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Ordinary Council Meeting

17 March 2015

Works Committee Meeting

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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Oberon Council Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 17 March 2015

Commencing at 5.30pm
at the Oberon Council Chambers

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

3. PRAYER

The Meeting was opened in prayer by Clr Ian Doney.

4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members	Mayor John McMahon (in the Chair) Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons Clr Ian Doney Clr Jill Evans Clr Neil Francis Clr Sam Lord Clr Clive McCarthy Clr John Morgan Clr Kathy Sajowitz
Staff	Alan Cairney, General Manager Gary Wallace, Planning and Development Director Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director Rodney Wallace, Acting Works and Engineering Director Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator Sarah-Jane Holland, Customer Service Trainee

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

File No: Governance/Councillors/Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary	-	Clr Francis declared an interest in Report Item 13.07 point 1. Clr Francis owns land adjoining this application. Clr Lord declared an interest in Report Item 13.07 point 2. Clr Lord is related to an adjoining landholder who may be affected by the proposed road closure.
Non-Pecuniary Significant	-	Nil
Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant	-	Clr Gibbons declared an interest in 13.07 point 8. Clr Gibbons employer owns land which may be affected by the proposed road closure.

6. GENERAL AND CIVIC PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

Veronika Cvitanovic asked about the formation of a sub-committee of interested Youth Councillors to look at possible types of skate park facilities and styles as per the minutes of the 17 February 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Veronika asked how do we get skaters to be involved on the Working Party and has Council secured any funding for the skate park yet?

General Manager Alan Cairney advised Finance and Community Services Director, Lynette Safranek will liaise with Veronika regarding the names of people who may want to be involved in the sub-committee. Council has not secured funding for a skate park at this stage.

Phillip Haynes commented it had previously been asked if it was possible to get an extension of time to lodge the IPART Application for a Special Rate Variation and the General Manager replied no. Phillip advised that Marrickville Council had applied for an extension and were successful. Oberon Council could have done the same and saved money by not calling a Special Meeting.

Phillip Haynes asked if the work to alter the parking arrangements at the Community Centre/Library Precinct came in on budget.

Works and Engineering Director Chris Schumacher advised this work was completed within the budget.

Phillip Haynes asked was Oberon Council involved with the Health Survey which was distributed with the last Rate Notices. Was there any cost to Council?

Alan Cairney advised Oberon Council's involvement was to arrange for it to be distributed with the rate notices. There was no additional cost to include this as part of the rate notice distribution.

The Oberon RSL Sub-branch received a grant of \$7,000 for restoration of the Burruga War Memorial. President Bill Wilcox and Hon. Secretary Neville Stapleton from the Oberon RSL Sub-Branch presented a cheque to Mr Charles Lamburn from the Burruga Ag Bureau to carry out the restoration work. Charles Lamburn extended his appreciation to the Oberon RSL Sub-branch for assistance with applying for this grant and to Oberon Council for the assistance given in raising these funds.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 17 February 2015

Moved: Lord
Second: Francis

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 February 2015 be confirmed.

Carried 01 170215

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

9. MAYORAL MINUTE AND REPORT

09.01 MAYORAL MINUTE AND REPORT

File No: Governance/Meetings/Ordinary
Author: Clr John McMahon, Mayor

Summary

This report summarises the main activity for the Mayor since reported to the February Council Meeting.

Moved: Morgan
Second: Lord

That Report Item 09.01 is received as information.

Carried 02 170215

10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

10.01 NOTICE OF MOTION – CARLWOOD ROAD

File No: R2
Author: Councillor John Morgan

Summary

Seeking to have the unsealed section of Carlwood Road reconstructed and bitumen sealed due to greatly increased number of traffic movements.

Moved: Morgan
Second: McCarthy

That re-constructed and bitumen sealing of Carlwood Road, O'Connell to provide safe all weather travel route for the greatly increased number of traffic movements resulting from rezoning the area from Rural to R5, Large Lot Residential be submitted for consideration in the Operation Plan 2015/16 in conjunction with the adoption of the Oberon Community Strategic Plan 2015.

