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1. GENERAL MANAGER

1.1 General Managers Update

Website

With our new website we are continually adding information and links. The aim is to provide as much information as we can over time as open access. This will enable our community to find what they need in their own space and own time, removing the need to request information and physically attend Council Customer Services.

We were early adopters of the NSW Department of Planning and one of the few Council's in NSW that have achieved integration with the portal and our internal development assessment system.

The attached link provides details of current DA's.

We are progressively digitising previously approved development applications and will add to the website.

Additional information added over the past few months includes:

- Executive Details and functional responsibility: <https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/executive-team/>
- The Agency Information Guide (GIPA 2009): <https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/AGENCY-INFORMATION-GUIDE-Hunters-Hill-Council-2020-1008-FINAL.pdf>
- On line access to declaration of interest: <https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/returns-of-declarations-of-interest/>
- Updated Priory Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/home/lifestyle/our-outdoors/parks-and-reserves/plans-of-management/>

1. Can the community have a copy of the lease? Is the lease transferable?

Leases are considered under Commercial-in-Confidence and are classified as legal docs. Council is therefore not in a position to provide the community with a copy. However, the Heads of Agreement is a public document and was presented to Council for consideration and adoption at Meeting 4408 on 19 September 2016.

The lease is non-transferable.

2. Who owns the Priory building? Is the Department of Land?

The Department of Primary Industries and Environment has delegated authority through the Local Government Act and the Crown Lands Management Act to transfer care, control and management of Crown reserves to local councils. Care, control and management of The Priory was transferred to Hunter's Hill Council in 2007.

The Department of Primary Industries and Environment does have oversight of Crown Land categorization, Native Title, consideration and adoption of Plans of Management and leases and licenses.

3. How will council police/monitor/enforce the conditions of consent; do the count seats in the restaurant? How do they monitor and what frequency?

It is envisaged that the development consent (subject to approval) for the restaurant will provide for a maximum number of patrons. This condition would be monitored as required and staff would respond to any complaints under normal protocols. As would the NSW Police in response and in accordance with their jurisdiction (ie Late night noise/illegal activities).

4. Which council representative can be the point of contact for our community, so when the Da is submitted the community can meet with the representative on site at the Priory for guidance on what council can assist with ie Traffic, Parking, Street Safety, Pedestrians.

The development application will be assessed by independent town planner who will consider the application on amenity issues and matters of environmental impact; such as traffic and parking implications.

During the required notification period of this application, the contact details of the independent town planner assessing the application will be provided and you'll have the opportunity to make contact with that person and also provide comments on the proposal for the assessment officer to make a recommendation.

5. **Council to advise if a business / financial plan was submitted as a part of the application and the council due diligence when appointing a suitable applicant.**
As part of The Priory Expression of Interest (EOI) submission process, business and financial details were provided to Council under Commercial-in-Confidence.

A rigorous process following Expression of Interest for the Lease of the Priory Probity Plan Guidelines (using an independent probity specialist) was undertaken in selecting a preferred Expression of Interest applicant.

6. **Who will be the community representative on the planning panel so as the community can address and engage the representative when the development application is submitted.**

Local Planning Panels (LPP) are panels of independent experts that determine development applications on behalf of Council and provide advice on other planning matters including planning proposals.

Members are rotated each hearing. Panel members are not allowed to discuss matters directly with a member of the community. If approached, the community representative must explain that they are unable to discuss the matter, and ask them to put in a written submission to the council, and to register to speak to the panel at its public meeting. This way the objection is on record and the panel and the community can have the benefit of that person's views.

If a community representative has been lobbied, the representative must disclose in writing to the panel chair any effort made to lobby you. The chair will then report these disclosures to the Council's General Manager.

I welcome any suggestions as to other information you would like to provide via Council's website.

E-Planning update from the NSW DPIE

This week we received an update from the NSW DPIE regarding implementation of the ePlanning Program.

This update highlighted a few of the major releases, including the new Online Planning Proposal Service, enhancements to the Online Post-Consent Certificate Service, particularly relating to Subdivision Certificates, and the availability of the Online 10.7 Planning Certificate Service.

Online Planning Proposal Service

The [Online Planning Proposal Service](#) provides a comprehensive digital workflow that enables applicants, councils, State agencies and the Department to work together in real time on Planning Proposals in a secure online environment.

Shared digital dashboards provide greater visibility of the planning-proposal process, while prompting each party to progress the submission at each stage for an efficient turnaround.

