

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

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This regular newsletter aims to keep all property owners and residents informed of this project as it progresses and highlight any specific issues you may need to be aware of from time to time.

We've noticed there is some misinformation about this project out in the community and we encourage you to stay informed and up to date by visiting <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads>

Plus, it's easy to sign up to the page so that any time we update it, you are notified by email.

Check out the Frequently Asked Questions section to see if someone has already had the same query. If not, reach out to our contact details overleaf.

Did you know?

Cost estimates and cost proportioning of the potential road and drainage upgrade project has not yet been determined. Benefits to external users such as tourist traffic is accounted for in cost proportioning stages of the project and Council contributes towards these benefits.



Glen Street after heavy rains this month

Drainage Facts

This year, there has been various rainfall events that range up to 30-50mm per day on Phillip Island. This is typical for 1 in 5 year storm events. The 1 in 100 year storm event can range up to 120mm of rainfall in a 10min storm duration.

This large type of storm event can not be catered for in swale drains alone and this is why an underground stormwater drainage system and kerb and channel to retain storm events from flooding private property is an essential component of a road and drainage upgrade project.

Studies

Various investigations and studies into flora and fauna, cultural heritage, geotechnical ground conditions and drainage design are being undertaken to review risks and will be used to avoid and minimise impacts to the environment.

These studies take time and are part of planning works of the project.

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

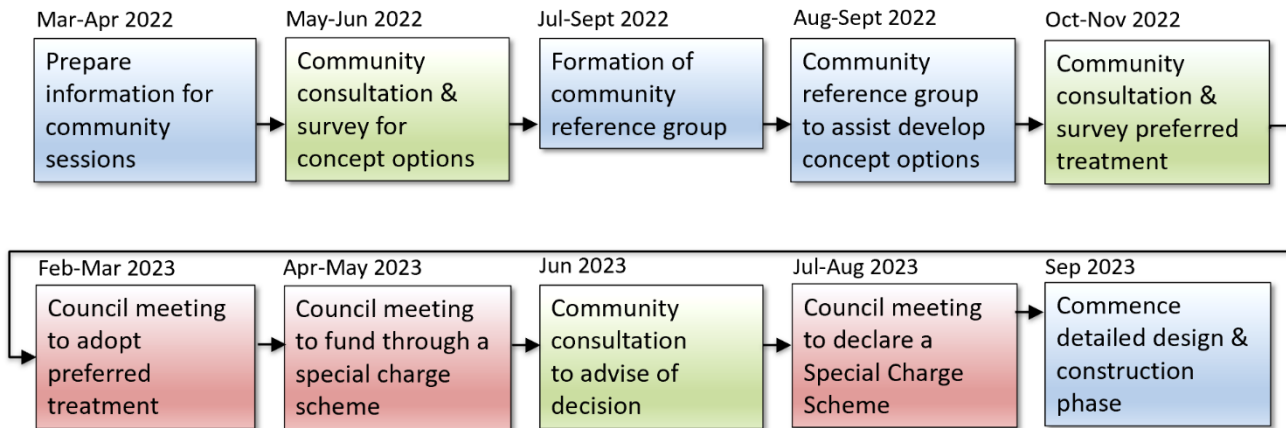
Once these studies are completed, we can advise residents of the proposed costs involved if the project was to go ahead.

Check out the stages in our process overleaf.

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 of over 100 property owners has been busy assisting 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. It is intended to send out the concept options to the wider community in November.

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 has now installed 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>

or email us at:

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or phone the Customer Service Team on

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