 metres. Funding would not be available before 2005-6.

8. **STED Scheme.** Mr Kelvin Goldstone, Manager environmental Services MMC, spoke at the April meeting and reported that Truro is 4th on a list of 7 within the Council area. Work has started on a survey of households. There are 80 houses and vacant blocks in Truro which would be serviced by the proposed scheme. It was felt desirable to include Barton in the scheme, but costing should be separated. Public Consultation and expressions of interest will be gained by the Council.
9. **Pioneer Park.** The site between the former Police Station (Matson's) and Craneford Winery has been designated as a Pioneer Park. Plans were submitted to Council with the submission. The Board has written to Council asking to grant the site to the Community to develop it into a picnic, tourist and local recreation area as well as a Pioneer Park. If agreed by Council the block needs to be surveyed before any work can be done to it.
10. **Railway Land.** The ongoing saga of getting the long dry grass mowed may be over as it has been reported that council has been granted two mowings by the owners.
11. **Possum Track Bridge.** Council were thanked for erecting the new bridge over the creek. A safety fence has also been erected adjoining Moorundie Street.
12. **Cemetery Project.** Stages one and two of the Cemetery Project have been completed with the erection of a new front fence and entrance gates, the erection of the frame with roof and plaque with names of persons buried in unknown grave sites. Members of the community who helped with this project are sincerely thanked. Beautification of the Cemetery with shrubs and roses is to be done in the future and Council intend to re-fence the remainder of the Cemetery boundary.
13. **Barton road Walk/Bikeway.** Council and local representatives inspected the roadway. We have been advised that the speed limit will not be reduced and will stay at 80 Kph. It is intended to widen the shoulders of the road to make it wider rather than make a separate walk/bikeway.
14. **Railway Corridor.** Nothing further to report. Robert Sherwood was elected to be the Board's representative.
15. **Historic Walks and Drives.** Three leaflets are being produced. Truro Walk, Truro and Barton Drive, and Dutton and St Kitts Drive will be available in local business premises and the Post Office. A Cemetery leaflet is also being considered.
16. **Lease Agreements.** The long awaited lease agreements from Council for Heroes Park, Town Hall and Oval have been received and signed.
17. **Town Logo.** The logo is currently being re-designed. It is initially to be used for signs at the Cemetery, Heroes Park and entrances to the Town.
18. **Signs.** The two Oval owned signs at the entrances to Truro have been repainted, advertising the Oval, CFS and Radio Freshstream FM.
19. **KESAB.** The Truro Community received a commendation again. It is good to have our town recognised by this organisation. They will visit again in August 18th. Please do your best to make your town tidy for the visit.
20. **Vintage Festival.** Truro has been invited to participate in the 2005 Vintage Festival by Barossa Marketing formerly BWTA.
21. **PAR.** (Plan Amendment Review) Mr. James Miller, Planning Officer Mid Murray Council addressed the March meeting advising council will be commencing the process later in the year of the periodical review of its development plan.
22. **Aged Care Facility.** The Barossa Village are currently drawing up plans for cottages to be developed here and as soon as they are available expressions of interest will be sought for occupation.
23. **Residents Issues.** If you have an issue please discuss the matter with a Board Member. Residents may receive permission from the Chairman to address the Board at a Board Meeting, or they can raise the issue by letter. Any resident wishing to become a member of the Association should contact the Secretary for details.