



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES (as amended)

19 AUGUST 2020

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:14am

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Steve Heywood
Councillor Jane MacAllister
Councillor Don McKinnon (Via Video Conference)
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Peter Nunan
Councillor Bill Wheeldon OAM

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Matthew Carlin (Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant General Manager)
April Crouch (Human Resources Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Nichols declared significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.5 and Item 9.16 because she is the Vice President of the Wentworth Bowling Club.

Councillor Wheeldon declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.5 due to his involvement with Murray House and the Wentworth Rotary Club.

Councillor McKinnon declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.6 as his son is employed at the landfill.

Councillor Heywood declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.6 as a family member is employed at the landfill.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 15 July 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 15 July 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/20/404

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The Outstanding Matters report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 10 August 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 10 August 2020.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/403

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Moved Cr. Hederics, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

File Number: RPT/20/412

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

A meeting of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee was held on 28 July 2020. The Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks resolutions of Council on the following:

- approval of the Quarterly Budget Review Statement
- adoption of the various policies (attached) endorsed by the committee

The Committee has also requested Council notes:

- the six-monthly Operational Plan progress report
- the interim management letter presented to the committee by the Audit Office of NSW and Council's auditors, Nexia Australia

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the Council meeting on 26 June 2019
2. adopts the recommended changes to the following policies:
 - a. Deferred Payment Arrangements
 - b. Donations, Contributions and Grants
 - c. Private Works
 - d. Rates – reduction of Developer Costs
 - e. Rating Sewerage Service
 - f. Capital Contributions towards sporting facilities and community
 - g. Asset Accounting
 - h. Asset Disposal
 - i. Media Statements
3. notes the six-monthly progress report against the 2019/20 Operational Plan
4. notes the interim management letter from the Audit Office on Council's interim audit

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the Council meeting on 26 June 2019
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 - a. Deferred Payment Arrangements
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3. notes the six-monthly progress report against the 2019/20 Operational Plan
4. notes the interim management letter from the Audit Office on Council's interim audit

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

8.2 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION (MDA) DELEGATES REPORT JULY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/429

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

At the 20 April 2020 Murray Darling Association (MDA) Board meeting it was resolved that a monthly Delegate's Report be forwarded to all member Councils & delegates.

Recommendation

That Council notes the Delegate's Report for July 2020 from the Murray Darling Association.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the Delegate's Report for July 2020 from the Murray Darling Association.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

**8.3 WILLANDRA LAKES REGION WORLD HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT APRIL 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/466

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Cr MacAllister attended a meeting of the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee as Councils delegate on 21 and 22 April 2020. The April 2020 report of the Committee is attached.

Recommendation

That the information provided by Cr MacAllister on the activities of the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee.

Council Resolution

That the information provided by Cr MacAllister on the activities of the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee be noted.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/405

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars

Details of OLG circular 20-29 to 20-30

2. Meetings

As listed

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed

4. Other items of note

Nil

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.2 CALL FOR MOTIONS LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

File Number: RPT/20/409

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

At the 19 February 2020 meeting Council endorsed the Mayor and General Manager to represent Council at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. The conference dates have been changed and it will now occur 22 to 24 November 2020. A call for motions closes 28 September 2020.

Recommendation

That Council nominate motions to be put forward for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

Council Resolution

That Council formulate motions for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be brought to the September meeting of Council.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

9.3 DPIE ASSESSMENT OF TAKE AND PROTECTION DURING FIRST FLUSH FLOWS IN THE NORTHERN BASIN REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/438

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has released their *Assessment of take and protection during first flush flows in the Northern Basin* report. (attached)

In January and February 2020, the NSW Northern Murray Darling Basin received significant rainfall and inflows, following an extended dry period. These flows were protected from take by section 324 restrictions under the *Water Management Act 2000*, to meet critical human and environmental needs in the northern valleys and the Lower Darling.

Council has also received a related request from Maryanne Slattery of Slattery & Johnson who specialise in water policy and management in the Murray-Darling Basin. This request asks for a financial contribution toward the proposed Floodplain Harvesting Project (attached).

