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# Office of the Mayor



# Mayor Gair calls on Minister to fast track Station Street Upgrade Project

Wingecarribee Shire Mayor Councillor Duncan Gair has today called on the NSW Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to intervene and expedite final consent for the Station Street Upgrade Project.

"After 40 years of waiting for a solution to the growing traffic congestion in Bowral's town centre I think it's fair to say everybody's patience is wearing thin," he said.

Construction of the \$15.075 million infrastructure project is pending final negotiations with the acquisition of a parcel of land within the existing car park at Bowral Train Station.

"I respectfully ask that the NSW Minister for Transport Andrew Constance now step in and help clear this final hurdle and give the residents of our Shire some assurance," the Mayor said.

"The irony is that it was the initial support from the Member for Kiama, Gareth Ward and the subsequent \$7.5 million in funding from the NSW Government's Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund that rejuvenated this project.

"However it's now the same State Government presenting this final obstacle which in turn is not only delaying the project but diminishing the impact of the original grant funding and contributing to the inevitable increase in project costs.

"It's also interesting to note that at the same time that funding was announced for our \$15.075 million proposed upgrade of Station Street, approval was also granted for the \$580 million Berry Bypass.

"That 12.5 kilometre project was completed in 2017, a full 12 months ahead of schedule, and now works have begun on the even larger Albion Park Rail Bypass.

"At the same time bureaucracy continues to hold up one of the most important infrastructure improvement projects Bowral has ever seen."

"And while Mr Ward and his team championed the project in 2013, the same sadly cannot be said for the newly-endorsed Liberal candidate for Wollondilly who has remained strangely quiet on the subject."

Mayor Gair said while he appreciated some sections of the community were concerned about loss of car spaces, he urged residents to look at the greater benefits of the project.

"We acknowledge that a small number of car spaces will be lost on the train station property and others will be relocated to the Memorial Park precinct and to adjacent Kirkham Road," he said. "This may mean that commuters may have to walk an extra 50 or 100 metres to their vehicle than present."

"However it must be stressed that one of the over-arching goals of this project is to protect and enhance the long-term viability and prosperity of the Bowral CBD and its immediate surrounds.

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MEDIA CONTACT:  Councillor Duncan Gair, Wingecarribee Shire Mayor,	

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"It's important to remember too that this project is not a new idea and has in fact been supported by successive Councils since the 1970's.

"The majority of current Councillors remain committed to providing critical infrastructure for the residents of our Shire.

"We believe that to leave the growing problem of ever-increasing traffic congestion in our Shire's major town for our children to deal with should not be an option and if left unchecked will only become more expensive to resolve in years to come."

**END** 

RELEASE DATE: 22 February 2019
MEDIA CONTACT:  Councillor Duncan Gair, Wingecarribee Shire Mayor,

From:

Duncan Gair

Sent:

Monday, 25 February 2019 4:12 PM

To:

jo-ann davidson

Cc:

Councillors; Ann Prendergast; Ursula Stephens

Subject:

RE: Letter to Council RE: Station Street Upgrade

Hi Jo-Ann

I have conducted an interview today on the ABC Radio, which will be aired during Drive Time and have made it clear that I am referring to the Liberal Party candidate.

Kind regards Duncan

From: Jo-Ann Davidson [mailto:

Sent: Monday, 25 February 2019 3:22 PM

To: Duncan Gair

Cc: Wingecarribee Shire Council; Garry Turland; Grahame Andrews; Ken Halstead; Graham McLaughlin; Gordon Markwart; Peter Nelson; Ian Scandrett; Larry Whipper; Ann Prendergast; Ursula Stephens; Ellyse Harding

Subject: Re: Letter to Council RE: Station Street Upgrade

Dear Duncan,

Thank you for your prompt response, it is appreciated. Further, thank you for your clarification of the remarks.

You say that the remarks you made are specifically towards Nathanial Smith, the Liberal candidate for the electorate, however, your remarks are made in no uncertain terms, to reflect on all candidates. As your remark "The candidates are as useful as an ashtray on a motorbike" has been widely publicised, perhaps you could widely publicise this correction. Whilst you may be within your rights to make critical comments about the actions of a candidate for State Parliament, as is your democratic right, that right does not necessarily extend into generalising the actions, or inaction, of one candidate to the candidates as a collective.

As Mayor, you have a duty to represent the interests and views of Council in a fair manner, and whilst your's and Council's frustrations are perfectly valid, it is not a fair and accurate portrayal to make of all candidates as Mayor. I hope you understand where I am coming from in this matter. Myself and Ursula are more than willing to cooperate with Council on this project. However, I would appreciate if Council acted in good faith in this matter, and retracted the disparaging remarks you made.

Kind Regards,

Jo-Ann Davidson

Labor Candidate for Wollondilly

From: Duncan Gair

Sent: 25 February 2019 11:38

To: Jo-Ann Davidson

Cc: Wingecarribee Shire Council; Duncan Gair; Garry Turland; Grahame Andrews; Ken Halstead; Graham McLaughlin;

Gordon Markwart; Peter Nelson; Ian Scandrett; Larry Whipper; Ann Prendergast

Subject: RE: Letter to Council RE: Station Street Upgrade

Dear Jo-Ann

Thank you for your email, this comment was not directed to you, but to the Liberal candidate who has publicly said that he has good contacts within the Liberal party. In conjunction with the General Manager and Deputy General Manager, Nathaniel Smith was approached to see if he could assist with this project as Jai Rowell has vacated his seat. This have been fruitless and disappointing, and as such I believe I am fully within my rights make critical comments.

