

Background to the Shoreham Village Common - Community Placemaking Project

Work on some aspects of the Common Development Project commenced in August 2014 with the installation of new seating and play equipment. Progress stalled in late 2014 with major staffing and structural changes within the Shire. After many meetings, requests and submissions between the SCA and the Shire, a budget of \$40K for 'Community Placemaking', allocated to Red Hill Ward, was approved in June 2016 to go to the Shoreham Common.

Agreement has been reached that the project will be a community-based venture where Shoreham stakeholders/members of the community participate in the development and implementation of the project. This new project is called **Shoreham Village Common - Community Placemaking Project** and has the objective of making Shoreham Common a beautiful place which encourages healthy, inclusive social interaction through informed debate and thorough community participation.

The SCA is currently co-ordinating the formation of a **Working Group** made up of two integrated parts: one represents users and community (Reference Group) and the other is composed of local professional creatives and tradespeople (Creative Group). Together these groups will facilitate the development of a plan/options from the community input.

The following activities will be undertaken by the Working Group:

- Undertake a scoping exercise including current uses, users' wants and needs, neighbour's sentiments.
- Develop and manage a thorough community participation and consultative process together with the Shire
- Define scope of works (Considerations will include community feedback, budget, disability/aged access and parking; community events eg: 'Under the Tree'; vehicular access; safety especially of children using playground equipment; The 'Historical Signage' project; the 'Avenue of Honour; the three Shire contracts servicing the Hall/Common – garbage collection, toilets and hall cleaning, and maintenance of grounds/mowing lawns etc)
- Development of a Final Plan together with the Shire.

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More information will be forthcoming as the project takes shape.