

NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL



**ROADS & FLEET
COMMITTEE**

**ROADS & FLEET COMMITTEE MEETING OF
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
8 NOVEMBER 2006.**

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**1. NARRABRI WORKS DEPOT COMPLEX – OFFICIAL OPENING
DKP:DKP) [ENG]**

P99/01628

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of the Narrabri West Works Depot redevelopment, and allow Council to set date and itinerary for a formal opening.

Background

At the ordinary meeting in June 2005 Council resolved (*vide* Minute No. 371/2005):

“on the motion of Cr Laird and seconded by Cr Meppem that Council

- a) accept the tender of Paintrite Pty Ltd to construct a new Depot Complex as per Specification No. 042281, for the sum of \$1,655,750 (exc GST);*
- b) approve additional borrowing of \$300,000 for the complex to a total value of \$1.5 million;*
- c) authorise the General Manager and Mayor to enter into the above agreements on behalf of Narrabri Shire Council.’*

The construction phase of the development commenced in late 2005 with the initial site preparation by Council staff, this involved the relocation of three (3) small sheds and the construction of the earth pad.

The primary contractor Paintrite Building Services Pty Ltd of Dubbo assumed responsibility of the site in November of 2005 and commenced the building phase in that same month. The project was halted for approximately four (4) weeks over the Christmas/January holiday period.

Paintrite completed construction in late April.

An Occupation Certificate was issued on the 5 May.

Council’s Roads Section prepared the front apron & drive-through surfaces for sealing. Australian Pavement Maintenance Services and Pioneer Road Services applied the seals.

Current Position

Although the complex is operational there are three (4) significant tasks remaining:

1. Complete the fit out of communication & IT systems, offices, store and workshop equipment
2. Official opening
3. The convert the old demountable (ATCO) meal room into an office and construt a small shed for use as a soil laboratory.
4. Removal of the old workshop/store building and completing the earthworks into the old depot site.

A budget of about \$40,000 remains for these activities

Staff are working toward completing these activities with demolition of the old depot commencing immediately after the Soil Laboratory is successfully relocated.

An official opening is planned to be held on Thursday the 23rd of November 2006 at 2pm, the function will commence with a BBQ lunch followed by the opening ceremony and a guided tour for Councillors. It is expected to finalise proceeding by 4pm.

It is proposed to invite Councillors, Council staff (some previous employees), relevant contractors, members of the RFS and the press. The Mayor and General Manager will make a short speech and unveil a commemorative plaque.

The Rural Fire Service will be holding a separate function on 25 November to officially open their section of the complex and present service awards to their volunteers.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This project is expected to be completed within the approved budget allocation. Catering costs will be in the vicinity of \$1,000

Legal Implications

Nil

Commentary

Nil

Conclusion

Nil.

<p>RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve Thursday, 23 November 2006, as the date of the official opening of the Narrabri Works Depot complex.</p>

**2. NARRABRI CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (PJK:PJK) [ENG] S20/06005**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the minutes of the Narrabri Central Business District Improvement Consultative Committee and allow Council to consider the recommendations from those minutes.

Background

The Narrabri Central Business District Improvement Consultative Committee held its first meeting on 30 May 2006.

The Committee consists of five Councillors, Cr Gleeson, Cr Meppem, Cr Rae, Cr O'Regan and Cr Pantan (the chairperson) and three Chamber of Commerce Representatives.

Current Position

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September and 17 October 2006 are presented in Attachment 1.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

Commentary

Nil

Conclusion

Nil

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Council include the provision of the following infrastructure in the 2007/2008 Management Plan, Works Priority List:

- Upgrading the lighting at each Maitland Street intersection (Doyle and Dewhurst Street) by replacing the existing four lighting pole structures and lights with higher and brighter configurations.
- Implementation of the carparking layout plan (ref: NAS-538) that provides for trees to be planted in garden beds.
- Installation of bench seats under trees for the provision of shade seating at mid block locations.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Council approve the provision of a reserved, “Doctors Only” parking at the Bridge Medical Centre, Tibbereena Street, Narrabri.

3. ROAD SERVICES MONTHLY WORKS UPDATE (RTK:RTK) [ENG] C70/05001

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of the 2005/06 budget for the Road Services Section, providing a brief description of the works carried out last month and the works that are planned for this coming month.

Background

This is a regular monthly report.

Current Position

The following figures have been extracted from the financial database "Powerbudget" as at 24 October 2006, at which time 32% of the financial year had passed.

Maintenance (Operating) expenditure is \$2,159,237 (29%), see Attachment 2.

Construction (Non-Operating) expenditure is \$268,334 (5%), see Attachment 3.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

All maintenance categories are expending at a pleasing rate, resealing work tends to affect the expenditure rate. Preparations are progressing for the pre Christmas sealing program.

