

Committee meeting, June 11

. **Presentation by Dave Barry (CEO Alpine Shire), Charlie Bird (Director Assets) and Francine Stacey (Project delivery)**

Dave Barry introduced the staff and briefly highlighted the following points:-

1. Major restructure involving savings of \$1.5m mainly through staffing reconfiguration and reduction of car pool
2. Lowest rate increase in 15 years, second smallest in the state, and simplification of fee structures and payment methods.
3. Money being put back into inter-generational community projects
4. Where is the money spent?
43% generated in Bright, 41% spent in Bright
32% generated in Myrtleford, 30% spent in Myrtleford
24% generated in Mt.Beauty, 28% spent in Mt. Beauty - calculated on a 5 year average

Francine Stacey presented the current concepts for the Progressing Place Project. She is very new to the task of project delivery for the Alpine Shire, having only commenced on June 2, but has done consultancy work previously for the Shire. The general agreement was that she had come to grips with the project very quickly and presented very well. Any further queries re this project should be addressed to her. Simon Jones is now in an acting managerial position and both report to Charlie as Assets Director.

During the presentation, and in discussion following, we were able to ask questions and bring forward concerns and/or concepts which we thought should be considered.

There was considerable discussion of the plans for the playground, as the original group driving these plans has disbanded.

ACTION: Form a committee with Jenny Kusz and Rod Hyde (now a member) from our committee taking the lead and seeking input from those directly involved with use of the playground.

Francine and Charlie noted our comments. They will have further discussions with other community groups and will present the resulting refined plans to the community at large at the July market, when plans will be on display and the community able to have their input noted.