

14. THE BIGHT CEMETERY, WINGHAM – UPDATE 5

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Date of Meeting 30 June 2021

Authorising Director Paul De Szell - Director Liveable Communities

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the information provided in this report.
2. That Council staff correspond with and update all registered parties / affected families in relation to enacting the steps outlined in the table of actions within The Bight Cemetery Restoration Action Plan.

Moved Cr K Smith /Seconded Cr K Hutchinson

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2. That Council liaise with Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW in relation to The Bight Cemetery Restoration Action Plan.
3. That Council staff correspond with and update all registered parties/ affected families in relation to enacting the steps outlined in the table of actions within The Bight Cemetery Restoration Action Plan.
4. That Council continue to update the conservation management plan (CMP) as necessary as more information comes to light, noting that the CMP is a document that can be edited and updated when needed.
5. That Council notes the report.
6. That an updated report come back to Council no later than August 2021.

Amendment moved by Cr K Bell/Seconded Cr P Epov

1. That Council apologises for the delay in carrying out restoration works at The Bight Cemetery.
 2. That Council note the information provided in this report.
 3. That the General Manager immediately enacts Point 6 of Resolution 105/2020 of 25 March 2020 – “6. As a parallel process, Council undertake the assessment of all impacted headstones as a separate task.”
 4. That as a parallel process to sorting out internment rights, the General Manager immediately initiate a Request for Proposal process for the assessment of all impacted headstones by suitably qualified heritage and ordinary stonemasons as identified in Resolution 105/2020.
That the Requests for Proposal process specify the works as being:
 - a. The assessment of the damaged monuments and
 - b. The preparation of specifications and scopes of works for repair of individual headstones, including options for repair where these exist. Monuments graded as Moderate, High and Exceptional by the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) are assessed by a Heritage Stone Mason and those graded as Low or Neutral by an ordinary Stone Mason.
 5. That Council re-engage with the National Trust’s Cemeteries Advisor and consult with them on Request for Proposal and repair works as described in 3 above.
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6. That Council commit to preparing the required Heritage Impact Assessments of the repair works as required by Guideline 10 of the CMP: *“A heritage impact assessment must precede any works to fabric graded as being of moderate, high or exceptional significance.”*
7. That the CMP be finalised within the next 30 days in accordance with the 23 December 2020 email correspondence update to families from Council, stating: *“As a result of this resolution (Ordinary Meeting of Council 16 December 2020), the heritage consultants engaged by Council (Umwelt Pty Ltd) are now updating the CMP in line with the recommendations in the report. As soon as this work is completed the CMP will be placed on our website and we will be in touch with you to ensure you are aware the final version is available.”*
8. That the Restoration Action Plan V2, approved at Council’s 16 December 2020 Ordinary Meeting be revised and tabled for discussion at the next Ordinary Council meeting. The revisions to include new timeframes for the following:
 - a. Resolution of the interment right issue,
 - b. The new timeframes for the monument assessment and preparation of scopes of work for individual monument repairs,
 - c. The preparation of heritage impact assessments, and
9. That Council immediately communicates with impacted families regarding the interment right holder issue and the requirements of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act to which Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW alerted Council on 27 November 2020. Council detail to families:
 - a. which headstones at The Bight are impacted,
 - b. the process by which Council will establish interment right holders, and
 - c. the timeframe for resolution of this issue.
10. That Council upon receipt of the legal advice in relation to interment rights provide this advice to impacted families.

FOR VOTE – Cr P Epov, Cr K Bell

AGAINST VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Smith, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr B Christensen, Cr T Fowler, Cr C Pontin, Cr L Roberts

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Nil

The amendment was lost.

Council returned to the motion by Cr K Smith/Seconded Cr K Hutchinson

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FOR VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Smith, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr B Christensen, Cr T Fowler,
Cr C Pontin, Cr L Roberts
AGAINST VOTE – Cr P Epov, Cr K Bell
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE – Nil

The motion was carried.

182/2021 RESOLUTION

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AGAINST VOTE – Cr P Epov, Cr K Bell
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Nil