Pre-lodgement meetings can be organised, additional information can be requested and provided, and the decision is communicated to all parties at the same time.

The new service was rolled out to all DPIE regional offices and councils in NSW between October 2020 and January 2021. This new service replaced the Online LEP Service (part of the Online Submission Service on the NSW Planning Portal) as the single channel for submitting a planning proposal.

Enhancements to Online Subdivision Certificate Service

There have been several recent enhancements to the Online Subdivision Certificate Service.

In September 2020, the Program released enhancements that will reduce the assessment times, eliminate the need for hard copy documentation and face-to-face transactions, and increase the transparency of the Subdivision Certificate referral process.

In November 2020, further enhancements were released that enable the online submission and assessment of subdivision work certificate applications.

Over the past six months, DPIE has also been collaborating with the Office of the NSW Building Commissioner to develop digital solutions that will support the implementation of building reforms.

This has resulted in further enhancements to the Online Subdivision Certificate Service that now enable applicants to submit:

- approved designs for review by ConstructNSW under the *Residential Apartment Building Act* (2020); and
- applications for strata building bond for Class 2 developments for review by the Construct NSW Audit Team and the Strata Building Bond and Inspection Scheme (SSBBIS).

The DPIE has also collaborated with ConstructNSW and TAFE NSW to release an [online learning module](#) on the TAFE NSW website for people in, or entering, the construction industry to help them understand the relevant services on the NSW Planning Portal.

Online 10.7 Planning Certificate Service

In September 2020 the Program released a new digital service that will enable customers to apply online to councils for a Section 10.7 Planning Certificate. Please note, the [Online 10.7 Planning Certificate Service](#) is not mandatory. It is being offered to all councils in NSW but will only be available in those local government areas where councils choose to adopt it.

The new service is modelled on existing digital planning services on the NSW Planning Portal, such as the Online DA Service. Customers and councils work together through shared digital dashboards that enable both parties to progress the application, while providing visibility of the entire process to all involved.

The applicant simply enters the site address and answers a short series of questions before submitting the application. This system also accommodates those individual applications with multiple applicants.

Councils will be notified when an application has been submitted and will be able to request and receive additional information from the applicant when required. The 10.7 planning certificate, if approved, is then provided to the applicant through the digital dashboard.

The Online 10.7 Planning Certificate Service is currently available in the following local government areas:

- *Hunters Hill; and*
- Bellingen.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

2. FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

Nil

3. SERVICE DELIVERY & SPECIAL PROJECTS

3.1 Flying Fox Camp Management Plan - update

Level one Actions identified in table 1.0a from the Tarban Creek Flying-fox Camp Management Plan (CMP) are currently being implemented. Actions underway include;

- community education and awareness;
- routine camp management e.g. trimming overhanging branches from pathways, bush regeneration;
- provision of up to 5 odour reducing plants to residents immediately adjoining the Flying-fox camp;
- protocols to managing incidents such as heat stress.

There is no timeline for moving to Level 2 actions. All level one actions must be considered, implemented (where feasible) and monitored for success. If these actions prove to be unsuccessful, then Level 2 actions can be executed. Level 2 actions include trimming of overhanging vegetation, vegetation removal and buffers such as sprinklers and visual deterrents. DPIE approval is required to advance to Level 2 actions.

If Level two actions are implemented, they must be continually monitored. If level two actions do not reduce the impacts from the Flying-fox camp, to an acceptable level, then Level 3 options such as a nudging program (moving them from edges and away from residential areas) can be implemented. DPIE approval is required to advance to level three actions.

The trigger point to move from Level 2 to Level 3 actions are;

- Level 1 and 2 actions have been implemented, monitored and deemed unsuccessful;
- Flying-foxes are within 20metres of residential dwellings (or roosting within 5 metres of Richmond Crescent) for 2 seasons consecutively; and
- Where Flying-foxes have a density of over 1 FF/m².

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

4. DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

4.1 107 Pittwater Road, Hunters Hill - Telecommunications tower

In September 2020 CPS sent notification of a new mobile phone base station at 107 Pittwater Road Hunters Hill, which was published as a notification on our website <https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/notifications/>

In all correspondence it was stated that the proposal was to relocate the existing facility from the light pole in front the new building to the roof of the new building as the new building was obstructing signals.

The new construction on top of the building appears many times larger than the facility that was on top of the light pole. The letters did not clearly state the scale and scope of the new tower, if they had there would have been enormous community opposition which now appears evident from social media posts.