I thank you for your qualified support in relation to this project and I will make sure that the information session is conducted as soon as possible. I have a very firm position on this project, and as far as I am aware so do seven other councillors.

I look forward to working with all candidates in a productive manner for the betterment of the entire community.

Kind regards Duncan

Duncan Gair Mayor

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Sent: Monday, 25 February 2019 10:49 AM

To: Wingecarribee Shire Council; Duncan Gair; Garry Turland; Grahame Andrews; Ken Halstead; Graham McLaughlin;

Gordon Markwart; Peter Nelson; Ian Scandrett; Larry Whipper

Subject: Letter to Council RE: Station Street Upgrade

Dear Councillors,

I write today in relation to comments by Mayor Duncan Gair on Win News Illawarra.

Please find attached a letter to yourself, and Council as a whole, about these disappointing remarks.

I look forward to continued cooperation on the Station Street matter with Council.

Kind Regards,	
Jo-Ann Davidson Labor Candidate for Wollondilly	
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Subject:

Time Frame for candidates Station Street briefing

Start:

Mon 11/04/2022 10:30 AM Mon 11/04/2022 11:00 AM

End: Show Time As:

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Recurrence:

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**Meeting Status:** 

Not yet responded

Organizer:

Marissa Racomelara

From: Duncan Gair

Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2019 9:02 PM

To: Ann Prendergast

Subject: Time Frame for candidates Station Street briefing

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From: Duncan Gair Sent: Saturday, 2 March 2019 8:04 PM To: Graham McLaughlin Cc: Gordon Markwart; Larry Whipper; Garry Turland; Peter Nelson; Grahame Andrews; Ken Halstead Re: Station Street Subject: Hello All I have spoken to the GM this morning and asked if it would be possible to have Senior staff attend on Monday with any revelant information The time is 12.30 Monday opposite Links Rd in open area. I hope I am given the opportunity to give those in attendance the chance to address the group and give councils perspective and reasoning for councils position plus information from staff which may help allay the concerns and perceptions that have been falsely relayed to them. If any councillor is available then your attendance would be appreciated . If unable and if given the opportunity I will give your apologies if you wish . I would assume that the prospective candidates have been invited. I hope that the information session in relation to this project and agreed by candidates to attend will be held in the next week Any more information I receive will be passed on. I ask that this is not advertised. Best Regards Duncan Sent from my iPhone > On 2 Mar 2019, at 2:24 pm, Graham McLaughlin wrote: > Thanks Larry > Do you know what time and where? > Graham > Sent from my iPhone >> On 2 Mar 2019, at 8:16 am, Gordon Markwart wrote: >> On a slightly different track, I am disappointed to see the same councillor promoting on Facebook the "Coalition election funding promise - that Heritage Trains can again run from Thirlmere to Colo Vale" when this council has been desperately seeking funds to complete the Bowral Station Street project, the Moss Vale by-pass and other projects which will offer real benefits to all community members. If the small number of community members who oppose the current Station St project were serious, they would be lobbying the Government for increased funding instead of promoting hypothetically alternate ideas which are unfunded, lack traffic studies and are simply unviable. >> >> As the current Government's candidate stated during our meet the candidates session, his passion is steam trains. I much prefer to hear candidates and councillors have a passion for what is good for the electorate, not their personal hobbies. >> This mirrors the Sydney stadium upgrades which take precedence over hospital and public schools and such like. >> >> Give me public community infrastructure funding over politicians hobby's any day. >> >> (End of rant) >> >> Sent from my iPad

>>> On 2 Mar 2019, at 07:52, Larry Whipper

wrote:

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>>> Good morning Clrs.

>>> I have heard on the grapevine that Clr Scandrett will be leading/ attending a Station St protest on Monday. I think my source is reliable.

>>> This is for information and I have deliberately left the names Councillor out of this correspondence.

>>> Larry

>>>

>>> Sent from my iPhone

From:

Duncan Gair

Sent:

Monday, 18 March 2019 12:05 PM

To:

Ann Prendergast; Mark Pepping; Barry Paull; Frank Iacono; Robert Lewis

Subject:

Friends of Bowral Update - Station Street Project

Attachments:

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Leesa Stratford Monday, 18 March 2019 12:04 PM Leesa Stratford FW: Briefing session on Station Street Project
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# On Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 1:01 PM Bobbie-Jo Gordon wrote:

Good morning John

Duncan would like to advise that a briefing session on Station Street for the Friends Of Bowral is to be held on Wednesday 20 March in our offices from 9:00am - 10:00am.

Can you please let me know if this is suitable and if so could you please forward the invitation to members of the Friends of Bowral.

If you would like to discuss please contact me on

Many thanks

# Bobbie-Jo Gordon Executive Assistant to the General Manager

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From:

Duncan Gair

Sent:

Thursday, 4 April 2019 4:15 PM

To:

Garry Turland

Cc:

Councillors; Barry Paull

Subject:

RE: Station street at 4 pm today

Attachments:

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# Hi Garry

Yes an absolute mess and we know that this project is now going to cost another 1.5 million at this point in relation to negativity of a handful of people.

### Cheers Duncan

From: Garry Turland

Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2019 3:55 PM

To: Councillors; Barry Paull

Subject: Station street at 4 pm today



From: Duncan Gair

Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 5:39 PM

To: Councillors
Cc: Ann Prendergast
Subject: Road Project update.

