
REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018

1. CLR I M SCANDRETT'S FACEBOOK POSTING

Clr T D Gair asked the General Manager if it was appropriate for the Facebook page of Clr I M Scandrett to be sent to the Office of Local Government to determine whether there had been misrepresentation of Councillors on his Face book page. Clr Gair advised that he would hand up documents.

REPLY FROM GENERAL MANAGER

The copies of the Facebook pages of Clr Scandrett have been sent to the OLG for comment.

2. HARDSHIP POLICY IN RELATION TO RATES DEFERRAL

Clr I M Scandrett asked if staff could advise if the Hardship Policy in relation to rates deferral could be applied to the deferral of rates requests that may be received during this time of drought.

The Deputy General Manager Operations, Finance and Risk advised that the Hardship Policy is broad enough to allow for consideration of the type of situation that Clr Scandrett spoke about. He advised that people need to fill out an application and provide the necessary financial details and it would be assessed.

3. SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

Clr I M Scandrett asked if staff could advise whether there are any opportunities in a similar way, eg, slashing of hay on Council owned properties, that could provide feed for farmers who may be experiencing difficulties at this time. Clr Scandrett suggested that there may be other opportunities to provide assistance as the situation deteriorated.

REPLY FROM A/DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE AND RISK

Council does not have any Council owned properties with hay that may be slashed to provide drought relief.

Wingecarribee Shire forms part of the Sydney sub region declared drought affected. Under this declaration the New South Wales Government provides:

- Drought transport fund through low interest loans of up to \$20,000 to cover 100% of costs to transport stock, fodder or water to and from drought affected properties
- 100% of the cost of transporting donated fodder to transport providers acting in conjunction with community groups
- A subsidy of up to 50% of eligible costs for the permanent transport of stock off a farm to a maximum of \$20,000 per financial year

Farmers affected by the current drought conditions requiring assistance should contact the Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

4. RANELAGH ROAD, BURRADOO 100/4, RD1918, 7810/3

Clr G M Turland asked when Council would undertake the sealing work in Ranelagh Road, Burradoo, as the developer is not going to do it.

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE AND RISK

Council will not be undertaking any works to form and seal Ranelagh Road Burradoo as no funds have been provided in the current 2017/18 budget year. The project is currently included on the unfunded capital works program.

5. KINGS ROAD, MOSS VALE RD3365, RD8025 1010

Clr G M Turland asked if the Traffic Committee could consider the right-hand turn for traffic travelling on Argyle Street and turning right into Kings Road, Moss Vale, as it is extremely dangerous and there are often long delays for other traffic.

REPLY FROM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PLANNING ENGINEER

The intersection of Argyle Street (MR260) and Kings Road is on the State Road Network and managed by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

The RMS have advised that there has been one injury crash in the 5 year period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2017, therefore the site does not qualify for Blackspot application criteria.

The RMS will continue to monitor the junction and submit for funding applications under any suitable programs if eligibility criteria are met.

6. MEDIA POLICY

Clr G M Turland asked if the letters had been sent to media representatives seeking their accreditations.

The Deputy General Manager Corporate, Strategy and Development Services advised that letters have been sent out.
