



Summary of Outcomes

Marburg Stables Precinct Investigation Area

Thursday, 2 July 2009

The main recurring themes identified from meetings held on Thursday, 2 July 2009, were as follows:

Community Engagement

- Community engagement and ongoing involvement in decision making;
- Achieving the outcomes of the Marburg Community Plan.

Maintenance of Community Identity

- Marburg as more than pacing and horses;
- Maintaining the Marburg landscape and community values;
- Growth of the Marburg Pacing Association activities at Marburg in light of the Rocklea harness racing closure;
- Greater development potential for Marburg.

Amenity and Environmental Issues

- Environmental impacts – dust, odour, weeds, waste (both liquid and solid);
- Salinity, erosion and nutrients loading concerns;
- Overstocking and management practices;
- Reconsideration of the proposed Marburg Stables Residential Precinct location and physical area. Significant concern to having intensive horse operations on black soils (particularly Black Snake Creek);
- Variation in lot sizes. Discussions of suitable land areas for the keeping of horses generally ranged from 1 acre/per horse to 2 ha/per horse.
- Professional pacing operations are governed by lot size not proximity to racing venue(s);
- Traffic issues including vehicular conflicts and bridleway conflicts.
 - Professional pacers will tend to float stock to venue, only smaller operators/hobbyist tend to ride;
- Replanting to addresses environmental issues.
 - Black Snake Creek erosion;
 - Salinity.

Planning/Regulation Issues

- Regulation and control of management practices;
- South East Queensland Regional Plan;
- Ipswich Planning Scheme Provisions and Local Laws.

Council appreciates the participation and feedback received to date from the Marburg and District Residents' Association, Marburg Show Society and Marburg Pacing Association.

MORE INFORMATION

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Questions

Should this precinct proceed, is it envisaged that the majority of operators may be related to pleasure horses/pony club or pacing fraternity?

- Should the stables residential precinct be relocated to hillside on the east and south-east of the town or the northern portion of Marburg (access to showgrounds, vegetation)?
- Could a communal area for the keeping of horses near the showgrounds be a preferred outcome over the development of a horse precinct?
- The provisions of the Rural B/C zone incorporate provision for the keeping of horses. However both zones limit the potential of reconfiguration without a dwelling entitlement as there is no increase in the net number of lots. Does this achieve the same outcome as introducing a 'horse precinct' or develop the horse/stables precinct in the Rural C Zone?
 - Draft a code for "Intensive Stabling" in both or either the Rural B or C zones. *(This approach would probably be more acceptable to DIP as there are no additional lots in rural areas)*
- Should proposed intensive animal husbandry uses be impact assessable to involve community?
- How are salinity and contamination of the water table to be managed with increased lot numbers?