Hi all

Just to give everyone a brief update in relation to our roads projects.

Yesterday the General Manager, staff and myself met with Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman to discuss some of our major projects. The projects discussed included, the Berrima Road Deviation and the Moss Vale Bypass. Ms Tuckerman took considerable time to fully understand the purpose and complexity of these projects. She has expressed her strong support for both these and the need for appropriate funding to ensure that these projects can be to be delivered. The new ministries that will be responsible for transport and roads was also discussed, noting that Paul Toole is the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads with Andrew Constance being the Minister for Transport and Roads (other). She has offered to provide her assistance to engage with relevant Ministers to promote, lobby for additional funding and arrange meetings in relation the projects.

The General Manager and I are seeking a meeting with Angus Taylor MP to gain his support in organising a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Michael McCormick specifically in relation to the constraints currently imposed by the Funding Agreement for Berrima Road Deviation project final delivery date. Ms Tuckerman will also engage with this will Angus Taylor on this matter. I believe we must make every effort to gain both grants, and with the Federal election looming, this is obviously the best time to lobby. Further updates on grant applications will be forwarded to Council as soon as confirmation in relation to the success of these grants is acknowledged

Wombeyan Caves Road was also discussed and a commitment was given by our new State Member to continue to lobby for this road as well as all the roads within our Shire.

I have sent an email response to Mr Rohan Berry today outlining the timeframe in relation to the draft budget coming to Council on the 24 April and the additional \$125K marked for Wombeyan Caves Road on top of the already allocated funds including the Regional Roads Block Grant Funding, bringing the total spend to just over half a million dollars on the unsealed section in 2019/20.

Given that Easter and ANZAC Day are close, I have made arrangements to meet with Member for Wollondilly, Nathaniel Smith on Monday 29 April, seeking his collaboration in relation to the Station Street Upgrade project.

The General Manager and I also met with the CEO, David Rowe and Director – Government Relations and Strategy, Gabrielle Cusack of the Canberra Joint Regional Organisation yesterday, who have agreed to lobby on our behalf for all of these major projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very safe and happy Easter.

Best regards Duncan

Duncan Gair Mayor

Wingecarribee Shire Council

From:

Duncan Gair

Sent:

Thursday, 30 May 2019 5:10 PM

To:

Councillors

Cc:

Ann Prendergast; Mark Pepping; Barry Paull

Subject:

Update - Pie Launch / Minister Meetings

Hello all

We had a very successful Pie Time Launch today with Clr's Markwart, Nelson, Whipper as well as Ann and Mark attending. The Welcome Centre team did a great job, as did the Pie and Wine Makers who were present. It was very well attended by other community representatives and hosted by Graeme Day. I am guessing that every male member of Parliament was eating a pie!

During the day and after sampling 5 pies, the General Manager and I had a quick conversation with the Minister for the Energy and Environment, Matthew Kean in relation to our Waste Levy. The Minister Kean agreed that in his eyes it is completely unfair and especially compared to the Wollondilly Shire Levy amount comparison. He stated he has commenced a full review of the levies across the State and that this will take approximately 12 months to finalise. Following this review there obviously will be recommendations and hopefully this will result in a reduction of our contributions. My personal feelings are that it will not come into effect until the 21/22 Budget, as the State Government is reliant on these monies.

On another note the General Manager and myself, through the representations of Wendy Tuckerman, Nathanial Smith and the Canberra Regional Joint Organisation will be meeting with the Minister for Regional Roads, Mr Paul Toole next Tuesday in relation to the Station Street Upgrades and if time permits, the Moss Vale Bypass Project.

Also on Monday morning, Ann along with Barry Paull and myself will be meeting with Angus Taylor to continue to explore a way forward in relation to the Berrima Deviation Project.

Councillors will be fully briefed on all these meetings on Wednesday.

Tomorrow night I will attending the meeting at Bowral Memorial Hall in relation to the Environmental Draft Budget issues.

Cheers Duncan

Clr Duncan Gair

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From:

Sent:

To:

Duncan Gair Friday, 12 July 2019 11:28 AM Ann Prendergast; Barry Paull

Subject:

Station Street Discussion

Danielle Fleming		
From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Duncan Gair Monday, 29 July 2019 3:43 PM Garry Turland Councillors; Ann Prendergast RE: Email from Mayor Gair Re Station Street Project image001.png	
Hi Garry		
I am very disappointed in	the tone of your message and I consider it intimidating and bully	y of Council staff.
-	inue with these messages to all Councillors and staff. If you have sent them in an acceptable manner. If you wish to discuss this for	
I believe an apology is due	e to senior management.	
I am sorry that you have re	reverted to this form of behaviour when you had a great deal to	offer the Community.
Regards Duncan		
X		
From: Garry Turland Sent: Friday, 26 July 2019 To: Helene Williamson Cc: Councillors	5:47 PM Leesa Stratford	Duncan Gair

Well I wish you good luck but this council went to the public with a proposal that had no approval from Sydney trains to there land and now we find ourselves in a position of the total project will not Even beginning in this turn of council and or will probably fail to be constructed at all .

This again like the Berrima devastation project has been a total mess of the senior staff to understand the simple critical path platform.

Time has ran out now and it will be the Councillors that will cop it from the public not the staff that we gave direction to for fill and bring these project to completion in a timely many .

