

CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEETING HELD 9/10/2017

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mark Coure – forwarded response from Minister for Environment to OFF letter urging a ban on single-use plastic bags in NSW – part it said that recently all Aust. environmental ministers agreed to “explore options to reduce use of thicker plastic shopping bags”; NSW is running *Waste Less, Recycle More* scheme (incl. “Hey Tosser” anti-littering campaign) and supports local communities, councils and businesses in programs for business recycling, organics collections, new waste infrastructure etc; also working with Commonwealth Govt. on voluntary industry agreement to phase out microbeads from cosmetics and cleaning products by mid-2018; working with CSIRO to identify new ways to prevent microplastics entering ocean.

Mark Coure – inviting nominations for 7th Annual St George Community Awards, closes Friday 6th October Australian Govt. Australian Business Register – re updating OFF details electronically or by phone

GRC – Co-ordinator Environmental Sustainability and Waste (Fiona Stock) – green waste from former Kogarah area is being treated at Veolia Mechanical Biological treatment facility at Woodlawn ECO precinct (since July 2017); Council reviewing options re Hurstville portion of GRC waste. Fiona happy to send info to OFF re workshops etc they are running (email received 15/9/2017)

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

GRC – submission on DAs for 23 Bay Road, Oatley (email sent 7/9/17, automated acknowledgement)

Melissa Derwent – OFF happy to accept offer of nature craft table at Oatley Lions Festival (email sent 7/9/17)

Richard Houlohon – Oatley Bay Memorial Walkway destruction (email sent 7/9/17, reply from Richard 8/9/17)

JOURNALS:

Colong Bulletin September 2017 (including brochure urging opposition to raising Warragamba Dam wall)

Hut News (BMCS) September 2017 online – download from <http://www.bluemountains.org.au/hutnews.htm>

NCC Members' Newsletter September 2017

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