

Community Conversations Talking Points

18 May 2023 – Kindred / Leith / Forth

Mayor Cheryl Fuller hosted a Community Conversation on Thursday 18 May 2023 where residents of Kindred, Leith, Forth and surrounds enjoyed supper and an informal chat on local issues.

Conversation talking points are below:

The Shared Pathway should have a speed limit, people on scooters are going too fast, horses spotted on the shared pathway? All the weeds that have come through also need attention.

A member of the public stated she was one of the people with horses and that it is the only way she can ride her horse from her house – e.g. she must cross a portion of the path; the only other alternative is the road.

Many trees and branches have been cut and left near the Forth to Turners Beach area of the pathway near the bridge.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the tree branches would be added to the clean up when the pathway gets handed over. Consistent signage for the rules associated with usage of the pathway network is being developed.

The corner of Clerke and Short Streets is currently a mess, I do not understand why the walkway didn't go straight up Allport Street. The water drainage pit on Short and Clerke Streets is below safety level, something needs to be done on those corners, so no one falls in. There are many cracks in the concrete path along the river foreshore section.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the drains and expansion joints have been listed in the Contractor's defect list for rectification. The viewing platform on the bridge is also to be replaced.

The shared pathway at West Ulverstone is being parked over.

The project is still under construction and was delayed due to supply issues. (Since the meeting the separation has been installed.)

What is your intention of connecting West Ulverstone to Penguin?

This section of the shared pathway is to be further investigated in 2023–24. There will be opportunity for the public to comment on this following the preliminary investigation.

There are no disability parking spaces in the Forth Hall area.

These issues are very much on the radar at the moment – we have formed an Access and Inclusion Group who provide input into Council budgets and projects. A compliant space at the Forth Hall will be arranged.

We put forward a petition on the Wilmot Road Speed Limit, what is the process on this? There is also a section of undulating road about 7km up Wilmot Road.

Council will shortly mailout a survey to residents to provide feedback on issues they are seeing in the area. We have statistics on crashes that are reported but we don't have any that are not reported. This information can then be used as part of a submission to the Department of State Growth if a request to have the speed limit changed is progressed. Other improvements such as warning signs will also be investigated.

The section of undulating road will be investigated to understand the cause and method of repair.

There are four dead trees on the side of Wilmot Road that could potentially fall and are dropping large limbs.

Trees were discussed as being close to the southern boundary of 393 Wilmot Road on the other side of the road. They may be on private property. Council staff will investigate options.

Treated pine retaining wall adjacent to 59 Kindred Road had been hit by a car. The gentleman was told it was his responsibility.

Further discussion occurred after the meeting. The issue to be investigated further by the Council's Infrastructure Services Department.

What is the Council's relationship with TasWater and is Council aware that residents of Leith lose water 2–3 time daily? 9 Allport Street. Have contacted TasWater 37 times since March.

Residents should be dealing with TasWater directly but the General Manager brought the issue to the attention of TasWater and was advised the affected consumers are receiving a limited supply discount and they are in the midst of rectifying this issue with a permanent solution. The General Manager also raised the issue of water meter certification after a community member raised an issue, TasWater advised that the water meters have been approved and are listed on the National Measurement Institute Government site linked here [Certificate of Approval NMI 14/3/28: Sensus Model iPerl DN20 Water Meter | Department of Industry, Science and Resources](#)

The Forth Hill is concerning, there is going to be an accident, I am aware it is not Central Coast's area, but I think there needs to be something more?

We have escalated these concerns to the Department of State Growth in the past. The Council will discuss the best way for the community to pursue progress of an upgrade.

What is happening with the entrance into Leith?

They are pushing the off lane further away from the travelling lane from the highway, so that cars that are coming in are not obscuring the view of outgoing traffic. The intent is to improve the sight distance.

The Leith Foreshore is a mess, we have asked to try and keep this clear - it is almost completely covered by gorse now. Questioned if the area can be served an abatement notice. There are also feral cats through there.

The General Manager has contacted Parks and Wildlife and they have advised that they are going to follow this up with the Leven Field Centre and Crown Land Services.

The old buildings near Maskells Road, what is happening there?

The buildings are to be refurbished and remain at the site. The process has taken longer than expected. A new shed is also to be constructed nearby that will accommodate some local community groups.

Thank you to all of the community members who participated.