Ann Prendergast

Subject: Re: Email from Mayor Gair Re Station Street Project

I have lost confidence in the senior staff as I am over hearing Excuses and further reports on how these project can get back on the rails to even start .

You need show leadership as it is again the public that will lose out again not the staff and remember it is the public that pay there wages

And voted us all in to protect there interests .

We need to take clear action and not fluff around denying the truth and the clear facts and you all know it but your not game to say it .

Tell me where I have got this wrong please .

Unhappy Garry Turland as you all should be a

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 Jul 2019, at 4:10 pm, Helene Williamson

wrote:

### **Dear Councillors**

I have today met with Peter McLaughlin and Nathaniel Smith at the SHK meeting with Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Geoff Lee and Wendy Tuckerman at Chevalier College this morning.

I took the opportunity to strongly advocate seeking Nathanial's support for the Station Street Project, Peter and Nathaniel have given me an undertaking that they would represent us strongly to Minister Paul Toole and that he will give his public support to the project, but indicated that the parking issues that have held up the project will need to be solved.

I believe as Mayor I have followed due process in contacting the Member for Wollondilly to seek his support on this important project which is critical for the future of Bowral, if there is no success with the local member and the State Government then I will follow other public avenues through media.

Regards

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Clr Duncan Gair Mayor Wingecarribee Shire Council

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From:

Duncan Gair

Sent:

Wednesday, 31 July 2019 7:56 AM

To:

Ann Prendergast; Barry Pauli; Mark Pepping

Subject:

Fwd: Station Street Project

For your information Cheers

Duncan

Sent from my iPhone

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From: john Barrett

Date: 30 July 2019 at 11:10:07 pm AEST

To: Larry Whipper

Duncan Gair

Grahame Andrews

Subject: Station Street Project

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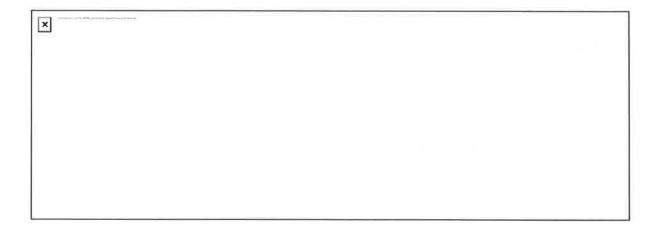
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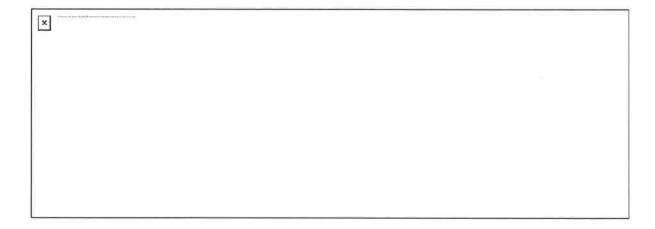
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Sent:

Thursday, 8 August 2019 3:45 PM

To:

Barry Paull

Cc:

Ann Prendergast RE: Temporary fence

Subject:

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Thanks Barry, We will chat further tomorrow

Cheers Duncan

From: Barry Paull

Sent: Thursday, 8 August 2019 3:31 PM

To: Duncan Gair

Ann Prendergast

Subject: RE: Temporary fence

Hi Duncan,

Yes I know some of Sarah's background – she worked for council as part of Chris Shaw's team for a while.

I suspect she is touting for work as a consultant.

Happy to discuss.

Regards

 $Barry\ W\ Paull \quad \hbox{Deputy General Manager Operations, Finance \& Risk}$ 

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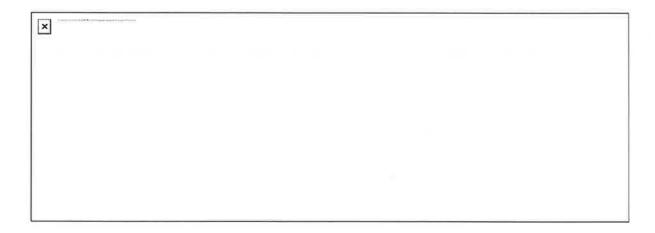
**To:** Ann Prendergast; Barry Paull **Subject:** FW: Temporary fence

Hi Ann and Barry

I received this information from Larry! Are you aware of this person?

We will discuss Friday.

Cheers Duncan



From: Larry Whipper

Sent: Wednesday, 7 August 2019 5:33 PM

To: Duncan Gair

Subject: Re: Temporary fence

Hi Duncan.

On this matter, I believe that there may agave been some brief discussions with

A woman by the name of Sarah Haslinger by staff.

I have also met her on a couple of occasions through the Stakeholders Group.

I believe she has worked with Infrastructure NSW and is well connected.

In my conversations with her she feels that she may be able to assist with both the Berrima Deviation and Station Street.

Have you had an opportunity to meet with her?

It may be worthwhile arranging a meeting with her and senior staff to discuss.

It may assist when we have Councillor briefings on these matters?

Regards

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Aug 2019, at 4:30 pm, Duncan Gair

wrote:

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Best regards

Duncan

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From: KEN WILSON

Sent: Monday, 5 August 2019 8:04 AM

To: Duncan Gair

Subject: FW: Temporary fence

Hi Duncan,

Following up my email as below.

Cheers Ken

From: KEN WILSON

**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 1:05 PM

To: Cc:

Subject: Temporary fence

Hi Duncan,

As a concerned rate payer every time I drive from Berrima to Moss Vale I go past all the temporary fencing around the new proposed rail overpass.