Carried 03 170215

11. COUNCILLOR AND DELEGATES REPORTS

11.01 CENTROC HEALTH WORKFORCE MEETING

File No: Governance/Ordinary/Meetings
Author: Lynette Safranek, Finance & Community Services Director; Councillor John Morgan

Summary

Councillor John Morgan and the Finance & Community Services Director attended the Centroc Health Workforce Meeting held in Forbes on 12 February 2015.

Moved: Morgan
Second: Francis

That Report Item 11.01 is received as information.

Carried 04 170315

11.02 CENTROC BOARD MEETING – BOOROWA 26 FEBRUARY 2015

File No: Government Relations/Local and Regional Consultation/Centroc
Author: Mayor John McMahon and Jenny Bennett, Centroc

Summary

The Mayor, Councillor John McMahon and General Manager, Alan Cairney attended the Centroc Board Meeting held in Boorowa on Thursday 26 February 2015.

Moved: Doney
Second: McMahon

That Delegates Report Item 11.02 is received as information.

Carried 05 170315

11.03 OBERON ARTS COUNCIL

File No: Community Relations/Community Consultation/Oberon Arts Council
Author: Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator

Summary

The Mayor, Councillor McMahon and the General Manager are Council's delegates to the Oberon Arts Council (OAC). Both delegates tendered apologies for the meeting held on Tuesday 24 February due to a conflicting appointment in Sydney.

Moved: Morgan
Second: Gibbons

That delegate's report item 11.03 is received as information.

Carried 06 170315

11.04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW TOURISM CONFERENCE

File No: Economic Development/Tourism Development
Author: Councillor Sam Lord

Summary

The Annual Local Government NSW Tourism Conference was held at Mount Panorama, Bathurst on 2 – 4 March 2015. The conference was attended by myself, General Manager Alan Cairney and Executive Coordinator, Sharon Swannell.

Moved: Lord
Second: Francis

That report item 11.04 is received as information.

Carried 07 170315

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.01 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

File: Governance/Ordinary/March 2015
Author: Lynette Safranek, Finance & Community Services Committee

Summary

Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2015 is submitted for Council's information and consideration.

Moved: Sajowitz
Second: Evans

That this report be received by Council as information, and that the Director of Finance & Community Services re-assess the location of staff within the Library.

Carried 08 170315

12.02 HERITAGE COMMITTEE

File: Governance/Meetings/Heritage Committee
Author: Gary Wallace, Planning & Development Director

Summary

Minutes of the Heritage Committee held on 23 February 2015 submitted for Council's information and consideration.

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Gibbons

That the Minutes of the Heritage Committee held on 23 February 2015 received as information.

Carried 09 170315

12.03 OBERON SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

File: Governance/Meetings/Oberon Sports Facilities Committee
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

Minutes of the Oberon Sports Facilities Committee held on 25 February 2015 is submitted for Council's information and consideration.

Moved: Gibbons
Second: Sajowitz

That the Minutes of the Oberon Sports Facilities Committee held on 25 February 2015 be received as information.

Carried 10 170315

13. REPORTS FOR DECISION

13.01 PROGRESS UPDATE – FIT FOR THE FUTURE REFORM PROGRAM

File No: Government Relations / State Liaison / Office of Local Government
Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager

Summary

A comprehensive progress report on the NSW Government Reform Program was submitted to the December Council Meeting and recommended a plan for engaging with the community and also in preparing a Fit for the Future proposal. This progress report provides an update on recent activity including a joint meeting with representatives of Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Lithgow City Council and Oberon Council.

Moved: Morgan
Second: Gibbons

That Councillor and Management Workshops be arranged to review the options for the Fit for the Future proposals, and that Community Information Sessions be held prior to submitting a proposal.

Carried 11 170315

13.02 HAZELGROVE ROAD SEAL EXTENSION

File No: R188
Author: Ian Tucker, Works Manager

Summary

Concerns a request to allocate funds to seal a section of Hazelgrove Rd.

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Morgan

That \$65,000 be allocated from Section 94 Rural Roads fund to be used in this financial year to carry out the sealing of a 600m section of Hazelgrove Rd.

