

**INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

6 July, 2017

A Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 12 July, 2017, commencing at 8.30 am.

Your attendance at this Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting would be appreciated.

**P J HENRY PSM**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## Quick Reference Guide

Below is a legend that is common between the:

- Inverell Shire Council Strategic Plan;
- Inverell Shire Council Delivery Plan; and
- Inverell Shire Council Operational Plan.



# CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 12 July, 2017

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MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 2017, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr D F Baker (Chairperson), Crs P J Harmon, M J Peters, S J Berryman and J N McCosker.

Also in attendance: Crs J A Watts, C M Dight, P A King and A A Michael.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Ken Beddie (Director Corporate and Economic Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering) and Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 10 May, 2017, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B  
ADVOCACY REPORTS

GM-A 1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – PARKING CHARGES AT ARMIDALE AIRPORT S30.16.4

*RESOLVED (Peters/Harmon) that the Committee recommend that:*

- i) Council believes that there are a number of issues regarding the use of parking facilities by non-airport users and requests that these uses be addressed prior to considering charging airport users for parking; and*
- ii) Council does not support the introduction of parking charges as substantial State and Federal Government funding has been provided for the upgrade of the airport to be a regional facility, and that commuters should not be penalised for supporting this regional facility.*

Cr Harmon Philippine Independence Day Celebration

The Mayor noted this recent event which was celebrated in Inverell on Saturday, 10 June, 2017. The event was a strong success.

Cr Harmon

Myall Creek Memorial Service

The Mayor attended the Memorial Service held on 11 June, 2017. The event was well attended and was again a strong success.

SECTION D  
DESTINATION REPORTS

AO-A 1. NSW TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES REVIEW S16.7.19/05

*RESOLVED (Berryman/Harmon) that the Civil and Environmental Services Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) A submission be made to the Review, identifying those reserves recognised in the desktop review that are used by Council for purposes other than travelling stock; and*
- ii) Council inform the community of the Review and encourage the community to make submissions.*

DCES-A 2. REQUEST TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF LOADING ZONES IN INVERELL CBD S28.27.2

*RESOLVED (Berryman/Harmon) that the Committee recommend to Council that Council confirm its current policy in this matter, subject to a decision being made on further improvements of the CBD.*

MCE-A 3. FINDINGS FROM OFFICE OF TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS - SCHOOL BUS STOPS S30.17.5

*RESOLVED (Berryman/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) The information be received and noted;*
- ii) The recommended approach for providing advice regarding informal bus stops be endorsed; and*
- iii) Correspondence is forwarded to local school bus operators, informing them that Council has technical and engineering resources available to provide advice regarding informal bus stops.*

MCE-A 4. LIST OF SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS BONSHAW – 2017 S28.10.5

*RESOLVED (Harmon/McCosker) that the Committee recommend to Council that the noted items be actioned within existing maintenance votes and further consideration be given to the subsequent items as potential future Delivery Plan items.*

MDS-A 5. DRAFT INVERELL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY S18.6.63

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the Committee recommend to Council that the Draft Inverell Public Open Space Strategy be placed on public exhibition.*

SECTION E  
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1

2. ISSUES RAISED AT RECENT DELUNGRA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE S3.15.13

*RESOLVED (Harmon/Berryman) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 June,*

*2017, be received and noted.*

SECTION F  
GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Berryman      Moore Street

Cr Berryman asked when the last traffic count was conducted on the Swanbrook Road end of Moore Street and noted it appears a spring has come up under the road. The Manager Civil Engineering provided details in this matter and the traffic counts and remedial work planned for the spring.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.31am.

CR D F BAKER

CHAIRPERSON

**TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 12/7/2017**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S26.1.1/09
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PROVISION OF ATHLETICS TRAINING FACILITY</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Paul Henry, General Manager	

**SUMMARY:**

An athlete with vision impairment has requested Council's assistance in designating a training facility for her support. The Committee determination of the request is sought.

**COMMENTARY:**

Ms Isabelle Hampton has written to Council enquiring about the provision of training facilities for her chosen sports of javelin and sprinting. She requests Council representatives meet with her to discuss options that may be available to assist her with the development of her training programs.

In August this year, the Australian Athletic Coach and Head of the NSW Institute of Sport will visit Inverell to design her training program within the parameters of the facilities available to Isabelle.

This visit will provide the opportunity to highlight the athletic precinct that is being developed at the Sporting Complex and to discuss 'interim' facilities that could be used until the precinct is complete.

The issue is presented to the Committee in order to determine if a Councillor wishes to be involved in the discussions.

