Mayor welcomed everyone along and introduced Councillors and EMT team and staff.

An update on Council's progress since the last community meeting was provided and included:

- Addressing the recovery works of the cyclone
- A new structure for disaster has been established
- Council also established task forces to scope and model council's disaster management system
- The task forces were also instrumental in identifying the economic items needing attention
- Centenary of ANZAC project on track and opened it in April this year
- Centenary Of ANZAC school project art still up in the town hall
- Council thanked staff and the community for their spirit and dedication through the whole disaster and recovery process/stages

An overview of the 2015/2016 budget was provided and included:

- $60m capital works program right across the shire – Council has made sure it has spread it geographically
- $32m roads
- Increase rate relief for pensioners - $60 above what the State Government provides for concessions
- General rates – evaluation has been done on all properties and this would have affected rates for properties

An update on the recovery post TC Marcia was provided and included:

- People will need the community support for up to the next 18 months in some cases
- Statue bay – Council had to do the most in-depth concise submission but it is successful with Cat B funding for this over the next few years

Customer service updated the residents about how Customer service works and lodging requests.

Council briefly went through a few of the issues raised at the last meeting.
Council provided an update on the town plan – hopeful the last workshop with the councillors is now done and Council will be coming out to the community for consultation in the near future (Jan/Feb 2016).

Lot of interest in the panorama drive project - $30m project – acknowledge Bruce Young for getting this funding. Council provided an update on this project – doesn’t appear to be doing very much but the purchase of land, full acquisition of the corridor and the concept plan of the road is completed and some road works have commenced. The tenders out at the end of this year – 2 stage tender – EOI done - short listed contractors – design is nearing completion

Issues raised by Residents

Issue:
Resident raised that there is an imbalance in rates being paid for properties with services at their doorstep and services they have to use their own fuel to access

Response:
Council advised that you cannot compare the rates to the services – rates are a tax – most rural properties do not want the rubbish service

Issue:
What are the new maximum heights in the new town plan

Response:
Council advised that it depends on where it is located in the CBD some areas are eight storeys, and others six storeys, five storeys and four storeys. The town plan now talks about heights as storeys not metres.

Issue:
Resident asked what the purpose of panorama drive is

Response:
Council responded that it will take the pressure of the northern area of the town and will get them into rocky or Yeppoon central much quicker. Total length of road is 2.25 kilometres – the cost to build the road is around $15m the remaining is spent on designing, drainage, flood mitigation works in this area.

Issue –
Residents advised that Tanby road school time with cars coming from Taranganba school is a real issue and something needs to be done about this road as well

Response –
Council advised that it is working on it and it is confident it will get it.

Issue -
Resident asked if the stage has to there as people come to see the beach not a stage

Response –
Council advised that the placement is bound by the funding bodies which are State and Federal Governments. It has no choice where it will be built but can choose the design of the it.
Issue -
Resident advised that there has been a huge lack of community consultation by Council in regards to this project

Response
Council advised that there is a Yeppoon Foreshore and Town Centre Think Tank Group as well as a focus group which involved architects, Urban designer, Representative from Picko’s, Council representative, CCBT members represented 150 business, Shop 4703 Group, Keppel Bay Sailing Club, The Strand Hotel, Keppel Coast Arts, Yeppoon Lions, Yeppoon Rotary.

General Discussion
Council advised that the Yeppoon Foreshore Masterplan concept will be on Council’s website and Facebook from Friday 28 August 2015.

Council reiterated the importance for shade in the auditorium area for major events and a roof over the stage and that it cannot do anything with the beachfront area without sorting the car parks and finding alternatives for the car parks. Land has now been acquired to build a two storey car park close to the foreshore area.

Stage 4 of the project includes a multi storey car park and to make Barry Street the main road into the town centre which meant Anzac parade could become a shared zone. The car park is a $12m project which has already been costed.

The idea will be to introduce streetscaping into the beach front with the same theme going into the Town Centre. Council needed a full integrated master plan.

Council showed an artist’s impression of the car park to be built in Barry Street which will deliver 250 car parks with arcade linkages through to The Strand.

Stage 5 consists of a wave pool/lagoon, possible lazy river, mini golf course and kiosk as concepts.

Stage 6 will include the Council chambers being relocated to Cordingley Street and a possible wharf as a concept.

Stage 5 and Stage 6 are all up for community consultation.

Council provided an overview of the engineering aspects of the projects – the road network in comparison or the relationship to the new areas being developed. Offering alternate routes depending on what you want to do in the town, for example straight into the Town Centre, leisure drive along coast or to do businesses.

Angle car parking can create more space – build relationships with connecting streets through laneways, not Council obligation but it can create the opportunities for the business to partner with it and create these laneways. For example pop up coffee shops, roadside dining, park areas, the opportunities are endless and suggestions from the community are welcome. The carwash has also been purchased by Council and will be knocked down and replaced by a state of the art facility which will be an opportunity for a business lease on completion.
Council showed images of the stage design when an event is on and another slide of the stage when an event is not on. Council needed something to tie in with the existing landscape/infrastructure and ensure that view from Lure was not compromised.

Residents asked what the economic events benefit is or platform for the beachfront and the stage area – the whole creation does not sit with Council – it sits with the Community. There is no talk about vision and design – the community questions that this is a master plan - why is Council not aiming to doing something amazing! Why is it putting the stage in now when it is only a small part to the puzzle – the best plan/vision we have seen tonight is the carpark!

Council advised that it will be guided by an urban design team which will pull it altogether.

Yeppoon Triathlon Festival clarified that they do like the idea of the stage area but there was not a consultative process done with them from Council. There are a lot of things that will work on that site, but we would love a true consultative process.

Residents advised that they think the wave pool money should be spent on an aquatic centre. Council advised that Government gave it money for the foreshore, it does not have the ability to move it anywhere else.

The Community advised that there are some flaws in the decision making process within Council and it needs to be rectified. Trust needs to be established between Council and the community.

Council advised that everyone needs to concentrate on the bigger picture and it is planning on bringing in professional consultants to ensure it engages and gives the community the full picture and full opportunities to have their say. Information will be available as early as Friday 28 August 2015.

Council is keen to generate economic opportunities in the region which does include events and tourism for the area. It is about to start this conversation with the community.

The Community wants to see conformity – congratulate Council on its ability to get funding – but the decision making is not happening properly. For example, the shade structure on James Street, the light poles on the main beach all have the bolts above ground – these are a few projects which have caused the lack of confidence from the community to Council.

Resident orated that the community understands the value that the stage brings to the region, and also think that Council now understands that as well as professionals it also needs community consultation in regards to major projects in the region. Some people tonight have been critical of the Council – we should stand up and challenge them for their positions in the elections next year – if you think you can do a better job then put your name forward. Be more open.

Meeting closed 10.30pm