

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022 IN THE SCONE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING AT 12.30PM

PRESENT:

Cr Ron Campbell (Chair), Cr Maurice Collison, Cr Tayah Clout and Cr Allison McPhee.

APOLOGIES:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Greg McDonald (General Manager), Mat Pringle (Director Planning & Infrastructure), Kristian Enevoldson (Director Corporate & Community Services), Jeff Bush (Manager Strategic Assets), Grahame Wilson (Manager Water & Sewer), Chris Agosto (Project Manager), Nilakshi Fernando (Engineer Water & Sewer) and Karen Boland (Infrastructure Services Support Officer).

APPLICATIONS FOR ATTENDING MEETING VIA VIDEO LINK:

Nil

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

ISC.11.1

WORKS PROGRAM - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WATER & SEWER

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Mathew Pringle - Director Planning & Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Grahame Wilson - Manager Strategic Projects

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. receive the report and note the information.
2. adopt the Drought and Emergency Response Management Plan (DERMP).
3. note the Decentralised Wastewater Scoping Study for Cassilis.

Moved: Cr Collison

Seconded: Cr Clout

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Questions:

Cr McPhee requested with regard to the Drought and Emergency Response Management Plan, can reference be made to the different levels of water restrictions and what they mean, eg: watering time frames.

Response: Taken on notice by the Manager Water and Sewer.

ISC.11.2***WORKS PROGRAM - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS DELIVERY***

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Mathew Pringle - Director Planning & Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Sam Wooden - Manager Works Delivery

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr Clout

Seconded: Cr McPhee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Questions:

Cr Campbell noted the deterioration of Ringwood Road and Flight Springs Road, Merriwa and requested they be inspected for repair.

Response: Taken on notice by the Director Planning and Infrastructure.

Cr Campbell enquired with regard to the recent funding announcement from NSW Government aimed at fixing potholes on regional roads, what portion of the \$50M will be allocated to UHSC?

Response: General Manager advised that funding is based on the length of road network. An application has been submitted and is awaiting approval. Funding amount at this stage is unknown. A copy of the current UHSC Reseal Program can be distributed to the committee. Staff are currently investigating funding through the Betterment Program.

Cr Campbell enquired if there is going to be a pipe installed under the road at the eastern end of Hacketts Lane, Merriwa as he was of the understanding that a concrete causeway was proposed.

Response: The Director Planning and Infrastructure advised that he believed a low flow pipe was to be installed, however he would take the question on notice and confirm that this was the case.

ISC.11.3***STRATEGIC AND CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE***

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Mathew Pringle - Director Planning & Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Sam Wooden - Manager Works Delivery

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr Clout

Seconded: Cr McPhee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Questions:

Cr Clout enquired if high pressure hoses are being used to water trees as it has been reported that the use of them is causing damage to the trees.

Response: Taken on notice by the Director Planning and Infrastructure to investigate the practices of tree watering.

ISC.11.4***MR358 WILLOW TREE ROAD UPGRADE***

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Kristian Enevoldson - Director Corporate & Community Services

AUTHOR: Jeff Bush - Manager Strategic Assets

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr Collison

Seconded: Cr McPhee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.11.5

BILL ROSE SPORTS COMPLEX USER GROUP COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Mathew Pringle - Director Planning & Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Sam Wooden - Manager Works Delivery

RESOLVED that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Bill Rose Sports Complex User Group held on:

1. 30 August 2022; and,
2. 27 September 2022.

Moved: Cr Clout

Seconded: Cr McPhee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was declared closed at 1.00pm.