



Minutes

Operations Committee

20th August 2015

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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2	Confirmation Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting
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4	Review Of Major Projects
5	Recreation Asset Management Plan
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Mayor Maree Statham, Clr Ross Higlett, Clr Peter Pilbeam, Clr Col Hunter

APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart, Samantha Brown

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Col Hunter
Peter Pilbeam

The minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on 16th July 2015 were presented to the Council's Ordinary Meeting of 27th July 2015.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Maree Statham **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

ITEM: 4 REVIEW OF MAJOR PROJECTS

Progress report on major projects:

- **Black Bridge Construction, Wallerawang**

Civil works on the abutments will be completed very shortly. The contractor, Abergeldie may leave the site and return in September when access is available to the rail corridor thus allowing the installation of the bridge's main beams and deck planks. These are currently stored on site awaiting installation.

- **Stage 4 Upgrade of 50m Pool**

The contractor, Icon Building Group is proceeding with remedial works as per the design plans. It should be noted that some of the old floor tiles were damaged during the recent periods of heavy frost and will need to be rectified prior to application of pool liner. Completion of the upgrade is due for November 2015.

- **Portland STP Upgrade**

Design drawings have been received from Public Works. The new STP will be fully contained within the existing site boundaries. A report to Council will be recommending closure of crown roads from Kiln Street to Creek Street and Albion Road to Creek Street. A large power upgrade will be required & Council has engaged a contractor for design. There is a site meeting to be held on 24th August 2015 with approx. 26 contractors. Council will look to go to selective tender with approx. 3-5 contractors.. It will be a staged construction and parts of the plant will be decommissioned and removed. Contractors are programmed to be engaged and onsite in January 2016. A 3D computer model will be available for the Councillor Information Session in September.

ACTION

THAT the progress report on major projects be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Maree Statham

ITEM: 5 RECREATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The draft Recreation Asset Management Plan was submitted to the previous Operations Committee meeting and was to be reviewed at future meetings. The plan is submitted for information and review.

ACTION

THAT a hard copy of the Plan be distributed to Committee members for review at future meetings.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam **SECONDED:** Maree Statham

ITEM 6: RURAL ROADS ISSUES

Councillor Pilbeam raised two road issues including drainage work on McKanes Falls Road and the need for improvements on Ganbenang Road between Duddawarra Bridge and Lowther Siding Road.

ACTION

THAT

1. The road shoulders be grade in the vicinity of Council's previous works on McKanes Falls Road; and
2. The recent grading and resheeting works on the section of Ganbenang Road between Duddawarra Bridge and the Lowther Siding turnoff be noted.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS

ASHLEY GRANDSTAND

Two support beams at the front of the Ashley Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Sportsground have been found to be infested with white ants and are programmed for removal and replacement.

ACTION

THAT the information on the Ashley Grandstand support beam replacement be noted.

MOVED: Ross Higlett **SECONDED:** Maree Statham

BLACKHEATH CREEK ROAD

Preparatory earthworks are in progress prior to the bitumen sealing of a section of Blackheath Creek Road. Execution of the works will be dependent upon the weather conditions, however sealing is expected to take place in late September 2015.

ACTION

THAT the report on the road improvements to Blackheath Creek Road be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

ORDNANCE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

Work is programmed to commence on the upgrade of the remaining section of Ordnance Avenue. Due to the location of the water main in the middle of the road and its shallow cover to the road surface, the water main is to be replaced and lowered to ensure there will be no resulting leaks or damage to the new road surface. All services have been inspected and those that are galvanized iron have been replaced. Following the upgrade of the water reticulation, the surface of the road will be profiled to achieve smoother running surface and resealed. This work is due to commence on 24th August 2015 and will be weather dependent. Residents in the street have been advised of possible disruptions to water supply and access.

ACTION

THAT the report on the Ordnance Avenue improvements be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

UNFORMED ROAD OVER MOUNT SANDY

The owner of the property which contains the unformed public road known as the Mount Sandy Road in the Kanimbla Valley is again seeking Council approval to the closure of this unformed road. Following discussions with the owner, an offer has been received that all costs associated with the process of closing this public road will be met by the property owner. Councillors will recall that in conjunction with a prior submission to close this road a number of items of correspondence were received from neighbours supporting the closure. Due to the terrain over which the unformed road traverses it is unlikely that this road would ever be constructed in its current legal position. The verbal offer to fund the closure appears to be reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council enters negotiations with the affected land owner to close the unformed road known as Mount Sandy Road in the Kanimbla Valley.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Peter Pilbeam

WATTLEMOUNT ROAD

Representations have been received from an adjoining land owner regarding Wattlemount Road which was transferred to Council in 2014. The land owner is proposing to re-fence his property and the legal fence line will encroach on the existing

track known as Wattlemount Road to such an extent that the road will become impassable. The track, being an old crown road, will need to be relocated as it was never located on its proper alignment. A survey has shown that sections of the road are formed on private property. The road is in poor condition and \$70,000 had been allocated in this year's budget to undertake some gravel resheeting of the first section of the road dedicated as public road. It would appear that the encroachment issue will have to be given priority to enable the adjoining owner to undertake his refencing.

ACTION

THAT the encroachment issue of a section of Wattlemount Road on private property be rectified and any remaining funding be utilized to gravel resheet the first section of public road.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Maree Statham

CYCLEWAYS

The shortage of mountain bike tracks in the Lithgow area was raised at the meeting and it was noted that a cycleway/footway is programmed for construction adjacent to the flood mitigation works recently constructed adjacent to Farmers Creek linking up with the existing track extending to Geordie Street Crossing. It was suggested that when the Plan of Management for Hassans Walls Reserve is being prepared that consideration be given to the provision in the Plan for the creation of appropriate mountain bike tracks to link to the existing access roads which are popular with mountain bike riders.

ACTION

THAT

1. Council investigate the inclusion of a mountain bike track in the Hassans Walls Plan of Management.
2. The matter be referred to Council's Tourism Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam

SECONDED: Maree Statham

INSPECTION OF WORKS

The need for an inspection by the Operations Committee of works in progress was discussed and with the approach of daylight saving some site inspections would be beneficial.

ACTION

THAT an inspection of works in progress and other problem issues be scheduled for the October Operations Committee meeting.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Maree Statham

LAKE WALLACE ARBORETUM – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Following a recent visitation to the Arboretum located on the shores of Lake Wallace, a request was received for the donation of two second hand drainage pipes and a one off slashing of an area which would require approximately seven hours work.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council agree to provide two second hand drainage pipes and one days slashing as requested by the organisers of the Lake Wallace Arboretum.

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 4.00pm on Thursday, 17th September 2015
Council Chambers, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:50pm