

COUNCILLOR STRATEGIC WEEKEND 16-18 FEBRUARY 2018

ACTION PLAN

THEMES	ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME
Consultation, community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make arrangements to webcast formal Council Meetings using a single fixed camera and to maintain a copy of the webcasts which can be accessed by members of the public from Council's website for a period of six months following the Meeting 	July 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following on from the success of the North Epping Community Forum in November 2017, make arrangements for a community forum to be held in each Ward annually from 2018 	Annually in April-May and August-October periods
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand advertising distribution in southern parts of the Shire 	Informal briefing by end July 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include Information Hub on new website 	May 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor briefing on external and internal communications 	Informal briefing by end July 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand media distribution list to include Councillors and ExCo • Monthly summary of Council meetings on web and enews 	March 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate proposed new website • Develop 5 year plan for signage with templates 	Informal briefing February 2018 Informal briefing June 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a review of Council Committees and Working Parties with a view to greater public participation and information as well as consistent protocols 	Informal Briefing by June 2018 followed by report to Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise the use of the Councillors' Weekly Communication to provide information to Councillors and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates where representations have been made to external bodies/agencies seeking actions in response to Council resolutions ○ Information on compliance matters 	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the practice of Councillor briefings subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No briefings on the Wednesday night of IHAP meetings ○ Information papers being distributed prior to meetings as far as possible ○ A schedule of briefings being prepared outlining upcoming briefings for the year where possible ○ The need for additional briefing nights being considered by Councillors where necessary ○ The length of briefing meetings being guided by Councillors as determined by the importance of the issue and associated discussion rather than a 	Ongoing

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Sustainability – tree canopy, open space, bike paths, renewables, smart transport / public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide report on options to re-establish tree canopy on streets and within parks across the Shire • Provide report(s) on bicycle path strategy for commuter and general recreation activities • Continue to upgrade playgrounds with provision of shade and inclusive play equipment <p>Note: Tree planting around playgrounds to commence new financial year. Shade structures to focus on larger parks and those where tree planting is not an option</p>	<p>May 2018</p> <p>Last quarter of 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding options for improving the condition of bushland 	<p>Informal briefing March 2018</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a business case for LED luminaire street light replacement rollout 	<p>April 2018</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate business case for nursery operations 	<p>Informal briefing by August 2018</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 	<p>August 2018</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options for smart transport, eg. car sharing, alternative fuel, active transport 	<p>To be dealt with as part of the parking and open space matters</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options to manage car parking across the Shire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirm brief for project with Councillors ○ Report canvassing options to manage car parking across the Shire 	<p>Distribute brief to Councillors for comment in March/April 2018 followed by report to Council in last quarter of 2018</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canvas options to increase budget for the provision of footpaths across the shire 	<p>To be discussed at Informal briefing on 2018/19 Budget in March</p>
Financial sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to make representations to the Premier and Minister for Local Government seeking that the State Government formalise its position on Council's Alteration of Boundary proposal 	<p>Ongoing - The Mayor to keep Councillors advised of ongoing discussions with the State Government</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a review of Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) having regard to the strategic direction of the new Council 	<p>Informal Briefing on 2018/19 Budget in March followed by report to Council</p> <p>Informal Briefing on LTFP by October followed by report to Council</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the context of Council's Recreational Needs Study, review the financial viability of the proposal from the Berowra community in respect of a Berowra Pool 	Informal Briefing by June 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Council's property holdings for income generating opportunities 	Informal briefing by mid 2018
Urban development / development opportunities / affordable housing / vision for rural lands / Cherrybrook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings be conducted with Councillors on key projects on the Strategic Planning Program to determine the next steps and priorities moving forward. At a minimum, briefings be conducted on the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Dural Planning Proposal Design Planning Controls Review Brooklyn Improvement Masterplan Pennant Hills Economic Feasibility Review Affordable Housing Discussion Paper Opportunities for Town House / Villa Development Hornsby Town Centre East Side Review Confirm a vision for rural lands 	Informal briefings: 21 March 2018 21 March 2018 21 March 2018 18 April 2018 18 April 2018 18 April 2018 Mid 2018 Mid 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to the Minister for Planning to seek direction and timeframe from State government in relation to Cherrybrook 	March 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to the Minister for Planning requesting a meeting to discuss outstanding matters where Council has made representations to the State Government on planning issues and a response has not been received. Such matters include a vision for the rural areas of the Shire, impacts of senior housing developments, introduction of IHAPs and Cherrybrook precinct planning 	March 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to the Minister for Planning raising concerns about the impacts of Senior Living Developments on the character of the urban areas of the Shire and request the opportunity for Council to seek an exemption from the State Policy where a local strategy is prepared to achieve the objectives of the State Policy at the local level 	March 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep open, proactive conversation with the State Government 	Ongoing
Liveability in the Shire – social equity / community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate Public Private Partnerships to generate income for state of the art community facilities 	Ongoing – Investigations to take place as part of the redevelopment of the Hornsby and Pennant Hills Library sites

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the support of volunteer management committees, including simplifying fees and charges and online booking system	Informal briefing by third quarter 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore innovative ways volunteers might contribute to council	June 2018
Economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete economic development research/assessment being undertaken by Elton Consulting	Informal briefing by mid 2018
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Heritage Committee explore options to expand heritage award categories to include good design and sustainability	Mid 2018

Value statement

Our Bushland Shire is a place for people. It has impressive places and wonderful environments and offers a great lifestyle for all members of our community.

Action statement

We are committed to collaboratively implementing infrastructure, sustainability, liveability, productivity and affordability initiatives to ensure our Bushland Shire thrives now and into the future.

External impacts

Our Bushland Shire is being shaped by our natural environment, population growth, housing and employment opportunities.

Councillor briefings

1. Communications
2. Signage
3. Committees
4. Funding options for bushland
5. Investigate business case for Nursery operations
6. Car parking
7. Budget 2018/19
8. Long Term Financial Plan
9. Berowra Pool (financial viability)
10. Council's property holdings (income-generating opportunities)
11. South Dural Planning Proposal
12. Design Planning Controls Review
13. Pennant Hills Economic Feasibility Review
14. Brooklyn Improvement Masterplan
15. Affordable Housing Discussion Paper
16. Opportunities for Town House / Villa Development
17. Hornsby Town Centre East Side Review
18. Volunteer management committees
19. Community Facilities - Fees and Charges and online bookings
20. Economic Development