

**REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY,
26 APRIL 2017**



1. WATER SUPPLY, PRESSURE AND QUALITY ISSUES IN BUNDANOON

7790, 7790/3, 7706/3

Clr I M Scandrett referred to correspondence from the Bundanoon Community Association regarding various matters in relation to water supply, pressure and quality issues in Bundanoon and asked:

- (a) When can Council respond in detail to the Bundanoon Community Association?

REPLY FROM MANAGER WATER AND SEWER

Council staff met with General Manager and Deputy General Manager Operations, Finance and Risk on Monday 8 May 2017 to discuss the issues raised in the letter from the Bundanoon Community Association (BCA) dated 18 April 2017. An appropriate response will be sent to the BCA shortly.

- (b) If an information session can be held with Councillors, staff and the Bundanoon Community Association on these matters?

REPLY FROM MANAGER WATER AND SEWER

An information session for Councillors will be held at an appropriate future date when options to address the issues raised by the BCA have been fully investigated. The General Manager intends to meet with the BCA with relevant staff at a future date yet to be organised.

2. COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE

7415

Clr I M Scandrett referred to commercial signage that can be displayed on Council leased properties, premises and lands casually. He asked if staff could advise what permissions need to be sought by the lessees/licensees in order to display such commercial sponsors' messages.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

Signs and signage are governed by the planning provisions under the development control plans or under the state environmental planning policy.

Where council land is contemplated for erecting a sign then the provisions of Leasing and Licensing under the *Local Government Act 1993* are also taken into consideration

3. DELAYS IN ROAD LINE MARKING AROUND THE SHIRE

7405

Clr I M Scandrett advised that he is concerned about delays in road line marking around the Shire, notwithstanding rain issues recently (eg, Mt Broughton Road, Tourist Road, etc).

[It was noted that this question was written out but was not read at the Meeting].

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

It is acknowledged that there have been some delays in completed line marking following roadworks.

Generally this line marking delay has been associated with Council's bitumen re-sealing program carried out by specialist re-sealing contractors.

However, in most cases the delays have been for valid reasons.

1. As a general rule, line marking should not be undertaken until the road is swept of loose stones (generally 2 to 7 days depending on various factors).
2. Line marking should not be applied until the bitumen has "set" and any "volatiles" have evaporated (generally up to 14 days from initial application).
3. Line marking should not be applied when it is raining or rain threatening. 74 rain days of rain was recorded in the current bitumen sealing "season" which has contributed to many of the delays and has affected the programs of most of their clients.

4. BOWRAL RUGBY CLUB

6610/3

Clr G M Turland asked if the Mayor could write to the Bowral Rugby Club congratulating the Club on the success of the game on Saturday 22 April 2017 between Sydney University and Northern Suburbs which showcased the Southern Highlands when the game was televised by Channel 7.

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE, STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Letter prepared and sent under the Mayor's signature on 3 May 2017.

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEMINAR

107/24.2, 5320/67

Clr G M Turland asked if Council staff could attend the Affordable Housing Australia Seminar on 17 and 18 May 2017 and report back to Council on the findings of that Seminar.

The Deputy General Manager Corporate, Strategy and Development Services advised that staff are attending this Seminar.

RESPONSE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

6. ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

1671/1

Clr G M Turland asked if the Mayor could write to all the RSL sub-branches congratulating them for their professional presentation of the ANZAC Day ceremonies throughout the Shire.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

A letter of appreciation will be sent, via the Mayor's Office to all local RSL Sub Branch Associations and Community Organisations involved with staging ANZAC Day Memorial Services throughout the Shire.

7. NEW POOL

6703/4

Clr G M Turland asked if Council staff can investigate the possibility of constructing a new eight lane pool over the old Mittagong pool before going through the completion of the upgrade to the damaged pool, as it might be a benefit to Council to upgrade the pool. He advised that with construction of a new pool water could be allowed to run underneath the pool so it does not flood again.

REPLY FROM MANAGER PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS

Council staff have been instructed to undertake the rectification work at the swimming centre to open the pool for the 2017/18 swimming season.

This allows insufficient time to develop a complete understanding of the issues associated with the Councillors' proposal and complete the current scope of works in the timeframe required.

The proposal raises various issues for consideration including:

- Constructability;
- Plant operation (currently 50m pool and Learn to swim pool share plant);
- Accessibility and linking with surrounding site facilities;
- Potential for damage from debris in flood events;
- Cost.

It is suggested that Council should develop a Wingecarribee Shire Aquatic Centre Strategy in conjunction with an Aquatic Centre business plan, in consultation with the community, to set out the long term direction for the operation of Council's swimming facilities into the future.

8. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MOSS VALE POLICE STATION - PARKING OF WORK VEHICLES

1440/5, 7460/26

Clr L A C Whipper advised that he was looking for a car park today, and noticed that there appeared to be a number of construction workers vehicles – about eight - parked in the Council Car Park in Elizabeth Street, despite assurances given by the Police Inspector that no work vehicles would take up any public car spaces. He asked for clarification of when these vehicles would be gone.

The General Manager advised that this question will be referred to Inspector John Klepczarek who is the Police point of contact in dealing with community issues.

REPLY FROM GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager confirms that the Project Manager and Inspector John Klepczarek have again been advised of concerns relating to construction workers vehicles taking up public car spaces.

9. **LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

5501/3, 5500

Clr T D Gair referred to an article printed about himself and his son last week, and to quotes in an email posted on Clr I M Scandrett's Facebook today. Clr Gair noted his advice to Clr Scandrett is that he should castrate his calves properly and leave the saleyards and cattle to the people who care and know what they are on about. Clr Gair asked if Clr Scandrett castrated his calves inappropriately.

Clr I M Scandrett asked if Clr Gair could send him the name of his lawyers for the service of documents.

Clr Gair advised that this is on Clr Scandrett's public Facebook page.

The Mayor Clr K J Halstead advised that Councillors should generally be very careful about telling someone else about what a conflict of interest might or might not be because it is up to the individual Councillor to make that determination. He advised that every Councillor has to make that decision himself.

RESPONSE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

10. **BOWRAL HOSPITAL**

1805/4, 1814

Clr G Markwart advised that he had been informed by Mr Jai Rowell, MP, that the Clinical Services Plan for the Bowral Hospital will be provided to Council shortly, and asked if this will be made available to the public generally in some form?

The General Manager advised that this question would be taken on notice and it will be addressed by the party who is providing the information.

RESPONSE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

11. **CONNECTION OF SEWERAGE TO INKERMAN ROAD, MITTAGONG**

7624, RD1212

Clr G McLaughlin advised that he had received representations from a resident of Inkerman Road, Mittagong relating to connection of sewerage in Inkerman Road, Mittagong. He asked if Council is looking at sewerage at some time in the future.

REPLY FROM MANAGER WATER AND SEWER

In brief, there is current sewerage infrastructure (i.e. trunk main) that runs through part of Inkerman Road, however, there are no immediate plans to install sewerage infrastructure to the current lots in the Inkerman Road area. I have been advised that a possible DA being managed by Council's Planning, Development and Regulatory Services branch is in place

for a 20-30 lot subdivision in Cardigan Street which will connect to the sewerage infrastructure in Inkerman Road.