**Who is Isabelle Hampton?**

Isabelle is an athlete with vision impairment. She represented Australia in 2015 in javelin at the World Championships (finishing 6<sup>th</sup>) and was selected to attend the 2016 Paralympics. Unfortunately, injury prevented her participation in the 2016 event.

She is currently in the Australian Athletics Squad (at podium level) and is a member of the NSWIS squad. At the 2017 National Championships she won silver in javelin, for the third year in a row.

Isabelle's aim is to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

**Strategy:** S.02 Council displays leadership, community engagement and collaboration with others.

**Term Achievement:** S.02.01 Council is managing its statutory requirements and the needs of a participatory community in a transparent and balanced way.

**Operational Objective:** S.02.01.01 Develop, review and monitor policies and procedures to enable the organisation to engage more effectively with the community while meeting its statutory and public interest obligations.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*A matter for the Committee.*



**TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 12/07/2017**

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1	<b>FILE NO:</b> S28.21.1
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WORKS UPDATE</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Justin Pay, Manager Civil Engineering	

**SUMMARY:**

This report is intended to keep Council updated on the capital works and maintenance programs.

**COMMENTARY:****MR 137 Ashford Road Pavement Widening and Rehabilitation – Near the property “St Hilary”**

This project has reached the stage of practical completion. A prime coat bitumen seal was applied in the last week of June, with the final seal to be applied during the reseal program of 2017/18.

**MR 187 Yetman Road Pavement Widening and Rehabilitation – Near the property “Ulupna”**

This project has reached the stage of practical completion. A prime coat bitumen seal was applied in the last week of June, with the final seal to be applied during the reseal program of 2017/18. The Construction crew will move and start works near "Cucumber Creek" and work towards Wallangra at the completion of heavy patching works on the Gwydir Highway in mid-July.

**SR 199 Auburn Vale Road Pavement Widening and Rehabilitation – McBrides Lane to Masons Lane – Stage 1**

Works are well underway on this project with earthworks and drainage works completed. Work is currently underway to haul and compact the sub-base layer of the pavement. Unfortunately the rain event of 29 and 30 June has impacted this project with lost work days and the need to re-work some sections of the pavement due to saturation. Given the delay, the completion date for the project will now be early August.

**Tin Tot - Neil McCosker Bridge Replacement**

Contractors have started site works including demolition of the existing bridge and delivery of pre-cast components. Unfortunately the rain event of 29 and 30 June has lead to flood flows in the Macintyre River, resulting in delays to the project and closure of the side track. Graman Road will remain closed until flood waters subside, with detours in place.

**Maintenance Grading**

Maintenance grading works were undertaken on the following roads during June 2017:

SR 268 Sturmans Road	2.56km
SR 107 Northcotts Road	1.69km

SR 59	Graman Road	10.4km
SR 54	Emmaville Road	6.7km
Total		21.35km

**Reactive /Spot Grading**

Reactive /spot grading works were undertaken on the following roads during June 2017:

SR 58	Rocky Creek Road	3.00km
Total		3.00km

**Heavy Patching**

No heavy patching works were undertaken during June 2017.

**2016/2017 Gravel Resheeting Program**

No gravel resheeting works were undertaken during June 2017.

**Unsealed Roads – Dust Nuisance Investigations**

Civil Engineering department staff are currently undertaking investigations into impacts and potential solutions of dust nuisance from the unsealed road network on adjacent residences. This is an issue that has been discussed by Council on many occasions in the past, most recently during discussions regarding sacrificial dust seals that were approved for the Sapphire Wind Farm Project. Council resolved at this time that a further report be presented back to the Committee regarding the matter. Investigations continue and a report will be presented to the August Committee Meeting. This report will include the outcome of investigations into dust related issues at Orchard Place.

**Works Program 2017/2018**

Civil engineering branch staff have been working on formulating a draft works program for the 2017/2018 Financial Year. It is intended that copies of the program will be circulated at the July meeting for the information of the Committee.

**Other Maintenance Activities**

Council's State, Regional and Local Roads, Urban and Village Street maintenance activities, such as bitumen patching, drainage and shoulder repairs as well as vegetation control, are continuing as required. Town maintenance will continue as programmed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 12 July, 2017, be received and noted.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	1.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S30.9.11
<b>DESTINATION 5 :</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR B-DOUBLE ACCESS - SPRING MOUNTAIN ROAD</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Justin Pay, Manager Civil Engineering	

**SUMMARY:**

Council is in receipt of a request for B-Double access on Spring Mountain Road. The route will be assessed in accordance with Council policy and a further report presented to the August Committee meeting for consideration.

