

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Harold Johnston

Dungog/Raymond Terrace Road (MR301)

If you have driven to Raymond Terrace lately you will have noticed that work has commenced on the section of road between the southern boundary of the shire and Tumbledown Bridge.

This section of road is, of course, in Port Stephens Shire and I have been advised that this section of roadworks will be completed by the end of June. Any questions about this section of road should be directed to Port Stephens Council.

Dungog Shire Council is proceeding with a section of road south of Wallaroo Bridge to the southern boundary of the shire. As with any roadworks, delays and inconvenience are inevitable however both Dungog and Port Stephens Shire Councils will be working together to ensure delays and inconvenience are kept to a minimum.

Please remember that there will be many people working on this road and whilst the safety of the travelling public is paramount, so too is the safety of roadwork personnel. It is important to note that there will be continuous roadworks (in various sections) along this road until the end of June 2015 as both Councils expend the funding allocations that were granted from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund.

Cross Keys Causeway

Council advises that the new Cross Keys causeway is now complete. This causeway links Allyn River Road to Paterson River Road. Council appreciates the patience of everyone, particularly local residents.

Boating Facilities Requirement Study

Last year, Council received funding from the Office of Boating Safety and Maritime Facilities (RMS) to consult with the community and document the boating requirements at both Bridge Reserve and Wharf Reserve on the Williams River at Clarence Town. The study involved community and stakeholder consultation and a community survey, both written and online as part of the process.

The final report has been received by Council and on 18 February 2014, Council resolved that the study be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

May I encourage those who are interested in or use these reserves to look at the study. When the study is adopted, its recommendations will form the basis of grant applications for the various projects outlined.

Avoid A Fine!

A few comments and complaints have been received lately regarding the unpleasant subject of dog faeces on footpaths and in parks and reserves. Apart from the obvious problem of people getting "poo on their shoe", dog faeces are one of the main sources of contaminant to our waterways after being washed into drains during rain. Please carry a bag with you when walking your dog and clean up after it, and don't let your dog roam unattended so it can take a toilet break in a public place.

A penalty of \$275 applies to not picking up after your dog and this is vigorously enforced by Council's compliance staff.

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