The Council does not have power over mobile base station development, we have been assured that the signal tower is being constructed in accordance with the proposed design drawings and that the facility complies with the provision of the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018.

Further questions and comments can be directed to CPSglobal at kasiak@cpsglobal.com .

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

5. PLACE AND PROJECT

5.1 Update on Hunters Hill Primary School Crossing Supervision

Council officers have been in constant contact with the Principal of Hunters Hill Public School regarding the recruitment of a crossing supervisor, and have offered Council assistance including:

- As requested by Kim Dudgeon, Principal, Council will promote the job once RMS advertises it, using our social platforms, and in the Friday e-news that goes to 10000 people.
- We will make the traffic committee aware of the issues at the March meeting and provide an update.
- We will co host a morning tea with the RSO's and school parents to share updates, communicating key messages around safety and acceptable traffic behaviour and other information in the coming month.
- Continue to ask the rangers to patrol and support safe practice in the area around the school zone in the afternoons.

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5.2 Street Tree Nominations

Hunter's Hill Council is currently looking to increase the size and quality of it's tree canopy across the Municipality. Supported by funding from the Federal Government's Local Road and Community Infrastructure fund, the program will look to:

- Removal and replacement of high risk trees already identified;
- Requests / nominations by residents for verge trees;
- Observations from Council officers and Councillors on known gaps in current street tree avenues;
- Interplanting in avenues of aged trees, nearing the end of their life expectancy.

Residents are encourage to nominate to have a tree/s planted on their nature strip. This form will be open until 31 March 2021. The applications will be reviewed, and Council officers will contact all applications with an outcome.

It is proposed that the planting work will be undertaken between April and June 2021, subject to availability of plants and contractors.

Detailed list of recommended plants by zones are available on Council's website - <https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/trees/>

Residents who would like to nominate for a street tree to be planted in their nature strip, should complete the form, link below.

<https://forms.gle/WPSCMHEAQ17HtJua8>

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There are no attachments to this report.

5.3 Media and Communications

eNews

Weekly eNews sent to our community subscribers on 19 February, highlighting:

- Youth Summit (held 19 February)
- Street Trees (planting nominations open to residents)
- Riverglade Reserve (adopted and other 15 February Council meeting highlights)
- Hunters Hill Connect app
- Online Author Events (25 February and 4 March)
- Works Notifications
- Bus Safety Week (22 - 28 February)
- Tennis Open Day (28 February Hunters Hill Tennis Club)
- Next Council Meeting

[Click here to read eNews in full.](#)

Another eNews is scheduled for 26 February.

Social media

Information shared on:

- Walking trails
- Magic on Massey (19 March - 3 April)
- Local Government Elections Candidate Briefing (27 May)
- Positions vacant
- Street trees (planting nominations open to residents)
- Bus Safety Week (22 - 28 February)
- Youth Summit

Website News

Youth Summit: Nurturing Bright Ideas

Youth-led projects across areas ranging from environmental sustainability to mental health and community placemaking will be delivered across Hunters Hill following the staging of the 2021 Youth Summit.

<https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/news/youth-summit-nurturing-bright-ideas/>

Native showcase at Kelly's Bush

Corporate volunteers from NBN Co turned their green thumbs to a demonstration garden area at Kelly's Bush, helping prepare the site for 50th anniversary celebrations in August.

<https://www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/news/native-showcase-at-kellys-bush/>

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From 17 February edition:

- Mayor's column (pictured below)

**HUNTERS HILL HAPPENINGS
with Mayor ROSS WILLIAMS**

Threading the Hunters Hill community together

We have just passed four months since opening our innovative library and community space, The YARN, in Hunters Hill Village.

It is wonderful to see and hear the responses of people who are discovering the space, in the arcade at 64 Gladesville Road, when they visit to collect a book reserved from the library catalogue, or to bring youngsters to a storytelling session or to drop off items to our waste wall for use in circular economy textile diversion projects. Our library service is delivered in partnership with Lane Cove Council, which means that when you sign up as a member of The YARN, you have access to all the great services offered through Lane Cove Library, as well as all the free programs and services offered in Hunters Hill Village.

You can opt to 'click' to reserve titles online and 'collect' them from The YARN. Plus, there is a huge selection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eComics and film streaming available to view anytime, anywhere, with access via



The YARN membership to the Shorelink Digital Library catalogue.

To sign up for library services and for program schedules go to huntershill.nsw.gov.au/theyarn.

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