

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Anne Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Steve Loane (General Manager), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services) Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Jenny Lloyd, Craig, Dennis Atherton, E Ascher, Brenda Jenkins, Lucy Pickering, Sydney Sauls.

APOLOGIES: Cr Chris Sullivan, Cr Ron Sullivan, Phil McCormack, Mike Ascher, Julie Waters, Leslie Sauls.

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

MINUTES: Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from 24 November, 2015, confirmed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was acknowledged that the change in meeting time back to 5:30pm had had a positive result in terms of the number of people able to attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

2016/17 Budget

The Director Corporate and Community Services provided an overview of Council's budget process for 2016/17, including information on Council's *Operational Plan and Delivery Program*, and the *Town Budget Booklets*.

The *External Budget Application Form* was circulated and attendees were advised how they could make a submission to Council to be considered during the 2016/17 budget process.

Warrumbungle Bike Plan

The General Manager spoke about the Warrumbungle Bike Plan being developed by Council's Road Safety Officer. Surveys were distributed and attendees were advised that the survey is also available online on Council's website. Feedback from the survey will identify the needs of each community and will contribute towards the development of the Bike Plan.

Attendees were advised that submissions for the Warrumbungle Bike Plan Survey close on **Friday 8 April, 2016**.

Swimming Pool Legislation

The Director Development Services updated the meeting on recent changes to swimming pool legislation. The legislation states that all pool fencing and pool barriers are to be checked for compliance (*with the Swimming Pools Act*) prior to sale or rental. As of 29 April 2016, property owners that are selling their property (with a swimming pool or spa pool) will need to attach to the Contract of Sale a Certificate of Compliance, or a Certificate of Non-Compliance outlining what needs to be fixed. A flyer explaining these changes was distributed at the meeting.

Removal of Underground Storage Tanks

Director Development Services advised that Warrumbungle Shire Council has received funding as part of the Derelict Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Program to investigate and remediate four (4) derelict underground fuel tanks located on Council road reserves in four (4) towns within the Shire. Funding of \$240,000 has been received for this purpose.

Attendees were advised that if they are concerned about an old underground fuel tank in their locality to please contact Warrumbungle Shire Council's Development Services Department.

Hall Hire Charges

Costs for hiring the hall were discussed. Attendees were advised that there is a rate for community and not-for-profit groups. Concerns were expressed regarding the bond required for each booking. The General Manager requested that members of the community write to let Council know what they feel is an appropriate amount for a bond.

Primitive Camping Area

Council was asked if donations could be collected for people utilising the primitive camping area. Council advised that donations can be collected or a donations box installed.

Council were also requested to consider placing extra bins at the primitive camping area.

Sealing of Road

The sealing of the road in Bandulla Street between the Police Station and Anglican Church was discussed. Council advised that these works would be considered during this years budget deliberations.

Sport Ground Improvements

Residents asked if Council would consider some improvements to local sporting facilities, given how well utilised they are. Council advised attendees that there was funding in this years for the development of Master Plans for sport and recreation precincts and facilities in each town throughout the Shire.

Slashing

Slashing of Castlereagh Highway and town fringes was discussed. Council was advised that residents felt the slashing may not be being completed as per the program presented at the November Meeting. Director Technical Services advised he would look into how the slashing program was being implemented. Director Technical Services commented that work on the Castlereagh Highway had commenced and would continue in the coming months.

Youth Development Officer

A question was asked regarding the role of Council's Youth Development Officer. The Manager Children's and Community Services provided an overview of the role and the changes that have taken place in the last couple of years in relation to this role.

Rail Crossing

No one who was in attendance at the meeting was able to speak to this Agenda item.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Water

Residents advised Council that in recent weeks there had been brown water. Council were also advised that water pressure was an ongoing issue.

Council advised that a new valve has been purchased but is unable to be installed until winter as the tank has to be drained for it to be installed.

Council requested that residents keep them up to date with water issues being experienced in Mendooran. Residents were advised that if they cannot speak directly with the Director Technical Services or Manager Warrumbungle Water that they can leave a message with the Administration Team at Council.

Dogs

Residents raised concerns regarding dogs in the town. Director Development Services advised that dogs should be restrained. If residents have concerns regarding dogs they can report it to Council.

Seniors Week Funding

Residents of Mendooran thanked Council for funding provided for a Seniors Week activity, through the National Youth Week Small Grants Program.

Tennis Court Gardens

Residents asked who was taking care of the gardens at the tennis courts. Director Technical Services advised that Council would be.

Meeting Closed: 6:45pm