

## CORRESPONDENCE FOR OFF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 4/07/2016

### OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Banks electorate candidates David Coleman, Chris Gambian & Philippa Clark – questionnaire about their position on environmental issues; responses to be published on OFF website

NSW Minister for the Environment – we are concerned about the drying of Thirlmere Lakes; don't wait for further research, act now to reduce or halt groundwater pumping, and stop further mining activity at Tahmoor Coal Mine; cc: Professor Richard Kingsford, UNSW (posted 13/6/16)

Georges River Council Interim GM – request for fox trapping in Oatley Park and Poulton Park; have any foxes been caught recently by contractor for S Sydney Regional Fox Project? (posted 13/6/16); verbal response – den fumigation will take place in Poulton Park in September)

St George Leader – letter re draft legislation - *Biodiversity Conservation Bill* and *Local Land Services Amendment Bill* (published 22/6/16)

Office of Environment & Heritage – online submission on Draft Biodiversity Conservation Bill 2016 and Draft Local Land Services Amendment Bill 2016 (26/6/16, automatic acknowledgement rec'd)

NPWS, Office of Environment & Heritage – project return form for Minister's Conservation Fund grant "Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands Community Education and Engagement Project", signifying all funds have been expended

National Tree Day and plant giveaway – OFF stall at Olds Park 31<sup>st</sup> July – Liz request Council permission.

### INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Parliamentary Sec to Premier – reply to our letter "Longwall Mining is Damaging Sydney's Water Catchments" – form response – NSW Govt values contribution of mining industry to state's economy etc (2/6/16); I wrote back – her letter does not address our particular concerns 13/6/16)

Mark Coure re our letter "Longwall Mining is Damaging Sydney's Water Catchments" – he has written to Premier on our behalf (16/5/16)

Mark Coure re proposed sale, rezoning of Oatley Bowling Club site – he has asked John Rayner for info on matter

Mark Coure re Biodiversity legislation – quoted Minister & attached letter from Mark Speakman

Deb Andrew – suggests applying for scientific licence to undertake fauna & flora surveys through OFF

Sandra Plummer, Oatley Public School P & C – 1) invite OFF to provide guided walk in Oatley Park as a prize in fund-raising silent auction, 2) project for school centenary – partnership with OFF to develop guide to fauna & flora in school grounds

Melissa Derwent – Hike It Baby St George weekend walk in Oatley Park – could OFF member(s) attend and provide the group with info on flora and fauna in the area

NCC - membership renewal

Oatley Lions – applications open for stall site at Oatley Festival 15 October (Lugarno Lions Spring Festival is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September; 7 x 3 m site \$250)

Colong Foundation – free photographic exhibition showcasing Gardens of Stone, 17-18 September at Sydney Uni

Membership registration form (Don Perrin)

### JOURNALS & NEWSLETTERS:

Hut News June 2016

Clean Up Australia e-Newsletter June 2016 – new multi-year, national partnership with [Cleanaway](#) to provide materials etc for volunteers, Plastic-free July etc

### REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

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