Carried 12 170315

13.03 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS

File No: Governance/Ordinary/March 2015

Author: Lynette Safranek, Finance & Community Services; Chris Schumacher, Works & Engineering Director

Summary

Council were advised at the December 2014 meeting that we were applying for a Fixing Country Roads grant for the Sewell's Creek and Beaconsfield Roads. This application has been accepted and Council need to confirm acceptance of this funding, which includes a contribution of \$100,000 towards this project.

Moved: Gibbons
Second: McCarthy

That Council delegate the Mayor and General Manager to sign the deed of agreement, and the \$100,000 Council contribution be allocated when the Operational Plan is adopted in conjunction with the Oberon CSP 2015.

Further that a report be prepared for the next Works Committee Meeting regarding the location of work to be carried out.

Carried 13 170315

13.04 ROAD NAMING – UNAMED ROAD OFF NUNANS HILL ROAD

File No: BCS/ Roads /Naming /Roads and Lanes

Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

At the 17 February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved to name the unnamed section of road that runs south off Nunan's Hill Road "Baileys Lane North". This report outlines the reasons why the road cannot be named Bailey Lane North and seeks endorsement from Council for a new road name.

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Evans

That Council endorse the name of Adam's Lane for the unnamed section of road that runs south off Nunan's Hill Road.

Carried 14 170315

13.05 ROAD NAMING – UNAMED ROAD OFF O'CONNELL ROAD

File No: BCS/ Roads /Naming /Roads and Lanes

Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

In response to a Council advertisement inviting public submissions, road naming suggestions have been received for the un-named road off O'Connell Road at the recent subdivision, 2.8kms from the beginning of O'Connell Rd.

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Evans

That Council endorse a new road name of Humphries Drive for the un-named section of road that runs off O'Connell Road at the recent subdivision, 2.8kms from the beginning of O'Connell Rd.

Carried 15 170315

13.06 CLEANING CONTRACT TENDER – COUNCIL BUILDINGS

File No: Council Properties/contracting
Author: Jaclyn Burns, Health and Building Manager

Summary

This report seeks Council's engagement of a Contractor to undertake the Councils Building Cleaning Contract. Tenders were considered by staff via a serviced based and financial based evaluation matrix.

Moved: Sajowitz
Second: McCarthy

That Council accept the Tender from Pioneer Services and enter into a Contract for Building Cleaning.

Carried 16 170315

Clr Francis declared an interest in Item 13.07, point 1. Clr Francis owns land adjoining the proposed closure. Clr Francis remained in the meeting during the debate.

Clr Lord declared an interest in Item 13.07, point 2. Clr Lord's family own adjoining land the proposed road closure. Clr Lord remained in the meeting during the debate.

13.07 CROWN ROAD CLOSURES

File No: Roads/Rd Closures/Permanent
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

Applications have been submitted for the closure of a number of sections of Crown Road. A report was considered at the 17 February 2015 Council Meeting and Council resolved to seek an extension to respond to proposed closure of these sections of Crown Roads to allow proper investigation into the impacts on adjoining landholders to be carried out.

This report includes details of a further 3 applications for the closure of sections of Crown Road.

Moved: McMahon
Second: McCarthy

That Council has no objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Roads as follows provided that no properties are left without legal and practical access:

1. Crown Roads within and adjoining the property at 570 Mayfield Road, Mayfield 2787; within and adjoining the property known as “Buck Burraga” at 2481 Arkstone Road, Arkstone 2795;
2. Crown Roads within and adjoining the property known as “Penarth” at 371 Murrays Lane, Mozart 2787;
3. Crown and unformed Council Roads at O’Connell, south of Fish River, north of Mutton Falls Rd, within and adjoining properties “Rawlinson End”, “The Billabong”, “Wandeen”, and “Chelsea Park”;
4. Crown Road at Oberon, east of O’Connell Rd, south of Faugha Ballaugha Rd, within and adjoining properties 970 O’Connell Rd and 90 Faugha Ballaugha Rd;
5. Crown Road at Oberon, west of Shooters Hill Rd, south of Lake Oberon, adjoining property 352 Shooters Hill Rd.
6. Crown Road at Oberon, east of Hazelgrove Road, west of Blenheim State Forest, within property numbers 160 and 132 Hazelgrove Road.
7. Crown Road at Gingkin, north of Sheepstation Forest Road, south of Keith Armstrong Road, within and adjoining property number 207 Sheepstation Forest Road.
8. Crown Road at Edith, north of Edith Road, south of Duckmaloi River, adjoining Property number 1440 Edith Road.

