

Interim Administrator Community Meetings

Robertson/Kangaloon/Glenquarry – 27 October 2021

Issues raised	Response
<p>Issue with neighbours (within village area) not paying for rubbish collection and as such regularly burning off plastics etc. Is it compulsory that if rubbish collection is available it must be used?</p>	<p>If the residents are in a compulsory collection zone they would be paying for the collection and should be using it. Residents can call Council rangers when the burn off is happening to enable it to be investigated.</p>
<p>Rubbish collection service is not available to residents past the Robertson Pie Shop – there are a number of properties on the Illawarra Hwy that would benefit from this service and trucks can easily turn at Tourist Road. Will Council consider inclusion in collection services?</p>	<p>Under the current Waste Collection contract, the area past the Robertson Pie Shop is out of the collection area. These areas can be taken into consideration by the incumbent contractor and a service offered at their discretion.</p> <p>The option of continuing past the pie shop was put to the Contractors contract manager who declined the option to take up the additional services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasoning was too few properties to service and the distance required to travel to facilitate a suitable turning area for the trucks. • The current commercial service available runs smaller trucks compared to the Council contractor, allowing him to access smaller turning areas but requiring a higher charge due to the smaller load capacity requiring more frequent trips back to the Resource Recovery Centre to empty. <p>Council is currently updating its mapping system, which will allow the designated waste collection routing to be reviewed for the new collection tender due to commence in 2024.</p>

<p>Residents of Lees Road have been advised that it is not possible for them to receive rubbish collection due to no turning area. They believe there is room available. Can council reconsider.</p>	<p>Lees Rd has been inspected by Council's road engineers and they do not believe that the road is suitable for the size of the trucks that the Council contractor operates. To put these trucks on this road will destroy the surface of the road, the trees would have to be trimmed and/or removed. Highlands Tip Trips offer a service on this road as they run smaller trucks.</p>
<p>Residents removing 'Fireweed' are advised to put this in the green waste bin. As there is no rubbish collection available for residents between Illawarra Hwy and Tourist Road, they have to take bags of Fireweed to RRC to dispose of and are charged \$20 each time.</p> <p>Can Council consider this process, as it is a noxious weed that property owners have an obligation to remove?</p>	<p>Fireweed is to be disposed of in the inert waste, with a minimum charge allowing you to dispose of up to 40kg of waste (this allows you to bring in other materials that you may wish to dispose of other than food scraps.)</p> <p>Alternatively, below is an extract from the Department of Primary Industries Weed Wise site on control of Fireweed https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Control</p> <p><i>Long-term fireweed control needs to consider that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>most new seedlings appear in autumn</i> • <i>many new seedlings appear after rain when temperatures are 15–27°C</i> • <i>seedlings grow fast and can flower 6–10 weeks after emerging</i> • <i>flowering and seeding occur mostly in spring</i> • <i>most plants die off by late spring</i> • <i>some plants live for up to three years - the tops die back in spring and regrow the following autumn</i> • <i>fireweed seed buried deeper than two centimetres is unlikely to germinate</i> • <i>long-term follow up is essential because about 15% of seeds remain dormant for over 10 years.</i> <p><i>In pastures, combine grazing strategies, pasture improvement and strategic herbicide use.</i></p>