



# Minutes

## Operations Committee

### Thursday 5 March

### 4.00PM

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**MINUTES – OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2015**



**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Clr Col Hunter (Chairman), Clr Ross Higglett, Clr Peter Pilbeam.

**APOLOGIES:** Clr Maree Statham

**OFFICERS:** Iain Stewart and Rhys Brownlow

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

Nil

**ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 December 2014 were adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 9 February 2015.

**ACTION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 4 December 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Col Hunter

**SECONDED:** Ross Higglett

**ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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**SUMMARY**

Issues arising from the previous minutes included the update on a number of major projects currently under construction including Stages 2 and 3 of the Aquatic Centre which is due to be completed towards the end of the month of March and Stage 4 the tender for which has been let for the upgrade of the 50 meter Olympic Pool to Icon Company Limited.

Flood Mitigation Program is well advanced and is due to be completed by the end of March, delays have been caused by a number of issues however the contract is very close to finality and the works carried out to date are of a very satisfactory standard.

With regard the progress on the Portland STP upgrade there has been delays in acquiring the identified portion of land that would have been suitable for including a portion of the upgrade of the STP. The owner of the land is not prepared to sell and

this has resulted in a number of minor changes to the design of the main concepts of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee notes the information provided.

**MOVED: Col Hunter**

**SECONDED: Ross Higlett**

**ITEM: 4 PROPOSED ROAD WORKS PROGRAM FOR 2015/2016**

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**SUMMARY**

In conjunction with the budget documents the proposed Road Works Program for 2015/2016 was submitted for consideration and it was noted that there were a number of major projects including expenditure on Stage 2 of Ordnance Avenue.

The list of projects is still be finalized by Council however the requests received from the Operations Committee have been incorporated into the Draft Program.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee notes the Draft 2015/2016 Road Works Program.

**MOVED: Peter Pilbeam**

**SECONDED: Ross Higlett**

**ITEM: 5 KREMER PARK**

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**SUMMARY**

There were still issues in relation to drainage at Kremer Park and in particular to drainage flowing the existing trotting track. Another inspection is proposed when Councillors are available to investigate possible solutions with regard to improving the drainage in Kremer Park and minimize the damage to the trotting track.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee note the need for an inspection of Kremer Park.

**MOVED: Col Hunter**

**SECONDED: Ross Higlett**

**ITEM: 6      OAKEY PARK WATER TREATMENT UPGRADE**

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**SUMMARY**

It is was discussed that Council is currently investigating design proposals for the upgrade of the filters and the automatic testing capacity of the water treatment plant and quotations are currently being obtained with regard to companies qualified to undertake this highly specified work.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee note the action being taken in regard to the upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant.

**MOVED: Peter Pilbeam**

**SECONDED: Col Hunter**

**ITEM: 7      MOWING**

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**SUMMARY**

The issue of resurrecting the old program of mowing the edges of the footpath between the nature strip and the kerb and gutter was raised and a request was received for a report outlining the implications of reintroducing a program of edging long grass where it flows over kerb and guttering from the nature strip delivered to the next meeting of the Operations Committee.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Committee receive a report on the resources required to reintroduce a footpath edging process.

**MOVED: Peter Pilbeam**

**SECONDED: Ross Higlett**

**ITEM: 8      PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MT SANDY TRACK WHERE IT  
RUNS THROUGH MR SANDY ALLAN'S PROPERTY IN THE  
KANIMBLA VALLEY**

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**SUMMARY**

A request had been received from Mr Allan outlining seeking Council's support for the closure of the unformed path over Mt Sandy Kanimbla Valley. (documentation attached)

The Committee considered this in detail and could see no reason to close this track which is little more than a walking track and horse riding track. The track is not available for vehicles and on that basis Council is reluctant to support the closure of the access track.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council not support the application to close the public access over Mt Sandy Kanimbla Valley

**MOVED: Col Hunter**

**SECONDED: Ross Higlett**

**ITEM: 9 SILCOCK STREET RFS ENCROACHMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

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**SUMMARY**

It was noted that the dividing fence between the Rural Fire Service and the adjoining property on the southern side of the building has been erected creating an encroachment. The owner of the property is requesting that the fence be relocated to the correct boundary as soon as possible.

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** action be taken to relocate the dividing fence between the RFS site and private property in Silcock Street Lithgow.

**MOVED: Col Hunter**

**SECONDED: Peter Pilbeam**

**ITEM: 10 PIED PIPER INSPECTIONS – NEED FOR FOOTPATHS IN THE JAMES PARADE/KERMER CRESCENT AREA**

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The Committee discussed the need for an onsite inspection to be conducted of the Pied Piper School, its pedestrian access and also the issues previously identified at Kermer Crescent

**ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** an onsite meeting be arranged for Pied Piper Preschool and Kermer Crescent area at a date to be determined.

**MOVED: Col Hunter**

**SECONDED: Ross Higlett**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45pm**

367 Whale Beach Road  
PALM BEACH NSW 2108

25 September 2014

The General Manager  
City of Lithgow Council  
P.O. Box 19  
**LITHGOW NSW 2790**

Dear Sir,

**Re: Unmade Road over Mt Sandy  
Title Lots 51/52 DP1188283**

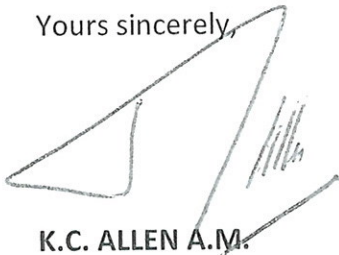
I would like to formally request that the Council close and I purchase, the unmade road over Mt Sandy. A diagram of the location of the unmade road is attached to this letter (Attachment A).

The road has never been formed or used for carriage or vehicular traffic over the last 70 years and on the Megalong Valley side is too steep for all but expert horseriders.

The NSW Rural Fire Brigade has indicated that this unmade road is totally unnecessary as many alternative access roads already exist. (Attachment B).

I would also like to appoint Mr S. Anderson of Anderson Surveying to act on my behalf in this matter

Yours sincerely,



**K.C. ALLEN A.M.**

Attachment A  
Operations Centre  
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