Slattery & Johnson have been engaged by Southern Riverina Irrigators to map and estimate on-farm storages in Northern NSW.

Recommendation

That Council notes the *Assessment of take and protection during first flush flows in the Northern Basin* report.

That Council considers the Floodplain Harvesting Project Proposal from Slattery and Johnson determines a financial contribution to the project.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the *Assessment of take and protection during first flush flows in the Northern Basin* report.

That Council grants the Floodplain Harvesting Project Proposal from Slattery and Johnson a financial contribution of \$5000.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon

CARRIED

Councillor Nunan, Councillor Nichols, Councillor McKinnon and Councillor Evans requested that their vote against providing a financial contribution to the Floodplain Harvesting project be recorded.

9.4 POLICY REVIEW - WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

File Number: RPT/20/450

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The Acknowledgement of Country Policy was last adopted by council on 28 June 2017. It was presented to the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee for endorsement, but a number of issues were identified with the policy. It was agreed rather than wait until the next meeting, the changes should be forwarded to Council for consideration.

Recommendation

That Council approves the draft Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Policy.

Council Resolution

That Council adopts the Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Policy.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.5 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/20/434

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Shenay Harris - Coordinator Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

*Councillor Wheeldon left the meeting room at 11:16am as he declared a conflict of interest.
Councillor Nichols left the meeting room at 11:16am as she declared a conflict of interest.*

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$187,000.00 (inclusive of GST) for the 2020/21 financial year for the consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$99,401.00 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemptions from the Application" process. The total value of requests granted so far for this financial year totals \$0.00.

The total value of requests for this August 2020 funding application period totals \$14,580.72 which if granted in full, would leave a balance in the Donations, Contributions and Grants fund of \$73,018.28.

Recommendation

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance, makes appropriate recommendations on the level of funding to be provided to each of these applications, from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program.

Motion

That Council grant funding to all items as listed in the table as nominated.

Moved Cr. MacAllister

In the absence of a seconder for the motion, the motion lapsed.

Amendment

That Council grant funding to each of the applications listed with the exception of the Alcheringa Saints Basketball Club Inc reduced to \$3000, Fort Courage & Ozfish Unlimited reduced to \$2500 and the Wentworth Bowling Club Inc reduced to \$1600 provided the event goes ahead from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program. Where there is a grant that there be an acquittal process.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone**Council Resolution**

That Council grant funding to each of the applications listed with the exception of the Alcheringa Saints Basketball Club Inc \$3000, Fort Courage & Ozfish Unlimited \$2500 and the Wentworth Bowling Club Inc \$1600 provided the event goes ahead from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program. Where there is a grant that there be an acquittal process.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone**CARRIED**

Councillor Wheeldon & Councillor Nichols returned to the meeting room at 11:28am

9.6 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES OPERATIONS UPDATE

File Number: RPT/20/443

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.35am as he declared a conflict of interest.

Councillor Heywood left the meeting room at 11.35am as he declared a conflict of interest.

Summary

At the Ordinary Council held on 18 December 2019, Council endorsed the recommendation to explore alternative options for the management of Council's waste facilities.

Recommendation

That Council notes the Waste Management Facilities update.

That Council process the site expansion Development Application prior to commencing the tender for operations of Council's waste facilities.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the Waste Management Facilities update.

That Council process the site expansion Development Application prior to commencing the tender for operations of Council's waste facilities.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

Councillor McKinnon and Councillor Heywood returned to the meeting at 11.33 am

Council Resolution

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of morning tea.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

Meeting suspended at 11:33am

Council Resolution

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

Meeting resumed at 11:44am

9.7 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/419

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of July 2020 were \$739,381.24. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 8.47%. For comparison purposes 9.15% of the levy had been collected at the end of July 2019. Council currently has \$26,871,471.00 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

That Council approves the incorrectly charged water account of \$6,314.40 to be written off

Council Resolution

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

That Council approves the incorrectly charged water account of \$6,314.40 to be written off.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.8 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/373

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 31 July 2020 Council had \$23,005,304.11 invested in term deposits and \$2 million in a cash at call account. Council received \$18,314.08 from its investments for the month of July 2020.

