Council welcomed everyone along and introduced Councillors and EMT team.

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.
- With the cyclone happening 6 months ago, Council formed taskforces and to ensure the recovery and resilience of our shire was strong
Council provided an overview of the 2015/2016 budget which 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
- $0.6m New cemetery and improvements to Open Spaces

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 disasters going forward

- 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:**
Resident asked when the floodway’s on Millman road are being done

**Response:**
Council advised that funding keeps getting moved around due to Cyclone Marcia so it had to prioritise works however the two floodway’s are included in the 15/16 budget

**Issue:**
Hall committee asked if they could have an additional two bins for the hall

**Response:**
Council approved this and a request will be logged – *Pathway Request #397366*

**Issue:**
Lions Club advised that they have an issue with the access to their park where the skate park is located

**Response:**
Council advised that they will organise a meeting on site to discuss further

**Issue:**
Resident asked if there were criteria to enrol in the alternative learning space

**Response:**
Council advised yes it is done by Queensland Education, residents can contact the community centre for further information
Issue:
Resident asked what is the progress with the Todd Road Link

Response:
Council advised there has been a lot of discussion with the owner and it looks like there will be a good outcome to build the link all the way through – which is what it needs to link the caves to the coast

Issue:
Resident advised that they live next door to the skate park and the noise at the skate park is a real issue after 8pm – young adults in cars are parking and leaving the car lights on and skate and drink for hours sometimes well past midnight. No problem during the day just at night.

Response:
Council will log this request – Pathway Request #397391

Issue:
Resident advised that the lawn mower racing at Yaamba is now becoming more frequent — its starts at 8am in the morning – plus very loud music, karaoke through until the early hours of the following morning (2am/3am)

Response:
Council advised that there is no town planning process for lawn mower races and there should be so will follow this up. It will also log a request for the noise – Pathway Request # 394452

Issue:
Resident advised that there is a washout on Dairy Plan and Rossmoya Road. It is on the bottom side of the bitumen and there is about a foot drop – serious issue with cars!

Response:
Council will log this request – Pathway Request #397159

Issue:
Resident asked if they could have a map to show the proposed Todd’s Road Link

Response:
Council happy to provide – Pathway Request #397161

Issue:
Residents would like to see a light seal of bitumen in front of the Canal Creek memorial (about 100m)

Response
Council will log this request – Pathway Request# 397376

General Discussion
The community praised Blazeaid during the recovery of Cyclone Marcia – not sure what they would have done without them.
Council gave an overview of the “support at risk youth’ horizon early intervention in CQ. There is a Facebook petition that it would encourage everyone to sign.

Council encouraged the residents to help them to ensure RV’s aren’t camping illegally in the shire.

Resident advised the community on an IP Address sharing issue.

Council advised that the Town Plan is getting very close to sending it to the State Government for approval. There will be a soft launch in January/February 2016 if everything goes according to the process with State Government.

Resident thanked council and everyone involved for the Canal Creek Service. It was a very lovely day and was great to see the signage up.