

**REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2017**



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1. PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS 5302, 5302/1

The Mayor Clr K J Halstead asked if the General Manager could provide an up-to-date report on the processing of all development applications submitted to Council, and that the report embrace what action has been taken by the General Manager to employ or engage contract-based qualified town planners and/or building surveyors to ensure that Council processes all development applications within an acceptable timeframe.

**REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

Council staff will schedule an information session for Councillors on current development systems initiatives and the resourcing strategy for Planning, Development and Regulatory Services.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WEEKLY OF 7 JULY 2017 203/2017, 5901

Clr I M Scandrett referred to Item 13 Planning Amendments Proposed – Staged Development - in this publication and asked if Council is aware of and looking at this judgment.

The General Manager advised that Council is aware of it.

**RESPONSE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING**

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3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WEEKLY OF 7 JULY 2017 203/2017, 5901

Clr I M Scandrett referred to Item 14 Parliamentary Inquiry – Land Release and Housing Supply - in the same publication and asked if Council is aware of this and how is Council going to respond to it and if it will involve submissions from Councillors.

The General Manager advised that Council is aware of it.

The Deputy General Manager Corporate, Strategy and Development Services advised that Council is considering both of these items but considering the timeframe there will not be time to bring it before Council. He advised that it will be reported back through the Demographic and Housing Advisory Committee.

The Mayor Clr K J Halstead suggested that Clr Scandrett should personally make a submission.

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4. STORMWATER DRAIN

8117, RD1503

Clr G M Turland asked if staff can investigate and report on the storm water drain that runs between the Bowral Golf Course and Berida Manor along Alcorn Street, Bowral to the Mittagong Rivulet to stop properties from being inundated in flood/storm events.

The General Manager advised it can be dealt with either as a Notice of Motion if a report is to go to Council or an information session for Councillors.

Clr Turland advised that he does not mind how the matter is dealt with as long as the properties are protected.

**REPLY FROM MANAGER ASSETS**

Flooding in this area has already been investigated as part of the Bowral Flood Study and Flood Risk Management Study/Plan. Identified flood mitigations works, including construction of detention basins and upgrading drainage systems, were considered to be major, complex and involve land acquisition/leasing from the Bowral Golf Club. Key components of the mitigation works are included in Council's ten year capital works program. An information session for Councillors has been arranged for 6 September 2017.

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5. REPORT IN SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY WATCH

5125, 101

Clr G M Turland asked if Clr Scandrett could explain the report in the Southern Highlands Community Watch which states that ICAC is investigating him and Geoffrey Hanratty.

Clr I M Scandrett asked for a copy of the article. He advised that Clr Turland has threatened a number of times to go to ICAC and he has said "go your hardest".

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6. FRANKLAND STREET MITTAGONG SALE

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Clr G M Turland asked Clr Scandrett if he met with the proposed buyer of Frankland Street, in relation to Frankland Street, as was reported on the radio.

Clr I M Scandrett advised that he spoke to both the ABC and 2ST, and he then made a special trip to Sydney to meet with the person who was tendering – this would have been in the middle of May - to discuss with that person the nature of his business which is a vintage carousels, organs and steam engines business and he wanted to bring that business into the Shire.

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7. GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS

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Clr P W Nelson made the statement, referring to the previous questions, that this section of the business of Council should not be held – and noted that it is not held at any other Council.

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8. BOWRAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

1811

Clr G Markwart asked if Council will accept the thanks of Public Health First for its assistance and involvement in relation to the outcome with the funding, partial privatisation and clinical services and CSP in relation to Bowral and District Hospital.

The Mayor Clr K J Halstead advised that it was a great decision.

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9. HERITAGE PLANNER

5650

Clr G McLaughlin asked if Council has re-advertised the position of part-time Heritage Planner. He asked when it may happen as Council has been without the position for over 9 months.

**REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

Council's previous recruitment strategy for the position has been unsuccessful in attracting a suitably qualified, professional and experienced candidate for the position. Council has again re-advertised the part time Strategic Land Use Planning (Heritage) position in July in order to seek suitable candidates.

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10. CROSSING ON THE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT THE NORTHERN END OF MOSS VALE  
7430/20, RD8025 1010

Clr G McLaughlin asked for an update on the pedestrian crossing over the Illawarra rail line in Moss Vale.

**REPLY FROM MANAGER PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS**

Requests for Tender for the project have been advertised and closed 27 June 2017. Tenders are currently being assessed and a decision on a preferred contractor should be made in the coming weeks.

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