Carried 17 170315

13.08 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2015.7.1 – SHED & CARPORT

File No: Property/PO11-22

Author: Health and Building Surveyor, Kerry Davison

Summary

A Development Application has been received for the construction of a shed with attached carport at 22 Carrington Avenue, Oberon. Variations to Development Control Plan (DCP) 2001 is sought, with particular reference to Part C.5.5 – “Building Height Plane”, and Part C.6.4 – “Carports and Garages.”

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Lord

That Council vary Part C.6.4 “*Carports and Garages*” and Part C.5.5 – “*Building Height Plane*” of the Oberon Development Control Plan 2001 associated to Development Application 10.2015.7.1 for the construction of a new residential shed with attached carport at Lot 2 in DP 25828, being 22 Carrington Avenue, Oberon.

Carried 18 170315

In accordance with Section 375A of The Local Government Act 1993 the following votes are recorded for and against the Motion:

Votes For: Councillors McMahon, Francis, Gibbons, Morgan, Sajowitz, McCarthy, Lord, Doney and Evans

Against: Nil

13.09 CROWN LAND – CORPORATE TRUST MANAGER

File No: Land Use & Planning/Crown Land
Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager

Summary

A request has been received from the Crown Lands Division concerning the ongoing management of the public hall at Black Springs.

Correspondence has also been received from the Oberon Children’s Centre requesting Oberon Council act as a guarantor over the security provision for the Centre to enable them to accept a capital works grant for extensions to the facility.

Moved: Gibbons
Second: Francis

That Council agree to the request to be appointed as Corporate Trust Manager of the Black Springs Hall Reserve.

Carried 19 170315

14. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

14.01 MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – GENERAL MANAGER

File No: Governance/Meetings/Ordinary
Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager

Summary

This report item summaries the main activity by the General Manager during September including Human Resources and Workplace Health & Safety, Executive Support matters, Information Technology & Communications, Community Activity, Regional Issues, Executive Management Team, and details of planned activity for the coming months.

14.02 MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

File: Governance/Meetings/Ordinary
Author: Gary Wallace, Planning and Development Director

Summary

Providing details of major work within the Planning & Development Department for March and April and provide information on statistics of work that has occurred in February.

14.03 MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - WORKS AND ENGINEERING

File: Governance/Meetings/Ordinary
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director and Ian Tucker, Works Manager

Summary

Providing a summary of the major work in the Works & Engineering Department for the month of February 2015 plus planned work for the coming months.

14.04 MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FINANCE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

File No: Governance/Meetings/Ordinary
Author: Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director

Summary

This report provides a summary of major work within the Finance and Community Services Department during February 2015, plus planned activities for the following months.

14.05 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

File No: Financial Management/Investments/Register
Author: Tim Booth, Management Accountant

Summary

Reporting the Statement of Investments as at 28 February 2015.

14.06 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE MONITORING FOR 2013/14

File No: Development and Building Controls\Development Department Statistics\DOP Stats
Author: Gary Wallace, Planning & Development Director

Summary

Each year the Department of Planning publishes the statistical performance of development approvals for New South Wales Councils.

14.07 MAYFIELD ROAD PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT

File No: R12
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director & Ian Tucker, Works Manager

Summary

This report outlines the current construction progress and accumulative expenditure on the reconstruction and sealing of the \$1.6M Mayfield Road project.

14.08 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

File No: Governance/Meetings/Ordinary
Author: Sharon Swannell, Executive Assistant

Summary

The Report Item provides a summary of incoming correspondence for the period 1 – 28 February 2015.