In July 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.23% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$14,177,723.24 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.9 REQUEST TO AFFIX SEAL - DISCOVERY HOLIDAY PARKS VARIATION TO BURONGA CARAVAN PARK LEASE

File Number: RPT/20/387

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

Council has entered into a lease (AP523893) agreement with Discovery Holiday Parks. In part of this lease is an agreed Capital Works Schedule to upgrade a number of infrastructure and compliance issues in three stages, within an agreed timeframe.

Discovery Parks has requested an extension of time to complete stage 1. The challenges of COVID-19 has caused a delay in completing all the proposed works, therefore a variation to the original lease capital works target dates has been requested.

A Variation of Lease has been prepared by the Discovery Holiday Parks which is required to be signed, sealed and delivered under seal.

Recommendation

That Pursuant to Clause 400 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Council endorses the variations to the lease and authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the agreement and affix the seal of the Wentworth Shire Council.

Council Resolution

That Pursuant to Clause 400 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Council endorses the variations to the lease agreement with Discovery Holiday Parks and authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the agreement and affix the seal of the Wentworth Shire Council.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

**9.10 REQUEST TO AFFIX SEAL - ROAD SERVICES COMPENSATION AGREEMENT /
TRONOX MINING AUSTRALIA - A52 NOB ROAD**

File Number: RPT/20/393

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

The General Manager advised that Item 9.10 has been withdrawn from the agenda based on the advice from Tronox Mining Australia that they will not be proceeding.

9.11 REQUEST TO AFFIX COUNCIL SEAL - A43 HENDY ROAD BURONGA - DEED OF AGREEMENT LANDHOLDERS COMPENSATION

File Number: RPT/20/416

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.1 Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations

Summary

Council is entering into a Deed of Agreement for Easement with affected landholders of the Hendy Road Buronga, Sewer Pump Station stage #1 and #2 upgrade works.

Under the terms of the Land Acquisition Act 1991, Council is responsible for any cost that the owner reasonably incurs in association with Council acquiring the easement for sewer over his/her land which an underground sewer main has been installed.

Subject to the terms of this Deed, the Landowner has agreed to grant the Easement over their land to Council, for the operation, protection and maintenance of the works, for which compensation is payable.

Recommendation

That Pursuant to Clause 400 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Council endorses the Deed of Agreement and authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the agreement and affix the seal of the Wentworth Shire Council.

Council Resolution

That Pursuant to Clause 400 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* Council endorses the Deed of Agreement and authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the agreement and affix the seal of the Wentworth Shire Council.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.12 NAMING OF WENTWORTH SHOWGROUNDS PAVILION

File Number: RPT/20/417

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities

Summary

Council has received a request from the Wentworth Show Society to rename the newly constructed community purpose building the "Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion".

The Wentworth Show Society Committee resolved at their 9 July 2020, General Meeting to endorse the renaming of the "Barrett Pavilion" to the "Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion" as this tells you where it is, what it is and that it is for the whole of the community. The Committee feels that the newly chosen name is inclusive and will be relevant for a very long time.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the request to formally rename the newly built community pavilion at the Wentworth Showgrounds the "Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion".

Council Resolution

That Council endorses the request to formally rename the newly built community pavilion at the Wentworth Showgrounds the "Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion".

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.13 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF JULY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/456

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

For the month of July 2020, a total of 18 Development Applications and six S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$4,984,015.00. This brings the year to date total to 90 Development Applications and 25 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$22,763,809.00.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of July 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

Council Resolution

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of July 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Elstone, Evans, Hederics, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

Against the Motion: ***Nil.***

9.14 DARETON MEN IN A SHED - FUTURE NEEDS

File Number: RPT/20/440

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination

Summary

The Secretary of Dareton Men in a Shed have written to Council seeking our assistance in any way possible to help them relocate to a new purpose-built facility to be constructed on the parcel of land behind the existing public swimming pool on Lot 101 DP 1232722 in Matong Street, Dareton.

