

INFORMATION REPORTS



DEVELOPMENT DETERMINATIONS – MAY 2017

Below is a list of Development Applications determined during the month of May 2017.

DA No.	Construction	Address	Determination Date/Method	Type: DA/CC, Mod, s68, s96 etc.
2016/0131	Change of Use - Residence Medical Centre and Cafe	2 Belubula Street, Carcoar	2 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/CC/S68
2017/0015	Erection of a Garage	4 Vidler Place, Blayney	17 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/CC
2017/0027	Child Care Centre	41 Water Street Blayney	16 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/S68
2017/0028	Change of use - Cake Business from Home	1 Victoria Street, Millthorpe	29 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA
2017/0029	Erection of Shed with Plumbing	83 Carcoar Street, Blayney	2 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/CC/S68
2017/0030	Extension to Existing Dwelling and Erection of a Shed	329 Neville Road, Blayney	12 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/CC/S68
2017/0031	Installation of a Pool	15 Collins Street, Carcoar	2 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/CC
2017/0032	Erection of a Dwelling	18 Plumb Street, Blayney	2 May 2017 Under Delegation	DA/CC/S68

Copies of the consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary business hours at Council's Planning and Environmental Services Department.

DELEGATES REPORT – UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

The most recent meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council was held on Friday 5 May 2017 at the Council offices in Kelso. A number of important matters were reported on and considered by the Council. Included amongst these were:

1. Autumn 2017 Aerial Spraying

UMCC conducted an aerial weed spraying program across the UMCC Local Government Area targeting blackberry and serrated tussock. The Program was completed in April 2017, just prior to Easter, with 64 land owners taking part and a total of 1,973Ha sprayed, including 1,034Ha of Serrated Tussock and 939Ha of Blackberry being treated.

The mix of both radio and newspaper advertising was provided and a good depth of coverage with those contacting UMCC having heard about the campaign from the advertising.

A special acknowledgement and thanks is made all those land owners who assisted the UMCC staff through the provision of landing sites, property access and water sources for the program.

2. Inspections (22 February to 20 April 2017)

With the recruitment of staff following the retirement of several officers property and roadside inspections are returning to more normal levels. Throughout the period some 334 inspections of properties and roads took place. This included:

LGA	No. of Inspections
Bathurst	83
Blayney	100
Lithgow	116
Oberon	35

Note; the Oberon Weeds Officer was on extended annual leave during the period and staff were also involved in the aerial spraying program.

Roadside spraying was undertaken by Council weeds officers in the Bathurst and Lithgow LGAs. In addition to this roadside spraying of declared noxious weeds was undertaken in the Oberon LGA by a contractor.

3. Business Activity Strategic Plan, Delivery Plan and Annual Operating Plan

These important documents have now been adopted by Council for the coming periods.

The Government recognised that county councils were different to general purpose or local councils and that to require that each county council prepare a Community Strategic Plan would in many instances merely duplicate the Community Strategic Plan required to be prepared by constituent councils. County councils were therefore exempted by Clause 218 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* from the necessity to prepare a

Community Strategic Plan and were instead required by Clause 219 of the same regulation to prepare a Business Activity Strategic Plan.

The remainder of the local government planning and reporting requirements apply to county councils.

4. Alternative Governance Models

To ensure that the functioning of Council is efficient and effective a review is to be undertaken to explore alternative governance models for weed control in the UMCC region. This report is to be done in-house.

Biosecurity Act 2015

The new Biosecurity Act 2015 is expected to come into effect from mid-2017. The new Act will repeal ten existing Acts of Parliament, including the Noxious Weeds Act 1993, plus sections of a further four Acts. This is expected to impact on how the County Council does business. This matter will be reported upon at the next meeting of UMCC.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Delegates Report on the Upper Macquarie County Council meeting held on 5 May 2017.