14.09 COUNCILLOR REQUEST FORMS

File No: Governance/Councillors
Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager

Summary

Providing an update on the status of Councillor Request Forms submitted during the last month.

Moved: Doney
Second: Lord

That report item 14.01 to 14.09 is received as information.

Carried 20 170315

15. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

16. CLOSED SESSION / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 7.33pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Oberon Council will be held on:

Tuesday 21 April 2015
commencing at 5.30pm

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7 April 2015

Commencing at 5.30pm
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1. OPENING OF MEETING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.32pm.

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Clr Ian Doney.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members Mayor John McMahon (in the Chair)
 Clr Ian Doney
 Clr Jill Evans
 Clr Neil Francis
 Clr Sam Lord
 Clr Clive McCarthy
 Clr John Morgan
 Clr Kathy Sajowitz

Staff Alan Cairney, General Manager
 Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director
 Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator

Apologies Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons

Moved: McMahon
Second: Doney

That apologies be received and accepted from Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons.

Carried 01 070415

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

File No: Governance/Councillors/Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary	-	Nil
Non-Pecuniary Significant	-	Nil
Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant	-	Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Works Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Works Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2014 were accepted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 18 November 2014, resolution number 02 181114.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Clr McCarthy asked staff to follow up a report regarding his request that Council consider reinstating the progress on the Edith and Gingkin Valley Road with completing the next 3km of bitumen sealing on both roads in the near future (see pg 7 minutes).

Clr Evans asked if a meeting has been arranged of the Common Working Party (see pg 7 minutes). The General Manager advised that he will arrange a meeting in the near future.

Clr Evans asked if there had been any action regarding the dust issue in the Oberon Showground when people are training their trotters (see pg 7 minutes). The Works and Engineering Director will send a letter to the Oberon Showground Trust regarding this issue.

Clr Evans asked if the project to lay conduit along Lowes Mount Road to allow future upgrade of lighting at the Oberon Sports Grounds, and to Hathaway Cottages was underway (see pg 5 minutes)? The Works and Engineering Director advised there has not been any action yet as this will require an electrical design for the lighting.

Clr McCarthy advised that the new conduit would need to be installed across Lowes Mount Road, and if 2 x 150ml conduit was put in this should allow for future investigation and upgrading of the lighting. He also advised that the power pole which Hathaway Cottages accesses its power from is in a deteriorating condition and needs to be upgraded.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

05.01 NOTICE OF MOTION – SAFETY CONCERNS ARKSTONE ROAD

File No: Engineering/Roads/R40
Author: Clr Neil Francis

Summary

Arkstone Road was approved as a B-Double route from the intersection of Campbells River Road to then entrance at “Ballyroe” in December 2008. Local residents have expressed concern that the road is unsuitable for B-Double trucks due to safety concerns.

Moved: Francis
Second: McCarthy

That Roads and Maritime Services be requested to review Arkstone Road as a suitable B-Double route due to safety concerns including inadequate pavement width.

This matter be referred to the next Traffic Advisory Local Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 18 June 2015 for their review.

Carried 02 070415

6. REPORTS

06.01 CONSTRUCTION OF CAMPBELLS RIVER ROAD

File No: Engineering/Roads/R45
Author: Ian Tucker, Works Manager

Summary

This provides a progress report on the reconstruction of a section of Campbells River Rd

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Lord

That Report Item 06.01 be received and noted.

Carried 03 070415

06.02 ROAD INSPECTIONS

File No: Roads/Inspections
Author: Ian Tucker, Works Manager

Summary

Provides an outline of Council's road inspection and defect response processes.

Moved: Sajowitz
Second: Morgan

That Report Item 06.02 be received and noted.

Carried 04 070415

Clr McCarthy requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

06.03 CONSTRUCTION OF CARLWOOD ROAD

File No: Engineering/Roads/R2

Author: Ian Tucker, Works Manager

Summary

Provides some preliminary advice on the future upgrading and sealing of Carlwood Rd.

Moved: Morgan
Second: McCarthy

That the allocation of funds for the upgrading and sealing of 1.5km of Carlwood Rd be considered in the Operational Plan 2015/16.

