

NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL



**PUBLIC
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FACILITIES
COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
2ND OCTOBER, 2007.**

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEES TO MAKE DECISIONS

Council delegate to its Standing Committees the authority to determine the following matters:

General (For all Standing Committees)

1. Receiving and noting reports.
2. Referring matters for further investigations and report back to the Committee.
3. Determining requests for assistance from outside organisations.

Public Infrastructure & Community Facilities

1. Determining saleyards operating procedures.
2. Determining airport operating procedures.

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**ITEMS FOR
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1. COMMUNITY FACILITIES MONTHLY UPDATE (OCTOBER 2007)
(ARC:ARC) [ENG]

M10/12002**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of the 2007/2008 budget for the Community Facilities Section, provide a brief description of the works carried out during the last month and the works that are planned for the coming month.

Background

This is a regular monthly report.

Current Position

Operating expenditure for Community Facilities is [Attachment 1](#).

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Costs associated with the running of the aerodrome is running ahead of budget. This is due to the expense of installing a compliant sewerage system for the aerodrome being incurred this financial year and not the previous financial year. Council will also incur an unanticipated cost due to the AFRU failing.

The Boggabri Swimming Pool Solar Heating project has been funded utilising the funds allocated for the installation of a playground (\$10,000).

The Wee Waa Parks & Gardens expenditure includes expenses accrued in 06/07. This is to yet to adjusted downwards.

Legal Implications

Nil.

Commentary

The introduction of compulsory recycling and commissioning of the swimming pools will be the focus of Community facilities in September and early October.

Parks & Gardens in Narrabri are focused upon the cricket wicket preparation.

Aerodrome

At the August PI&CF committee meeting a suggestion was raised to investigate the possibility of the Remote Aerodrome Safety Grant Program. Council's aerodrome does not fit the criteria necessary to access funding as it has an RPT (Qantas-Link).

The annual aerodrome inspection for Narrabri Aerodrome was undertaken by CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) in September 2007.

Parks & Gardens

There has been an increase in vandalism with the warming of the weather.

Permanent pens has been used to deface the wooden seating in the Wee Waa main street. The ink from these has permeated the wood resulting in marks which are difficult to conceal. The BBQ in Dangar Park was also targeted last month

Tidy Towns assessments occurred on the 19th and 20th of September 2007..

Caravan Parks

Nil.

Waste Management

Processing of green waste and pallet waste was undertaken this month by Shoalhaven Recycling Pty Ltd. The contract for the green waste processing tender is currently being advertised for the next two year period.

Sulo has advised that MGB's will be ready for collection from 27th September 2007. Delivery will occur over the following week. Commencement of the kerbside recycling service will therefore be delayed.

Council has received a number of requests from commercial premises for access to recycling bins.

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The Household Chemical Cleanout Campaign was Sunday 29th July 2007 at the Narrabri Waste Facility resulted in the removal of approximately 1.5 tonnes of chemicals from the local community.

Swimming Pools

The dates for the Community Friday evenings at Councils pools are as follows:

Month	Day	Boggabri	Narrabri	Wee Waa
October 2007	Friday	26 th	26 th	26 th
November 2007	Friday	30 th	23 rd	16 th
December	Friday	28 th	14 th	7 th

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January 2007	Friday	25 th	18 th	11 th
February 2007	Friday	29 th	22 nd	15 th
March 2007	Friday	7th	7th	7th

Expressions of Interest for the operation of the kiosks in Boggabri, Narrabri, and Wee Waa close on Thursday 30th August 2007.

Kiosk operators have been found for the Narrabri and Wee Waa memorial pools. No expression of interest has been received for the Boggabri Pool. Vending machines have been arranged to facilitate a minimum level of service for this facility.

The new chlorine and acid injection systems for each pool were operational by September 14th 2007.

The solar heating system from Zane was installed and turned on at 7.15am 17th September 2007. By 2pm the water temperature had increased by 1.1 degree. Water temperature increase and daily temperature is being monitored so a comparison to Wee Waa pool which is without heating and no blankets can be made to compare the effectiveness of the system.

Noxious Weeds

Mimosa Bush (*Vachellia franesiana*) has been submitted for inclusion in the Regional Weed Strategy (RWS) to be developed by NIWAC.

Mimosa Bush (*Vachellia franesiana*) can be described only as an environmental weed and its coverage by the Native Vegetation Act 2003 means we cannot use the same control methods as would be possible if the plant was declared a noxious weed.

Thus the control strategies that can be described in the Regional Weeds Strategy will be those which are in accordance with the Native Vegetation Act 2003.

Conclusion

Nil

RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Infrastructure & Community Facilities Committee receive the Community Facilities Section October 2007 monthly report for information.

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**ITEMS FOR
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2. COMMERCIAL RECYCLING SERVICE (AC:AC) [ENG]**H10/34003****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to set a fee for the provision of a kerbside recycling component to commercial premises or households requiring additional recycling MGB's.

Background

Council has planned to commence a compulsory kerbside recycling service from 1st October 2007.

The recycling component comprises 2x240L MGB's (mobile garbage bins) collected alternate fortnights in conjunction with the general waste bin. One bin contains containers (plastic, glass / aluminium products) the other paper and cardboard products.

Current Position

Council has received several requests for the recycling service to be available to businesses.

Council has not set a price for households which require an additional recycling service (ie, 2 or more of the same bin collected weekly) or for recycling if requested by a commercial premise.

The current charges are:

- o Residential Urban - \$280 (includes recycling)
- o Commercial - \$300

Policy Implications

Council only provides a kerbside collection service to set areas.

Financial Implications

Council incurs a charge for the collection and processing of each recycling bin and the cost of purchasing a bin for a premise as per the terms of contract 2006/07-20.

Council receives a contribution towards the ongoing maintenance of the landfill and waste services generally from the Residential Urban and Commercial charge.

The fee required to cover the cost of providing the recycling service only component is \$95pa.

Legal Implications

All requests for provision of a recycling service is limited to the areas specified by the contract with Namoi Waste Corp Pty Ltd.

Commentary

A premise must pay for the base residential urban or commercial waste charge before they can access the base recycling service. This is necessary to ensure that the waste services are paid for.

Some premises have requested a 120L MGB instead of a 240L MGB due to space. The cost differential between the two is about \$0.50 per annum. Managing a price differential would be prohibitive to Council.

Conclusion

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the PI&CF Committee recommend to Council that an additional MGB recycling service to Urban Premise or addition of a MGB recycling service Commercial Premise be available at a rate of \$95 per annum.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the PI&CF Committee recommend to Council that the an additional MGB recycling service to Urban Premise or addition of a MGB recycling service Commercial Premise be only available to premises which have paid council for either the base residential or commercial premise fee.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That the PI&CF Committee recommend to Council that the an additional MGB recycling service to Urban Premise or addition of a MGB recycling service Commercial Premise fee of \$95 be advertised for a period of 28days for public comment prior to consideration for adoption into the Current Plan of Management.

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