

AMENDED ITEM



Item No: 6.3
Title: Notice of Motion - National Tree Planting Day Activities
Department: Councillor

11 May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

Reference: F2020/00039 - D13952399

Author: Jane Smith, Councillor

Councillor Smith has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 11 May 2020 she will move the following motion:

- 1 That Council note that National Tree Day falls on Sunday, 2 August this year.**
- 2 That Council congratulate staff on the proposed community planting event to be held at Wyong to celebrate National Tree Day (understanding that these plans may be disrupted due to COVID-19).**
- 3 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report, including a budget, for other initiatives that can also be held as part of National Tree Day this year.**

CEO Response

The Chief Executive Officer considers that this Notice of Motion has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting. As a result, the Chief Executive Officer will provide a report in relation to the Notice of Motion. This report will be provided as a Late Item and will be made available by close of business on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Attachments

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| 1 CEO Response to Notice of Motion - National Tree Planting Day Activities | D13960451 |
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Title: CEO Response to Notice of Motion - National Tree Planting Day Activities

Department: Environment and Planning

11 May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

Reference: F2019/00041-004 - D13960451

Author: Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager, Environmental Management

Manager: Scott Cox, Director Environment and Planning

Executive: Gary Murphy, Chief Executive Officer



Summary

This report provides a response to Item 6.3 - Notice of Motion – National Tree Planting Day Activities.

Motion: ***That Council note that National Tree Day falls on Sunday 2 August this year.***

That Council congratulate staff on the proposed community planting event to be held at Wyong to celebrate National Tree Day (understanding that these plans may be disrupted due to COVID-19).

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report, including a budget, for other initiatives that can also be held as part of National Tree Day this year.

Staff Comments:

Council's Landcare Team are coordinating two Council National Tree Day Activities for the Central Coast at the following locations:

- 1 Alison Road, Wyong, adjoining Porters Creek
- 2 Runway Park, Trafalgar Avenue, Woy Woy

Each event is proposed to include planting programs onsite coupled with giveaways of native plant seedlings, and a sausage sizzle.

It is the second consecutive year that the Wyong site has been used for the program. This site has been identified by staff as a long-term site to be attached to National Tree Day due to its accessibility, capacity to accept significant new plantings, and the benefits in rejuvenating the southern parts of Porters Creek Wetland.

Due to the infrastructure and site capacity, a number of other stalls are proposed for the Wyong site including representation from the Rural Fire Service, the State Emergency Service, Tuggerah Lakes Estuary education and information on weeds that present biosecurity risks to our local environment.

Residents receiving seedlings at each site will be asked to plant them within their property boundaries rather than in road reserves. Encouraging planting within road reserves without direct guidance and supervision is challenging due to the potential risks to the community member working unsupervised on a Council roadside, and the presence of underground infrastructure that could be impacted from the tree.

The upcoming National Tree Day events will be held dependent on restrictions applying as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic in August when the events are scheduled.

Staff Recommendation:

That the information in the motion be noted.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 3: Green

Goal E: Environmental resources for the future

E1: Educate the community on the value and importance of natural areas and biodiversity, and encourage community involvement in caring for our natural environment.

Attachments

Nil.