Carried 05 070415

06.04 SALE OF USED NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE FLEET VEHICLES

File No: Plant Equipment and Stores/Disposal/Vehicles

Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

This report seeks concurrence of Council for the disposal of two NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) vehicles which have been deemed by RFS as no longer serviceable.

Moved: Francis
Second: Morgan

1. Council agree to the sale of the two used NSW Rural Fire Service vehicles which are no longer serviceable.
2. Council will receive 11.4% of proceeds from the sale of the two vehicles, proceeds shall be distributed back to Council by NSW Rural Fire Service.

Carried 06 070415

06.05 TITANIA RD. ACCESS - FALSON

File No: Engineering/Roads/R22

Author: Chris Schumacher, Works & Engineering Director

Summary

This report is seeking approval to proceed with the construction of an access to a private property located on the western corner of Duckmaloi Rd and Titania Rd.

Moved: McCarthy
Second: Evans

That the matter be deferred until Council has the opportunity to review a full report of the step by step process undertaken for the original subdivision taken up along Titania Road and detailing how this operational piece of land obtained a building entitlement with no legal access.

Carried 07 070415

06.06 REMOVAL OF DECLINING PINE TREES

File No: Recreation and Cultural Services/Maintenance/Gardens and Street Trees
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

This report references to the removal of two large mature pine trees at two recreation precincts in Oberon, which have been strongly recommended by Arborists for removal.

Moved: McCarthy
Second:

That based upon professional arborists advice, Council proceed with the removal of the tree located at Apex Park, and trim the damaged limbs and reshape the tree in John Mawhood Park.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Moved: Sajowitz
Second: Morgan

That based upon professional arborists advice, Council proceed with the removal of both trees located at Apex Park and John Mawhood Park at an estimated cost of \$3,960.00 Incl. GST and that the trees be replaced in a suitable location with a suitable species.

Carried 08 070415

06.07 T2015-2 PLANT TENDER - TRUCK AND TRAILER REPLACEMENT

File No: Plant Equipment and Stores/Acquisition/Plant Replacement
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

In accordance with the Plant Replacement Program written Tender submissions are currently being sought for One Bogie Drive Tipper and Three Axle Tipping Trailer (Truck and Dog).

Moved: Doney
Second: Francis

That Report Item 06.07 be received and noted.

Carried 09 070415

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06.08 SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT PUMP FOR SLUDGE LAGOON

File No: Sewerage and Drainage/Sewerage/Sewer Assets
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

This report is to inform Council about the recent purchase of a Gorman Rupp T4A3S-B Self-Priming Sludge Pump for the Oberon Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) sludge Lagoon.

Moved: Lord
Second: Sajowitz

That Report Item 06.08 be received and noted.

Carried 10 070415

06.09 GRAVEL QUARRIES INVESTIGATION REPORT

File No: Roads/Service Provision/Quarries
Author: Chris Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Summary

Council will recall at the August Ordinary Meeting it was decided by Council to investigate the feasibility and a cost analysis of purchasing an additional gravel pit within the Oberon LGA.

Moved: Doney
Second: Lord

That Report Item 06.09 be received and noted.

Carried 11 070415

7. CLOSED SESSION / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

There are no Closed Session Reports listed for consideration.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway – Road Crossings

The Works and Engineering Director advised that he met with members of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway last week regarding the Railway Crossing over Albion Street. He is currently in discussion with Downer EDI about re-instating the crossing. The work may be done next week; it is expected to be completed within the \$50,000 allocation and will mean re-routing haulage trucks for one day.

Hazelgrove Road – Sealing Schedule

Discussion was held regarding scheduling of work to be carried out to seal the section of Hazelgrove Road at the “Bushranger Rocks” due to the weather conditions moving into Winter. The Works Crew currently working on the reconstruction of Campbells River Road will move into
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Black Springs to complete the last 100m of Abercrombie Road in the Black Springs village and the Beaconsfield Road intersection at the end of this work. Some remedial work will be completed on Abercrombie Road, to correct the camber on a section south of the Sloggetts Road intersection. It was agreed to progress as per original schedule and complete the sealing of Hazelgrove Road in the current works program.

