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P1. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting

File No. A2.1

Prepared by Sharon Swannell on 1 July 2010

A schedule of upcoming meetings is provided for Council's information. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a meeting notice and agenda will be forwarded to Councillors for each meeting 5 to 10 working days prior to the meeting taking place.

| Meeting | Date | Time | Venue |
|---|----------------|---------|---|
| Ordinary Council Meeting | 20 July 2010 | 5.30 pm | Council Chambers |
| Oberon Sports Complex Committee Meeting | 21 July 2010 | 4.30 pm | Sports Complex, 16 Lowes Mount Road, Oberon then Council Chambers |
| Timber Heritage Walk Committee Meeting | 2 August 2010 | 4.00 pm | Council Chambers |
| Heritage Committee Meeting | 2 August 2010 | 5.00 pm | Council Chambers |
| Library Committee Meeting | 3 August 2010 | 4.30 pm | Oberon Community Centre |
| Events Committee Meeting | 3 August 2010 | 5.30 pm | Council Chambers |
| Oberon Promotions Committee | 5 August 2010 | 9.30 am | Council Chambers |
| Ordinary Council Meeting | 17 August 2010 | 5.30 pm | Council Chambers |

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P2. TOWN IMPROVEMENT RATES

Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting

File No. A2.5

Prepared by John Chapman on 2 July 2010

During the course of discussions in relation to the adoption of the 2010/2011 Management Plan at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 15 June 2010, Councillor O'Bernier sought an explanation of the situation which led to the fact that the Town Improvement (Residential) rate in the \$ is significantly higher than the Town Improvement (Farmland) rate in the \$.

Council resolved, in August 2000, to levy a Town Improvement (Farmland) rate and a copy of the staff report recommending the rate is attached (**Attachment P2a**). Council subsequently adopted a lower rate in the \$ than recommended by staff (**Attachment P2b**).

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While Council's rating structure has remained basically unaltered since that date, the effect of fluctuations in rateable land values, together with the subdivision and subsequent re-valuation of land within the area on which the subject rate is levied, has resulted in the current substantial difference in the rate in the \$ levied.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P3. STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting

File No. C19.1

Prepared by Joanne Barton on 2 July 2010

Council resolved, on 16 June 2009, *"That staff be allowed to recruit within the adopted structure and keep council informed of staff replacements at its ordinary meetings."*

There has been no staff replacements since the April 2010 Ordinary Meeting.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P4. NATIONAL CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting

File No. E35.4

Prepared by Leigh Robins on 13 July 2010

By letter, dated 8 June 2010, (**Attachment P4**) Mr. Bernard Carlon, Divisional Director, Sustainability Programs has written in response to Council's letter to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water outlining its supports for a National Container Deposit Scheme.

The New South Wales Government is supporting an investigation into a National container deposit scheme and other options to increase packaging recovery and reduce packaging litter. This investigation is being undertaken by the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC).

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

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P5. OBERON COMMUNITY CENTRE SUBMISSIONS
Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. C21.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 13 July 2010

Council, at its 11 May 2010 Special Meeting resolved that the plan for the extension and internal alternations to the Oberon Community Centre be placed on display for further comment and following consideration of submissions received final plans be developed for the proposed extension to the Oberon Community Centre subject to alteration to the original entry foyer to the northern side.

In accordance with Council's resolution, the plans have been placed on public display, with the consultation period ending 18 June 2010.

At the conclusion of the consultation period one submission was received. (**Attachment P5**).

Staff have reviewed the submission and note the suggestions made. Staff believe the suggested amendments have been adequately addressed in the plan developed by Council.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

P6. HEART FOUNDATION DOOR KNOCK APPEAL
Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. C25.8
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 20 July 2010

By letter dated 9 June 2010, (**Attachment P6**), the Heart Foundation has written to Council advising that its Annual Door Knock Appeal will be conducted during September 2010 and a collection will be carried out in the Oberon area.

In NSW, the annual door knock appeal will take place between Wednesday 1 September and Thursday 30 September 2010.

Recommendation:

That information we received and noted.

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P7. JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS
Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. A7.1
Prepared by Leigh Robins on 20 July 2010

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) tabled a report in Parliament on 1 June 2010 regarding the 2008 Local Government Elections.

The JSCEM report covers 16 key recommendations (**Attachment P7**) and the full report can be viewed at the NS Parliament website www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

P8. OBERON ANIMAL POUND
Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. D54.1
Prepared by Janet Bailey on 6 July 2010

Each month, staff will provide a brief report to the Council concerning the operations of the Animal Pound.

The following details are for the month of June 2010.

| Details | Number of Cats | Number of Dogs |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Animals carried over from previous month | 3 | 7 |
| Animals Seized | 2 | 5 |
| Animals Abandoned | 2 | 1 |
| Animals Surrendered | 0 | 0 |
| Animals Released to Owner | 0 | 1 |
| Animals Released to CHD (Cats, Dogs & Horses Charity) under Clause 17 of the Companion Animals Regulations 1999 (Exemptions from Registrations Requirement) for re-homing | 1 | 6 |
| Animals Destroyed | 4 | 1 |
| Animals Sold | 0 | 1 |
| Animals died at Council's facility | 0 | 0 |
| Animals Escaped/Stolen | 0 | 0 |
| Animals still in the pound | 2 | 4 |

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

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P9. STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS
Staff Report to the 20 July 2010 Ordinary Meeting
File No. C17.1
Prepared by Amanda McGrath on 9 July 2010

The statement of Bank Balances and Investments as at 30 June 2010 is attached (*Attachment P9*) for Council's information.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

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