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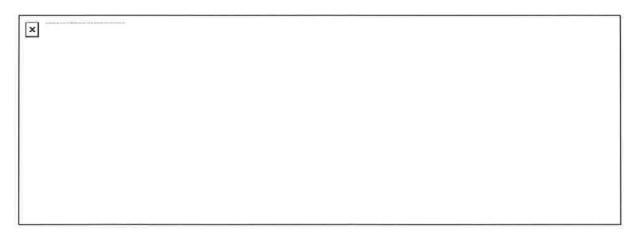
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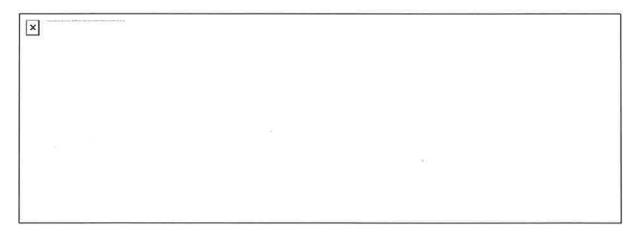
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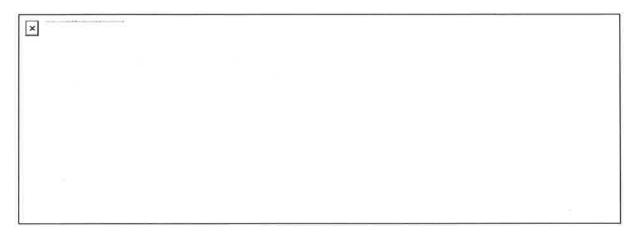
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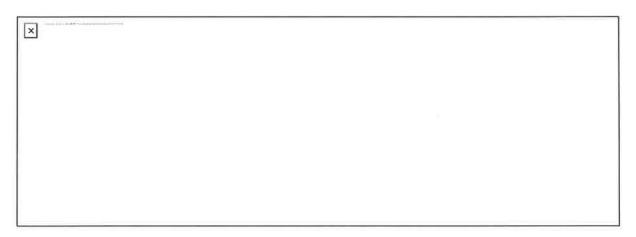
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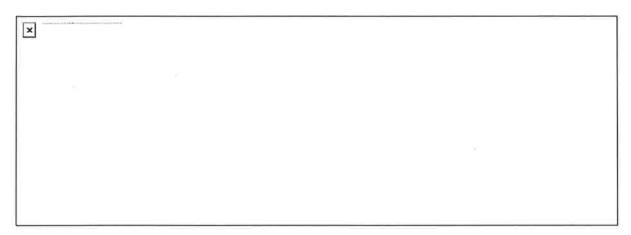
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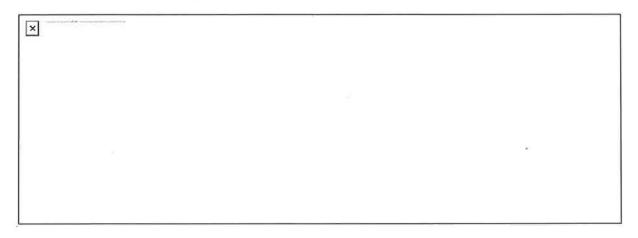
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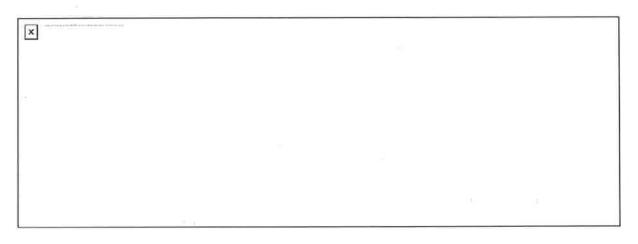
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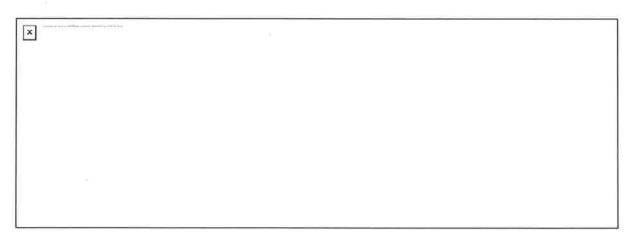
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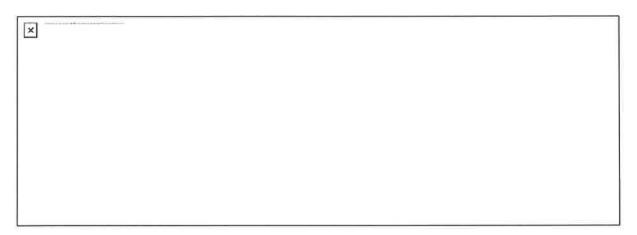
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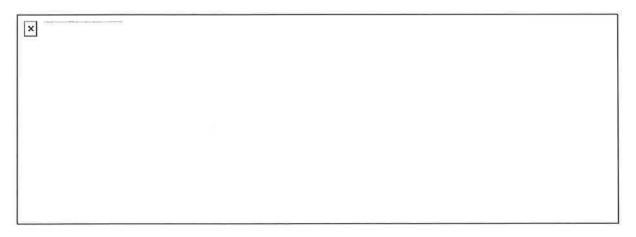
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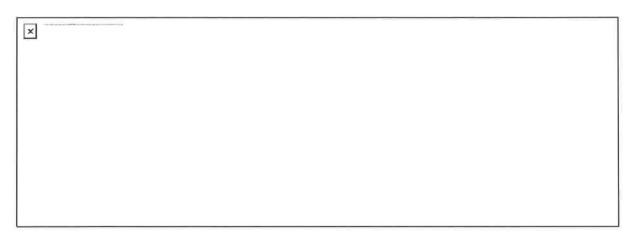
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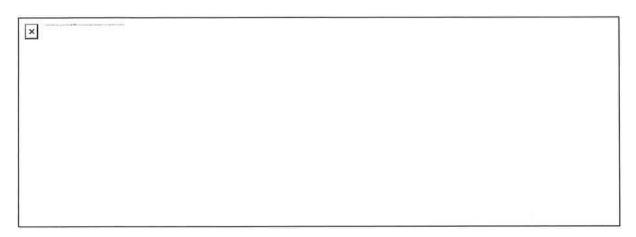
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https://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/roads-traffic/major-infrastructure-projects

