

**REPLIES TO GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY,
22 MARCH 2017**



1. HORDERNS ROAD SUBDIVISION

15/0007

Clr G M Turland asked if Council can undertake an inspection of the Horderns Road Subdivision, as it would seem that there has been an extreme amount of damage to other properties and roads, drains and dams that have been affected by this subdivision. He asked if Councillors can have a site visit, as soon as possible, as this damage has been occurring for months not just the last week.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

An inspection of the subject property has been arranged for 12 April 2017.

2. FLOODING ON BOWRAL STREET AND OLD SOUTH ROAD

RD1519, RD1587, 8117

Clr G M Turland asked if a report can come to Council on the flooding in Bowral Street and Old South Road, Bowral over the last week due to the new subdivision works at the Fairfax property. Clr Turland advised that houses have been flooded which have never flooded before the subdivision was approved. He asked if Councillors can also undertake a site visit.

[It was noted that Clr Turland tabled some photographs on this issue].

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

Council staff will prepare a report for a future meeting of Council on the progress of the development to date and any associated issues concerning flooding / drainage.

3. WAIVING OF FEES FOR THE RRC

7503/25, 2106

Clr G M Turland advised that he had received an email from the treasurer of FOWAS regarding two containers on site at the Animal Shelter, one of which is full of old rubbish. Clr Turland asked if Council would consider waiving the fees for FOWAS to empty the container so that this container can be used for the storage of animal food.

[It was noted that Clr Turland tabled an email on this matter].

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE & RISK

Council does not waive fees for community organisations, however, Council has a modest budget for support of community organisations by way of a donation towards costs of disposal of waste. Council staff will contact FOWAS to discuss what assistance Council can provide.

4. **PARKING AROUND THE BRADMAN MUSEUM** 1688/2, 7450, RD1519

Clr P W Nelson asked if staff can consult with the management of the Bradman Museum regarding motor vehicles parking all day around the Museum and, in particular, on Bowral Street. He asked if Council could consider 3 hour parking restrictions around the Museum.

REPLY FROM TRAFFIC ENGINEER

A report on parking restrictions around Bradman Museum will be submitted to the next meeting of the Traffic Committee on 20 Apr 2017.

5. **REGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING** 1700

Clr P W Nelson sought permission from the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Regional Library Meeting of staff to be held in Goulburn on Friday 31 March 2017. He advised that it will be at no cost to Council as he will travel with Library staff.

The General Manager advised that there was no problem with Clr Nelson's request.

RESPONSE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

6. **ILLEGAL DAM, MACKEYS LANE AND SHIERLAW ROAD, ROBERTSON**
RD3619, RD3633, 8100/18

Clr L A C Whipper asked for an update on his Councillor Requests relating to flooding impacts on residents in Mackeys Lane as a result of what is described as an illegal dam. Clr Whipper advised this has caused a lot of issues, in particular loss of furniture and flooring in a house. He advised that the other issue involves some road works and the impact this has had on Shierlaw Road, Robertson. He advised that these requests are outstanding, one in the order of 12 months. He asked if these requests can be followed up.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

Council staff have established that the Dam on Mackay's Lane has been in existence since prior to 1982. At this time development consent was not required for such structures and therefore existing use rights would likely apply.

The only remedy available to Council would be to pursue an order under section 124 of the *Local Government Act 1993* where there is a concentration of stormwater. If Council staff are able to establish evidence of same a letter will be sent to the owner advising that they need to control the stormwater topping the dam and if compliance is not reached a notice of intent to serve an order will be issued.

RESPONSE FROM ASSET LIAISON OFFICER

Council officers have spoken with the resident and advised him that Council's Asset Engineer (Roads) would be undertaking an inspection of Shierlaw Road to re-assess erosion and damage to the road on Monday, 3 April 2017.

7. **BLOCKED CULVERT AT KANGALOOON**

8132

Clr T D Gair advised that he had been contacted by a resident of Kangaloon in relation to a blocked culvert due to recent flooding rain causing scouring of the resident's newly planted paddock. He asked if staff can investigate this matter and make contact with the resident.

[Clr Gair noted that he had passed this question to staff earlier in the day - it was handed up at the Meeting but was not read out].

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE & RISK

Appropriate Council staff will inspect the culvert and contact the resident.

