

1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

Introduction

This report provides information to Council on the approved Development Applications for the month of June 2017.

Background

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 13 April 2016 resolved that the report on Development Applications addressed under Delegated Authority be reinstated in the Council business papers (**Resolution No 2016/106**).

The approvals for the month of June 2017 brings the total approved Development Applications for the financial year to 62 with a total value of \$7,283,133.

DA No.	Location	LOT/DP	Description	Value	Assessment Time/Days
34/1 7	Dandaloo Street Narromine	Lot 4 Sec 1 DP758759	Change of use Alterations	\$40,000	29
36/1 7	Bowden Fletcher Drive Narromine	Lot 37 DP1209533	Dwelling & Hangar	\$470,000	27
45/1 7	Dandaloo Street Trangie	Lot 1 DP1225357	Dwelling	\$210,000	23
60/1 7	Mitchell Highway Narromine	Lot 100 DP1190126	Granny Flat	\$245,000	3
63/1 7	Manildra Street Narromine	Lot 6 DP1120543	Transportable Dwelling	\$235,000	10

Issues

Council currently has 7 development applications under assessment. Three of these are on hold for reasons such as awaiting additional information and referrals to government agencies.

Council has a statutory obligation to determine development applications within 40 days. The average assessment time for determining applications in June 2017 was 18.40 days.

1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS (Cont'd)

Assessment

(a) *Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines*

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

(b) *Financial Implications/Considerations*

There have been 62 development approvals with a total value of \$7,283,133 for the financial year.

(c) *Strategic Implications*

This report relates to Item 3.1.6 of the Community Strategic Plan "Encourage developers to consider energy efficiency and sustainable building design options in new development" and Clause 3.1.6.1 of the Delivery Program "Ensure compliance with relevant building codes and regulations."

Conclusion

The approvals for the month of June 2017 brings the total approved Development Applications for the financial year to 62 with a total value of \$7,283,133.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

2. NARROMINE TOURIST PARK

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the request from Narromine Tourist Park to use a small additional piece of land adjoining their Tourist Park to accommodate campers for the Air Adventure Air Show scheduled at Narromine Aerodrome for October 2017.

2. NARROMINE TOURIST PARK (Cont'd)

Background

Over the years, Council has permitted the Lessee and later the owner of the Aerodrome Tourist Park to use two small areas of land adjoining the Tourist Park for overflow camp sites during the air shows when there has been insufficient accommodation available to meet the needs. **(See area hatched on attached Plan No. 1)**. The owner has entered into a Licence Agreement with Council to use the area for the purpose of extending the camping area for major events at the Aerodrome. The Licensee indemnifies Council against any loss or damage in relation to the use of the land and also ensures the use of the land the subject of the Licence Agreement is covered in their public liability insurance policy.

Issues

There is always a shortage of accommodation available when an Air Show or major event is held at Narromine Aerodrome. Allowing the Tourist Park to utilise some adjoining land to accommodate additional campers enables more people to be accommodated in Narromine without the need to overnight stay in surrounding areas. Organisers of Air Adventure expect 500 to 600 aircraft to fly in over the weekend and many like to stay at the Aerodrome to keep an eye on their aircraft.

The owners of the Tourist Park advise they had to turn people away last year as they had insufficient room to accommodate them. If the additional area is made available for them, they will be able to increase the number of campsites available before they have to turn people away. This arrangement has worked very well in the past however the new owners were not aware last year, that they could enter into an agreement with Council to utilise the additional land.

The Agreement in the past was for \$1 payable on demand for the use of the land. It is only for a short period of time while the major event is being held at the Aerodrome however they need to know as soon as possible whether this will be permissible as they have already taken many bookings for the Air Adventure Air Show.

Assessment

(a) *Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines*

A Licence Agreement would be entered into with the owner of the Narromine Tourist Park.

2. NARROMINE TOURIST PARK (Cont'd)

(b) *Financial Implications/Considerations*

There would not be a charge to the Licensee for the use of the land however the Licensee must indemnify Council against any loss or damage and provide public liability insurance coverage while using the land.

(c) *Strategic Implications*

This report relates to Item 2.2.2 of the Community Strategic Plan to actively encourage and support the growth and expansion of the existing aviation industry and the region's capacity to attract and establish new aviation business.

Conclusion

This arrangement with the owners of the Narromine Tourist Park has worked well in the past and enabled more visitors to be accommodated at Narromine Aerodrome. This in turn helps the Clubs that provide meals for the visitors as well as the accommodation providers. No problems have been experienced in the past with Council permitting the overflow of campers onto the adjoining land to the Tourist Park. It is only for the short period when major events are held at the Narromine Aerodrome, and the Tourist Park is responsible for erecting temporary fencing around the overflow area.

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That Council enter into a Licence Agreement with the Narromine Tourist Park to enable them to utilise the parcel of land adjacent to the park as outlined on the plan, for overflow of camp sites during major events at the Aerodrome.
- ii) That the period of the Licence be two years with an option to renew with a licence fee of \$1 pa, payable on demand.
- iii) That the Licensee be required to indemnify Council against any loss or damage in connection with use of the land and include the additional area in their public liability insurance.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of Local Government Week and the activities planned for the Primary Schools in Narromine and Trangie.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Background

Local Government Week will be held during 31 July to 7 August 2016, with the theme being "**Discovery, Diversity and Democracy**". Council has been involving the schools during Local Government Week for many years and it is very pleasing that the Narromine Schools are still interested in bringing their students along to the Council Chambers for the mock Council meeting to learn how a Council operates and to debate an issue as 'Councillors' and of course staff take the Council to the Trangie Schools so they too can participate.

Issues

All primary schools within the Shire, i.e. Narromine Christian School, Narromine Public School, St Augustine's Parish School in Narromine, and in Trangie - St. John's Parish School and Trangie Central School, have all been invited to also take part in Colouring in and Essay Writing competitions. The subject for the Essay Writing competition is "What would you like Narromine Shire Council to achieve over the next five years?" Information and colouring in sheets have been distributed to all schools. Book prizes are presented by the Mayor or a Councillor, to winners in each class for both competitions, at a presentation morning at each school following the judging.

All of the schools will take part in a Mock Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers and in Trangie during the week. Children read from a pre-written script prepared by Council staff, depicting a topic, which "Councillors" then vote on. If time permits, the students are invited to participate in a debate of their own choosing. This is always a very popular activity for the children who enjoy thinking up their own topic and then debating it and voting. It is a great way for them to learn and become involved in Local Government Week.

Any interested Councillors are welcome to call in and observe the school children in the Council Chambers or at the Trangie Schools, and a timetable for the various schools' participation will be forwarded to all Councillors when available.

Assessment

(a) *Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines*

There are no legal implications.

(b) *Financial Implications/Considerations*

There are no additional financial implications that are not budgeted for.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

(c) *Strategic Implications*

This report relates to Item 1.2.2 of the Community Strategic Plan and 1.2.2.1 of the Delivery Program – in partnership with the community, continue to facilitate events that celebrate community values including all groups within the community.

Conclusion

The involvement of the primary school children in Local Government Week is a great opportunity to give them an awareness of the role of local government in the community and to experience the way decisions are made at Council Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

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