

Ordinary Council

MAYORAL MINUTE

Business Paper

date of meeting: Wednesday 17 February 2021

location: Council Chambers
17 Burrawan Street
Port Macquarie

time: 5:30pm

Community Vision

A sustainable high quality of life for all

Community Mission

Building the future together
People Place Health Education Technology

Council's Corporate Values

- ★ Sustainability
- ★ Excellence in Service Delivery
- ★ Consultation and Communication
- ★ Openness and Accountability
- ★ Community Advocacy

Community Themes

- ★ Leadership and Governance
- ★ Your Community Life
- ★ Your Business and Industry
- ★ Your Natural and Built Environment

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Item: 06.01

**Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE - BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
CORRESPONDENCE - SEWAGE ISSUES IN BONNY HILLS AREA**

Mayor, Peta Pinson

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note the correspondence from the Bonny Hills Progress Association as attached to this Mayoral Minute as Attachment 1.**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer respond to this correspondence appropriately addressing the issues raised and advising Council's resolution in the matter.**
- 3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to the May 2021 Ordinary Council meeting detailing the issues raised in the correspondence from the Bonny Hills Progress Association and options available to Council to address these issues.**

Discussion

I have received correspondence from the Bonny Hills Progress Association regarding sewage escape into Saltwater Creek and release of overflows from the Bonny Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant into Duchess Creek in December 2020. This correspondence is attached as Attachment 1 to this Mayoral Minute.


The Bonny Hills Progress Association attended a public meeting at the Wauchope-Bonny Hills Surf Club on Wednesday 27 January 2021 that was arranged by concerned members of the public. This meeting was also attended by members of the public, Council staff and myself to discuss the issues around discharges from sewage infrastructure and the wastewater treatment plant in December 2020. The Progress Association resolved that:

"The Bonny Hills community expresses its strongest concern about the likely health hazards for beach users caused by discharges from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated sewage infrastructure during recent heavy rains, and the reputational damage caused to Bonny Hills and local businesses dependent on tourism.

The community requests your urgent advice about the actions that can be taken to prevent these hazards in future, given increasing population pressures and the likelihood of increased frequency of extreme weather events".

I now provide this for the consideration of Council.

Attachments

-  **1. Correspondence from Bonny Hills Progress Association - Sewage Issues in Bonny Hills Area**