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## Palmwoods, Maroochy Shire

### Town Centre Design




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## Introduction

- Welcome
- Fulfilling our undertaking to report back to the original group
- Programme
  - Review outcomes from the In- & Out-of Centre Workshop held in April 2005
  - Examine activities of the working group since that time
  - Review the concept plan
- Timing and housekeeping
- Participants



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## In- & Out-of Centre Workshop – Reasons for Workshop

- Concerns leading to the workshop
  - Planning Scheme
  - Rumours
  - Upgrades stymied
  - Levels of service
  - More shopping elsewhere
- Small community implications of in- and out-of-centre development
  - Positive and negative implications
  - Sometimes dramatic impacts - sometimes with dying centres
  - Recent success stories of in-centre development

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## In- & Out-of Centre Workshop – Running of the Workshop

- Benefits & Disbenefits of In- & Out-of-Centre Development



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## In- & Out-of Centre Workshop – Outcomes from the Workshop 1

- The unanimous view was support for in-centre development, as it:
  - Reinforces Palmwoods' village and heritage role
  - Provides vitality to the heart of Palmwoods and synergies for the various businesses that are located or will locate in Palmwoods;
  - Provides a focus for financial commitments from both the public and private sector aiding in solving existing and future issues in Palmwoods; and
  - Is consistent with the long-term planning carried out by Maroochy Shire Council and by the community in Palmwoods.

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## In- & Out-of Centre Workshop – Outcomes from the Workshop 2

- Participants were also of the view that out-of-centre development:
  - Detracts from the village and heritage role of Palmwoods and detracts from the reasons the town and its surrounds are attractive to residents;
  - Fragments the business centre and inhibits the development of synergies and efficiencies, with a grave concern that the existing centre will die or take years to recover;
  - Fragments the focus for expenditure from both the public and private sector, yet the existing parking, traffic and pedestrian problems will still persist, whilst traffic movements between the two centres will exacerbate these issues; and
  - Is inconsistent with the long-term planning carried out by Maroochy Shire Council and by the community in Palmwoods.

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**In- & Out-of Centre Workshop – Actions Required**

- If the community feels strongly about achieving in-centre development and defeating out-of-centre development, what was it prepared to do?
- What should the community do to activate the issue?
- What critical investment should be made?
- How does the community get the ball rolling on the responses to the questions?



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**Establishment of Working Group**

- A number of people signed up to form a working group that would examine the questions
- After the workshop, a number of other people came forward, with the full group comprising:
  - Joanna Jones
  - John Kenny
  - June Tornabene
  - Malcolm Brown
  - Mac Woolcock
  - Stuart Venn
  - Tanneke Booth
  - Assisted by Jenny M'Kay, various Maroochy Council staff
- Cr M'Kay arranged funding for facilitation of the group
- And we set to work

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**Activities of the Working Group 1**

- Tuesday 21 June 2005: Evening meeting to review tasks and establish how we would proceed
- Saturday 13 August 2005: Half-day workshop comprising data gathering, assimilation and goal setting
- Goal: Put the *Main* back in Main Street



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**Activities of the Working Group 2**

1. Use slope to assist in giving interest to the aesthetic/amenity qualities of Palmwoods and to control the scale and form of development.
2. Improve pedestrian amenity and safety and increase pedestrian flows, movements and visibility to Main Street.
3. Facilitate relocation of pedestrian activated commercial functions to Main Street (the likes of cafes, post office, chemist, bakery, newsagent etc.).
4. Retain Margaret Street commercial area for office or single destination-based activities.
5. Ensure new commercial opportunities refocus and revitalise Palmwoods, not divide it in two.
6. Create simpler, safer and more interesting pedestrian flows.
7. Retain the Queensland vernacular in Palmwoods whilst maintaining variety and visual interest.
8. Identify any opportunities for landscape to strengthen the character of Palmwoods.

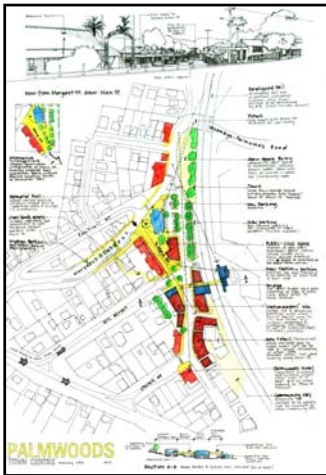
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**Activities of the Working Group 3**

- Saturday 19 November 2005: Full-day workshop to prepare a concept design
- Monday 03 April 2006: Breakfast workshop to review draft Concept Plan
- [Concept Plan](#)



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### Where to from here

- Friday 04/08/2006: Formal consultation commences
- Thursday 17/08/2006: Meet the Designers Session
- Friday 01/09/2006: Submissions close
- Around mid-September: Working group will consider the submissions
- At some later date it is hoped that the community will present the results to Council, with a view to seeking that Council proceed with the plan
- Further information, visit [www.paulsummersplanning.com.au](http://www.paulsummersplanning.com.au) and click the Palmwoods Community link in the menu

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