Councillor McCarthy advised there is water laying along the centre of Abercrombie Road in two strips just prior to “Nestle Brae” and this should be addressed at the same time.

The Works and Engineering Director will investigate the water laying on Abercrombie Road.

Mayfield Road Update

The Works and Engineering Director advised that the permit has been received from The Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) for the work on increasing the Crossing over Wiseman’s Creek on Mayfield Road. There have been 12 stringent conditions placed on the work. A meeting will be held on site next Monday with construction staff prior to progressing the next stage of work.

Cycleway Plan

A Project Brief has been prepared by RMS to seek a suitably qualified contractor to conduct research, including community consultation, into active transport issues in the village of O’Connell. The contractor is required to use this information in the development of a ten year plan to facilitate and promote safe walking and cycling in the area.

Mowing at Burruga

Councillor Francis asked if Council would be willing to mow the grass at the rear of the Catholic Church when they are in Burruga mowing.

The Works and Engineering Director advised that he has written to the Catholic Church and advised that this would need to be done as a Private Work.

O’Connell Recreation Ground

Clr Morgan asked if there has been any progress regarding purchase of suitable land in O’Connell for a Recreation Ground. Clr Doney advised there has been no further progress, he will continue to attempt to obtain clarification from the Anglican Church regarding the Church land which has been identified.

Tennis Centre Lease Arrangements

Clr Sajowitz asked has the Tennis Centre lease been finalised yet?

The General Manager replied this is still ongoing.

Mayfield Road Sealing

Councillor McCarthy commented that the sealing on Mayfield Rd looks good, except for the section 500 metres south of the Wiseman’s Creek crossing where there is an area that retains water right in the centre of the road. Clr McCarthy expressed his disappointment that this section is not up to standard. He also added that there is a Roads to Recovery sign laying in the middle of the causeway and asked that it be picked up.

The Works and Engineering Director took this on notice.

Clr McCarthy asked if it would be worth running this road at 80km rather than 100km. Clr McCarthy added that he believes it has merit that we introduce that road at 80km/hr road.

The Works and Engineering Director advised this would need to be referred to RMS for a speed reduction and it could be suggested via the next Traffic Advisory Local Committee Meeting to make that review.

Nunan's Hill Road

Clr McCarthy advised there are blocked pipes at the entrance to the Water Treatment Plant along Nunan's Hill Road and as a result water is running across the road and scouring the road surface. Clr McCarthy suggested Council write to State Water and request that they address the blocked pipes.

The Works and Engineering Director will inspect this issue.

Works Committee Roads Inspections

Clr Lord asked when the next Works Committee Roads Inspection would be held.

The General Manager advised this will be done in conjunction with development of the Draft CSP process this year.

The Mayor advised there had been a serious motor vehicle accident on Abercrombie Road – near Abercrombie Mount on Monday evening and requested this section of road be included on next Roads Inspection. This may qualify for Black Spot Funding.

Cycling and Walking Signs

Clr Doney asked when the Cycling and Walking signs will be ordered and installed on Box Flat Road and Beaconsfield Road.

The Works and Engineering Director will follow this up.

Garbage at Hassall Park

Clr Doney advised he has noticed an improvement in the amount of garbage at Hassall Park. He believes some local residents have been picking rubbish up each morning and tidying the park.

Nunan's Hill Road

Clr Evans requested the Works and Engineering Director inspect the overhanging branches and dead trees along the roadside on Nunan's Hill Road.

The Works and Engineering Director will inspect this area.

Tidy Towns

Clr Evans asked if there was any information available regarding the Tidy Towns project?

The General Manager advised we had looked at the program previously and he will follow up.

Illegal Dumping

Clr Evans advised the EPA has announced grant funding to tackle illegal dumping on public land. Could we apply for this type of funding?

The General Manager replied Council would not have much public land with an issue. State Forest controls the land is where the bigger issue is.

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9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 7.31pm.

The next Works Committee Meeting of Oberon Council will be held on:

Tuesday 7 July 2015
commencing at 5.30pm

in the Oberon Council Chambers
137 – 139 Oberon Street, Oberon.