

Shane Weatherall

From:
Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2019 3:34 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Charles Street Makeover

To The General Manager

I'm writing this letter as I don't support the proposed makeover for Charles Street. Aside from the obvious that we are in a drought, those trees which are the same as the main street smell really badly when in blossom. I know they look lovely but that smell isn't pleasant.

I suffer from allergies and those trees when in blossom do me no favours as would it with a lot of other people who have allergies. With it being so dry allergy sufferers are noticing that their allergies are heightened because of the lack of moisture in the air

Below is a list of a few things that maybe council could consider instead of the Charles Street makeover.

1. Upgrade the existing play equipment at Nelson Street Park and make the area shaded, enclosed and with soft landing, as it's quiet unsafe having an unfenced play equipment that close to the river. If you have been to Gunnedah lately there is a great play area that has been set up outside target that is completely fenced and has fake grass.
2. Relocate the existing play equipment from Nelson Street Park and place next to the Skate park to make it more family friendly.
3. Liase with NSW Health about upgrading and moving the helipad at the local hospital. As the chairperson for the local Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Support Group the new AW139 choppers cannot land on the helipad because it's too close to the hospital and it's too small.
4. Look in to using some of the vacant land at the front of the hospital for more parking as there is not a lot of parking available at the hospital.
5. Once out of the drought maybe some thought should be given to an outdoor gazebo and garden area for patients and family to be able to spend some time outside instead of being stuck in a hospital bed

6. Look into fixing the road at the top end of Dalgarno Street, where all the roots from the trees have ruined the road.

I do hope that council will consider some of the other options that are presented by the community instead of proceeding with the Charles Street makeover

Kind Regards

Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Shane Weatherall

From:
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:46 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Town Street Beautification Coonabarabran - Charles Street submission

Dear councillors and staff

It is rare that I feel the need to make a submission however it has become painfully clear this council is operating in a manner the community has lost confidence in.

With respect, I fully appreciate the volunteers who step up to elected roles and this is to be commended.

Planting trees in a drought? Water mismanagement? What happened to raising the dam wall? What happened to the \$1m drought community funding? Flag poles seriously? Is that it?

For the love of God get it together we do not want more trees we want real vision and leadership. Think of a bypass in five years and form a community working group with government and rms funding to energise the tourism industry in this shire.

We have enough trees. We need growth, jobs, favourable development conditions, more rural lot sizes to attract you professionals doctors dentists lawyers engineers Astronomists nurses and so forth.

You need to think bigger.

I'm happy to discuss these ideas further if council wish to contact me in regards to my submission and I would be gray for confirmation that this is received and included appropriately.

Thanks

Shane Weatherall

From:
Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2019 11:40 AM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Charles Stree beautification

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in regards to the beautification of Charles Street.

We are struggling to keep the town alive with the water restrictions we have at the moment and planting more trees in a back street is senseless. The main street gardens are struggling to look decent. Oh I know it is winter and the only thing staying alive are Nandina plants but the guys struggle finding water to keep them alive. Every year they replant new flowers hoping they will do the trick and brighten the place for more than a few months.

We have no garden here (at home) practically because of the restrictions and cost of water. You (the Council) have risen our Rates, I am guessing to cover the bores you have and then expect us to think it is okay to pour water and money into trees that are unnecessary. Do us all a favour and put the money into something else.

Let us feel our struggle to raise the money for our Rates and Water is worthwhile.

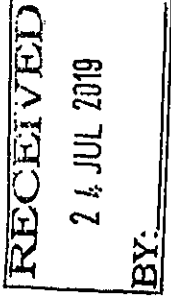
Yours truly

Shane Weatherall

From:
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:45 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Against trees been planted.

The shire havent thought real hard about this. Yes the town needs improvements. It's long over due. But given the drought etc it's a dumb idea. The roads dont handle the root systems like the top end of Dalgarno Street and it will just give something else for someone to run into. How about better footpaths and parking for disabled and the elderly. Both lacking in front of the town medical facilities. 2 only 2 maybe 3 disabled parking to cover 5 or 6 doctors. 2 pathology. 2 dentist. 1 physio and mental health. I have written before to ask something to be done but NOTHING. We have elderly falling and injuring themselves. Shire should be ashamed. If you want to talk I am willing to speak but not on the usual deaf ears.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



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24 July 2019

Dear General Manager &
Councillors,

with regard your proposed planting of trees
in George Street, I have the following objections -

1. It seems totally wrong to be planting
anything in this kind of drought.
 2. Trees should be planted on footpaths to
provide shade & improve the look
of the streetscape.
 3. Money allocated (if it is) ^{is already} for this could
be spent on many more worthwhile
projects.
 4. The Rotary Park at the back of the Batey
is a great improvement - I feel Council
should follow suit & repair the paths
& guttering in the carpark. Would be a
real plus for the town.
 5. In that area, the footpaths John St to
Charles St, are incredibly uneven - a
trip waiting to happen!
 6. When the drought breaks - water situation
improves, could you think of massive
planting of Crepe Myrtle trees & make
our town a picture when in flower &
gain a reputation of a "must see" place
similar to Grafton's Jacarandas.
- I do hope these suggestions are taken
into consideration

Yours sincerely,
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Shane Weatherall

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:29 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Trees in centre of streets in Charles, Cowper and anywhere else

Drought , more trees is a stupid idea. Streets are for vehicles not gardens, traffic hazard, stupid idea.
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Sent from my iPhone

Shane Weatherall

From:
Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2019 1:24 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Trees in Charles Street.

Dear Sir,
I strongly disagree with the planting of trees in Charles street. Spend the money on beautification of Main Street. Or entrances to our town when we know we're by pass is going.
There are trees missing down middle of Cassilis Street. Fix them up.

Sent from my iPhone

Shane Weatherall

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@[redacted].com>
Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2019 7:06 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: No to planting trees

I think it's totally disgusting that you are planning on planting trees. I say NO
We are in drought, the towns people's gardens are dying they can't water them and it's heartbreaking for them
Farmers are on the brink of despair and you want to plant trees that will suck up water
So many times I have seen your gardens overflowing with water it's a dam disgrace
You get your water for free no doubt maybe you need to start paying for it

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Shane Weatherall

From: ...
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:57 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Trees

Dear Mr Bailey

Council should be congratulated on attempting to beautify the streets of Coonabarabran.

However, I find it strange that council would be considering 'beautifying' an area of town, Charles St, by planting trees during the driest period we have ever experienced when council staff are currently watering existing trees & gardens by hand, down the middle of John St. Some of those trees are dying despite the care they get.

Planting young trees that will require nurturing to establish in the middle of a hot tar road in the middle of the severest drought in 120years seems incongruous to me when the community is on level 4 water restrictions & relying on bore water to survive.

What is the proposed benefit?

It is noted that trees, when properly planned as part of a larger integrated project can have huge benefits in terms of temperature reduction & control. Charles St is not a highly frequented pedestrian precinct. In fact it can be quite a busy area for vehicular traffic as a result of the two businesses located in the area.

I would urge council to reconsider this project & perhaps implement it at a better time & as part of a larger more integrated beautification & tree planting project.

I refer you to the attached links for further information about trees in urban landscapes.

<https://www.epa.gov/heat-islands/using-trees-and-vegetation-reduce-heat-islands>

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Environment/Climate-Change/Climate-Change-Projects-and-Resources/Street-20Trees-20Discussion-20Paper-20FINAL.pdf.aspx?lang=en-AU>

Sincerely

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11-7-19.

General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council
P O Box 191
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

FOLDER ID 1548

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter dated 28th June 2019 regarding Beautification of Cowper Street , I wish to raise a couple of issues.

- 1) I would like to know why Council is going to water the Trees with irrigation, when as an aged resident I am unable to water my garden unless I carry buckets of water. I don't water the lawn unless I use water that I save from the washing, shower or kitchen sink.
- 2) I also am wondering if there will be room for Trucks to go along the street when the Trees are planted especially if there is a large funeral at the Church on the corner. This road is used regularly by Large Trucks that travel to the weigh bridge and also some travel through to go across the weir to the Highway. It is a designated Street for B-Doubles that go to the public weigh bridge, I feel that this could also be an issue.

Yours sincerely,



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To
the General Manager and Councillors

To Roger Bailey

I welcome the opportunity to comment on Council's intention to plant, Pyrus Chanticleer trees in Charles St , as posted in The Times 4/7/2019.

With the bypass looming , I suggest it is advantageous to prioritise an upgrade of the current Street Scape of Cassilis St and Dalgarno St (between John St and Charles) in preference to any new plantings in Charles St.

At present there are missing , old , or failing trees , in these busy thoroughfares of Coonabarabran, that lead to off street parking, cafes, medical services, and supermarkets to name a few businesses.

The upgrade of Dalgarno St, Cassilis St and John St was part of the original Town Beautification Committee's recommendation, some 24 years ago.

The Pyrus Chanticleer trees, you suggest would be a wise decision, in my opinion , continuing the existing trees theme, in John St .

This variety has tolerated the traffic fumes better than many other varieties.

I realise that Council's decision as to the placement of the trees, would need to take into consideration access of semi trailers delivering to businesses.

I reiterate, please reconsider your proposal.

This upgrade of Coonabarabran Street Scape would make a significant contribution to our town, aesthetically pleasing to locals and memorable to travellers alike.

Yours sincerely