

Cossack Masterplan

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Community focus group series

COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday 3 April 10am

Bond Store, Cossack

Attendees at the community meeting were

Geoff	Van	Adam	Lockhart
Stuart	Waardenberg Otto	Terry	Patterson
Kristy	Grigson	Rebecca	Cheedy
Dennis	Bryan-Smith	Lesley	Walker
Peter	Hinchliffe	Rosita	Parker
Pat	Longland	Tenellia	Lockyer
Merilyn	Clark	Lyn	Ling
Corey	Mill	Tyson	Mowarin
Clinton	Mill	Leigh	McNab
Ian	Crawford- Ferguson	David	Taylor
Chris	Clark	Mort	Wignall
Shane	Donovan	Ian	Baxter
Nicole	Heinrich		
Wendy	Hubert	Others who did not sign in	
Robyn	Churnside	Late – informal conversation only	

Keith and the team from Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation filmed the meeting

Project team

Kevin	Palassis		
Nerida	Moredoundt	Shontay	Cardew
Helen	Grzyb	Ray	Bird

Mort Wignall, Director Corporate & Community Services, Shire of Roebourne, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Nerida Moredoundt, Project Team Leader at Palassis Architects provided a brief overview of the Cossack Masterplan project, how people's views will be included in working out the best future for Cossack. Helen Grzyb invited the group to ask questions.

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The meeting worked as a single group and undertook a wide-ranging discussion about Cossack, how it is currently viewed and what should happen in the future. ??

Points from the discussion were:

In response to questions, Nerida provided a description of the ultimate aim of the project and what it will be. She clarified that there was no clear answer to a sustainable future for Cossack – that the consultations were important to hear the views of the community.

One participant stated that there was a need to hear both sides of the arguments. Accept that everyone has a barrow to push – let's talk about it.

One participant wanted to know why power and water has not been upgraded to Cossack? David Taylor advised that the power and water issues should be resolved soon, and Mort Wignall advised that irrespective of the masterplan, these services are necessary at the town.

One participant felt that restoration and preservation was important at Cossack, and that education and employment was top of the list to enable indigenous people to participate in the future at the town.

Indigenous people use the town for fishing and recreation.

Other comments:

- People don't want Cossack to be over developed.
- Just want to be able to live there.
- Took a chance to buy in Cossack – it has potential
- Keep numbers on the site low, keep it simple, not too big.
- Keep it as it is.
- For successful tourism, need to get people to stay longer at Cossack
- Keep existing buildings, build around them.
- Recent land sales showed changes in values.
- Use buildings as stories, not as commercial use, eg backpackers.

Lyn Ling, current Cossack Caretaker provided photos of the recent cyclone Glenda on Cossack and also provided the project team with a video of the storm hitting the Cossack coast.