

The Secretary  
Walkerville Foreshore Committee of Manager  
Cape Liptrap  
Via, Lower Tarwin VIC 3956

Dear Chelsea

Re: Car park Landscaping and Current Issues

I refer to our letters to the W.F.C.M (Nov 2007, May 2008 and June 2008) and a W.F.C.M letter to us dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008. I also refer to a report from Mr. Don Atkins to the WFCM dated Nov 2008.

We are not happy about the lack of progress with many issues we have raised and are coming to realise that our policy of positive co-operation has fallen on deaf ears and we seem to be headed towards an adversarial and confrontational approach as nothing else seems to work.

Comments:

Having tried to play the middle guard and a voice of reason offering a consultative, co-operative and contributing approach we now realise that nothing continues to happen at Walkerville outside the camping ground gates except on very rare occasions.

The W.F.C.M even with the new committee who have been in the job 12 months continues to act as a blocking agency.

In the 3 years we have been going, there has only been one worthwhile improvement at Walkerville outside the camping ground – the refurbishment of the toilets at “South”.

- The issues we have raised such as pedestrian path from the camping ground to the hall.
- Upgrading of playground equipment in camping grounds.
- Signage for the refurbished toilet block.
- Signage for visitors.
- Improvement to swimming areas with sensitive rock removal as mentioned in your consultants report.

Continue to drag on and on and on.

Car park and Landscaping Proposal

The concept to, landscape and “improve” the car parking at ‘North’ is a good idea, this is however not connected in the slightest way to the erosion study and swimming and boating improvements.

The proposal as presented is a very expensive overkill which actually results in less parking than we currently have and it’s going to cost \$600,000 or so to do it – it doesn’t make sense.

A much cheaper alternative would be to leave the sea wall where it is and widen the car parking on the land side by 4 or 5 meters between Holt Street and the Hall which is relatively even terrain for most of this area. We don’t believe Council or anyone else will fund this proposal in the foreseeable future and in the meantime all the issues in the erosion study continue to go unaddressed.

The W.F.C.M committed itself to proposal 1 (3a) (when most of the stakeholders wanted option 5) and you continue to do nothing about it.

Conclusion:

We are all in favour of continuous and incremental small improvements to facilities to improve the Walkerville experience for “people” and have said we are willing to help. If nothing continues to happen then we will resort to the media and politicians to try and stir the W.F.C.M into action.

Yours Faithfully

Steve Graham President