Construction work is behind the propatra rate however the Kerb & Gutter and Footpath tenders have just been advertised, MR 133 pavement construction will be commencing soon and this should see expenditure increase.

Legal Implications

Nil

Commentary

Flood Damage Repairs

Flood damage repairs have recommenced following a reduction in these works over the last six weeks, this break in the carting of gravel allowed the existing winrowed gravel to be spread and general road maintenance to be undertaken.

At the time of this report the Flood Damage Repair Program is 81.5% complete within 65.4% of the available time frame.

The current status of the Flood Damage Repair Program Summary is presented in Attachment 4 for Council's information.

Regional Road Funding Assistance to Local Government for 2006/2007 - Information Paper to Councils

An information paper has been received from the RTA/Local government Liaison Committee regarding Regional Road Funding assistance, a copy of this report is included in the attachments.

Rural Sealed Roads Rehabilitation Program (Berrigal/Millie Roads)

Work is currently being undertaken on Shire Road 2 (Berrigal Road) 8.4km east of Bellata under the Sealed Roads Rehabilitation Program, this work involves the ripping, reshaping and incorporation of additional gravel to the existing road, stabilising the pavement to a depth of 150mm and the application of a new bitumen seal to the 2.6km section.

At the completion of the work on the Berrigal Road the crew will relocate to Shire Road 1 (Millie Road) and undertake rehabilitation works on a 1.6km section located approximately 7.5km west of Bellata.

Main Road 133 Narrabri/Bingara Road – 2006/07 REPAIR Program

Works have commenced on the Bingara Road construction project, with the construction of the concrete base slab for the major culvert completed, delivery of the pre-cast culvert units is scheduled for late October early November 2006.

Rural Road Widening – Old Gunnedah Road (SR 10)

Council crews have recently completed the widening of culverts between the Kaputar Road intersection and Stafford Drive.

Earth works associated with the widening of the existing pavement are in progress and should be completed by early November 2006.

Timber Bridge Maintenance Pilliga Road

Council Officers are currently assessing the condition of the Dubbo Creek Bridge located 55km west of Wee Waa;(4 km east of Pilliga), this bridge was closed in late 2001, with a side track provided.

The condition assessment will determine the repairs necessary to re-open this bridge to traffic. This bridge will be re-opened following the repairs, with a 10 tonne load limit, this load limit which is in line with the other recently re-opened Pilliga Road Bridges

Narrabri - Gravel sheeting Cameron Park Rest Area

The gravel sheeting of Cameron Park Rest Area has been completed, bitumen seal this project. Sealing of this project will be undertaken by mid November 2006.

Narrabri – Construction and sealing Cooma Oval Car Park

The construction of the Cooma Oval car park behind the BP Service Station is programmed to commence shortly.

A letter has been written to the “Manager” of the BP Service Station advising that construction and sealing of the Cooma Oval carpark is programmed to commence shortly. The letter advises that the current arrangement whereby heavy vehicles accessing the diesel bowsers use the carpark to turn around will not be permitted.

Negotiations are currently being undertaken with the Service Station manager regarding this Project.

Narrabri – Road Shoulder/Kerb Failure Tibbereena Street.

Council would be aware that the road shoulder adjacent to the new kerb/footpath in Tibbereena Street between Killarney and Lloyd Street has developed a significant failure. The shoulder along with the kerb and footpath were constructed as part of the new Woolworths development in late 2005.

Council Officers Mr Robert Kneale and Mr Rowan Hudson inspected the defective works with Mr David Elmes, principal of Elmes Construction Group on Tuesday 1st August 2006.

Mr Elmes has acknowledged the defects and his Companies responsibility to undertake the necessary repairs, a copy of Elmes Construction Group letter was included in the September 2006, Roads and Fleet Committee attachments.

An update on this project will be provided at the November Committee meeting.

Boggabri – Footpath Construction Grantham Street

A quotation has been accepted from Pavecon Building Services Narrabri, to undertake the construction of a new concrete footpath in Grantham Street (Wee Waa Street to Hospital); the Contractor advised that work would commence early October 2006, the Contractor has recently revised his starting date to mid November 2006.

Boggabri – Street Construction/Dust Sealing Frome Street and Caravan Park

Construction work is currently being undertaken in Frome Street and within the Caravan Park; sealing of these works will be undertaken in conjunction with the annual streets reseal programmed for late November 2006.

<p>RECOMMENDATION: Branch monthly report</p>	<p>That Council note the information regarding the Road Services</p>
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ROADS & FLEET COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD IN THE NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM, 46-48 MAITLAND STREET, NARRABRI, ON WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2006.

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