



# Updates on matters raised at the 2023 Turners Beach Community Conversation

The following updates have been provided regarding actions from last year's Turners Beach Community Conversation held on 20 April 2023.

- Issue:** Off-leash dog area (two requests – beach and adjacent to the recreation precinct)
- Council's promise at the last meeting:** The potential to provide a fenced off area is a Council action that has not yet been progressed. The Council is considering an area adjacent to the recreation precinct during this coming financial year.  
The Council is considering an area within the recreation and sporting precinct this next financial year as a dog exercise area and have taken onboard the ideas that have been raised.
- Responsibility:** Director Corporate Services  
(now under Community, Growth & Development)
- Progress:** Immediately following Barry's commencement as CEO, Council set about reviewing all of our commitments and priorities, so that we actually had an achievable plan. The end result was Our Place – Our Future, a more strategic, focused and achievable plan for the remainder of this Council term.  
Providing for an off-lead dog exercise area at Turners Beach is in the plan, and is due to be actioned next financial year. It's not going to be easy, as our initial investigations show that there are limited suitable sites available. However we are committed to fleshing that out transparently and with community input, and we're actually going to commence the community consultation before the end of this financial year, to inform next year's workplan.
- Issue:** Tennis court net winders need fixing
- Council's promise at the last meeting:** The issues with the tennis court net and winders are to be investigated and rectified.
- Responsibility:** Director Infrastructure Services
- Progress:** This item was miscommunicated. One net was replaced last year and only recently a second replacement net arrived. This has now been installed and the winders fixed.

**Issue:** Dog beach signage needs to be clearer

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** Council is also reviewing the dog signage to see how graphics can be improved to make them more user-friendly.

**Responsibility:** Director Corporate Services  
(now under Community, Growth & Development)

**Progress:** Council will consider a budget allocation for the 2024-25 financial year.

**Issue:** Council's authority to deal with cats

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** Council is working with the Cradle Coast Authority to help deal with the issue of feral cats. Council is also looking at implementing a desexing program.

**Responsibility:** Director Corporate Services  
(now under Community, Growth & Development)

**Progress:** Since we last met with the community, Council has committed to participating in a National Desexing Program. This Program is co-funded by the Cradle Coast Authority and Central Coast Council. The Program is focussed on domestic cats where eligible residents will be able to have their cat desexed and microchipped for free. Those on low incomes will be prioritised for subsidisation (those holding a valid pension, or concession card for example). This Program launched in March 2024. So far there have been approximately 50 desexings undertaken as part of the program.

**Issue:** Disabled beach accesses

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** The Council is currently reviewing all beach accesses across the whole municipality with an aim to ensure at least one disabled access point to each beach across the entire Central Coast.

**Responsibility:** Director Infrastructure Services

**Progress:** The review of accesses is yet to prioritise the scheduling of access upgrades. The aim to begin with one compliant access per beach will still be same. As part of the current project the eastern access is to be renewed between the carpark and the structure, eroded quarry rock near the beach entry point is to be moved under the lookout, and the deck is to be rewired.

**Issue:** Susan Street footpath implementation

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** The pathway plan has been released and this was adopted at the start of this year. We are now working on a timeline for when this can be implemented

**Responsibility:** Director Infrastructure Services

**Progress:** Priority for pathways this year and next year (2024–2025) is to complete the shared pathway between Turners Beach Road and Lukin Street. The Susan Street section is to be considered for 2025–2026.

**Issue:** Traffic management in Possum Lane

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** Council officers have subsequently met on-site and discussed improvement options, which will be installed in due course.

**Responsibility:** Director Infrastructure Services

**Progress:** Chicane arrangements were installed on the pathway leading into Possum Lane cul-de-sac.

**Issue:** Native growth on Esplanade is getting in the way of opening car doors

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** This will be added to the maintenance schedule.

**Responsibility:** Director Infrastructure Services

**Progress:** The maintenance is included in our programs. We have a new Manager Works Operations who is updating management plans and will ensure this continues.

**Issue:** Trucks turning on Forth Road end of Turners Beach Road

**Council's promise at the last meeting:** This issue was further discussed and has been taken on notice. It will be forwarded to the Council's Parking and Traffic Management Committee for consideration.

**Responsibility:** Director Infrastructure Services

**Progress:** The intersection was assessed as being compliant and of the required standard for the type of vehicles meant to be using this road. If unapproved vehicles, eg B-doubles are discovered using Turners Beach Road they should be reported to the Council or the NHVR, preferably with the operator name or registration.