



# **MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL**

**22 JUNE 2017**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS PAPER**

Monday, 19 June 2017

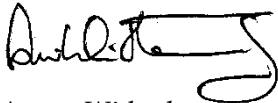
TO:

- 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 **Community Development and Services Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 22 June 2017** commencing at **2pm**.

Please note that all Council meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Angus Witherby  
DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Reports
  - a) Question on Notice Responses
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 TITLE:	2. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE RESPONSES
REPORT FROM:	GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NUMBER:	FILE 15/183

**SUMMARY:**

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 CRM system. Councillors have indicated that they would like to ensure that the responses to QONs not answered on the day are made available to the public through inclusion in business papers.

The purpose of this report is provide a copy of the QON responses in the next available committee meeting business paper for public viewing to maintain transparency. This report is for information purposes only and does not require a recommendation.

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**REPORT****BACKGROUND:**

QON's provide an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of the General Manager which are then recorded within the meeting minutes and the Council's 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.

**COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS:**

No significant community implications have been identified.

**ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS:**

No significant economic implications have been identified.

**ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

No significant environmental implications have been identified.

## **LEADERSHIP/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Review of the Questions on Notice responses will have a positive impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcomes:

**L2. We demonstrate accountability, transparency and ethical conduct**

**L3. We are engaged and well informed**

Review of the QON's allows Council to closely monitor what QON's have been responded to while providing details of questions and responses in a public forum. This ensures there is transparency in Council's conduct and the community is kept well informed.

## **FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **Report 1**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE RESPONSES**

CRM 3089/2017

**Question on Notice - Engineering - Councillor Price**

**Councillor Price:**

- 1. Could someone please tell me, the new oval at Ron Harborne. What is the cost of clearing the land?**

Director of Engineering Services, Ian Dinham:

I can't tell you right now but it is part of the Taylor Oval agreement, I'd have to check the exact amount. It is in the budget for next year to clear and topsoil the area.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting 8 June 2017).

**Response:**

*Council staff have received a quote from a local construction company to carry out all of the construction works for the western oval. Of the entirety of the works, we estimate the clearing to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.*

CRM 3090/2017

**Question on Notice - Engineering - Councillor Humphries**

**Councillor Humphries:**

- 2. I'd like to know what is happening on the south side of the Mehi River on the western side of Edward Street where the land clearing is going on down there?**

Director of Planning and Community Development, Angus Witherby:

I did notice that myself, I'd have to take that on notice.

**Councillor Humphries: There are a lot of people asking me and I have to say; "I don't know".**

**Councillor Ritchie: It may be an extension of the River Gums retirement village? Mr Rodgers knows more.**

General Manager, Lester Rodgers:

I'll need take that on notice and investigate further but I know there has been ongoing discussion with the Aboriginal Lands Council about strategic land releases. I recall that there was either an application or an approval for some residential land to be excised but that was subject to further assessment in relation to flood impacts but I know there was also some preliminary discussion in relation to the potential extension of the retirement village west of Edward Street. We will get some formal advice as to ownership and potential development down there and advise Council.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting 8 June 2017).



**Response:**

*The clearing works were completed by Councils Parks and Open Spaces Crew and funded by the RFS for fire hazard reduction purposes.*

CRM 1423/2017

**Question on Notice -Water and Waste - Councillor Tramby**

I've been advised of the magnificent tree planting out at the ski lakes? My concern is that they'll have to revert to potable water to water those trees. We need to know what the cost to Council will be.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting 9 March 2017)

**Response:**

*The current Licence Agreement between Moree Plains Shire Council and the Moree Water Ski Club (Clause 5.1(t) Licensee's Obligations) provides:*

*"Attend to all electricity costs and expenses associated with the licensee's use of the site."*

*A potable water supply connection and a sewer connection is provided to Lot 3 DP570202 for the sole purpose of servicing the Moree Water Park in total. The water meter is currently situated in the vicinity of the public amenities.*

*Accordingly, under the terms of the Agreement, Council will be sending the Moree Ski Club accounts for the water supply and sewerage services.*

CRM 3092/2017

**Question on Notice -Planning and Community Development - Councillor Tramby**

Is Management considering putting a tin shed toilet at Gurley? General Manager, Lester Rodgers: We will take that on notice and get a detailed response but I have enquired through the planning coordinator who has advised me that the intention is still to go with a self cleaning and automated toilet. It will not be to the same standard as those that are provided in town but it certainly won't be a tin shed. A further response is required.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting 8 June 2017)

**Response:**

*The Gurley toilet is still on hold pending ARTC's (owners of the land for the preferred location) written approval and their licence requirements. Once this is received, and the additional costings for this location, a report will be brought back to Council for further discussion. As per Council's procurement policy, three (3) quotes were obtained from three different module toilet companies however none have been accepted.*

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