This "update" is dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019: two days after the Councillors were given a confidential briefing on the Station Street and Berrima Road projects, yet there is no new information in this article.

There are three items:

- 1. Welby Hockey Fields;
- 2. Station Street Bowral and Extension of Railway Parade, and
- 3. Berrima Road Deviation.

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Subject:

Fwd: Dave Sommers and Mittagong Playhouse

For your information Cheers

Duncan

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ian Scandrett

Date: 7 November 2019 at 10:19:32 pm AEDT

To: Duncan Gair

Cc: Ann Prendergast

<u>, Da</u>nielle Lidgard

, Mark Pepping

Subject: Re: Dave Sommers and Mittagong Playhouse

Duncan / Mr Mayor,

As per my other email just now my notes carefully record that Station St was the ONLY confidential session at our strategic planning session yesterday. As we spent half the day on what I call damage control on various issues it was a sad reflection on where this Council is at. It is standard fare for WSC as many say. You wouldn't know what they are saying as you were away in Japan for 3 weeks without having told Council nor established governance arrangements.

It is clear that, like January, when you were in Malaysia's you had no intention of appointing the elected Deputy Mayor in your absence, why was this??

This has been raised by other Councilors but you have not responded to them, nor Council. The GM had no choice but to step in on the Playhouse and address the media.

I note that my taking notes yesterday was, as usual, commented on by you, the GM, and some Clrs but of course it is good, indeed best practice, particularly on these massive impact on our community matters, and of course our finances. You seem to think that you can just clam up and shroud matters in secrecy, which is totally contrary to our stated values. A good example is how I knew we had identified the sagging ridge at the Playhouse but Barry maintained it was only that week. Either way, we didn't tell the theatre groups and that is outrageous seeing they then came in.

Any comment I might make to media in the interests of maintaining communication with our customers is prefaced by me confirming the comments are my opinion. Facts are just that, Facts.

The general staff provided a very good briefing to us yesterday as did the Engineer, although I note the additional opinion supplied by Dominic [in relation to using a flexible membrane to be used in the Mittagong Pool balance tank] to Greg's comments re using hard epoxy. Both Clr Turland and I immediately commented on that at the time and Dominic jumped up.

In relation Clr Turlands significant breach of confidential information you are bound to act as Mayor. It has been drawn to you attention and your staff have followed it up with me and confirmed it to you so you have to act within 3 months under the act. That deadline is the 13th November according to the act. This is the appropriate time...

The community were watching when CIr Turland stated in Chamber on the 14th August that the Station Street roundabout was being redesigned, which was clearly in breach of the briefing on that. It is clear from previous that you must lodge a code of conduct.

Clr Ian Scandrett

Sent from my iPad mini

On 7 Nov 2019, at 16:47, Duncan Gair

wrote:

Hello Ian, I respond to your message to the General Manager and point out that the only spokesman for council in relation to a position by council is the Mayor or the General Manager.

Making any comment at this time before Council takes a position could be damaging and could be in breach of Council's policy.

I do point out that yesterday was taken to be in confidence.

On the other matter which we discussed yesterday concerning Councillor Turland, I will respond at the appropriate time.

Cheers, Duncan

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Jim and Shirley Becke

From: Duncan Gair [mailto: Sent: Friday, 28 June 2019 4.41 r w

To: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery

Subject: FW: Property # 1806550 - 57 Station Street

Hi Jim

Sorry for the delay, I was of the understanding that staff had inspected the site and responded accordingly and It is unfortunate that this matter has not been dealt with nor remediated.

Having spoken to staff, I have been advised that inspections have taken place and the drain has been found to be functioning adequately, although unsightly. As such, it has been prioritise for maintenance and given that there are other drainage issues across the Shire, this matter is not of urgent high priority at this point in time and has been listed on the programme of works.

At this stage it is difficult to confirm a completion date. The project has been listed on the unscheduled list and as higher priority tasks are completed it will get closer to being actioned. Operational staff will confirm a date once it has been scheduled and higher priority works completed.

I understand that this must be frustrating, however the maintenance team have a schedule of work assessed by priority of need across the entire Shire.

Kind regards Duncan

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From: Duncan Gair

Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2019 3:31 PM

To: 'Jim - Milk Factory Gallery'

Subject: RE:

Hi Jim

I thought this issue had been dealt with! I shall follow this up with staff and respond ASAP.

