
REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS – COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 27 June 2018

1. INSPECTIONS RELATING TO DEAD TREES

Clr G McLaughlin had a question about inspections relating to dead trees in residential areas. Cost of inspections is \$300. This is a very high amount.

The Deputy General Manager Corporate Strategy and Development Services indicated that from 1 July 2018 the fee will be revised downward.

2. REMOVAL OF RADIATA PINES

Clr T D Gair asked if a full costing of the removal of all radiata pines on the eastern side of Moss Vale road that affects newly acquired land for the Bong Bong common could come to Council.

The Acting General Manager indicated that this had already been done.

3. MOSS VALE CAR PARKING

Clr G M Turland asked if Council staff could look into opening up the Moss Vale Community oval for the purpose of opening it up for car parking.

REPLY FROM ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Council staff are currently reviewing options to provide additional parking within the Civic Centre precinct. Further advice will be provided to Councillors at a future information session.

4. STATION STREET UPGRADE

Clr G M Turland asked if Council staff bring forward a schedule of works for the Station Street upgrade to begin at Bowral Street end first (the Southern end), as opposed to the currently proposed Bundaroo Street end.

REPLY FROM MANAGER, PROJECT DELIVERY

Council officers are currently reviewing a project delivery schedule for Station Street, noting that Council must also work within requirements of Infrastructure NSW for the delivery of the project.

5. STREET LIGHTS

Clr G M Turland asked if Council staff could check all street lights around railway stations to identify those that are no longer working and need replacement, as these pose a community safety issue.

The Acting General Manager advised that there is a number written on the light post that identifies its location, people can call to advise the energy company that the light is not working and provide the identifying number. The phone number is 131 003, or go to the Endeavour Energy website and complete an online form for any problems with street lights. The link is: [Report streetlights out](#)

6. BUDGET

Clr I M Scandrett asked if Council staff could advise why the unbudgeted blowouts on the Mittagong pool and the Moss Vale pedestrian bridge were only notified to councillors two days after the Budget was approved.

REPLY FROM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Councillors were provided with an update on the Moss Vale Pedestrian Bridge and Mittagong Pool rectification works projects via email on 15 June 2018. The purpose of the email was to ensure that all Councillors were aware of funding pressures to complete the projects within the current approved budgets. The email advised Councillors that a full and complete report relating to both projects would be submitted to the Finance Committee meeting on 15 August 2018.

Council staff notified Councillors of the Budget concerns promptly, once the budget pressures were identified.

7. COUNCILLOR CONDUCT

Clr I M Scandrett asked if staff could confirm if the statutory declaration handed to all councillors in the business paper briefing earlier today (tabled for records) was in fact business of Council and was examined prior by:

- (a) Staff, or
- (b) the GM?

Clr I M Scandrett asked if answers to (a) and (b) above are no, then why was this distribution allowed? Councillor Scandrett referred to a report received from Shaw Reynolds lawyers relating to Councillor conduct.

REPLY FROM ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

The document referred to by Councillor Scandrett was distributed after the information sessions with Councillors were completed and were therefore not part of the Business of Council on that day.
