



Minutes of the meeting held at the Regatta Centre #6

Title **Kirwans Bridge Community Panel**

Date: **Wednesday 7 September 2022 – 7pm**

Venue: **Regatta Centre**

Attendees: Bob Arnold, Des Mason, Darren Lyons, Ms Robyn Taylor, Paul List, Gordon Akers, Milton Hammond

Councillors: Cr Dave Andrews

Council staff: Vlad Adamek, Director Sustainable Infrastructure, Merrill Boyd, Communications and Engagement Officer.

Apologies: Cr Reg Dickinson, Richard Hiscock (left the district), Robert De Fazio, Daniel Haysom, Manager Asset Planning.

Acknowledgement to Country was read and introduction of Vlad Adamek new Director Sustainable Infrastructure.

Chairman Darren Lyons welcomed the panel and opened proceedings which was for Vlad Adamek to introduce himself and explain what Council wanted from the panel in relation to the four options presented – including the fourth option which came from the heritage advisors and was not on the table originally.

Discussions included these comments;

- Substantial bridge should be two lanes
- Maybe it should be a higher bridge
- A new concrete bridge would allow traffic to travel faster to the T intersection
- Maybe it should be a higher bridge
- We must consider Nagambie's growth
- We must maintain as much of the look and feel of the bridge we have now
- Heritage and cost are the two biggest issues
- We need to maintain the bridge as long as we can, but it will not last with the heavy traffic going across.
- Council is committed to the bridge.

After discussion, the panel were asked to provide their choice of the four options which they had in front of them and cast their vote.

Each member present was asked for their first two preferences.

Option 1 – 4 votes

Option 2 - 3 votes

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Option 3 – 5 votes

Option 4 – 1 vote

It was then agreed that Option 1 and Option 3 be included in the specifications for the tender.

One panel member chose not to use his two votes and voted just once.

A media release will be prepared for the Nagambie Community News because there is concern that with trees being removed in Weir Road that people think the bridge might be closed.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm