

CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEETING HELD 28/01/2019

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- GRC GM – reply to OFF letter re discretionary powers in relation to compliance procedures for illegal tree removals – contrary to public interest to remove all discretionary powers; would result in Council pursuing unwinnable prosecution and incurring unnecessary costs at ratepayers' expense (23/11/18)
- GRC GM – reply to OFF letter of 28/11/18 re public access to site of former OBC – asbestos in S crib wall non friable and low risk; Council staff appropriately inducted, will continue to maintain site, weeding and mowing, fencing contractor worked outside contaminated area as determined by Council's consultant environmental scientist; copy of Asbestos Management Plan enclosed as requested – [BUT it wasn't] (17/12/18)
- Rita Kastanias GRC Councillor – invitation to support her motion for community garden at OBC site, also other suggestions for use of the site (email in 20/1/19)
- PRDNationwide real estate agency Oatley – after Oatley Festival they decided they would not issue balloons again (email received at off@oatleypark.com 31/10/18; replied with thanks for their change in strategy)
- David Coleman, MP – invitation to Banks Electorate Community Morning Tea (rsvp 17/12/18)
- Conybeare Morrison (architectural consultants for The Castle) – Christmas card for Graham Lalchere
- Lugarno Probus Club (Leone Thomson) – request for guest speaker to talk about OFF (email in 11/1/19)
- David Coleman MP - Christmas card for Graham Lalchere
- OFF membership registration form - Ross Jeffree
- OFF membership application form - Alison Cleary
- OFF membership renewals – David and Tricia Koffel, Elizabeth Benbow, Geoff Innes, Bettina Press, Heather Hughes, Bob & Val Harrington, Peter and Lesley Cox, Amanda Gibson

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mark Coure (cc: Gabrielle Upton) - appreciate safeguards for Koalas included in Greater Macarthur 2040 Interim Plan, but they are insufficient; Government should match Labor's plan to create a Koala National Park; safe under/overpasses has not been addressed, leaving Koalas vulnerable to being stranded on one side and denying them ability move in E-W direction to access habitat and expand range (email 22/11/18)
- RMS (cc: David Coleman, Melissa Price (Fed. Minister Environment), Mark Coure, Gabrielle Upton) - object to Appin Road widening because it will decimate local population of Koalas; road enhancement should only proceed if adequate wildlife protections (listed) are installed (email 13/12/18)
- Campbelltown Council – request Council upload to its website, all documents pertaining to No. 2687/2018/DA: Subdivision into 139 Residential and three Residue Allotments with associated civil and road works, Lot 1 Appin Road (email 14/12/18)
- Information and Privacy Commission NSW - request they encourage Council to upload all the documents relating to above D.A. as a matter of urgency, submissions close 29/1/19 (email 14/12/18; reply in 17/12/18)
- Federal Govt Stronger Communities Programme Round 4 – grant application for \$5,000 to purchase plants to revegetate verge at Gannons Park (submitted 24/1/19)
- St George Leader – press release, photo by James re visit by Gabrielle Upton to Oatley on 11th Dec (12/12/18)
- NCC – membership renewal 2018/2019 (cheque posted 20/11/18)
- The Morrows – reimbursement for bus trip to Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens which they had to cancel (cheque posted 20/11/18 and acknowledged with gratitude)
- GRC Bushcare Team Leader – OFF undertakes to maintain the plantings it has done in GRC LGA for three years, at approximately monthly sessions of 3 hours (email sent 21/11/18, acknowledged by Max Massa)
- Amanda Hurst, Support Teacher Transition, Dept of Education re opportunity for students to participate in bushcare etc – defer until 2019; maybe bushcare session on a Thursday (email sent 21/11/18, acknowledged)
- Mark Coure – in his capacity as Parl Sec for Transport, request his consideration of a mural featuring local flora and fauna designed by OFF, in railway underpass in Oatley (Transport NSW property) (email 22/11/18)
- GRC Snr Environment Officer Lachlan Prentice – meeting to discuss use of Significant Tree Register, implications of sharing OFF's intellectual property, when Melina, Geoff Innes, GrahamF available (email 22/11/18)
- Tony Allison – thanks for loan of gazebo at Oatley Festival, offer of a year's membership of OFF (letter 23/11/18)
- Melissa Derwent – thanks for putting on activities for children at our stall at Oatley Festival (email 22/11/18)
- Mark Coure (cc: Gabrielle Upton) – still need a Koala NP in southern Sydney (email 22/11/18)

GRC GM – re public access to site of former OBC – is there a more recent assessment of asbestos contamination?
May OFF see a copy of Asbestos Management Plan? How will Council control weeds if staff not allowed to enter the greens? We query need to block access to entire site (still zoned as public recreation) (email 28/11/18)
Oatley RSL Secretary Manager – request bookings for OFF meetings in 2019 – members’ nights in sub-branch hall if a/c installed, committee meetings to continue in Sports Bar – list of dates for both attached (email 3/11/18)
OEH NPWS Strategy and Coordination Branch – application for grant of \$3,000 from Minister’ Conservation Fund (email 21/1/19)

JOURNALS:

Colong Bulletin 273 (November 2018)

TEC 2019 Action Plan

TEC Newsletter 2018 (3)

EDO NSW Annual Report 2017-2018

Nature NSW 62(4)

Bushland Bulletin 87 (November 2018) Bankstown Bushland Society PO Box 210, Panania NSW 2213

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