



I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Thursday 19 October 2023

Time: 5:00pm

**Location: Council Chambers
Cnr Camp & Weddin Streets
GRENFELL NSW 2810**

AGENDA

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General Manager**

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14.1 INTERIM WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR RURAL RESIDENTS AT CARAGABAL AND QUANDIALLA

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Attachments: Nil

Precis: As a result of the closure of the Caragabal and Quandialla Waste Facilities, a number of interim waste management services have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented for rural residents.

Budget: The exact cost of the interim waste management services is not known at this stage. The measures can be funded via the existing waste management budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the interim waste management services implemented or in the process of being implemented for rural residents at Caragabal and Quandialla, which do not currently have access to Councils kerbside collection services.

PURPOSE

To inform Councillors and the public of the interim waste management services which have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented, for rural residents at Caragabal and Quandialla which do not currently have access to Councils kerbside collection services.

BACKGROUND

Council was required to close the Caragabal and Quandialla waste facilities on Wednesday 11 October 2023 as a result of asbestos concerns raised by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and an Occupation Hygienist.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

As a result of the closure of the Caragabal and Quandialla Waste Facilities, rural residents of those villages which do not currently have access to Councils kerbside collection services, would have been required to transport their waste to the Grenfell Waste Facility.

Due to the unexpected closure of the facilities, the following interim waste management services have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented, for those residents within Caragabal and Quandialla, which do not currently have access to the general waste and recycling kerbside collection services:

1. Businesses and schools within Caragabal and Quandialla have been contacted to offer the kerbside collection services. Each applicable business and school have been provided with additional general waste and/or recycling bins where needed. It is proposed to offer this service free of charge for a period of 2 months or until the waste facilities re-open, whichever occurs first. If after the 2 month period the schools and business wish to continue with the kerbside collection services, they will be subject to the normal kerbside collection fees as stipulated in Councils Operational Plan. The 2 month free service is consistent with what was provided to residential properties within the villages when the kerbside collection services were implemented;
2. A one off collection service was organised for rural residents of Caragabal and Quandialla on 18 October 2023 allowing their bins to be placed at set locations at the villages for emptying by Councils garbage truck. Council advertised this service via Councils website, social media and through the Caragabal and Quandialla Progress Groups. It is acknowledged that limited notice was able to be provided to rural residents due to time constraints between offering the service and the normal village general waste collection being undertaken. A total of 41 bins were emptied during the once off service;
3. A bank of general waste bins is in the process of being established at the RFS station at Quandialla to support the existing recycling bins. A bank of general waste bins and recycling bins is also to be established at Caragabal. The bins will allow rural residents which to not have access to the kerbside collection service, to dispose of their household rubbish and recycling in the bins;
4. The bank of general waste bins and recycle bins will be emptied during Councils normal general waste and recycling kerbside collection services which alternate each Wednesday.
5. Affected residents have been advised that they can dispose of waste to the Grenfell Waste Facility. Disposal fees will apply for non-recyclable bulky items and other waste outside normal household rubbish, as per Councils Fees and Charges Policy.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed interim arrangements will not have any policy or legal implications. The arrangements will be monitored to ensure that they are being utilised appropriately.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There will be some additional costs to Council for the implementation of the interim waste management services. The exact cost of the interim services is unknown at this stage as it will depend on the amount of time that they need to be implemented for. The costs are not anticipated to be significant and can be funded by the existing waste management budget.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Due to time constraints, Council was not able to provide extensive public consultation regarding the interim waste management services. Limited consultation was undertaken with the Quandialla and Caragabal progress associations.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the closure of the Caragabal and Quandialla Waste Facilities, a number of interim waste management services have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented, for rural residents at Caragabal and Quandialla which do not currently have access to Councils kerbside collection services.

17 CLOSED COUNCIL**RECOMMENDATION**

The meeting now be closed to the public under Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to consider the items following because of their confidential nature:

17.3 CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION OF GRENFELL WASTE FACILITY

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, and Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.