**COMMENTARY:**

Council is in receipt of a request for B-Double access on Spring Mountain Road. The request is from multiple residents in the Spring Mountain Road area, a copy of the request is attached in Appendix 1 (E5-E8) for information of the Committee. The route will be assessed in accordance with Council policy and a further report presented to the August Committee meeting for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the information be received and noted.*

<b>ITEM NO:</b>	2.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S31.3.6
<b>DESTINATION 5:</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Phil Sutton, Environmental Compliance Coordinator	

**SUMMARY:**

The intention of this report is to keep Council updated on the implementation of the Container Deposit Scheme.

**COMMENTARY:**

Council has recently received correspondence from Member for Northern Tablelands Mr Adam Marshall regarding the CDS (Container Deposit Scheme) which commences on 1 December 2017. A copy of the correspondence has been included in Appendix 2 (E9-E10) for the information of the Committee members. The correspondence also included a number of fact sheets which are also contained in Appendix 3 (E11-E13).

Council has circulated information on the CDS through normal channels to assist in the promotion of the scheme as requested by Mr Marshall.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

**Strategy:** S.15 Promote the effective integration of waste management and recycling services.

**Term Achievement:** S.15.01 Council has an integrated waste management plan that not only meets statutory recycling levels but also meets environmental and community demands.

**Operational Objective:** S.15.01.01 To establish and maintain effective partnerships that deliver an innovative approach that takes advantage of the most practical and sustainable waste management solutions available.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the information be received and noted.*

**Appendix 1**

PO Box 191

INVERELL NSW 2360

1 June 2017

The General Manager  
Inverell Shire Council  
PO Box 138  
INVERELL NSW 2360

Dear Sir

Re: Spring Mountain Road Swan Vale

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As the Spring Mountain Road is not a through road there could be no opportunistic use of it by other B-Double trucks.

We would be grateful if you would consider this suggestion to address the disadvantages we face under the current classification.

Yours sincerely

  
"Warranree"  
155 Spring Mountain Rd

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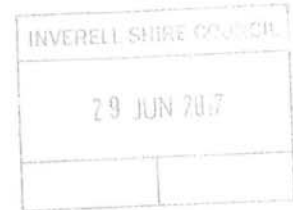
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Rose".

David Rose



**Appendix 2**

Dear Mayors and General Managers

As you may be aware, on 1 December this year the NSW Government will launch its landmark Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to reduce the amount of litter in our environment. The scheme will give a 10c refund to anyone who returns an eligible used drink container. It will be easy for everyone in the community to participate in and it will help clean up and protect our roadsides, public spaces and waterways.

Every year in NSW, around 160 million drink containers are tossed into our parks, roadsides and waterways, making up about 49% of all litter volume. The cost of cleaning this is a massive \$180 million every year.

**In South Australia, which has had a CDS since 1977, beverage containers make up only 2.2% of all litter and last financial year \$58 million was refunded to South Australians through participation in the scheme.**

The CDS is this state's largest-ever litter reduction initiative and will provide a financial incentive to clean up while giving community groups and individuals a way raise money. Our region's schools, charities and sporting clubs and community groups will be able to accept donations of eligible containers and then exchange them for cash at approved collection points.

Eligible drink containers under the CDS include most cans, bottles and cartons between 150ml and three litres. Exceptions include those consumed mostly at home and recycled in kerbside recycling, such as wine bottles, plain milk containers and large juice and soft drink bottles.

A full list of containers and other information about the CDS can be found on the NSW EPA's website [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-intro.htm](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-intro.htm)

I have also attached to this email several fact sheets about the scheme, for councils, community groups and charities and households.

There are two matters that I would ask for your help with:

First is the promotion of the scheme to residents and sporting and community groups within your LGAs. Please disseminate this email and the fact sheets to your Councillors, staff and key community groups.

The second is ensuring that we have collection points in all our local communities. I ask that your council consider contacting the EPA to explore the opportunities for collection points in your respective LGAs.

Thank you in advance for your help with the introduction of this new scheme. I know it has the potential to do a lot of good in our region.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards, Adam.

<b>Adam Marshall</b>		<b>THE NATIONALS</b>
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## Appendix 3

## Container Deposit Scheme

### Information for Households

The NSW Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) is an environmental game changer. It is the largest litter reduction initiative for NSW and everyone has a role to play.

#### What is the CDS?

From 1 December 2017 anyone who returns an eligible drink container to an approved NSW collection point will receive a 10-cent refund.

The CDS will help to reduce litter in our environment and to achieve the goal of a 40 percent reduction in litter volume by 2020.

