

Gladstone / Smithtown Community Catch-up
26 September 2018
Q&A's

Issue	Response
<p>Saleyards business plan and opening to unrestricted agents</p>	<p>May 2018: Resolved to hold a workshop involving Councillors, Council management and key external stakeholders to discuss the available saleyard strategic options and that further analysis be undertaken after the workshop and a paper with recommended option(s) be presented to a future Council meeting.</p> <p>Council is currently in the planning phase and is determining the data and engagement that is required to inform the workshop.</p> <p>Post data collection, Council will conduct the workshop; undertake strategic options analysis; and undertake appropriate stakeholder and community engagement.</p> <p>Workshop anticipated: early 2019 Strategic Options paper: tabled before end of 2018/19 financial year.</p>
<p>Fixing and widening the footpath on Kinchela street from the junction with Aston street up to the park</p>	<p>No current plans to carry out this work. We have funds to do repairs/replacement in Kinchela Street from Darkwater Street to Macleay Street which has a lot of trip hazards and is planned for November 2018. This request will be reviewed in planning project for funding in 2019/20.</p>
<p>Storm water drain on corner of Belmore and Jeffery St falling to pieces and dangerous</p> <p>Stormwater drain at either end of Morton Ave</p> <p>Drainage on river side of Vincent St</p>	<p>No record of any advice of problem or requests to fix. Inspected again since submission and while repairs could be done, it is not considered urgent. It has been identified as a low priority defect. There is a Telstra pit nearby which is barricaded, and Council will contact Telstra to rectify.</p> <p>Request has been referred for inspection.</p> <p>Request has been referred for inspection.</p>
<p>Lack of sports facilities and seeking confirmation of Council's position on proposed community</p>	<p>Council resolved to prioritise a Community Infrastructure Strategy in 2018/19. This will assess population, existing facilities and demand. No major new infrastructure will be approved until after this Strategy is adopted. This Strategy will support more accurate budget planning as allocations in the current budget don't cover the maintenance on current infrastructure.</p>

funded Basketball Court	Council have had a subsequent meeting with Smithtown Resource and Development Committee and have committed to working together to ensure the project is able to be delivered.
Lights at football field not working	<p>Council has had an electrician investigate the issue and provided a quote to fix the lights (\$4224.00). This is currently not budgeted but recent grant announcements can allow funding to be reallocated from other locations. Council understand Touch is now complete and lights will require addressing before March 2019 when winter training recommences.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance programs will be assessed according to Sports Strategy and Infrastructure Strategy.</p>
Cavanagh's Buses using their depot as a dumping ground for old decaying buses.	<p>This has been an ongoing issue being chased by Council's compliance section;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/6/1994 – Consent granted by Council for the parking of 4 school buses and a shed (T4-94-52). • 21/6/2018 – Letter sent to owners (C A and C Cavanagh) advising that there was no consent for the use of the property for disused buses. This use is now prohibited in the Village Zone in which the property is located and therefore the buses must be removed to an approved location. Owners also requested to address the overgrown and unsightly nature of the property. • 7/8/2018 – No response received, and a follow up letter sent to the owners. • 25/9/2018 – Still no response received. It is proposed to give the owners a Notice of Intention to give a Development Control Order under the EP and A Act requiring the removal of the buses (Order 1 for a prohibited use).
Gladstone Pool – rumours of closure and change of programs ie swim club and aqua-aerobics, closure of facebook group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A management agreement has now been signed with Huddo's Swim and Fitness • The new management will have Kempsey, SWR and Gladstone pools • Swim lessons and fitness classes are available • The agreement will be for 5 years and 5-year renewal option • The Facebook page is called '<i>Kempsey, South West Rocks, Gladstone, Swimming Pools – HudoSwim & Fitness</i>'
Removal of trees along Reilly Street	Council's Villages Team Leader has advised that we have not removed trees and have had no issues with trees in that area.
Flood 2013 – Ryan's Cut. An agreement	

was reached with Council to assist obtaining approval for tress to be removed – update on approval requested	The matter has been lodged for further investigation.
Flood 2001 – Stormwater drain under a resident's house collapsed. KSC attended but it is now bigger – cnr Smithtown & Jeffery Roads	Council will further investigate this matter.
New Give Way sign required cnr Smithtown & Jeffery Road	This will be considered in future planning for road safety infrastructure.
Large block in Smithtown (Belmore St, between Cannane & Rawson) zoned as light industrial so cannot be subdivided. Could potentially house 11 new families.	This matter has been referred to Council's Strategic Planning team for consideration in Land Use Strategies.
Removal of old trucks on Jeffrey Street	This matter is being investigated by compliance staff.
Clarify electricity account management for Smithtown oval. Currently paid for by Smithtown JRLC but SWR and Kempsey bills covered by KSC	Council Civic Maintenance staff will investigate and report back to the clubs associated.
Grounds at Smithtown oval require attention in relation to the playing surface.	This matter has been referred to Civic Maintenance for review.

Northern fence is falling down.	
Repair work and replace rotting weatherboards on the front of the Gladstone Hall and Community Art Gallery	<p>Replacement of weatherboards will require consideration of electrical implications due to the existing wiring of the hall. Council are investigating options.</p> <p>Council has received grant money to install an awning across the entry way - to be completed by June 2019.</p>
State of footpaths in Smithtown – particularly Belmore and Rawson Streets	<p>Footpath replacement or upgrades listed in the 2018-2019 works program include;</p> <p>Gladstone Kinchela Street both sides - Macleay St to Darkwater St \$57,000</p> <p>Smithtown Cannane Street/Rawson Street intersection - \$20,500 Cannane Street/Belmore Street intersection - \$4,500</p>

Additional background facts:

Smithtown works completed in last 12 months; drainage works in Verge Street and John Street, failed footpath repairs in Cannane Street at Dawson and Belmore Streets to remove trip hazards and pavement repairs adjacent to the General Store in Main Street.

Gladstone works; wharf near playground likely to be rebuilt 2019, grant funding for playground upgrade, new toilet block.