



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

10th May 2005

DSS18 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
FILE: 149 KMT (NRN) {Folio No. 294217}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on Questions Without Notice from the Council meetings of 1 September 2004, 14 September 2004, 12 October 2004, 9 November 2004, 8 February 2005, 8 March 2005, 23 March 2005, 4 April 2005 and 12 April 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.

The RTA advised that they have adjusted phasing to allow better access and are reviewing the intersection layout with a view to widening the exit to allow three lanes.

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 for Roads of Regional Importance. Will be listed for consideration in the report on R2R2 funding.

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.

Plans prepared for four options and preliminary estimates being considered. Best option with ? parking sites, sealed pavement and appropriate drainage is estimated to cost \$??. Provision of a sewer dump point in such an area is contrary to DEUS guidelines and cannot be included.

Ordinary Meeting 9th November 2004

Councillor J H Bowell

File: D5-2

(Folio No. **285724**)

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**)

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

The matter is being investigated. Owners of vehicles have been approached.

Ordinary Meeting 8 February 2005

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: 60

(Folio No. **290771**)

Could the Director Shires Services investigate the clogging of the stormwater drain on the corner of Wilson and Gladstone Streets, Arakoon?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: 149

(Folio No. **290774**)

Is there anyway that Council could find a vacant building to house a boating project for TRAC. Jan Eason, Principal, has three (3) weeks to find premises or lose the project due to PCYC pulling out of the deal?

Negotiations in hand to utilise an area in the KAP Headquarters at 46 Tozer Street.

Councillor B R Sowter

File: 60

(Folio No. **290784**)

Would the Director Shire Services advise on a blocked culvert at Dowlings Fall Road that was reported last November and nothing has been done?

The culvert fills up with rocks during heavy rain. Culvert cleared 14 March 2005. Landowner to discuss further with DIPNR and Fisheries to determine scope of works available funding. The Director has been discussing with DIPNR how to restore the culvert.

Councillor E A Green

File: 192

(Folio No. **290792**)

Would it be possible to have a restricted parking sign in front of 14 Broughton Street where Community Transport pick up a disabled person and are required to double park creating traffic problems?

The Director Shire Services advised that this matter is on the agenda for the next Access Committee meeting.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: R Point Plome

(Folio No. 290796)

When is the road condition warning sign at the beginning of Point Plomer Road to be replaced?

Inspected 1 March 2005. Sign is missing and is not a standard sign. Wording on sign "This road generally unsuitable for speeds in excess of 60kph". Sign will take up to 4 weeks to be made and will be considered on completion of the current works programme.

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Councillor J A C Hayes

File: R Wide St

(Folio No. 290855)

Can installation of bollards in Wide Street be considered to prevent vehicles from driving across the median in a dangerous manner?

Boulders placed at strategic locations on 15 April 2005.

Ordinary Meeting 8 March 2005

Councillor T Hunt

File: 220

(Folio No. 292572)

What actions have been taken to amend the signs at the McElhone Memorial Swimming Pool Complex?

Signs removed and will be revamped to address 2005/2006 charges and correct title.

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Councillor R McWilliam

File: 34

(Folio No. 292573)

Can the speed limit on Gordon Young Drive be reviewed by the Traffic Committee with the view to increasing the speed limit by at least 10km per hour from 50 kph to at least 60kph or possibly 70kph?

The Director Shire Services will raise at the Traffic Committee.

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Councillor D Saul

File: 119

(Folio No. 292737)

Would the Director Shire Services investigate the noxious weed infestation on Council controlled public reserve at the end of Sid Sutherland Lane at Seven Oaks?

Area inspected 15 April 2005. Noogoora Burr present and weeds infest the majority of the road reserve. No funding available to control the noxious weed.

Councillor D Saul

File: 109

(Folio No. 292740)

Can the Director Shire Services investigate the protruding shrubs onto the roadway affecting motorists visibility at the corner of Morton and Jeffery Streets, Smithtown?

Inspected 18 March 2005. Work order issued to complete when resources become available.

Extraordinary Meeting 23 March 2005

Councillor J Howell

File: R Pacific Hwy

(Folio No. 293512)

Will Council be represented at the meeting to discuss heavy vehicle on the Pacific Highway.

Meeting at Ballina scheduled for 6 May 2005 to address safety on the Pacific Highway.

Councillor D Saul

File: 109

(Folio No. 293514)

Could Council investigate the damaged footpath between the butcher shop and the general store at Frederickton?

New footpath constructed and completed 15 April 2005.

Extraordinary Meeting 4 April 2005

Councillor J H Howell

File: 394

(Folio No. 294885)

Is the RTA currently looking into reducing the noise of heavy vehicles on roads.

The RTA Highway Noise Report relating mainly to the Pacific Highway between Coffs Harbour and the border makes no provision for noise reduction of heavy vehicles in Kempsey Shire.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: R Seale Rd (Folio No. **294888**)

The condition of Seale Road is extremely poor.

The Director Shire Services advised this road is listed for cyclic maintenance and would be inspected.