8. **WATER MAIN IN GREASONS ROAD, BUNDANOON**

RD1826, 7733

Clr T D Gair advised that he had received a request from a resident of Bundanoon regarding the possibility of extending the water main in Greasons Road, Bundanoon when the subdivision on that road takes place. Clr Gair noted that the extension would continue for a further 500 metres approximately to service 15 small holdings and asked who would pay for this extension and can the landowners negotiate with Council? He asked if staff can investigate this matter and make contact with the resident.

REPLY FROM COORDINATOR ASSET ROADS & WATER

Council staff contacted the resident and advised him of the process involved to extend the water supply to service his property. The resident was provided with an application form and once this has been completed and provided to Council a quotation for the extension of the water main will be prepared.

9. **CONTROL OF CATS**

5500/3.2, 5500/4

Clr T D Gair noted recent concerns from a resident regarding feral cats. Clr Gair asked if Councillors can have a briefing session in relation to the control of cats throughout the Shire. He asked what rules can be introduced to control roaming and wandering cats, noting that there are no controls in NSW.

Clr L A C Whipper advised there are constraints with the Companion Animals Act. He advised that he had spoken with the resident and he had been invited to attend an Environment & Sustainability Committee Meeting to put the case forward, so that the Committee can form a recommendation to then advocate through the proper processes for a review of the Companion Animals Act. Clr Whipper advised that unfortunately the resident is not able to attend the next Committee meeting but that he may be able to have discussions in a another format.

REPLY FROM MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

A briefing session for Councillors will be arranged at the next available opportunity.

10. TIMER IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 7100

Clr I M Scandrett asked when will the debate timer in the Chamber be operational.

The General Manager advised the Group Manager Corporate & Community is the debate monitor now.

RESPONSE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

11. LIFT IN THE CIVIC CENTRE 7100

Clr I M Scandrett asked if the operating issues with the lift to the Council Chamber have been resolved and, if not, can Councillors have a report on this matter as it does affect accessibility.

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE & RISK / MANAGER ASSETS

The lift is a very old design and parts have had to be sourced from overseas. It is anticipated that the essential repairs will be completed promptly once the parts arrive in the Australia.

12. LIFT AT THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE 7170/17

Clr I M Scandrett asked if staff can advise how the grant funding for the lift at the saleyards has progressed and what grants opportunities were assessed.

REPLY FROM DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS, FINANCE & RISK

Council staff have reviewed opportunities through the "Easy Grants" advisory system and were unable to identify a suitable grant opportunity for this project. It is highlighted that most grant programmes require a 50% contribution by the grant recipient and at this time the SRLX does not have the financial capacity to fund half of the estimated \$100k project cost. It is also noted also that consultation with saleyard users including the Agents and Producers has indicated the lift as a low priority. Council staff are currently working on an Asset Management Plan for the SRLX and the provision of a lift will be included in the AMP for prioritisation and potential funding.

13. BUDGET FOR CLEARING DRAINS, CULVERTS AND GUTTERS 2120, 7814/3.5

Clr I M Scandrett asked the following:

- (i) Can staff advise whether the current budget for clearing drains, culverts and gutters is sufficient to deliver these services year round?
- (ii) If not, what is the current budget and what is the shortfall?

- (iii) What resources are held in terms of plant and staff, and what is needed to meet Council's services plan?

[It was noted that this question was handed up at the Meeting but was not read out].

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER ASSETS & PROJECT DELIVERY

During the fit for the future process Council reviewed the maintenance budget allocated to drainage works and identified a gap between the required maintenance budget and the actual budget allocation. The funding gap will be addressed through the implementation of the SRV. The gap will be progressively reduced over the next four years as the SRV is imposed (including the current FY). Council utilises both contractors and internal labour and plant to deliver the necessary maintenance.

In relation to the budget and the shortfall, the following information is provided:

Note: Figures in the Table need to be multiplied by \$1,000 e.g. 1204 x \$1,000 = \$1,204,000

Drainage	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	Total
Maintenance Budget	1204	1257	1309	1362	1414	1393	1372	1350	1329	1329	1329	13443
Required Maintenance	1414	1414	1414	1414	1414	1393	1372	1350	1329	1329	1329	13758
Shortfall	210	158	105	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	315

Assumptions & comments:

1. Required maintenance is calculated on the basis of assessed community level of service and legislative compliance requirements.
2. The proposed maintenance budget is progressively increased to the required level over four years from 2016/17 to 2019/20.
3. With the proposed progressive increase in proactive maintenance, asset renewal and renewal backlog works, the overall maintenance cost is expected to reduce by 1.5% per year during the period from 2020/21 to 2023/24.

