Mayor welcomed everyone along and introduced Councillors and EMT team.

Apologies: Mayor, Dan Toon

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

- Corporate Plan and operational Plan are now both adopted by Council which inform and link to the budget
- Large capital works program - $60m ($190M over next 3 years with some 430 individual projects not counting the insurance claims works)
- Focus on long term financial sustainability, intergenerational equity, managing debt and ensuring cost of running council is as efficient as possible
- Currently exploring smart technology and how that can benefit the community from a liveability as well as economic development perspective
- Second Alternative Learning Space has been opened in Emu Park, to complement the one in Yeppoon. Accommodates children who struggle to integrate into the traditional school system. Waiting lists now exist for both.
- Extension and refurbishment of the Emu Park Library and Customer Service Centre now complete.
- Work is due to commence on the next stage of the Barmaryee Sports Complex. Six hard surface and eight grass surface netball courts and an amenities building for netball and rugby league.
- New planning scheme expected to be submitted to the State for its review in October 2015. Public notification of the scheme is expected in early 2016.
- Council has secured funding for 1.5 fulltime positions to assist with the social recovery of the shire and with the continued strengthening of community resilience. These positions will continue through to 30 June 2017.
An overview of the 2015/2016 budget was provided and included:

- $32.5m for Roads, Pathways, Transport Infrastructure and Bridges –
- $14.4m improvements to Amenity and Tourism and Economic Development Projects
- $4.4m Water, Sewerage & Waste Management Infrastructure
- $2.3m Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements
- $4.0m Beach Restoration and Rehabilitation
- $2.0m Sport and Recreation and Communities (an upgrade to playground facilities is included for Cawarral)
- $0.6m New cemetery and improvements to Open Spaces
- $100k for the restoration of former Mount Chalmers school (subject to external funding)

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

- Council recognised that it is a small immature shire in regards to disaster. It engaged with 3 qualified experienced disaster experts in the state who assisted with the initial operations of the disaster but also assisted to put together the framework to cope with future disasters
- Task forces were set up and included
  - Regional and Economic Recovery and Resilience Taskforce
  - Environmental and Regulatory Resilience Taskforce
  - Community Development Resilience Taskforce
  - Built Environment Resilience Taskforce

**Issues raised by Residents**

**Issue:**
Residents asked if there is money budgeted in our area can council get that information to the people – If we knew a little more about what was planned for our area we might be a little less anxious about what’s going on. And then when council is planning on doing works and/or a project in a particular place to let the community know.

**Response:**
Council advised that the budget is on its website in its annual business plan. Council will log a request to its infrastructure department to ensure it starts to communicate work plans better with the community and will endeavour to post information on the shop notice board. *Pathway Request #399300*

**Issue:**
Resident advised that the drainage at New Zealand gully needs looking at. The issue comes from the way it was graded previously, with piles of dirt left on the sides of the road.

**Response:**
Council advised it will log this request – *Pathway Request #397164*
**Issue:**
Resident asked if the toilets at the recreation ground are going to be open to the public

**Response:**
Council advised that it will reassess the current arrangements, provided the cricket club cleans it and maintains it – *Pathway Request # 399287*

**Issue:**
Resident asked what is happening with the Coorooman Creek Boat Ramp

**Response:**
Council advised that funding is available for second round from State Government. Parking is the priority over the boat ramp for Council though, as State Government only funds the boat ramp and Council is responsible for the carpark and entry roads.

**Issue:**
The Community asked if the block at the end of Murray Lane could be cleared and cleaned up. The corner block is council land and it would be a really nice spot if it could be kept nice.

**Response:**
Council advised it will log this request - *Pathway Request #399280*

**Issue:**
Resident advised that the Cawarral and Boto’s road intersection is still not working and is still very dangerous. The give way sign was taken away and replaced with a stop sign but this is still useless! You cannot see what is coming because of the hill.

**Response:**
Council will log this request as urgent – Pathway Request #399282

**Issue:**
Resident advised that Palm Valley Road has not been repaired since Cyclone and is badly corrugated, has potholes and washouts

**Response:**
Council will log this request as urgent – Pathway Request #397180

**Issue:**
The Cawarral School of Arts Association Inc. has been charged rates for Palm Creek Park. Its State Government owned so should not have been charged to the association.

**Response:**
Council will log this request as urgent – Pathway Request #397165

**Issue:**
Resident advised that various signs in the Cawarral Area need repairing and replacing

**Response:**
Council advised it will log these request – *Pathway Request #397191, 397193, 397194, 397195*

**General Discussion**
Residents advised that the Transfer station is going great, everyone happy with the hours of operations etcetera.

Council asked if everyone was bushfire ready – it is a total fire ban at the moment but double check with the rural fire brigade – state body has been doing the back burning based on the fuel left from cyclone.

The community commented on the new signs and how great they look and thanked council for doing this.

Council provide an update on the foreshore including the zero depth water feature that is currently ‘coming out of the ground’ and the substantial budget it now has to do something really special. It is currently doing some urban design work towards a masterplan including road changes and car parking.

Meeting closed 9pm