

Item 9: Finance

9.1 Application for Closure of Part White Street Road Reserve in Gulgong

REPORT BY THE PROPERTY OFFICER
TO 15 JUNE 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400098, GOV400088, DA0159/2021

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Property Officer on the Application for Closure of Part White Street Road Reserve in Gulgong;**
2. **note that there were no objections received during the notice period and formal closure of Part White Street Gulgong can proceed to completion;**
3. **authorise the closed road and resultant freehold land parcel to remain in the ownership of Council;**
4. **authorise the General Manager to sign all documentation, where necessary, in relation to the proposed closure and subsequent transfer of the closed Council Public Road to Council;**
5. **authorise the Mayor to sign any documentation, where additionally required to do so, in relation to the proposed closure and subsequent transfer of the Council Public Road to Council; and**
6. **authorise the Common Seal of Council be affixed to all documentation, where necessary, in relation to the proposed closure and subsequent transfer of the closed road reserve to Council.**

Executive summary

The purpose of this Report is to notify Council that there were no objections to the proposed road closure of Part White Street, Gulgong and for Council to approve the closure and retention of this land parcel in Council's ownership.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council's Community Services Department applied for the closure of the road as an outcome of the review and assessment of DA0159/2021 for the upgrade of the Red Hill Gulgong site, which includes the Red Hill Cottage.

The road closing process is governed by the Roads Act 1993 (s 38). Part of the process requires Council to advertise for a period of 28 days, the intention to close a road to allow for any submissions and objections from the public to be received. Council is then required to consider all submissions and objections and take any action to resolve any objections.

Council advertised the intention to close the road in the Friday 19 November 2021 edition of the Mudgee Guardian. The advertisement is appended as Attachment 1. The proposal was also advertised on Council's website.

Notifications were sent to all notifiable authorities including notification to NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Land appended as Attachment 2.

No objections were received. The "no objection" responses are appended as Attachment 3.

Council will therefore proceed with formal closure of the road and it will to be transferred to Council's ownership and added to Council's property asset portfolio.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not applicable

Council Policies

Not applicable

Legislation

Roads Act 1993

Financial implications

The road closure process will be funded from Council Community Department's existing current budget.

Associated Risks

If the public road is not closed, it will impact on the execution of DA0159/2021 to upgrade the Red Hill site. A boundary adjustment is required due to the cottage originally being built on part of the road reserve.

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28 March 2022

- Attachments:*
1. Road closure advertisement. (separately attached)
 2. Notification to NSW Department of Planning Industry & Environment. (separately attached)
 3. Notifiable Authorities no objection responses. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER