



Minutes

Operations Committee

6th November 2017

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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4	Great Western Highway Vegetation Control – Median Strip from Marrangaroo to Wallerawang
5	Vegetation Planting between 40 Bends and Hartley Valley Improvement Works on Great Western Highway
6	Falnash Street Kerb & Guttering Account – 33 Falnash Street, Portland
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8	Bells Line of Road Corridor – Chifley Road Upgrade
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr S Ring, Cllr R Thompson, Cllr W McAndrew, Cllr S Lesslie, G Faulkner

APOLOGIES:

OFFICERS: R Brownlow, J Edgecombe, I Stewart, E Trudgett

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: NIL

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were presented to Council on 23rd October 2017

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd October 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Cllr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Cllr S Ring

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Curtin Place Sewerage Problem**

Problems have been experienced with sewer surcharge from a manhole located at the intersection of Enfield Ave and Curtin Place. Smoke testing has been undertaken in the area upstream of this location and a significant number of illegal stormwater connections have been identified and notified to the responsible owners. It should be noted that a number of these faults have been rectified and this has significantly reduced pressure on Curtin Place. Council advised the resident that the sewerage issue is still under investigation. Council is looking to remove loading from the line to help alleviate the issue but long-term solutions are still being reviewed.

- **Remediation Works at Mobil Depot**

It was noted that works have not commenced at the Mobil Depot in Main Street, Lithgow. It was advised that Operations have relocated the storm water and work has been completed on Council's part. The Economic Development and Environment department is to address the remediation works and Operations will report at the next Operations meeting in relation to any plans to build on the land.

- **Willow Vale Lane**

Following a complaint regarding the need to complete the last section of Willowvale Lane, provision to seal the last section will be included in the 2018/19 draft works program for consideration.

- **Drainage at La Salle Academy**

Following notification of concerning drainage issues at the rear of properties adjacent to La Salle Academy, improvement works have been completed. A rubble drain has been installed and Council is consistently monitoring this area.

- **McKanes Falls Road and Cox's River Road Upgrades**

A complaint was received regarding the loose sealing metal following the contract roadworks on McKanes Falls Road and Cox's River Road. The brooming of the loose material has been undertaken and this has rectified the issue.

- **Roadkill on Highways**

The problems associated with the cleanup of roadkill along the Great Western Highway and other arterial roads was presented to the RMS as it was not deemed Council's responsibility to collect on these roads. RMS has advised that they will move roadkill into the gutters along the highways but Council is to collect.

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The General Manager write to Mr. Paul Toole or the Hon. Melinda Pavey to clarify ownership and responsibility of the roadkill along the Great Western Highway and other arterial roads.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM: 4 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY VEGETATION CONTROL – MEDIAN STRIP FROM MARRANGAROO TO WALLERAWANG TURNOFF

SUMMARY

Following representations to the RMS through Mr. Paul Tool MP, advice has been received from RMS that they are aware of the issue relating to the appearance of the stretch of median strip on the Great Western Highway between Lithgow 70km zone and the Wallerawang turnoff. Meetings have been held with RMS representatives regarding the frequency and extent of the agreed mowing. At this stage the median will be mowed three times per year, a winter mow, prior to Bathurst Car Races and late summer. Mowing outside these times would be at an 'as needs basis' and would be to maintain good visibility of guide posts and signs and maintain good sight distance at the intersections. It is noted that the trees in the median strip were planted by Lithgow City Council and this has been an ongoing agreement with the RMS.

The RMS have indicated that they are happy to meet with Council to ensure that the median strip and trees are maintained more effectively and that an improved maintenance program be implemented to improve the appearance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**

- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The information be noted and Mr Toole be thanked for his representations on behalf of Lithgow City Council;
2. The General Manager engage with the RMS to help develop a relationship and organise to meet to further discuss frequency of mowing.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr S Ring

ITEM: 5 VEGETATION PLANTING BETWEEN 40 BENDS AND HARTLEY VALLEY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON GWH

SUMMARY

Representations were made to Mr. Paul Toole MP to the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight concerning the selection of vegetation that was used as the landscaping at the new roadworks.

Information has been received from the Hon. Melinda Pavey advising that the majority of the plants supplied for the project were provided through local sourced species where possible in line with Roads and Maritime Biodiversity Guidelines. It is understood that some non-local plants were used in two isolated previously impacted areas of the road corridor and this was due to safety and community consideration as local plants of sufficient size were not available at the time.

Photinias have been used as a hedge to shield residents from the impacts of heavy vehicles stopping outside of their properties and the RMS have received no advice that this plant is a weed and is not included on NSW Department of Industries Weed List.

It should be noted that this issue was raised in the Public Forum by members of the local Lithgow Community Nursery and discussions have taken place between RMS and Community Nursery Representatives.

It was advised that representatives from the local Lithgow Community Nursery have resolved all issues with RMS representatives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - N/A**
- **Cost centre - N/A**
- **Expended to date - N/A**
- **Future potential impact - N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The information be noted and;
2. The matter be followed up by Council.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr R Thompson

**ITEM: 6 FALNASH STREET KERB & GUTTERING ACCOUNT – 33
FALNASH STREET, PORTLAND**

SUMMARY

Correspondence was sent on 18th May 2017 to the home owner of 33 Falnash Street, Portland regarding the payment of an outstanding account for kerb & guttering work completed in mid-2014. An inspection was carried out in May 2017 by Council, after which it was determined that the work done was satisfactory and the amount of \$855.00 was required to be paid.

Correspondence was then received 19th June 2017 from the property owner advising that in 2014 when they first received the account, they contacted Council and was told that the account was to be voided. The owner had contact Council after received the account to advise that the workmanship of the concreting was of a very low standard and that the front yard was left untidy, requiring the owner to order new topsoil and grass seed for the area.

It should be noted that the kerb and guttering work affected approximately 6 properties in Falnash Street, all of which have either paid their account in full or have contacted Council to advise they will pay off the outstanding amount.

Further correspondence was sent from Council offering a payment plan commencing 1st August 2017, to which there was no response received from the owner. The owner has since contacted Council again after receiving another account reminder.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the owner of the property be notified that the amount outstanding of \$855 is required to be paid and if failure to make payment, the amount will be sent to SR Law as a property debt against 33 Falnash Street, Portland.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr R Thompson

ITEM: 7 CLARENCE TRANSFER SYSTEM UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report is to update the Operations Committee on the Clarence Water Transfer System.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Note the report and;
2. The Council continue to negotiate with Centennial Coal for the future upgrades and operation of the Clarence Water Transfer Scheme.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr R Thompson

ITEM 8: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

1. Cullen Bullen Sewerage Upgrade

Please see attached timeline.

2. Old Forty Bends Road

A complaint was received that the condition of Old Forty Bends Road needs to be repaired after contractor use. Council acknowledges that the road surface does require renewal however, the contractors carried out repairs where damage did occur and have not left the road in a damaged state. Dilapidation reports of the road were completed before works were undertaken and it was noted that it has improved in areas due to the contractors.

3. Wattlemount Road

Council advises that the re-alignment of Wattlemount Road has been completed with minimal environmental feedback.

4. Bitumen/Asphalt Capital Works

It should be noted that the completion of Cox's River Road, the seal of Curly Dick Road and the 2km of the Glen Alice Road is scheduled for the end of November 2017. All projects are running on budget and will be completed finished by the 2018/19 budget.

5. Wolgan Road, Wolgan Valley

Council advised that a section of the Wolgan Road has failed. Slumping of an embankment has occurred and resulted in the closure of one lane. Currently a one-way road is in place and the affected lane will be closed over the Christmas period

while the tender process is undertaken. Further reports on progress will be brought back to the next meeting.

6. Water Connection - Magpie Hollow Road

Council has advised the residents that water can be connected to 132 Magpie Hollow Road but they may experience low water pressure. The property owner has still agreed to proceed with a water connection.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT appropriate actions and reporting be undertaken in relation to the items raised during general business

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Monday 11th December 2017 at 4:00pm
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.10pm

ITEM OPER – 6/11/17 – CLARENCE TRANSFER SYSTEM UPDATE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

REFERENCE

17 – 308 Water Report - Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23rd October 2017

SUMMARY

This report is to update the Operations Committee on the Clarence Water Transfer System.

COMMENTARY

The Clarence Water Transfer Scheme has been supplementing the Lithgow Number 2 Dam since Wednesday 4 October 2017 until Monday 23 October 2017. The scheme was suspended for a period of 1 week to enable Clarence Colliery to undertake maintenance works on their Water Treatment Plant. During this period there was 95M/L transferred to Lithgow No 2 Dam.

The Transfer Scheme was re started on Monday 30 October and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and has transferred 13.2 M/L until Monday 1 November 2017. During the operation of the Scheme the water quality has been monitored and there have been no exceedances of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The water transferred is still classed as raw water and there are no guideline values for the quality of raw water but as this exceeds the ADWG requirements for treated water there is no issues with the quality of this water.

The scheme is currently capable of transferring 7-8 M/L a day with the current infrastructure. The pipeline from the top pumping station to the disused settling lagoons is currently an A/C pipeline and the operating pressure is currently 1100kPa. This pipe material has a safe operating design of 1400kPa. Therefore to ensure the ongoing operation of the scheme it is proposed to continue operation in the current state until further upgrades are completed in the future to reach the full potential of 14M/L Day as per the original scheme design. The original upgrade works did not include upgrade of the Pipe line between the existing top pump station to the settling lagoons. This being the reason there were two different pump impellor sizes specified in the design.

The No. 2 Dam level has increased from 39.39% on Monday 4th October to 55.22% on Wednesday November 1 2017, and during this time Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant supplied Lithgow and the Villages for a period of 6 days whilst major repairs were carried out on the Stage 2 WaterNSW pipeline.

Clarence Colliery has initiated discussions with Council Officers in regards to the long term future of the transfer scheme. These initial discussions are extremely positive with both parties committed to the drought proofing of the Lithgow LGA, There has been some talks in regards to the future discharge point for Clarence and potential impacts any changes may have. There are 2 options currently being investigated and both have positive benefits to the drought proofing of the Lithgow LGA. These discussions have also included the potential arrangements for the scheme after mining operations cease at Clarence Colliery.

The future changes to the Clarence Water Transfer scheme will require close collaboration of Clarence Colliery and Lithgow City Council as was the case with the previous upgrade.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved – N/A
- Cost centre – N/A
- Expended to date – N/A
- Future potential impact – Additional costs associated with extra pumping.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

1. Note the report and;
2. The Council continue to negotiate with Centennial Coal for the future upgrades and operation of the Clarence Water Transfer Scheme.