

Items requiring Council Resolution

**5.5 PLANNING PROPOSAL – AMENDMENT OF
BERRIGAN LEP – FINLEY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

AUTHOR: Development Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Sustainable natural and built landscapes

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 1.1 Support sustainable use of our natural
resources and built landscapes

FILE NO: PF

RECOMMENDATION: that a Planning Proposal be prepared and submitted to The NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination to amend Berrigan Local Environmental Plan 2013 to include the Finley Presbyterian Church as a Heritage Item in Schedule 5 of the Plan

REPORT:

In response to public concern regarding the proposed demolition of the Finley Presbyterian Church the Minister for Heritage, following advice from the Heritage Council of NSW, made an Interim Heritage Order (IHO NO. 129) under Section 24 of the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW) over the church building and which was gazetted on 7 May 2015 in the Government Gazette No. 41.

The IHO is in place for a period of 12 months. The Office of Environment & Heritage has requested that Council prepare a heritage assessment and then submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment to include the church as a heritage item on Berrigan Local Environmental Plan 2013.

In this regard the Heritage Division has noted that Berrigan Council has previously provided a letter of support for the retention of the church and including the building as a heritage item on the LEP. It should be noted that the church has now been listed by the National Trust of Australia (NSW) on the Trust Register. Whilst this listing does not have any legal force it does carry significant weight in supporting any proposal for inclusion as a heritage item on a local plan.

Council is in receipt of a number of reports, including the statement of significance undertaken by the National Trust, which would provide sufficient information to compile a heritage assessment of the church building to support a planning proposal.

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It is considered that the preparation of a heritage assessment and a planning proposal would not have a significant impact on Council resources and it is therefore recommended that the request of the Office of Environment & Heritage to undertake this activity be supported.

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**5.4 SURRENDER OF LEASE – TOCUMWAL VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTRE**

AUTHOR: General Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Diverse and resilient business

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 4.3 Diversify and promote local
tourism

FILE NO: 05.005.7

- 213** **RESOLVED** Crs: Morris and O'Neill that the Council sign and seal the surrender of lease to the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for the Tocumwal Visitor Information Centre – Lot 42 DP 1122397

**5.5 PLANNING PROPOSAL – AMENDMENT OF BERRIGAN
LEP – FINLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

AUTHOR: Development Manager

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Sustainable natural and built
landscapes

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 1.1 Support sustainable use of our
natural resources and built
landscapes

FILE NO: PF

- 214** **RESOLVED** Crs: O'Neill and Hannan that a Planning Proposal be prepared and submitted to The NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination to amend Berrigan Local Environmental Plan 2013 to include the Finley Presbyterian Church as a Heritage Item in Schedule 5 of the Plan.

5.6 INVESTMENT POLICY

AUTHOR: Director Corporate Services

STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Good government

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Ensure effective governance
by Council of Council operations
and reporting

FILE NO: 12.024.2

- 215** **RESOLVED** Crs: Bruce and Jones that the Council:
- Revoke the "Investment Policy" adopted on 17 September 2014; and
 - Adopt the Investment Policy set out below.