
REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 July 2018

Clr T D Gair indicated that he has received a request from a resident in relation to building activity at 18 Watkins Road Moss Vale who would like to know whether a DA for this activity has been approved.

RESPONSE FROM THE GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Council staff have contacted the community member to achieve a greater understanding of the substance of the complaint and the nature of the activities being carried out on the subject site.

Council has prioritised an inspection of the premises on 30 July 2018 to verify the substance of the complaint and if necessary undertake further investigations and punitive actions.

Clr G McLaughlin indicated that a member of the community raised concerns regarding the trees planted in East Bowral. Could Council staff please advise what type of tree they are and whether they are likely to cause damage?

RESPONSE FROM THE GROUP MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

- Plane Tree Close, East Bowral, consists of 30 trees with 14 house blocks.
- The plane trees in question at Plane Tree Close were planted very close together at the time of the subdivision development.
- Council's tree and vegetation manager reports that three of the trees have a bark disease and will require removing.
- The remainder of the trees are healthy and have been crown raised for large vehicles and pedestrian access within the last 12 months.

Currently Council manages tree maintenance budgets within a strict risk management protocol. Whilst the removal of every second tree in Plane Tree Close is feasible, Council's current tree maintenance program has greater priorities managing higher tree risk obligations in line with Council's tree risk management plan.

Council has also responded to recent customer requests and tasked the street sweeper to provide additional street cleansing operations in the East Bowral precinct, including Plane Tree Close, to assist with clearing excess leaves from roadside guttering at the end of autumn.

Clr P W Nelson informed Council that he received correspondence from Mr Brian Mitchell of Bundanoon, which was addressed to the Minister for Family and Community Services the Hon Pru Goward MP. Can Council write to Mr Mitchell and advise him of Council's footpath construction program for 2018/19?

Clr Nelson tabled this letter.

The General Manager advised that Council will write to Mr Mitchell as per Clr Nelson's request.

Clr G M Turland asked council staff to have a further briefing session with Councillors regarding the Development Application on the OLSH property at 2-18 Centennial Road, Bowral.

RESPONSE FROM THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A Councillor briefing session will be arranged in August.

Clr G M Turland advised that the Captain of the Bowral Fire Station would like to meet with Council to discuss his wish to extend the fire station to the East to accommodate equipment.

The General Manager advised that Council will look into it if provided with the request from Clr Turland in writing.