

8.2. PETITION URGING COUNCIL TO ALLOCATE NECESSARY FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO NEWELL BEACH FORESHORE

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Petition and refer it to a responsible officer for investigation and consideration in the Playground Renewal Program and 2019/20 Annual Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition has been received by the Councillors and Chief Executive Officer via email. In accordance with Clause 5.1 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings, this petition is now presented to Council.

The petition is urging Council to allocate the necessary funding and resources to upgrade the Newell Beach foreshore.

The principal petitioner is Lisa Scomazzon of Newell Beach. There are 115 signatures to the petition with the majority of petitioners living in the 4873 post code area.

PROPOSAL

In accordance with Clause 5.1 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings, it is proposed that Council receive the petition and refer it to Officers for investigation and for consideration in the Playground Renewal Program and 2019/20 Annual Budget.

The Chief Executive Officer and Acting Coordinator Open Spaces has proposed an on-site meeting with the principal petitioner for Thursday 18 April.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Email regarding Newell Beach Foreshore Petition **[8.2.1]**
2. Petition Newell Beach Foreshore **[8.2.2]**

From: [Brenda Jang](#)
To: [Executive Assistant](#)
Subject: FW: Newell Beach Foreshore Petition
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Attachments: [Petition Newell Beach Foreshore.pdf](#)

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Subject: Newell Beach Foreshore Petition

Dear Mayor, Councilors and Mr Stoermer

Please find attached a petition that has been completed by some residents of the Douglas Shire and visitors to our Shire. This petition started on the 19 February 2019 and there is approximately 115 signatures.

The reason for this petition is to urge the council to allocate the necessary funding and resources to bring the Newell Beach foreshore up to a standard that we, the rate payers, expect from our Council. I have attached photos that clearly show what this petition is regarding to.

Newell Beach is a pristine part of this shire but unfortunately has been neglected with its up keeping and the foreshore is in no state to be enjoyed by people visiting or the local community.

Issues that I see:

- There is limited access to the beach because of overgrown foliage.
- There are 3 tables for people to use which need to be cleaned and repainted at the main access to the beach.
- The other tables along the foreshore are in worse condition and some are not easily accessible.
- The poles for the swings are broken and very dangerous. This should be fixed immediately as the metal is sharp (photo provided).
- Public toilets are no compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) as it is against the law for a public place to be inaccessible to people with disabilities.
- The foreshore needs to be mowed on a regularly basis (fortnightly) and the palm fronds need to be picked up and removed not thrown in the overgrown bush.
- The BBQ area and playground are not near the public toilets and are not convenient for all.
- Due to the overgrown foliage and long grass there is an infestation of mosquitos and snakes. This is also ideal conditions for crocodiles to lay in the foliage and wait.

I would appreciate if you could take the time to read the suggestions on the Petition as it clearly shows what people would like. Some of the suggestions are:

- Clean out vegetation and remove dead foliage,
- Fix playground,
- Boat Ramp,
- Rock Pool/Stinger Net/Swimming area,
- Upgrade toilets,

- More seating and BBQ areas,
- Pathways.

Many residents of the shire who have signed the petition state that Newell Beach foreshore was once very popular with families for picnics, BBQs, and gatherings at the beach before this area was neglected. The foreshore was all grassed with ample seating and space for families to enjoy. Due to the state of the foreshore this cannot happen today because there are no areas where you can enjoy except walking on the beach. Many residents would like to see the foreshore back to its former glory so families and visitors to the shire can enjoy one of our best assets.

Since I started living in Newell Beach I have noticed it is growing in popularity with visitors and it is relayed on a regular occurrence that they did not know that Newell Beach existed. I personally find this disheartening to hear these comments from holiday makers who are staying at Port Douglas. I can only ascertain that the reason for this, is because the only beach listed on the Douglas Shire Council website is Four Mile Beach. So disappointing that this Council does not want to advertise the lovely beaches we have in this shire.

As the tourist season is close to start, myself and other rate payers of Newell Beach and the Douglas Shire hope that the Council will address these issues as a matter of priority.

I am happy to meet with you all if you would like to discuss this matter further at a time that will suit you.

Regards

Lisa Scmazzon

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Petition for Beautification of the Newell Beach Foreshore

Lobby the local council to beautify the Newell Beach foreshore, parks and amenities so local families and visitors can enjoy this beautiful piece of paradise.

