



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2005

**DSS6                      QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**  
**FILE: KMT (NRN)            { FOLIO NO. 289412 }**

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on Questions Without Notice from the Council meetings of 1 September 2004, 14 September 2004, 9 November 2004, 14 December 2004 and 18 January 2005.



Responses to Councillors Questions Without Notice are listed for information.

### **Extraordinary Meeting 1st September 2004**

#### **Councillor T L Hunt**

**File: R Smith St**

(Folio No. **281440**)

That the Director Engineering would raise with the RTA the left turn exit at the traffic lights exiting Woolworths in Smith Street and the need for this to also allow traffic to proceed across to Stuart Street.

***Recommendation from the LTC: That the RTA further investigate the operation of the traffic lights on the corner of Smith Street and Stuart Street and Smith Street and Belgrave Street - awaiting feedback.***

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### **Ordinary Meeting 14 September 2004**

#### **Councillor R H McWilliam**

**File: R Maria River**

(Folio No. **282578**)

That the Director Engineering would write to Hastings Council to see if they would be willing to join Kempsey Shire Council in applying for R2R funding to seal Maria River Road and a bridge to Port Macquarie.

*Awaiting announcement of guidelines for Roads to Recovery Program.*

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## Ordinary Meeting 12th October 2004

**Councillor B R Sowter**

File: P1-7

(Folio No. **284157**)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the establishment of a better caravan parking area for Kempsey in the Forth Street area and arrange suitable signposting and advertising.

*Options being reviewed.*

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## Ordinary Meeting 9th November 2004

**Councillor J H Bowell**

File: D5-2

(Folio No. **285724**)

2. Can the Director Engineering investigate the disposal of stormwater in Hopetoun Street, Kempsey.

*Situation being investigated.*

**Councillor B R Sowter**

File: H2-17A

(Folio No. **285754**)

3. What is the situation with the storage of vehicles under the bridge at Smithtown?

*The matter is being investigated.*

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## Ordinary Meeting 14 December 2004

**Councillor R H McWilliam**

File: T11-4

(Folio No. **288001**)

2. Can the Director Shire Services investigate the tree in Michael Place, which is partially blocking public laneway and is a danger to any child riding a pushbike?

*Lower limbs removed from footpath area – listed for removal in due course.*

**Councillor E R Walker**

File: B6-5

(Folio No. **288009**)

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1. Could the Director Shire Services investigate the possibility of putting a handrail on the topside of Sherwood Bridge - the foundation under the water line is deteriorating and has become dangerous especially when children are swimming in the area?

***The Director Shire Services advised that the bridge is owned by the RTA - the Mayor advised that the matter would be raised with the RTA as a safety hazard.***

**Councillor E A Green**

**File: T11-4**

(Folio No. **288030**)

1. Could the Director Shire Services investigate the large iron bark tree on Spooners Avenue Chain of Ponds Road, it's riddled with white ants?

***Tree has been inspected and is Priority One in accordance with Council's Tree Removal Policy. Quotes currently being obtained and tree will be removed upon acceptance of Quote.***

**Councillor E A Green**

**File: LA18153**

(Folio No. **288031**)

2. Could 221 Spooners Avenue piped access drain be investigated - it is built from timber and gets blocked during wet weather?

***Access has been inspected by Works and found to be private access to property. Manager Works to contact property owner to discuss.***

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## Ordinary Meeting 18 January 2005

**Councillor B Sowter**

**File: R Belmore Rv**

(Folio No. **289757**)

1 Can some corners with poor site distance along Belmore River Road be investigated?

***The area is to be investigated and maintenance arranged where required.***

**Councillor B Sowter**

**File: R Airport Rd**

(Folio No. **289758**)

2 Can some work be undertaken to the Airport Road as it is in very poor condition?

***The area is to be investigated and maintenance arranged where required.***

**Councillor B Sowter**

**File: 59**

(Folio No. **289762**)

6 Are restricted speed signs going to be erected in Crottys Lane and is the public gate going to be removed?

***Directions to restriction have been received at Council from RTA. Signs to be erected.***

**Councillor D Saul**

**File: 218**

(Folio No. **289764**)

2 Is the Director Shire Services aware that the street sign at Sutherlands Lane, near the Memorial, has been knocked over?

***Sign re-erected.***

**Councillor R McWilliam**

**File: 149**

(Folio No. **289765**)

1 Could the Director Shire Services please look at updating the signs for alcohol free zones within the Shire?

***Report to go to March Council meeting.***

**Councillor R McWilliam**

**File: 218**

(Folio No. **289766**)

2 Has any further negotiation taken place between NPWS and Council regarding pruning of trees on Phillip Drive and Wilson Streets, Arakoon?

***Manager Works to arrange onsite meeting with National Parks to inspect.***

**Councillor R McWilliam**

**File: 219**

(Folio No. **289770**)

6 Is it possible in conjunction with waterways to build a toilet block at Back Creek boatramp at South West Rocks?

***Concept will be developed and application for funding will be submitted in July to NSW Maritime WADAMP program for 2005/2006.***

**Councillor T Hunt**

**File: 221**

(Folio No. **289773**)

2 Can we identify the number of parking sites in the CBD parking areas of Kempsey?

*The Director Shire Services will investigate and advise.*

**Councillor T Hunt**

File: 222

(Folio No. 289774)

3 Can attention be given to the riverbank erosion at the Stuarts Point Holiday Park which is very close to buildings?

*Works to carry out inspection. Previous estimated cost is \$110,000.*

**Councillor J Gribbin**

File: LA 5092

(Folio No. 289775)

1 What is happening about the stairs and handrails behind the SWR Community Centre?

*The handrail had been removed previously, as it was very unsafe. The current steps are irreparable and would require replacement. The estimated cost would be in excess of \$2,000 and no funds are available. Also, the location is considered unsafe and the need for such an access is questioned. As access is available from the front of the hall and security is improved by removing rear access, it has been decided to remove the steps, and the unnecessary rear section of the pathway, and plant out the current rear boundary.*

**Councillor J Gribbin**

File: 55

(Folio No. 289777)

2 What is happening about the dead trees along Phillip Drive?

*Manager Works to arrange onsite meeting with National Parks to inspect.*

**Councillor J Gribbin**

File: 221

(Folio No. 289778)

3 Can Council paint white lines along the kerb in the South West Rocks CBD to allocate parallel parking spaces?

*Estimated cost is at \$1,500 but the efficiency of such markings is questioned. Driver education is seen as more efficient.*

**Councillor J Bowell**

File: 227

(Folio No. 289802)

2 Would investigations be undertaken to delays at the Belgrave Street rail crossing involving the daylight express when up to 100 vehicles can be involved?

*Contact has been made with Australian Rail Transport Corporation and the level crossing working group of the Rail Infrastructure Corporation requesting a review of the operation of the boom gates.*

**Councillor J Bowell**

**File: 228**

(Folio No. **289803**)

**3** Can the Director Shire Services review the provision of kerb and gutter in Sturt Street, SWR between Hill and Marriott Streets?

*In South West Rocks Town Improvement program in 2004/2005 kerb and guttering will be provided in Sturt Street between Pacific Street and Seaview Street. Provision of kerb and guttering in Sturt Street between Hill Street and Marriott Street will be investigated and listed for consideration in future South West Rocks Town Improvement programs.*

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***Nil***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***Nil***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***Nil***

- ***Director's Review***

***As per the report.***

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**K J Finnie**  
**DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**