#### How can I participate?

Households can participate in the scheme in a number of ways:

- Redeem eligible containers at collection points
- Donate eligible containers to charities, schools, sporting groups or other community organisations who can redeem them to claim the refund
- Place eligible containers into the yellow recycling collection bin as normal – your local council can receive a share of the refund to reduce waste charges or provide additional waste management services

#### What containers will be eligible?

Most drink containers between 150ml and 3L that are purchased in NSW will be eligible, with some exceptions. Further details can be found at: [epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-intro.htm#exceptions](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-intro.htm#exceptions)

Eligible containers include those most commonly consumed out of the home and found in the NSW litter stream. These generally align with eligible containers for the South Australia and Northern Territory container deposit schemes.

#### How can I find a collection point?

Collection points will be determined by the Network Operators when appointed in mid-2017.

A list of sites will be made available on the EPA website as they are finalised.

#### Will the scheme benefit community groups?

The CDS will present an exciting fundraising opportunity for charities, schools, sporting and other community groups. They will be able to collect donated eligible drink containers which they can then redeem for the refund.

Charities, community groups and social enterprises can also work with the network operators to set up and run collection points. Collection point operators will receive a handling fee for each container they collect in the community.

#### Where can I find more information?

Information and updates are available at [epa.nsw.gov.au](http://epa.nsw.gov.au). You can also sign up to the CDS newsletter by emailing: [container.deposit@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:container.deposit@epa.nsw.gov.au)



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#### **How will it work?**

The CDS will be run by a single Scheme Coordinator which will oversee the Scheme as the financial and reporting hub. Network Operators will be responsible for establishing and managing collection points and collection infrastructure across NSW.

The Scheme Coordinator and Network Operators will be appointed by mid-2017.

#### **How can my local council be involved?**

Local councils will play an important role in the delivery of the CDS. Local councils may be involved in different ways, such as:

- negotiating with waste contractors to share in refunds from eligible drink containers collected through kerbside recycling.
- offering Council-owned sites to Network Operators to establish convenient collection points for the community
- giving owner's-consent for collection point sites on council owned land
- site approvals under the Local Government Act 1993 and Roads Act 1993, if required.

#### **How else can I participate?**

Councils will play a vital role in informing their communities about the CDS and about their opportunities to participate. Further information will be made available in the coming months to help councils keep their communities informed as the CDS is rolled out across the State.

#### **How can I nominate to be a Collection Point Operator?**

Collection points will be determined by the Network Operators when appointed in mid-2017. Councils interested in running a collection point can register their interest on the EPA website and this will be passed on to Network Operators. Councils can register at [epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-collection-point-operator.htm](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/cds-collection-point-operator.htm)

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<b>ITEM NO:</b>	3.	<b>FILE NO:</b> S28.10.SR16
<b>DESTINATION 5 :</b>	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	<b>S</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MEETING WITH TWIN RIVERS AREA RESIDENTS</b>	
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Justin Pay, Manager Civil Engineering	

**SUMMARY:**

On 7 July 2017, Council's Manager Civil Engineering and acting Supervisor North attended a meeting with a number of residents from the Twin Rivers area in the north of the Shire to discuss rural road issues. This report is intended to provide the Committee with a summary of the issues discussed.

**COMMENTARY:**

Mrs Heather Scanlan of the property "Euendoo", Keetah Road recently contacted Council's Civil Engineering branch to discuss the unsealed road network in the northern part of the shire, particularly Keetah Road. As a result of discussions with Mrs Scanlon, it was agreed to conduct an inspection of the roads in the area and meet with some local residents to gain their perspective. Council's Manager Civil Engineering and acting Supervisor North conducted an inspection of several unsealed roads on 7 July 2017, and then proceeded to the Scanlan's property to meet with a number of local residents. During the meeting many issues relating to roads and transport were discussed, including:

- Heavy Vehicle Access (B-Doubles and Road Trains)
- Council's Rural Roads Maintenance policy
- Council's Rural Roads Upgrade policy
- Cattle Grids across Council roads
- Rural road drainage
- The approaches to the two bridges on Keetah Road
- Average costs associated with maintenance and upgrade of rural roads
- Opportunities for local contractors to undertake road maintenance works for Council
- Potential for cross border and neighbouring Council agreements aimed at improving timing of road maintenance

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that Mrs Scanlan would compile a prioritised list of the requests from those present and forward this to Council for consideration. A further report will be presented to the Committee once this correspondence is received.

The meeting was a positive opportunity to communicate information in relation to Council's activities and obtain feedback from the rural residents. This is consistent with Council's past practice of having direct meetings with the residents in the north west of the Shire as a means to facilitate communication.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the information be received and noted.*