



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

10 MAY 2018

**STRATEGIC ASSET AND WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

PUBLIC BUSINESS PAPER

Monday, 7 May 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, 10 May 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
6. Standing agenda item: Questions on Notice
7. Standing agenda item: Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates
 - a) Presentation from Tourism Moree
8. Standing agenda item: Overseas Trade and Investment
9. Close meeting

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Report by	Executive
Contact	Lester Rodgers, General Manager
Attachments	Two (2) attachments; 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

Attachment 2 Confidential Question on Notice response

Question on Notice – Engineering - Councillor Tramby

3. Is Council aware that at Kempsey Airport a plane hit a kangaroo? Costs were up to \$200,000 in damages, no one was injured but Kempsey Shire was held responsible as it was unfenced. We should check our responsibilities for Boomi Airport.

A further response is required.

(Finance and Governance Committee 16 November 2017)

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT:

Council has received a response from our insurer in relation to this matter, however they advise that the information they provide to us on our insurance product with them is commercial in confidence and therefore pursuant to Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 should Council wish to discuss the confidential QON memo then they will need to resolve to go into Closed Committee.

CRM8848/2018

Question on Notice - Engineering - Councillor Montgomery

5. Is there any further funding or planning for the continuation of works completed on the Carnarvon Highway between Moree and Yarraman? Specifically, at the location of the Carole Creek Bridge and property 'Sappa' as it is dangerous with the water that runs down from the property and it cuts the road when it rains.

Director of Engineering Services, Mr Ian Dinham: The next section for this project has been delayed by approximately 12 months due to the Environmental Impact Statement and native title investigations and it won't be done this financial year. We are currently in discussion with the Roads and Maritime Services as we would like to do the shoulders in the very least immediately as they are dangerous and this may also address the water issue. A further response is required.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee 8 March 2018)

Response:

The drainage problem is an issue that requires a complex resolution. New pipes are required across the "Sappa" driveway to drain the water from the northern table drain into the floodway. When it does drain into the floodway the water lays there as the floodway is lower than the surrounding land. We have currently engaged SMK to start surveying the fall of the drains to the nearby Carole Creek.

Report 1 **Question on Notice responses**

Attachment 2 CONFIDENTIAL - Question on Notice response

Provided under separate cover due to confidentiality