Recommendation

That Council supports the concept of the Dareton Men in a Shed infrastructure being located on Lot 101 DP 1232722 subject to the regulated approvals process; and further that Dareton Men in a Shed be encouraged to lodge a formal development application to officially commence the process.

Council Resolution

That Council supports the concept of the Dareton Men in a Shed infrastructure being located on Lot 101 DP 1232722 subject to the regulated approvals process.

That Dareton Men in a Shed be encouraged to lodge a formal development application to officially commence the process.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.15 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - PROJECT UPGRADE

File Number: RPT/20/378

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

As part of the OLG Capital Expenditure Review, quarterly project update reports are required to be provided to Council.

The report includes overall progress of the project, identifies any budget variances that may impact on the project and also identifies any issues that may have an adverse impact on the works.

Council are currently undertaking a major upgrade of the Wentworth Aerodrome. The works include the construction of a new 08/26 Runway and redevelopment of the existing 08/26 Runway to a parallel taxiway, plus an upgrade and expansion of the existing apron area. The new runway and supporting infrastructure have been designed to Code 2B instrument, non-precision requirements in accordance with the Part 139 (Aerodrome) Manual of Standards 2019 (MOS).

As part of the project Pilot Activated Lighting (PAL) will be installed enabling 24-hour usage of the Aerodrome. This incorporates Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL), Apron Floodlighting and Illuminated Wind Direction Indicators (IWDI).

NSW Treasury confirmed in May 2019 that Council was successful in securing \$8,420,000 in Restart funding through the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund – Growing Local Economies Program. With Council's contribution of \$700,000 the overall budget for the project equals \$9,120,000.

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained in the Wentworth Aerodrome upgrade report.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.16 PROJECT AND WORKS REPORT UPDATE - AUGUST 2020

File Number: RPT/20/431

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

This report provides a summary of the major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Division which have been completed during the months of June and July 2020 and the planned works for August 2020.

Recommendation

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Council Resolution

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Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 MENINDEE LAKES WATER SAVINGS PROJECT

File Number: RPT/20/406

Motion

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Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

10.2 STURT HIGHWAY - IGA SUPERMARKET BURONGA

Cr Susan Nichols asked when the works at the entrance to the IGA Supermarket at Buronga will be fixed and completed.

The Director of Roads and Engineering advised that design issues had stalled the project which have now been rectified. Works are on track to be completed at the end of September.

10.3 WILLOWBEND CARAVAN PARK KITCHEN

Cr Susan Nichols asked when the transportable kitchen building will be moved to the Willowbend Caravan Park.

The General Manager advised that the transportable buildings are required to be removed by the end of August 2020.

Councillor Nunan left the meeting at 12:24pm

10.4 WENTWORTH SKATEPARK

Cr Susan Nichols asked if there could be toilets provided closer to the skatepark.

The Director of Roads advised there will be works undertaken at the Wentworth Swimming Pool to allow access to the toilets from the Skatepark.

10.5 THE BIG YABBY

Cr Steve Heywood advised he is willing to move the Big Yabby. Where should it be placed?

The General Manager advised the Big Yabby is currently not a project and would like Council's position on this matter.

10.6 SURVEY OF DARETON PROPERTIES

Cr Don McKinnon asked if a survey of Dareton properties that need to be cleaned up is completed and action taken where required.

The Director of Health and Planning advised that the Compliance Officer has completed a survey.

10.7 WENTWORTH EFFLUENT DISPOSAL STATION

Cr Bill Wheeldon if we have funding for the upgrade of the Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station.

The General Manager advised Council has received funding for the upgrade of the Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station project and works are required to be completed by June 2022.

10.8 EFFLUENT DISPOSAL STATION BURONGA

Cr Greg Evans asked when the Buronga effluent disposal station will be completed.

10.9 PUBLIC TOILET UPGRADE WENTWORTH

Cr Greg Evans asked when the Public Toilet upgrade at Wentworth in Darling Street will be completed.

11 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Meeting closed at 12:39pm

NEXT MEETING

16 September 2020

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CHAIR