

Surf Beach / Sunderland Bay Potential Road and Drainage Special Charge Scheme

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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all property owners and residents informed of the project as it progresses.

It is intended to provide updates on a monthly basis. This newsletter will also highlight any specific issues you may need to be aware of from time to time.

Bass Coast Shire Council Planning Update

Council has recently completed community engagement with the property owners for the concept plan development.

There was 394 questionnaires completed by property owners. Including the first initial community consultation, feedback has now been received from 621 different property owners.

The next steps are to develop several options in line with this feedback from the community.

There was generally a response to select minimal cost options and this will be considered in development of the concept plan options.



Jill Street after heavy rains in June

Environment Studies

Flora and fauna due diligence studies are underway to review species and habitats in the area and recommend methods to avoid / minimise impacts.

We understand that the Surf Beach / Sunderland Bay estates have a unique character in terms of the natural environment. This is a strong theme message received from community engagement undertaken and will definitely be part of the concept plan development.

Contractors on site

You may have noticed over the last few months surveys on roads. Feature survey has been undertaken along the road reserves to assist undertaking drainage calculations and cost estimating.

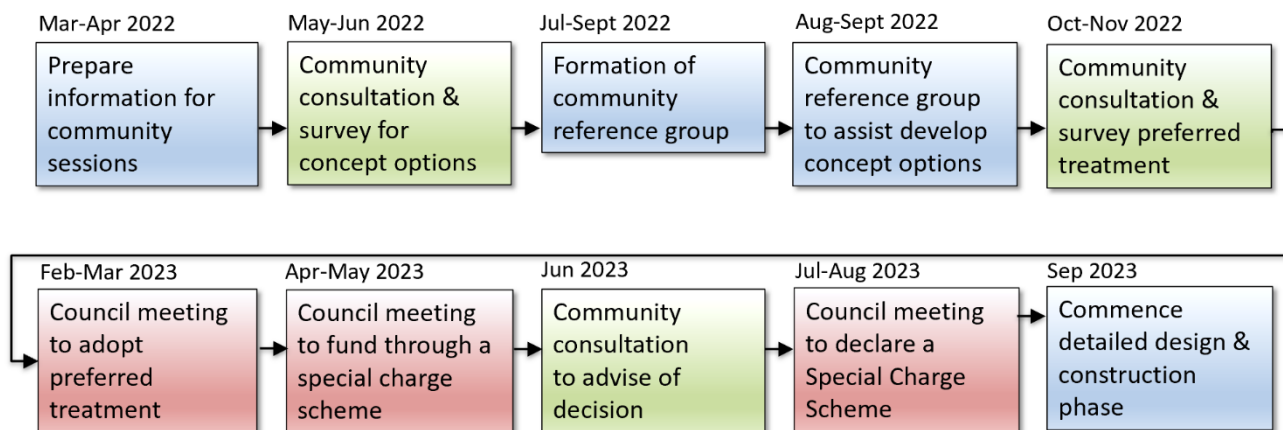
Additionally, geotechnic bore hole investigations are being undertaken to review the existing pavement depths and subgrade conditions. This will assist to undertake new pavement design and cost estimates.

These investigations are needed to determine the potential cost for the project.

Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach Urban Road and Drainage Improvement Project



Planning Stage Process



Flow chart of special charge scheme planning project

Reference group

A community reference group is being set up to assist with providing feedback to develop the concept options and bouncing ideas off them prior to the concept options being sent out to the 1033 property owners to vote on a preferred option. If you would like to be part of this group, please email or phone through your contact details. Community groups are typically referred to as reference groups.

Dust concerns

Council would like to reinforce the importance of driving slowly through the estates to reduce dust for nearby property owners and also improving the safety for pedestrians that walk along the roads as there are no footpaths.

Council will soon install the temporary warning signs again in anticipation of dryer conditions when dust is more of a concern.



Reminder to slow down to reduce dust

Financial hardship concerns

If the special charge scheme was approved in the future and you believe that you may have difficulty paying, please contact Council's Revenue Services team on 5671 2211. Our officers are more than willing to confidentially discuss payment options with you, taking into account your current situation. Ratepayers who reside in the affected property and their only form of income is a Government pension may qualify for hardship assistance. A copy of Council's Hardship and Covid-19 Policies can be found on our website at <https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/strategies-and-policies/policies>

For more information on the project please visit the engagement website at:

<https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads>

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