

CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEETING HELD 4/06/2018

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

CBA - quarterly statement for cheque account

GRC Executive Manager of People and Culture – organizational chart of Georges River Council (more detail than in chart on GRC website) (received 4/5/18)

GRC Director Assets & Infrastructure – re apparent vandalism of trees in bushland adjacent to [41 Yarran Road, Oatley](#) – Council's Tree Management Officer conducted assessment - land is owned by Railcorp. Council officers notified Railcorp of OFF's observations & will work with Railcorp to monitor any further illegal activity on the land if requested.

GRC Mayor Green – follow-up on meeting with OFF reps – 1) an application for a childcare facility at the Woolworths site in Roberts Avenue was received in 2012 but GRC doesn't have anything current (received 23/5/18); 2) Tree Canopy Policy document and report on Cr Symington's motion re significant increases to Tree Bonds, are being prepared; Council committed to installation of synthetic fields at Peakhurst and Penshurst Parks b/c parks bare of grass in winter – Catch 22; Council has installed a number of GPTs in last decade & clears them regularly and Council will continue to investigate grant funding options (received 29/5/18)

GRC Director Assets & Infrastructure – OP Wheelchair Accessible Pathway – Enhancement of surroundings – GM responded by email to off@oatleypark.com on 13/12/2017, copy forwarded again (received 31/5/18) – Bush Care Team leader will assess site for works by OP Bush Care volunteers; new park bench will be installed as part of Council's Works Program; will consider request to close roadway; re illegal campfires - rangers will patrol during summer.

Mark Coure's office – inviting nominations for 2018 Green Globe Awards for contributions to environmental sustainability in NSW (10 categories, closing 8 June 2018)

Mark Coure's office – copy of Environment Minister's press release – 18,000 ha added to NSW conservation network (received 14/5/18); Liz responded – good news, OFF interested in timeline for transferral of the management of these lands to the NPWS; expect increase in staffing - NPWS is severely under-resourced; we are opposed to horse-riding in national parks.

Mark Coure's office – details of NSW Koala Strategy (received 10/5/18); responded - urgent that the \$3.3 million be spent to fix priority road-kill hotspots across NSW immediately. Too often actions are taken after threatened species have reached a critically low level from which they cannot recover.

Mark Coure's office – forwarded reply from Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, re mining under Sydney Water Catchment – mines strictly regulated, independent reviews conducted; now Panel for Mining in the Catchment to advise on future of mining activities in catchment (received 10/5/18)

Mark Coure's office – forwarded reply (dated 15/5/18) from Scot MacDonald, Parlt Sec for Planning, to OFF letter (sent 27/1/18 re failure to deliver local kiosk for Return and Earn) – Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) now at Club Grandviews, Peakhurst, and over-the-counter collection point at Oatley Auto Centre.

NSW Dept of Planning & Environment (Deputy Sec, Planning Services on behalf of Minister for Resources) response to OFF letter (sent 3/3/18 re energy security and mining) - \$100 million Springvale Water Treatment Project will deliver minewater from Springvale to Mt Piper Power Station for use in cooling towers; advice of independent expert panel set up in 2016 has resulted in changes to Springvale operations; Expert Panel for Mining in the Catchment established (see above); NSW in last 12 months approved 4 major wind farms and 11 solar farms with capacity to power about 500,000 homes.

Colong Foundation for Wilderness – invitation to exhibition of Henry Gold photos, Bondi Pavilion (6-17 June)

Heather Stolle – has GRC notified OFF of the Historical Markers Program?

Heather Stolle - is OFF interested in helping with the GRC Plant Giveaway on Sunday 29 July in Olds Park?

Kathryn Wilson (Lugarno Progress Association) – invitation to OFF to provide speaker at their general meetings on our projects and community issues (email in 28/5/16)

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

GRC Director Assets and Infrastructure, and Manager of Project Delivery - congratulations to Council on refurbishment of the toilets near the Castle in Oatley Park; facilities look clean, bright and practical; mural is striking and attractive (email sent 4/5/18)

GRC GM and all councillors – request immediate action on Resolution NM021 - 18 - Tree Maintenance Bonds because trees being removed or dying suddenly at alarming rate; we are concerned by disparity between action taken on tree management issues in former Kogarah and Hurstville LGAs (email sent 17/5; automatic acknowledgement from GRC, brief responses in favour, from Cr Katris and Cr Symington)

GRC GM – request permission to extend plantings in River Road Reserve, attached photos of current plantings (email sent 8/5/18; automatic acknowledgement; Damien Duggan handling it, have provided insurance details to him)

GRC GM – OFF concerned about decision-making procedures re NM028 - 18 Approval of removal of mature street tree Ocean St Kogarah (email sent 19/5/18; automatic acknowledgement)

GRC GM – Damage to Dairy Creek caused by unauthorised works on adjacent property in Cromdale Street (email sent 21/5/18; automatic acknowledgement)

GRC GM – Clearing at 23 Bay Road - request a Council officer urgently inspect site to determine if environmental and/or planning regulations have been breached or owners/applicants acted in contempt of Georges River Planning Panel's Determination (email 1/6/18).

Mark Coure – request for funding to purchase 500 tubestock to plant in River Road Reserve (email 8/5/18) – Mark's office forwarded it on 11/5/18 to Minister for the Environment for consideration

Mark Coure – strongly support request from Georges River Environmental Alliance for State Govt to protect koalas in south-western Sydney (email sent 17/4/18); also shared Facebook article on koalas in *Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser* 15th March by Ben Chenoweth (emailed 7/5/18).

Minister for the Environment – don't extend carpark at Wattamolla picnic area in Royal NP – too great a risk in event of bushfire; institute pre-booking system to limit visitor numbers (posted 18/5.18)

Minister for Planning, Anthony Roberts (cc: Mark Coure) – we are not reassured by his response on mining in Sydney's water catchments and will join the rally outside NSW Parliament on 24th May, to Protect our Water Catchment from coal mining (emailed 20/5/18)

Office of Environment and Heritage – submission on [draft Code of Practice Authorising Flying-fox Camp Management Actions](#); based on advice from OFF member Deb Andrew and a former colleague (emailed 24/5/18)

Federal Dept of Environment and Energy (via Colong Foundation for Wilderness) - submission objecting to WaterNSW's plan to raise the Warragamba Dam wall by 14 metres and flood the Kowmung River (emailed 27/5/18, acknowledged by Colong Foundation)

JOURNALS

Bushland Bulletin 85 (Autumn 2018)
Mark Coure's Newsletter March 2018
Nature NSW (NPA journal) Winter 2018

DONATION REQUESTS

EDO including media stories and case summaries
WIRES including case studies