Councillor R McWilliam

File: LA5575 (Folio No. **294899**)

Can the Director Shire Services correspond with Harcore Developments and request that they tidy up the block of land in Mitchell Street, South West Rocks?

The Director Shire Services advised he would report back.

Councillor D Saul

File: 172 (Folio No. **294901**)

Could Council please dispose of the rubbish recently uncovered by Council's slasher in Belmore Street Smithtown.

The Director Shire Services would investigate.

Councillor D Saul

File: 55 (Folio No. **294905**)

What's happening with the coral trees on Plummer's Lane?

Councillor Sowter advised that the trees haven't been lopped because of the requirements for traffic control to be put in place while the work is being carried out.

Ordinary Meeting 12 April 2005

Councillor R McWilliam

File: 60 (Folio No. **294575**)

Can Council investigate the excessive runoff from stormwater in Cardwell Street Arakoon in front of number 65?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor R McWilliam

File: R Point Plome

(Folio No. 294576)

Could the Director Shire Services give consideration to grading Point Plomer Road after peak holiday times instead of before holidays?

The Director Shire Services will review the practice and respond.

Councillor R McWilliam

File: 109

(Folio No. 294577)

Could Council investigate the large hole in grassed area outside the Heritage Restaurant in Livingston Street South West Rocks?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor R McWilliam

File: 348

(Folio No. 294578)

Could Council in conjunction with Country Energy look at street lighting, or lack of, in residential streets in South West Rocks?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor E A Green

File: R Pacific Hwy

(Folio No. 294596)

What is happening in relation to the completion of the roadworks in Macleay Street Frederickton, between Christmas and William Streets?

Order for Macleay Water to lower water main received 29 April 2005 and work will commence 9 May 2005.

Councillor E A Green

File: 348

(Folio No. 294585)

Could the Director Shire Services investigate the lighting at the intersection of Pacific Highway and the new entrance to Collombatti Road - appears to be set too far back on both roads. The actual intersection is very dark?

The Director Shire Services advised he would investigate.

Councillor E A Green

File: 91

(Folio No. 294597)

Would the Traffic Committee look into the layout of the slip lanes for traffic at the intersection of Pacific Highway and Collombatti Road, particularly for traffic turning into Collombatti Road as the slip lanes are acute and short, especially for b-double traffic?

The Director Shire Services advised these matters have been the subject of discussions with the RTA and they are happy with the design of the intersection.

Councillor E A Green

File: 102

(Folio No. 294586)

Would the Director Shire Services examine the need for a bus shelter outside Frederickton Public School as there is no shelter at present?

The Director Shire Services would investigate the matter and advised no funding was currently available and that the school had previously been approached regarding shared funding for this project.

Councillor E A Green

File: 60

(Folio No. 294587)

Can the drain near 78 Great North Road, which is eroding and getting deeper be added to our works program?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor E A Green

File: 178

(Folio No. 294589)

Are we going to put in a submission to the Commonwealth Inquiry into Indigenous Employment?

The Director Shire Services advised the guidelines for this matter had been reviewed and were unsure if there was funding available.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: 91

(Folio No. 294590)

Would the Director Shire Services contact the RTA regarding the condition of the Pacific Highway approaches to the Maria River Bridge and the removal of trees covering the signs for the caravan parks coming into Kempsey?

The Director Shire Services advised that the RTA would be approached to address these problems.

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Councillor J A C Hayes

File: 180

(Folio No. 294592)

Could the recycling bins be placed outside the Stuarts Point transfer station?

A hardstand area has been constructed and recycling bins will be relocated this week.

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Councillor J A C Hayes

File: R Tozer St

(Folio No. 294593)

Can the hole outside the house in Tozer Street (4 houses down from the Masonic Lodge) as a result of tree removal be filled temporarily until the water and sewerage work is completed?

Hole graveled week ending 22 April 2005.

Extraordinary Meeting 26 April 2005

Councillor B R Sowter

File:

(Folio No.)

Would the Director Shire Services investigate the site distance for traffic at the Jerseyville bridge and could this matter be included in the Works Inspection on 12th May 2005?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

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Councillor R McWilliam

File:

(Folio No.)

Is there something that could be done to restrict the speed of push bikes using the Phillip Drive Cycleway?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

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Councillor E A Green

File: (Folio No.)

Do helicopters landing in public parks in Kempsey Shire require permission as one recently landed in Chapple Park, Kempsey?

The Director Shire Services advised that approval is required as per Council's policy and this matter will be investigated.

Councillor Hayes

File: (Folio No.)

Would the holes in the road surface following tree removal in Tozer Street be investigated, particularly outside number 73 Tozer Street?

The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor Hayes

File: (Folio No.)

Would Council's congratulations be passed on to Waste Services employee, Mr Supple who was highly praised by Mrs Hollace recently for his quality service in undertaking his job.

The Director Shire Services will pass this compliment on to the employee.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS

▪ ***Environmental Implications***

There are no environmental implications

▪ ***Social Implications***

There are no social implications

▪ ***Economic (Financial) Implications***

There are no financial implications

▪ ***Policy or Statutory Implications***

There are no policy implications

▪ ***Director's Review***

As per the report.

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DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES