



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

8 MARCH 2018

**STRATEGIC ASSET AND WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

PUBLIC BUSINESS PAPER

Monday, 5 March 2018

TO:

- Councillors
- General Manager
- Director – Corporate Services
- Director – Planning and Community Development
- Director – Engineering Services
- Manager – Water and Waste
- Manager – Executive Projects

Notice is hereby given that the **Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 8 March 2018** commencing at **2pm**.

Please note that all Committee meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Ian Dinham
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Reports
 - a) Questions on Notice Responses
 - b) Workshop – Forthcoming Grant Opportunities and Project Priorities
 - c) Workshop – Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Changes
6. Standing agenda item: Questions on Notice
7. Standing agenda item: Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates
8. Standing agenda item: Overseas Trade and Investment
9. Close meeting

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Report by	Executive
Contact	Lester Rodgers, General Manager
Attachments	One (1) attachment; refer to Attachments section
File	FILE 15/185

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Strategic Asset and Works Committee receive the Questions on Notice responses for information.

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**
Not applicable
- Sustainable Spaces and Places**
Not applicable
- A Vibrant Regional Economy**
Not applicable
- A Leading Organisation**
L1.7 Be accountable and transparent in our affairs, operate with integrity, improve our responsiveness and pursue innovative solutions for organisational improvement

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Questions on Notice (**QON**) provide an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of the General Manager which are then recorded within the meeting minutes and the Council's Customer Request Management (**CRM**) system. A response to this question is either provided verbally at the meeting or taken on notice if the response requires further research.

In response to requests from Councillors, a QON response system has been implemented where all responses are made available to the public through a Standing Committee Meeting business paper (as per this report). This will ensure that the answers not provided at the meeting are publically available for review by members of the public and Council's transparency is enhanced.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

Review of the QON's has no significant financial implications.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Code of Meeting Practice (2016) includes the provision for QON's as part of the Committee Meeting Standing Order of Business. The Code of Meeting Practice is consistent with the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Model Code.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified risk implications associated with QON responses.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

QON responses are provided as part of a Standing Committee Meeting business paper on a regular basis to ensure all responses are made available to the public.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Question on Notice responses

CRM 866/2017

Question on Notice – Planning and Community Development – Councillor Tramby

3. In a Council meeting last year we had an application from someone at the airport to buy some undeveloped land? I'm wondering how the process is going? General Manager, Lester Rodgers: The Economic Development Officer has had some additional discussions with the developer, as have I. We are looking to prepare a strategy to bring back to Council generically, not specifically in response to a particular application but generically as to how our Council might support a way forward with strategic land release.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee 2 February 2017).

Response:

Preparation of an Airport Land Utilisation Strategy is an early recommendation of the Moree Plains Shire EDS. Will identify as an action for consideration in 2018/19. More information will be forthcoming.

CRM 2177/2017

Question on Notice – Planning and Community Development – Councillor Tramby

2. In regards to "shot gun" microphones for the choir on ANZAC Day. They been informed that they are an OHS issue. The microphones are designed for choirs, not like a conventional microphone where you speak right into it. The "shot gun" microphone is a long directional speaker.

(Finance and Governance Committee Meeting 20 April 2017)

Response:

Subject to final approval of work scope; updating the external speaker system used for ANZAC day commemorations will form part of the Stage 1 redevelopment of the MCP. For the 2018 ANZAC ceremony, a third party contractor will be utilised to ensure the sound at the event operates effectively.

CRM 2352/2017

Question on Notice – Planning and Community Development – Councillor Montgomery

Every time the Premier opens her mouth, she talks about, you know how 30% of whatever they are selling this week, is going to go to the bush. Have we got a handle on this? You know they are selling the Land Titles Office, I think, and it was \$1.5billion or \$1.2billion or something, and 30% of that was going to; and I think we should be putting our hand up and saying we want 30% of this, or whatever.

General Manager, Lester Rodgers: I'll certainly take it on notice and get some clarification. The high ground that is being claimed by the State Government, is that they are saying that they are making the funds available, that we then have to apply for, such as project grant funding and so forth. And so it's not a dividend that's being paid to the bush, it's a pool of money that's being created to which we can apply for. The latest round, to which we have multiple and I think there is a priority report that come from one the committee meetings in the business paper today, seeking Council's formal endorsement to a suite of grant applications that are being made to a fund, which is in the order of \$100million, that has been generated by the State Government, allocating these funds by sell offs

and so forth.

(Community Development and Services Committee Meeting 27 April 2017)

Response:

The primary 'Grant Fund' source available to Council from State Government is the umbrella 'Regional Growth Fund'. Council has considered a number of projects under the 'Regional Growth Fund' banner and previous reports have been tabled to Council providing information in relation to the fund. The following link provides a summary of information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/regional-growth-fund/>

Key upcoming opportunities will be provided as part of the REDS program. MPSC is grouped with Inverell, Gwydir and Narrabri. A workshop was held in December 2017.

Other opportunities are available under the Regional Sports Infrastructure and Connecting Country Communities arms of the fund.

Question on Notice - Engineering Services - Councillor Smith

Why are the Alice Street parking spaces so narrow? To park legally your nose is in the traveling lane, because you legally can't be overhanging the gutter?

Response:

Alice Street is a local road with 6.8m fog line to fog line traveling lanes; 3.4 m for each direction.

The parking spaces are 5.5m deep (perpendicular to the kerb) but are only required to be a minimum of 4.8m for 45degree angle parking.

This area has a low kerb and therefore 600mm overhang is considered to be available behind the kerb (overhanging the gutter).

All Urban parking spaces are designed for a maximum of 6m long vehicle (in this case - 5.4m on road and 600mm overhang) a vehicle longer than 6m would be required to park as a small truck and therefore not occupy spaces designed for cars.

Question on Notice - Engineering Services - Councillor Tramby

There is no left turn lane when exiting into Gosport Street northbound off the Bypass? This could result in short stacking if multiple vehicles are queued?

Response:

RMS have inspected both exits and confirmed that there are turning lanes that allow sufficient space for vehicles to queue.

Report Title	2 Workshop – Forthcoming Grant Opportunities and Project Priorities
Report by	Planning and Community Development
Contact	Mark Connolly/Angus Witherby
Attachments	No attachment
File	FILE17/548

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council resolve into Workshop Mode to receive and discuss a presentation on grant opportunities including Growing Local Economies, Stronger Country Communities, Regional Sporting Infrastructure and Building Better Regions.**

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**
 C2.3 Design community infrastructure and promote events and services that satisfy the diverse needs of our community members
- Sustainable Spaces and Places**
 S2.1 Ensure adequate services, facilities and plans are in place to minimise service interruptions and to cater for current and future demand
- A Vibrant Regional Economy**
 E3.3 Entice new business development and investment within the Shire
- A Leading Organisation**
 L2.1 Develop and build on our partnerships and relationships with other stakeholders to address priority issues

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

As part of a continuing series of workshops on key themes and issues, this workshop reviews the role of Council's role in community development. In particular, the workshop:

- Reviews forthcoming grant programs
- Reviews Council's CSP in terms of items that may be appropriate for grant funding,
- Seeks Councillor input into project selection, and
- Discusses the implications for Council in a resource-constrained environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

No direct financial implications have been identified. Individual projects may require a co-contribution from Council, community or the private sector. Any projects that require a Council contribution would be the subject of a separate report. Council has some funds that are allocated through the TED fund, and consideration is being given in the current budget round to funding projects in the 2018-19 financial year.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

A range of relevant legislation underpins infrastructure which involves grants however Council's overall responsibilities are under the *NSW Local Government Act, 1993*.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council needs to carefully manage grant applications to ensure there is financial capacity to maintain any assets that may be funded, or, alternatively, has put in place arrangements for other groups or organisations to maintain.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Any grant funded assets have asset management implications. These include maintenance costs and depreciation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council considered the previous round of Stronger Country Communities funding at the Ordinary meeting of 24 August 2017 at which time Council resolved;

17/08/29 RESOLVED (TRAMBY/MONTGOMERY):

1. That Moree Plains Shire Council make application to the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the following projects:

a. Development of the Mehi River Corridor Project having a total project cost of \$502,800, and providing a co-contribution of \$100,000.

b. Development of the Boggabilla Sport and Community Enhancement Project having a project cost of \$140,000.

c. Amenity and capital improvements at the Moree Netball Courts having a total project cost of \$100,000 and providing a co-contribution of \$40,000.

2. That in partnership with the Mungindi Progress Association (MPA), Moree Plains Shire Council make application to the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the development of the Mungindi Community Amenity Improvement Project, having a total project cost of \$103,500, with \$20,000 in partnership funding being provided by the MPA.

3. That in partnership with the Moree Water Ski Club (MWSC), Moree Plains Shire Council make application to the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the development of the Mehi Beach Community Project located at the Moree Water Park, having a total project cost of \$140,000, with additional in-kind support provided by the MWSC.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.

Report Title	3 Workshop – Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Changes
Report by	Planning and Community Development
Contact	Angus Witherby
Attachments	No attachment
File	FILE12/1767

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve into Workshop Mode to receive and discuss a presentation on changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**
Not applicable
- Sustainable Spaces and Places**
S1.4 Planning controls reflect environmental values
- A Vibrant Regional Economy**
Not applicable
- A Leading Organisation**
L1.1 Ensure Council’s operations are financially sustainable and we responsibly manage our organisational resources, systems and processes

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

As part of a continuing series of workshops on key themes and issues, this workshop reviews the recent significant changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. These changes involve the structure of the Act, the way the Local Environmental Plans and Development Control Plans are written, and introduce significant additional requirements around place-based strategic planning and the need to implement communications strategies.

In particular, the workshop:

- Sets out understandings of what the core changes are and how they affect Council
- Identifies the major pieces of work required by Council including timelines
- Discusses management of these issues in a resource-constrained environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

No financial implications have been identified.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The following legislation and subordinate legislation are relevant:

- *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and associated regulations and consequential legislation
- *Moree Local Environmental Plan 2011*
- *Moree Development Control Plan 2013*

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No specific risk implications have been identified.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

This is the first time this matter has come before Council in this form although an overview of the operations of the Community and Economic Development section of Council was provided during Councillor Induction.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments

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