

Hi Matt

Thank you for what you did last year repairing the edge of the road opposite the commercial area in Cooks Beach. The ratepayers assoc and the reserves group are making a submission to the community board this Wednesday about the installing of a tar sealed or at least a metaled parking strip in the same area. As you know the vehicles using that area to access the shopping centre is causing real problems and we need a permanent solution. We are proposing a path from the walk way bridge from Scott Drive up to the new parking strip, a pacifier across the road (or pedestrian Crossing), the continuing of the path across the mid island with removal of the kerb, another pacifier across the parking in front of the shops, removal of the kerb allowing access to the footpath where we are proposing a path and beautification of the reserve through to the beach.

I know that's a bit of a mouth full Matt but hoped I have explained it sufficiently for you to get a grasp of what we want doing.

Also in amongst all this is the installation of one or two disabled car parks in the shopping centre. There is not one in the commercial area at the moment. I am a shareholder in a new business at Cooks Beach that has had to install a disabled parking space on our property, (govt regulation as there are nun locally). This severely compromises our health and safety with delivery trucks backing in and the problem of security with open gates during the day and evening. A real mine field and also the cars could only access from the service lane and not the main shopping area where disabled parking should be. I would have thought that this should be the responsibility of the council to provide adequate disabled parking for the community and the onus not put on the commercial operator starting a new business. Every business is the beneficiary of disabled patronage.

I think maybe the time has come for Cooks Beach to have painted lines for parking in the shopping centre including disabled. With 167 sections at Longreach the pressure on parking space and the need for disabled parking is going to grow so we need to make provision now.

I would like to get you over to meet with the rate payers association committee and the reserve committee to look at what we are proposing.

Thanks Matt, I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers  
Paul Hopkins