

BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Submission for Ordinary Meeting held on 28 October 2011

TITLE:	Brewarrina Waste Management Strategy Update	DOC REF: Item 16 W1-3
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REPORT BY:	Bernie Wilder Manager Environmental Health & Building	DATE: 11 Oct 2011
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ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This Report provides an update in relation to progress with the Brewarrina Waste Management Strategy which is in the course of preparation.

The Report also provides an assessment of remedial works required at the Brewarrina and Goodooga Waste Depots as a matter of urgency.

The Report recommends that the information be noted by Council and that the remedial works set out in the Report of the Manager Environmental Health and Building dated 11 October 2011 be endorsed.

REPORT:

Council was been required to prepare a Waste Management Strategy by the Department of Local Government some years ago. The work was progressed but never finalised. Work on finalising the Strategy is now in progress and is expected to be completed by the next Council meeting.

The scope of the Strategy is as follows:

- To assess the generation of waste within the various settlements in the Shire including future projections.
- To assess the capacity of existing Waste disposal Sites
- To assess future requirements for Waste disposal sites including best practice, pollution and amenity controls
- To assess waste collection methods and alternatives
- To consider economic and future budget considerations
- To provide priorities for future actions

An inspection of the Goodooga and Brewarrina Waste Depots reveals a number of site management issues for which urgent remedial action is proposed as follows:

Brewarrina

- Clean up wind borne debris
- Institute covering of waste on a weekly basis and extinguish fires. This may require review of the Waste Contractors obligations
- Limit access to tip face by installing signs and temporary barriers to control indiscriminate dumping
- Install grid
- Grade access track
- Install shade cloth and litter barrier to address wind problem and screen site
- Provide deep table drains adjacent to roads and scarify verge to confine access to existing tracks and prevent indiscriminate dumping
- Install signs to give direction as to where to dump what
- Provide better access road

Goodooga

- Clean up wind borne debris
- Institute covering of waste on a weekly basis
- Limit access to tip face by installing signs and temporary barriers to control indiscriminate dumping
- Spread and cover dumped concrete
- Repair grid
- Grade access track
- Install shade cloth on litter barrier to address wind problem and screen site
- Provide deep table drains adjacent to roads and scarify verge to confine access to existing tracks and prevent indiscriminate dumping
- Plant vegetation on covered concrete area to improve appearance

A survey of the Brewarrina Waste Depot has been completed. A check reveals that the land is in Council's name. Planning for the extension of the waste cell is being done and plans and costing will be the subject of a further report to Council.

A further issue to be addressed is the use of the Old Tip at Brewarrina. Over the past years there have been a lot of incidents of illegal dumping at that site mainly comprising building rubble and construction waste. The problem has been because of the lack of access control Council is often left to clean up after the event of illegal dumping.

The following remedial measures are proposed:

- Clean up wind borne debris and site generally
- Institute covering of waste on a user pay basis
- Limit access to tip face by installing signs and temporary barriers to control indiscriminate dumping
- Spread and cover dumped concrete and other material
- Install lockable gate and sign to provide detail of how access is gained and at what cost
- Grade access track
- Provide deep table drains adjacent to roads and scarify verge to confine access to existing tracks and prevent indiscriminate dumping
- Advise the Community by letter box drop that illegal dumping will lead to prosecution and Council will be undertaking regular surveillance and investigations in relation to illegal dumping

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The remedial works can be funded through existing Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council has an obligation under Environmental Legislation to properly conduct its Waste Management facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- 1. The Brewarrina Waste Management Strategy Update report be noted by Council; and**
- 2. The remedial works set out in the Report of the Manager Environmental Health and Building dated 11 October 2011 be endorsed.**

Rod Shaw
General Manager