14. UPDATE ON THE BRIDGE CROSSING

7430/20, RD8025 1010

Clr G McLaughlin asked for an update on the crossing at the eastern side of the railway bridge for the community of Moss Vale. He noted that the previous response was that the funds had been received and it is in progress.

The General Manager advised that a response will be provided in the Weekly Circular.

REPLY FROM TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT PLANNING ENGINEER

A copy of the Weekly Circular Item is set out below:

COUNCIL WEEKLY CIRCULAR	
ITEM NO:	
SUBJECT:	Argyle Street Moss Vale – Proposed shared path bridge over the Moss Vale to Unanderra Railway Line and path to the Moss Vale Showground (opposite Elizabeth Street) – Project Update
CONTACT NAME:	Frank Iacono – Traffic & Transport Planning Engineer
FILE NUMBER:	RD 8025, RD 8260, 7850/11, 7430/20
DATE:	28 March 2017

Clr G McLaughlin requested an update on this project at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 22 March 2017.

This project is now in the delivery phase. The Project Manager is Bob Lewis.

Layout plans of the bridge and pathway are shown in **Attachment 1**.

Council has engaged Public Works NSW to prepare the tender documentation and assess the tenders in conjunction with the Project Manager. The tender process is soon to commence.

The project is being financed over two consecutive financial years: 2016-17 and 2017-18. Funding is being administered by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and funded through the Transport for NSW Active Transport Plan following representation by MP Pru Goward.

Key activity history of the project:

(Please note that as this project will go to tender, in order to gain the most competitive tender, grant funding amounts are not stated).

26-11-15	Project development funding confirmed by RMS for expenditure in 2015-16 FY
17-2-16	Arcadis Consultant Engineers engaged by Council to complete project documentation of the shared path bridge. Council's Design Branch instructed to work collaboratively with the bridge designer to design the complimentary shared path to connect between the public housing development on the north side of the railway line to the pedestrian access gate to the Showground on Robertson Road (opposite and between Elizabeth Street and Pine Street).
30-6-16	Quantity surveyor "Opinion of Cost" estimate sent to RMS to assist with application for final project funds. Discussion held between Council and RMS on possible distribution over two financial years.
17-8-16	DRAFT Final plans sent to RMS and Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for approval. It is advised that these bodies had been included in the development of the project from the outset.
28-11-16	ARTC approve plans subject to independent verification of structure. RMS approval had been provided in September 2016.
16-12-16	RMS provide a funding letter of offer, advising that funds would be provided over the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years. Approximately 40% of the project funds are to be provided in the 2016-17 FY, and, 60% in the 2017-18

	FY. RMS also state that priority of construction to be given to the delivery of the bridge.
23-12-16	Council accepts funding offer with some conditions protecting possible unknown financial liability.
27-1-17	RMS accept Council's conditions
21-2-17	Public Works NSW appointed to provide tender documentation and assessment services.
2017	Project tender advertised (to be advised)

The structural elements of the bridge component project will commence this financial year, however placement of the deck can only be undertaken during a scheduled track closure by ARTC (known as a "track possession"). The first available track possession is in July 2017 and the second in December 2017.

Should the construction timing not meet the first track possession, other work will still continue. The shared path bridge and path works to the Showground will be completed in its entirety within the 2017-18 financial year.

A further update will be provided to Council once a tender has been accepted by Council.