Name	Address	Suggestions
Liz Meth	NEWELL BEACH	CLEAN UP AREA MAKE IT A HOSPITABLE BEACH
Burchill	WUYABRRH	GARDENS & A DISABILITY TOILET
Kelly Morris	NEWELL BEACH.	PLAY EQUIP + PICNIC AREAS.
Sonia Barry	Miallo.	PLAY GROUND + ALL FRONTAGE
Danika Storey	Rocky Point	play ground + all frontage
JODIE LUCHT	WONGA BEACH	TABLES!!!
PETER GATTER	WONGA BEACH.	
WADE BRAMICH	Mareeba	Clean up + Play Grounds.
LES PRINGLE	MOSSMAN	" " & PAINT
MAL MACDONALD	PLUMBATH	WEEDING OUT PESTS.
Denyse Nake	Cairns	TOO many mosies.
Jacqui Nake	Cairns	TO many mosies, weeds & fix playground
Jon Bersted	Bamboo	Weeding
Kylie Thompson	Newell Beach	Fix Play Ground
Sarah Demeis	Newell Beach	Fix playground and make the beach front more presentable and make the toilets more presentable to the public and tables on the beachfront

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Nicole Dowler-Bartlett	Island close mossman	clean out vegetation & playground.
Tony Barrett	45 Courtland	Fix Boat Ramp
DONNA STROES	PORT DOUGLAS	CLEAN VEGETATION
Nicole Dwyer	NEWELL BEACH	Rock Pool & CLEAN UP
Ropi Dwyer	NEWELL BEACH	DEAD VEGETATION ON THE BEACH AS ABOVE
Rick Henson	NEWELL BEACH	As ABOVE
Jordan Cuth	Newell Beach	Boat Ramp
TYE FARHAM	NEWELL BEACH	BOAT RAMP
Wendy Vander Wolf	Newell Beach	clean up beach playground etc
Dawn Whyte.	Newell Beach	clean it up!
Lee Newell	Newell Beach	
Nick Wheatley	--	
DESEY ROSSIGNOLI	NEWELL	DJ Rossignoli
RICHARD WILKINS	NEWELL BEACH	Covered tables near Boat Ramp
Aylton Wright	Newell Beach	STOP PEOPLE DUMPING RUBBISH AT SALTWATER ROAD
Holly Todd.		Better use of space. Better playground.

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Ian Winkley	ANDREWS ST.	Fix FORESHORE
J. ROBERTSON	ANDREWS ST.	CLEAN FORESHORE
G. McSwiney	Cyril Glose	mitigate erosion
C. Flinn	Marine Pde Newell	Kids Park & foreshore clean up.
M. SANTAROSA	1144 MARINE BLVD	BUTT RAMP
A. Wilkinson	PO BOX 565 Port Douglas	Remove coconuts from trees over walk ways, great cleanup
Ian Worcestre	DANTRAE JILLAGE.	"BECAUSE".
Wayne Pitt	Mossman	Box Ramp
Nancy Cross	Melbourne	Beautiful little beach but so so neglected
Bob Cross	Melbourne	One of the nicest beach I have been to on this trip but unfortunately the fore shore is a real disgrace - needs to be tidy up.
Heaven Harper	Newell, FNO.	
Jess Delaney	Newell, FNO	
Tye Fapani	Newell QLD	Needs prettying up!
Diana Moschen	1 Mill Site, Mossman	Swimming enclosure tidy up but keep the spirit.
Theresa Denzin	Cairns QLD	
Sam McNamara	Bonnie Doon	Kid's park & pathway

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Name	Address	Suggestions
KAREN DESERER	OLIVE ST	Tidy up Beach ☺
Claire Durant	Wonga Beach	coconuts near walkways.
Amanda Cheetham	Marine Pde, Newell	swimming enclosure
Bea Somarra	Miallo	update pads / BBQ areas
KENILE SCHONENBERGER	MIALLO	NEW BBQ AREA SWIMMING ENCLOSURE
Garry Mason	PO Box 14, Port	BBQ & Tables in Park
DAN KEYNES	COOYA BEACH	OPEN UP SHRUBS.
Salvatore Marano	miallo	Tidy up beach.
Maria Marano	miallo	Path ways
Rosanne Lackham	Cairns	Walkways and tidy up.
Holly Todd	Newell	Better Play ground.
Ramon John RIBBS	Nth Mossman	" " "
Melissa Duncan	Bambos.	Tidy beach area, toilets.
Kay Carvey	Bells Rd Newell	Fore dale clean up log pile + take to beach
Sam Marr	Miallo	Tidy, beach
Kim Rasmussen	Mossman	Toilets need a spruce up!!!

