

CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEETING HELD 9/4/2018

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

NSW Minister for Energy and Utilities – reply to OFF letter re reducing carbon emissions - NSW Govt continues to support orderly transition to a clean energy future; leading Aust. in large-scale solar, 9 major operational wind farms in NSW; more than 1,300 MW of renewable energy projects under construction in March 2018; but up to private sector to decide which projects it chooses for investment and development (dated 19/3/18)

Federal MP for Banks (David Coleman) – reply to OFF letter re reducing carbon emissions – Govt will accept recommendation of Energy Security Board for a National Energy Guarantee (NEG); funding trial with Aust Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) to deliver 200MW to help secure electricity grid during peak demand; 18,000 sites identified as possible locations for pumped hydro energy storage etc.

Federal MP for Banks (David Coleman) – Solar Communities Grants Program – applications close 31st May
NSW Minister for Resources – OFF letter re need to phase out coal mining in Sydney's water catchments has been forwarded to Anthony Roberts, the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister of State because Independent Expert Panel falls within his portfolio (email received 8/3/18)

GRC Director Assets & Infrastructure re GPT in Lime Kiln Bay – council officers will assess location for suitability of a GPT; if so, it will be listed & prioritized for funding against other sites (in 29/8/18)

GRC Director Assets & Infrastructure re unauthorised tree removal 24 Yarran Rd, Oatley – up to council officers to determine appropriate response to unlawful activity; officers decided that requiring property owner to replace the tree, is in the public interest (in 29/8/18)

Greater Sydney Commission – notification that *A Metropolis of Three Cities* – the Greater Sydney Region Plan has been released (email in 18/3/18)

Kathryn Skelsey – damage to roots of trees in Cambridge Street during installation of stormwater pipes; in Penshurst Park Masterplan, these trees were supposed to be retained (email in 27/3/18)

Madeline Hourihan Project Officer Environment, Bayside Council – possibility of OFF administering a grant for an unincorporated Rockdale birding group (email in 28/3/18)

GRC's Community Grants Program 2017-2018 Round 2 and Club NSW's ClubGRANTS Program now open for applications, closing 15 April (email in 9/3/18)

Oatley West PS – invitation to have a stall at School Community Festival 25-26 August (in 31/3/18)

Membership renewal – Phyllis Brooks

3 new memberships – Madeline Hourihan, Jane Jiang, Allen and Sue Lowe

CBA – notification of term deposit maturing 10 April

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Marion Smith, Hurstville Rotary - no-one available to speak next Monday but we welcome opportunity to talk about OFF to your organization at a later date, perhaps in the mid-year.

Mark Coure - congratulations on establishment of Return and Earn depot in our neighbourhood; OFF members collected 27 bags of rubbish in Lime Kiln Bay on Clean Up Australia Day, hope to find fewer beverage containers there next year. Now we are focused on campaign to make Oatley a plastic-free suburb (email sent 6/3/18, automatic acknowledgement).

Mark Coure – request letter of support for GRC Bushcare Teamleader's grant application to Crown Lands Funding Program to undertake weed control in part of Oatley Park in preparation for hazard reduction burn (email sent 13/3/18, automatic acknowledgement)

GM GRC + all Councillors re Tree Canopy Enhancement Program - what progress has been made on policy and program development? OFF concerned in particular about Tree Removal Offset Fee, it will undermine the canopy enhancement program, and result in extensive tree removal (email sent 12/3/18, automatic acknowledgement)

GM GRC + all Councillors re installation of a GPT along stormwater drain that empties into Lime Kiln Bay below Hurstville Golf Course (email sent 13/3/18, automatic acknowledgement)

JOURNALS

Colong Bulletin March 2018

State MP for Oatley (Mark Coure) – Newsletter March 2018

Landcare & Community News March 2018 (e-news)