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Design Revealed to Public

A group of residents, representing a wide variety of local interests, attended a Palmwoods Town Centre Design meeting on Wednesday evening, July 26 at Palmwoods Bowls Club, facilitated by Paul Summers (*pictured below*) of Paul Summers Planning. The same group attended an introductory evening in April 2005; a working group was formed at this meeting and they have been progressively formulating a concept plan to revitalise Main Street, Palmwoods.

At the April 2005 workshop, it was undertaken that the working group, would return to original attendees and explain the concept designed.

The small working group, were assisted by urban designers and planners, when redesigning Main Street; following the theme *Put the "Main" back in Main Street.*

Volunteer, Stuart Venn of Palmwoods urges residents and business people to become involved.

"We have worked hard at achieving a concept plan that enhances our town centre making it a better place for people to use and work," he said.

"What we need now is for the wider community to have a look at the concept plan and let us know whether they support the concept or advise on what changes are needed to improve it."

Likewise, Cr Jenny McKay, who has also been participating in the process, encourages people to become involved.

"We have used an unusual process here, where we have provided funding to a group of volunteers to work with urban designers and planners to come up with solutions for Palmwoods," said Cr McKay.

"I am looking forward to the time when the results of this exercise are presented to Council, but before this can occur we need input from the community, particularly the business people of Palmwoods."

Copies of the plan are available from shops in Palmwoods, and is on display in the Sunshine Valley News office. The plan and additional information can also be obtained from the web at: www.paulsummersplanning.com.au (click Palmwoods community on the left).

To assist the community in understanding the design and to provide the opportunity for community members to provide direct feedback to the designers, a *Meet the Designers* session will be convened on Thursday August 17, 2006, from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, in the supper room of the Palmwoods Memorial Hall.

In attendance will be various members of the working group that have prepared the design. Cr Jenny McKay will also be in attendance.

To have your say on the Palmwoods Town Centre Concept Plan, write to: Palmwoods Town Centre Design, c/- Paul Summers Planning Strategies, PO Box 1074, Tewantin, or email from website www.paulsummersplanning.com.au. Submissions are to be received by Friday September 1, 2006.

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