

## Catherine Hill Bay Community Meeting 1 April 2023

### Summary of verbal discussions and post it notes at the meeting

#### *Question 1 – what surprised you about the survey responses?*

- How much support there was for a hotel, without really knowing what was involved. For eg a tavern is an establishment that provides food and drink, whereas a hotel is somewhere that provides accommodation, but hotel is often used in Australia to describe what is essentially a tavern. Did the community misunderstand the question and really are asking for a tavern? *Note: this matter is explored further in Question 3*
- There seems to be a focus on development but at the same time the natural environment is cherished – this seems to be a contradiction
- Also the comments about the jetty – there is a lot of support for it to be ‘saved’ but it didn’t rank as a high priority in what is best about Catho
- Comments about the lack of council input into any type of master planning for the suburb as a whole – the destination plan includes marketing spin but no substance as to how they want to achieve this and what they will do about it
- There are actually some walking tracks around the village but not maintained or signed

#### *Question 2 – why are the items of high importance so important to the community?*

- Most feedback focused on the approved plan including shops, a village green, childrens playground and coastal walk and coastal reserve. The community is asking for these items to be provided as promised in the promotional material provided when they purchased their land in the Beaches estate. Heritage Catho seemed to be of the same view
- The view on the shops was to have small local shops with necessities like bread, milk, coffee, rather than a larger shopping complex. Bigger shopping trips can be achieved at Lake Munmorah or Swansea.
- There was discussion about the safety aspects of travelling between the three villages, and the need for a walkway, which might also be a cycleway, for safer walking and cycling, especially for children.
- Discussion about the need for a community hub, especially now Coastal Haze has closed. This might be the shops and village green/playground

#### *Question 3 – what do you understand by the term hotel?*

- Further discussion of the definition of a tavern vs a hotel
- General view that any establishment needs to be small scale, not visible from the surroundings, and no accommodation
- Definitely don’t need conference facilities
- Strongly no development there beyond what is already approved
- There is currently a village pub – this has heritage value, is actually heritage listed, and should be fixed and preserved as it is rather than the need to build a new pub