Best regards Duncan

From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery

Sent: Monday, 24 June 2019 11:33 AM

To: Duncan Gair

Subject: RE:

Good Morning Duncan,

It is over two months since we received your correspondence with regard to the email trail below.

We have yet to receive any further correspondence from Council during that period although I have been told that Council staff were seen inspecting the drain and surrounds.

Can you please let me know what actions are proposed.

Regards,

Jim Becke

From: Duncan Gair

Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 3.43 FM

To: 'Jim - Milk Factory Gallery'

Cc: Councillors

Subject: RE:

Hi Jim

Thank you of your email. I shall ask for an update from staff and respond accordingly.

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Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 1:48 PM

To: Adam Bell

Cc: Duncan Gair; Garry Turland; Grahame Andrews; Ken Halstead; Graham McLaughlin; Gordon Markwart; Peter

Nelson; Ian Scandrett: Larry Whipper

Subject: FW:

Dear Councillor,

I refer you to my letter of 25 March 2019 (attached).

Below is a self - explanatory email trail of correspondence with Council today.

While I appreciate Council's desire to rectify the situation according to its timetable given the uncertain timing of completion of Stage1(3) I fail to understand its reluctance to at least undertake necessary maintenance and remediation including the removal of all rubbish and provision of acceptable fencing.

Yours faithfully,

Jim and Shirley Becke

From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery

Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 12:42 PM

To:

Subject: RE: Property # 1806550 - 37 Station Street

Hi Adam,

Thanks for your prompt reply.

Considering that the drain and surrounds have been used by Council for over 30 years and not been maintained by Council for that period (during which time we have not been able to utilise the land nor have we received any compensation) we expect that at a minimum the area inside the fence would be remediated including but not limited to removing any accumulated rubbish, be it rubbish from Councils own drains or other illegal dumping.

We have provided and maintained temporary fencing since we purchased the land but have become increasingly aware that given Councils "ownership" of the drain that it is Councils responsibility not ours to ensure the ongoing safety of the public . Please attend to this matter asap.

Regards, Jim Becke From: Adam Bell Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 11:58 AM rubbis some of which To: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery Subject: RE: Good Morning Jim, I have spoken to our maintenance team and they have programed the maintenance but I do not have an exact date for you. Also they will clear the water way not remove illegal dumping from the property ie. Car door. I have spoken again to our project management team as yes traffic lights will be installed. Regards Adam Bell Asset Liaison Officer Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre, 68 Elizabeth St. Moss Vale, NSW 2577 | PO Box 141 Moss Vale NSW 2577 From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 11:31 AM To: Adam Bell Subject: RE: Hi Adam, Thank you for your email.

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Some questions:

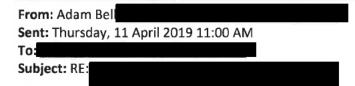
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and other rubbish as well as the vegetation?

Can you confirm that upon the completion of Stage 1 part 3 the roundabout at the Boolwey St intersection will be removed and traffic lights and pedestrian crossing will be installed?

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Jim Becke



Good Morning Mr Becke

Thank you for your correspondence,

We have scheduled with our infrastructure team to send a maintenance crew to clear out vegetation in the table drain.

I have been in discussions with our project management team and until such time as we have constructed the four lanes both sides of the Boolwey St intersection, it is suggested that the roundabout would remain operational.

The works that are currently being designed and are described as Stage 1 will be constructed in possibly three separate work packages (subject to construction contractor advice), to minimise disruption to the Bowral town centre in general.

At this stage we are suggesting the following order of stage 1:

- 1. Bowral St to Boolwey St
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Council cannot undertake work on the stormwater prior to the roadwork being done.

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Adam Bell Asset Liaison Officer Wingecarribee Shire Council

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Hello Jim Again I will forward your request to staff and ask if a time frame can be forwarded to myself in regards to this matter. Kind regards Duncan
HFrom: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery  Sent: Thursday, 16 January 2020 1:03 PM  To: Duncan Gair  Cc: Garry Turland  Graham Andrews  Halstead  Graham McLaughlin  Markwart  Peter Nelson  Graham In Scandrett

Hi Duncan,

Subject: RE:

Larry Whipper

This matter has not progressed in the 6 months since your letter below.

We have had no communication and today we have been informed by our tenants that unless the problem is rectified they will not extend their lease.

Accordingly we request Council to now give us a definitive date (within 3 months from today) to complete the drainage and associated surface works. In the event the works are not completed within this timeframe it is our intention to block the drain at the boundary and fill it in without further notice.

The costs of doing this will be charged to Council.

We regret that matters have come to this however given the lack of action by Council (who have used the access for 30 years or so) we have no alternative.

Regards,

Jim and Shirlev Becke

From: Duncan Gair

Sent: Friday, 28 June 2019 4:41 PM

To: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery

Subject: FW:

Hi Jim

Sorry for the delay, I was of the understanding that staff had inspected the site and responded accordingly and It is unfortunate that this matter has not been dealt with nor remediated.

Having spoken to staff, I have been advised that inspections have taken place and the drain has been found to be functioning adequately, although unsightly. As such, it has been prioritise for maintenance and given that there are other drainage issues across the Shire, this matter is not of urgent high priority at this point in time and has been listed on the programme of works.

At this stage it is difficult to confirm a completion date. The project has been listed on the unscheduled list and as higher priority tasks are completed it will get closer to being actioned. Operational staff will confirm a date once it has been scheduled and higher priority works completed.

