
REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

1. VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENTS

101/2, 5607

Clr I M Scandrett referred to his Question with Notice 05/2017 regarding Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) and asked whether there is an update on this, particularly with reference to Chelsea Gardens and Commungie which Council staff are now processing the planning for, and when can Councillors have a briefing on VPAs and Chelsea Gardens/Commungie.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

The Chelsea Gardens/Commungie Project Master Plan is in its early stages of development and accordingly it would be premature to consider a Voluntary Planning Agreement at this stage associated with a future development application for the project (or if at all).

A briefing session on the Chelsea Gardens/Commungie Master Plan has been scheduled for 10 October 2018 to provide Council with a brief project update.

2. OFF-LEASE DOGS IN THE AREA OF CHERRY TREE WALK, BOWRAL

6527/14.1, 5500/1.3

Clr I M Scandrett referred to dogs walking off-lease in the area of Cherry Tree Walk towards the Bowral Street precinct and asked if staff can increase activity in that area as there have been reported instances of unleashed dog issue with pedestrians and their dogs. Clr Scandrett asked if additional signage re on-lease provisions could be considered at the Bowral Road area and nearby on local walks.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Council's Ranger Services Unit has deployed additional resources to the Cherry Tree Walk precinct and has increased patrols to ensure responsible companion animal management in the area.

From the proactive patrols to date, Council staff have not identified any compliance issues with respect to dogs not under effective control. Council will continue to monitor the situation and if warranted will install temporary signage in the location reminding pet owners of their responsibilities.

3. BRIEFING ON PLANNING THROUGHPUT AND STAFFING

800

Clr I M Scandrett asked when a briefing could be held for Councillors on Council's planning throughput and staffing, which could follow the format from the last presentation.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Staff effort has been focused to date on the development of new initiatives which will lead to greater responsiveness in decision making. A briefing session will be arranged once these new initiatives have been deployed. It is expected that a briefing session could be held in Q4 this year relating to operational staffing and also current statistics.

4. DCP ON THE SIZE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL RURAL BUILDINGS

5700/61

Clr G M Turland asked when Council will complete the DCP on the size of non-residential rural buildings, as Councillors had a briefing on the matter on 4 April 2018. He asked if an information session can be held for Councillors.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Amendments to the Rural Lands Development Control Plan with a particular focus on Equine facilities was contemplated and discussed at a Council Briefing Session in April 2018.

Council staff will prepare a report for the meeting of 10 October 2018 to further consider these proposed amendments.
