

3 Revenue Sub-Committee

Summary

This report presents the recommendations of the Revenue Sub-Committee.

Finance

The Revenue Sub-Committee recommends that Council commence the re-classification/re-zoning process in relation to land surplus to Council's needs and which if sold will provide income for Capital Works and/or assist in long term financial sustainability.

Policy

Not applicable.

Council's Community Strategic Plan

Council's strategy of having responsible leadership that is transparent, innovative and accessible is relevant. Council's goal to identify opportunities to diversify and expand new and existing funding sources to meet community needs is also relevant.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council commence the re-classifications/re-zoning process in relation to the subject lands.

REPORT

The Revenue Sub-Committee was established by Council to investigate opportunities for additional revenue raising activities for the development of future Capital Works. These could include, but are not limited to, such things as:-

- Identifying surplus Council lands for the development of the sale;
- Purchasing land for development;
- Reviewing ongoing costs, eg electrical, staff;
- Pursuing additional grants and the opportunity to appoint a Grants/Awards Officer;
- Reviewing Council's long term financial plan.

The Revenue Sub-Committee has been assessing various Council-owned land which do not appear to have significant active community use and/or environmental values. The subject lands provide opportunity for income for priority Capital Works and/or assisting in long term financial sustainability if sold. The recent review of local government highlights the need for Councils to be financially sustainable in the longer term if they are to remain independent.

Land Off Irvine Street, Kiama (plan attached)

The subject land which contains a number of large rock slabs does not have active community use and due to the size and location, provides restrictive community benefits. There are ongoing maintenance costs for the community.

Lot 22 DP200176, Willawa Avenue, Gerringong (plan attached)

This land which is zoned for residential purposes does not have active community use and is often used for overflow parking in conjunction with the use of the adjoining Uniting Church. It seems that a 3-allotment subdivision land for residential purposes could be carried out with the residue retained to provide view lines to the heritage Uniting Church.

Lot 48, 60 Blackwood Street, Gerringong (plan attached)

The land which adjoins the Michael Cronin Oval Reserve and is at the rear of the Gerringong Bushfire Brigade has limited community use. In the past parts of the land have been used by some adjoining residential property owners for storage and in conjunction with the residential property.

Subject to the creation of a drainage easement the Committee recommended that Council consider re-zoning and re-classifying the land to enable a single allotment for multi-unit development or three residential lots with access from Blackwood Street, Gerringong.

Conclusion

The commencement of the re-classification/re-zoning process will enable Council to publicly exhibit the proposals and seek any comments. As part of the re-classification process a public hearing is required which will also enable any issues or concerns to be presented and assessed.