I understand that this must be frustrating, however the maintenance team have a schedule of work assessed by priority of need across the entire Shire.

Kind regards Duncan

From: Duncan Gair
Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2019 3:31 PM
To: 'Jim - Milk Factory Gallery' Subject: RE:
Hi Jim I thought this issue had been dealt with! I shall follow this up with staff and respond ASAP.
Best regards Duncan
From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery Sent: Monday, 24 June 2019 11:33 AM To: Duncan Gair Subject: RE:
Good Morning Duncan,
It is over two months since we received your correspondence with regard to the email trail below.
We have yet to receive any further correspondence from Council during that period although I have been told that Council staff were seen inspecting the drain and surrounds.
Can you please let me know what actions are proposed.
Regards,
Jim Becke
From: Duncan Gair
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 3:43 PM
To: 'Jim - Milk Factory Gallery'
Cc: Councillors

Hi Jim

Thank you of your email. I shall ask for an update from staff and respond accordingly.

Kind regards Duncan

Subject: RE:

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From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery

Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 1:46 PM

To: Adam Bell

Cc: Duncan Gair; Garry Turland; Grahame Andrews; Ken Halstead; Graham McLaughlin; Gordon Markwart; Peter

Nelson; Ian Scandrett; Larry Whipper

Subject: FW:

Dear Councillor,

I refer you to my letter of 25 March 2019 (attached).

Below is a self - explanatory email trail of correspondence with Council today.

While I appreciate Council's desire to rectify the situation according to its timetable given the uncertain timing of completion of Stage1(3) I fail to understand its reluctance to at least undertake necessary maintenance and remediation including the removal of all rubbish and provision of acceptable fencing.

Yours faithfully,

Jim and Shirley Becke

From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery

Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 12:42 PM

To:

Subject: RE:

Hi Adam,

Thanks for your prompt reply.

Considering that the drain and surrounds have been used by Council for over 30 years and not been maintained by Council for that period (during which time we have not been able to utilise the land nor have we received any compensation) we expect that at a minimum the area inside the fence would be remediated including but not limited to removing any accumulated rubbish, be it rubbish from Councils own drains or other illegal dumping.

We have provided and maintained temporary fencing since we purchased the land but have become increasingly aware that given Councils "ownership" of the drain that it is Councils responsibility not ours to ensure the ongoing safety of the public . Please attend to this matter asap.

Regards,

Jim Becke

From: Adam Bell Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 11:58 AM To: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery ubbis some of which Subject: RE: Good Morning Jim, I have spoken to our maintenance team and they have programed the maintenance but I do not have an exact date for you. Also they will clear the water way not remove illegal dumping from the property ie. Car door. I have spoken again to our project management team as yes traffic lights will be installed. Regards Adam Bell Asset Liaison Officer Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre, 68 Elizabeth St. Moss Vale, NSW 2577 | PO Box 141 Moss Vale NSW 2577 From: Jim - Milk Factory Gallery Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 11:31 AIVI To: Adam Bell Subject: RE: Hi Adam, Thank you for your email.

Can you confirm that the maintenance will include the removal of various items such as the car door, old rail line

Can you confirm when the maintenance team will be in attendance?

and other rubbish as well as the vegetation?

Some questions:

Can you confirm that upon the completion of Stage 1 part 3 the roundabout at the Boolwey St intersection will be removed and traffic lights and pedestrian crossing will be installed?

Thanks,

Jim Becke

From: Adam Bell

Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 11:00 AM

To:

Subject: RE:

Good Morning Mr Becke

Thank you for your correspondence,

We have scheduled with our infrastructure team to send a maintenance crew to clear out vegetation in the table drain.

I have been in discussions with our project management team and until such time as we have constructed the four lanes both sides of the Boolwey St intersection, it is suggested that the roundabout would remain operational.

The works that are currently being designed and are described as Stage 1 will be constructed in possibly three separate work packages (subject to construction contractor advice), to minimise disruption to the Bowral town centre in general.

At this stage we are suggesting the following order of stage 1:

- 1. Bowral St to Boolwey St
- 2. Wingecarribee St to Bundaroo St
- 3. Boolwey St to Wingecarribee St

Council cannot undertake work on the stormwater prior to the roadwork being done.

Regards

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Any proposal to replace car parking lost at Bowral station by a carpark at Mittagong will severely disadvantage the commuting public of Bowral not to mention the general public accessing Bowral town centre. This egregious proposal to force commuters to travel to Mittagong to try to find parking is illogical, unsafe and inconsistent with the State Government's stated policy of improving car parking at all rail stations.

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Duncan, can you please meet with community representatives as a matter of urgency and provide full details of what is proposed and the current cost of this further revision to a project that <u>3,200</u> people have advised they do not want.

This project will most definitely become an election issue and I have NO doubt that any Councillor supporting the removal of car parking at Bowral station and the desecration of the heritage entrance to Bowral will loose considerable community support.

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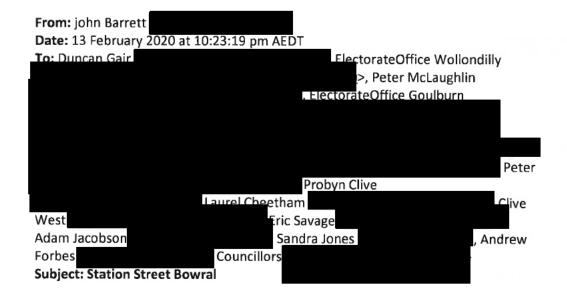
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