

## Capertee Information Session 26 April 2012

Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
<p><b>Clarence Pirie Park – Rest Area</b></p> <p>A number of issues were raised regarding the toilet including the need for replacement. There is no lighting; water is an issue particularly on long-weekends and the need for keeping them clean.</p> <p>The park is a popular spot for travellers with many people stopping overnight in motor homes and also on weekends passing through.</p> <p>It was considered that there needs to be tourism signage installed at the park with information about the area to encourage people to stay longer. This could also include an information/notice board, history and maps of the area.</p> <p>It was suggested that discussions be entered into with the RMS (RTA) regarding the development of the rest area/park.</p> <p>The mowing of the park was discussed. It was noted that although Council staff mow the park, they don't do under the signs or along the verge and that community members have to finish the job.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the upgrade to the toilets in Clarence Pirie Park is included in the 10 year plan for 2018/19. It was suggested that Capertee Progress Association to put forward a submission to have this brought forward and that in the interim some lighting, ensuring there is plenty of water in the tank etc could be addressed.</li> <li>• Funding has been received from Destination NSW to develop 'Welcome Signage' for the Capertee Village. Council is currently finalising the Branding so that signs can be developed and installed.</li> <li>• A meeting was held on Tuesday 22 May between Council's Tourism Manager, Acting Group Manager Community and Corporate, Economic Development Officer and representatives from Capertee Progress Association and Capertee Valley Alliance to progress directional/welcome signage for the Capertee Valley in Clarence Pirie Park as part of the Destination NSW grant.</li> <li>• The development of interpretive signage will be discussed further with the Capertee Progress Association.</li> <li>• Council is reviewing work practices in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$90,000 allocated in 2018/19 for the upgrade/replacement of Clarence Pirie Park Toilets be brought forward to 2015/16.</li> <li>• \$200,000 for the construction of a toilet block in Queen Elizabeth Park (southern end) in 2015/16 be moved to 2018/19.</li> <li>• \$5,000 in the 2012-13 is allocated to attending to short-term issues with the Clarence Pirie Park toilets from the General Maintenance allocation in the Infrastructure Levy program.</li> <li>• Representations be made to the RMS with regard to the development of a rest area at Clarence Pirie Park.</li> </ul>

	<p>relation to the mowing of remote sites and parks with a view to improving the standard</p>	
<p><b>Signage</b>  It was considered that there needs to be tourism signage installed at the park with information about the area to encourage people to stay longer. This could also include an information/notice board, history and maps of the area.</p> <p>Signage to public toilets in Capertee and Cullen Bullen to be installed identifying their location within the villages on the approach to the village and at the locations. Many travellers automatically go to the Service Station or the Hotel to use the toilets. As Capertee village is on tank water these businesses only provide toilets for paying customers.</p> <p>Brown and White Tourism Signage/Directional Signage indicating Capertee Valley, Turon National Park and Airly National Park to be installed on approaches to the village and indicating distances to intersections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding has been received from Destination NSW to develop 'Welcome Signage' for the Capertee Village. Council is currently finalising the Branding so that signs can be developed and installed.</li> <li>• A meeting was held on Tuesday 22 May between Council's Tourism Manager, Acting Group Manager Community and Corporate, Economic Development Officer and representatives from Capertee Progress Association and Capertee Valley Alliance to progress directional/welcome signage for the Capertee Valley in Clarence Pirie Park as part of the Destination NSW grant.</li> <li>• Directional signs for the public toilet at Cullen Bullen have been ordered.</li> <li>• Directional signs for the public toilet in Capertee will be ordered once the toilets have been upgraded.</li> <li>• Directional signage for National Parks will be discussed further with the Capertee Progress Association as part of the Village Improvements Plan. However it should be noted that Roads and Maritime Services have strict criteria for directional signage which needs to be taken into consideration when developing signage at Capertee.</li> </ul>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

<p><b>Capertee Cemetery</b> It was requested that a Columbarium be installed at Capertee Cemetery so that residents can have their ashes interred in the wall rather than at Lithgow Cemetery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The columbarium will be installed using existing funds for cemetery maintenance.</li> <li>• Representations be made to the It was noted that the Front Fence at the Cemetery is to be replaced in the 2012/13 Financial Year.</li> </ul>	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p><b>Section 94 Contributions – Airly</b> Residents asked if there was any possibility of the Section 94 Contributions from Airly Coal Mine being spent in the Capertee Village.</p>	<p>It was noted that the Section 94 Contributions for Airly were part of the original contributions from the mid 1990's and that this was allocated to the road. However, further investigation will be undertaken to identify if there are any funds remaining from this that could be allocated to the village.</p>	<p>The information be noted</p>
<p><b>Castlereagh Highway – Blackman's Crown Rock Face</b> The matter of safety issues on the Castlereagh Highway was discussed. When it rains large rocks fall from the rock face onto the highway and present a safety hazard for motorists.</p>		<p>Representations be made to RMS (RTA) regarding the stabilisation of the Blackman's Crown rock face on the Castlereagh Highway adjacent to Pearsons Lookout.</p>
<p><b>Derelict Properties at Capertee</b> This property is not only an eyesore but also the old fuel tanks appear to be leaking. It was asked what could be done in regard to having the property cleaned up and also checked for environmental hazards.</p>	<p>The Group Manager Regional Services noted that Orders have been issued to clean up the properties in question and Council is in the process of pursuing compliance with these orders.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p><b>Village Drainage Program</b> It was noted that funds are included in the budget to improve drainage in the village and the question was asked as to what areas would be undertaken.  The owner of the Hotel requested that discussions be had with him prior to works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Manager Operations stated that this would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The drainage and footpath in front of the Royal Hotel.</li> <li>○ The drainage and footpath from the Service Station to the Police Station.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

<p>commencing as he is about to upgrade the front of the Hotel for this reason also and would like to ensure that the works are compatible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Officers will liaise with the owner of the Hotel regarding the works program for that location.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Village Improvements Planning Meeting</b> The Progress Association asked what process they would need to undertake to meet with Councillors and Council Officers to discuss how they village could be developed and improved?</p>	<p>The meeting will be held on 12 June at the Royal Hotel, Capertee at 5pm.</p>	<p>A Village Improvements Program be developed for Capertee.</p>
<p><b>Funding for the Hall</b> The matter of possible funding options for the hall was discussed. The hall is not a Council asset and they Progress Association wanted to know what funding opportunities were available to undertake works such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixing the roof</li> <li>• Replacing the picnic seating outside.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community partnerships funding was discussed. It has closed for this financial year but, Capertee Progress should consider applying when the next round of funding opens to fix the roof</li> <li>• Capertee Progress is to submit an application for funding to Councils Financial Assistance Program for picnic seating. This closes on Monday 30 April.</li> </ul>	<p>Capertee Progress Association be advised to apply for funding through Council's Financial Assistance Program for picnic tables for the Hall.</p>
<p><b>Pearsons Lookout</b> Discussion was had regarding the re-opening of Pearsons Lookout. It was felt that it is currently more dangerous for motorists with the lookout closed as people are distracted and stop without warning to look at the views and take photographs.</p> <p>This is an asset and should be developed as a viewing and information area.</p>	<p>The Mayor noted that a design is currently being prepared for Left In, Left Out to the lookout and it will be considered in the State Budget for next year.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>