15. RETFORD ROAD SUBDIVISION

15/0495

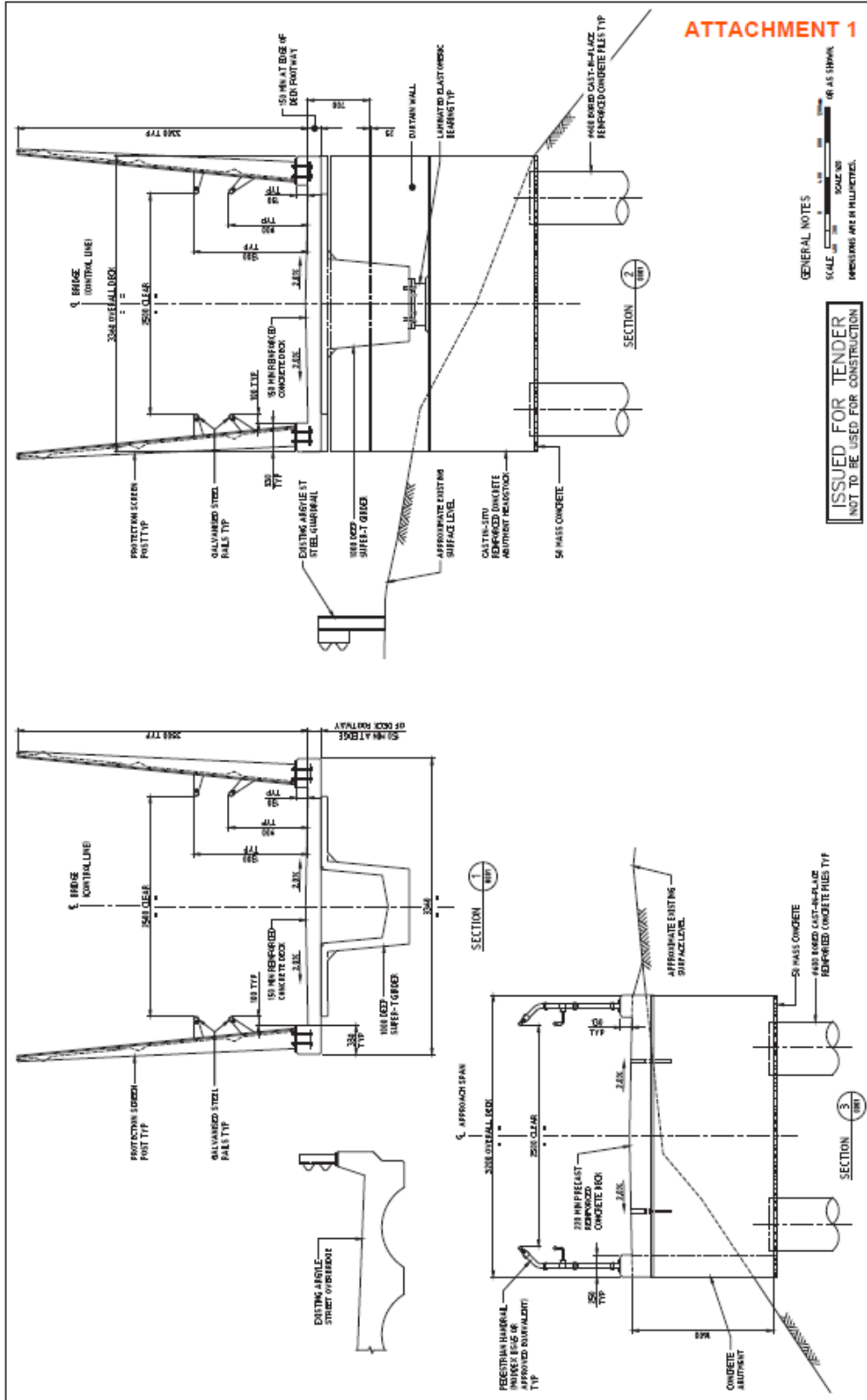
The Mayor Clr K J Halstead asked if a detailed report can be brought to Council on the project management processes with regard to the Retford Park subdivision over the last 6 months. Clr Halstead asked if the following issues can be addressed:

- (a) the compliance or non-compliance with the conditions of development consent;
- (b) the issue of the use of the detention pond as a storage dam for water for dust suppression.

The Mayor advised that he has some photographs of the flooding problems.

REPLY FROM GROUP MANAGER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

Council staff will prepare a report for a future meeting of Council on the progress of the development to date and any associated issues concerning flooding / drainage. The report will also include an assessment of compliance with conditions of consent.



ATTACHMENT 1

ISSUED FOR TENDER
NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION



PROPOSED SHORED-IN BRIDGE
OVER CONDUIT TO CROSS WALLE
ROADWAY ON ROUTE STREET, MOSS HALE

Project	
Client	WINGATE ARCADE
Contract Name	SHIRE COUNCIL
Contract No.	0002 - A4010002 - P2
Contract Date	11/11/2017
Contract Value	
Contract Status	
Contract Location	
Contract Description	
Contract Reference	



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