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Name	Address	Suggestions
Sue Hansen	P.O. Box 420 Mossman	Playground Picnic Areas etc.
MATTEO MATTIOLI	55 PLETON AVE. PORT DARWIN	
John Board	15 RANKIN ST	PLAYGROUND Beach + Boat Ramp
Mary Trimble	P.O. Box 1192 Mareeba	
Tennille Trimble	P.O. Box 1192 Mareeba 4880.	get rid of the crops
ANNETTE ANICH	136 Marine Pk Newell	
Luella Buhon	7 Noll St Toowoomba	Upgrade for families + visitors
Laure Pennant	98 Marine Pk Newell	fix playground, clean up the disable access to toilets.
Ben VIKIOWKORPI	29 ANDREWS STREET	PLAYGROUND, FORESHORE
Alex MORICONE	46 ANDREWS STREET	PICNIC AREAS UPGRADE BOAT RAMP
JULIE MORICONE	46 ANDREWS ST	PLAYGROUND, CARPARK.
VINCE MORICONE	46 ANDREWS ST	STINGER NET
Amanda MORICONE	46 ANDREWS ST	PLAYGROUND
Rachel Hibberd	Captain Cook Highway	Lagoon pool. Fix playground!
ASTRID TAKKEN	TIVAROO.	tidy up THE FORESHORE IN GENERAL
TERESE PUGLISI	Mossman, Miallo	Please Tidy Up Beach

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Name	Address	Suggestions ^{Fix toilets}
Kelda Walker	Newell 54 Marine Pde	Fix play ground, pathway exercise park, speed bumps
ROD PALMER	49 ANDREWS ST	CLEAN STINGER NET FIX
Ruby Gregory	19 Atherton, Street	Fix playgrounds
Jade	179-a hoare St	Swimming Net.
A. BOONE	56 MARINE PDE	FIX PLAYGROUND. WALK PATH - BEACH.
J. Simon	43 Coulthard close	Fix Playground
K SHEPHERDSON.	SYNDICATE ROAD	Clean up the beach +
N. FALSTEIN	882 DAINTREE RD MIOLO	Fix PLAYGROUND playground PATHWAY, EXERCISE EQUIP. MORE SEATING + BBQ AREAS.
R. Logan	2/49 FRONT ST MOSSMAN	ALL THE ABOVE
D. TREWICK	18 PRINGLE ST MOSSMAN	ALL THE ABOVE.
J. Trewick	18 Pringle St. Mossman	Exercise park. Safe coconut to
S. KONRAD	16 GROGAN ST MOSSMAN	ALL THE ABOVE.
S. Mitchell		All above.
I. O'Donoghue	Newell. 12 BANKIN ST.	W.D. Doyle
S. ANDERSON	JURATTEN 127 WINDSOR RD	John
G. MULLAVEY	JURATTEN	G. Mullavey

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Name	Address	Suggestions
Jacqui Ogilby	15 Coulthart Close	Have a good tidy up along Beach Front
Janette Bond	15 Rankin St.	Please fix playground. we have Grandchildren
EWILTSHIRE'S	28 RANKIN ST	PEANUT COCONUTS.
MAX DWYER	MOSSMAN	ROCK POOL OR SWINGER NET - <u>CLEAN UP BEACH</u>
PAUL TEICHERT	38 SHEARWATER ST	BOAT RAMP. PICNIC AREA
CLAIRE TEICHERT	PORT DOUGLAS	Rockpool, swimming area, picnic areas
Brendan Bennett	11 Marine pde	PLAYGROUND, BEACH CLEANUP
Lance Bennett	20 POINCIANA	UPGRADE TOILETS FORESHORE
Donna Filson	35 Coulthard Close	great idea
Roger Filson	35 Coulthard Close	Clean foreshore
JOHN GARGAX	1045. SPRINGMOUNT ROAD	MINTCHILBA.
M. VANDER WOLF	5 CYRIL Close	clean Beach please
ZAC BLAIN	MIALLO	GOOD IDEA.
T. Bawn	Newell	General Clean Up and Upkeep
GREG HAMINGTON	25 Coulthard a	create a foreshore area with grass tables etc. (See Casuarina Northern Beaches)

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