

# NORMANTON PUBLIC MEETING

Topic	Questions received	Council Feedback
	<p>No questions were received from the community prior to the meeting</p> <p><b>Questions from the Floor</b></p>	
Hospital	Consultation with the town. What are the bed numbers	<p>Bed numbers remain the same. Council has received copies of the propsoed redevelopment of the hospital and copies are available on the Public Noticeboard at the Administration Building</p>
Rate Arrears	What is the procedure for arrears of rates	<p>Procedure explained by CEO, Council resolution to proceed with sale of land for overdue rates, contact made with landowner and either pay in full, arrange payment plan and these are presented back to Council, others are then sold via auction. Process is outlined in legislation and that process is followed</p>
Street Lighting	Street light in front of Council is not working	<p>Believe this was turned off to light up Kry's and Council will arrange to have the light turned back on.</p>
Council Auction	What was the process for the sale of assets etc. in the Council auction, was there a resolution.	<p>Councillors were involved in the process to auction the items identified for sale. Councillors, the senior executives and depot staff inspected the proposed items and marked those to be included in the sale. The Auction proceeds which provided \$1,820,768.62 back into Council revenues and took plant from the balance sheet and saved Council further savings with insurance and registration.</p>
Equipment Storage	Why can Tutt Bryant store their equipment in Council Depot, can we sell our industrial block and store our equipment there also.	<p style="text-align: center;">Good Question</p> <p>Theses items are dry hired plant, they would normally be returned however due to the work nature in the Gulf they are generally required on an annual basis and we save funds by storing the equipment in the Council depot, it also ensures the equipment is available in future years, we only pay for the equipment when it is being used.</p>

Reseals	Is there a reseal program, town streets and other roads have not had a reseal for many years	We have a 10 year reseal program, Council acknowledge that reseals have not been undertaken for some years, but are planned. Other projects and priorities have received the limited funding.
Major Projects	Are there profit margins in works that Council undertakes for Main Roads	Council provides Department of Transport and Main Roads with a pricing for proposed works we are then reimbursed the amount of the estimate through claims made by Council. Generally there is a margin in Council's favour.
Sale of land	When is Lilyvale going to progress to sale.	Colliers have been engaged by Council to undertake the marketing and sale of the Lilyvale Rural Residential Subdivision. The sale has been delayed due to the wet season.
Definition	<p>Definition of a local business in Wet Hire Contracts, spoke to most Councillors and agreed a proper local: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lives in the community</li> <li>- Supports the Community</li> <li>- Kids live here</li> <li>- Not just a base where you make money</li> </ul> <p>Definition of a local in policy</p>	<p>Council has had three attempts to define a local in the tender documents over the past three years, each definition is then satisfied by the contracts by making small changes to their circumstances, ASIC, ATO etc.</p> <p>Is not an easy process to legally define a local</p>

Youth Crime	<p>Young children in town - Break in - what can we do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Train Station and Bowls Club regular targets</li> <li>- Youth Justice Dversion Program</li> <li>- Need government of the day to change legislation</li> <li>- To run 24 hr Police Station - need 18 Police Officers for Normanton</li> <li>- QPS advise that B&amp;E is not the Core Crime in Normanton</li> <li>- Domestic Violence is highest crime rate</li> <li>- Dept of Child Services (Mount Isa), anyone can report child harm</li> <li>- Back when Interagency was running - 60 referrals were reported with no response</li> <li>- Advocacy - can we write to Department of Communities</li> <li>- Public can report child safety concerns through Police Link</li> <li>- Programs within community delivered by Agencies - Not Coordinated</li> </ul>	<p>This is a State Government matter. Council has adopted an Advocacy Action Plan and will play an advocacy role in relation to this matter.</p> <p><a href="https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/advocacy">https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/advocacy</a></p> <p>Council has engaged with Community and developed and adopted a Youth Strategy, copy available on the website</p> <p><a href="https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community">https://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/community</a></p>
Water Park	Is the water park on a timer	Yes, the water park shuts off at night (around 7:00pm) and comes back on in the early morning
Bans	Can bans similar to those at the pool be applied to other businesses.	This is something Charlie has in place as part of his management of the facility. Maybe business could look at something similar.
Private Security	Is it possible to look at private security	Who pays, there is some security during the holidays. Most of the youth crime problems have recommenced since school has gone back.
Cemetery	<p>Is there a budget to fix the fencing at the Cemetery</p> <p>is there a process to remove the ornaments etc. from the Lawn Cemetery and make it a proper lawn cemetery</p>	<p>A budget item has been allocated to install new fencing. Work is also progressing on the Master Plan and the ground penetrating work has recently been completed.</p> <p>Council has adopted a policy in relation to the lawn cemetery section. Need to fix the fencing and wallaby issue and then we will contact the families and request the removal of items. Plans are in place to improve the Cemeteries.</p>

Bike Track

What are the plans for the Cycle Track

Part of the development at School Dam. Flooding has caused delays, need Traditional Owner sign off on part of the land identified for the track.

Adopt-a-cop

Are the Police attending the schools

QPS advised that the Adopt-a-Cop program is running at both schools and the Police also have a Police Liaison Officer