

1. STATUS REPORTS

1.1 STABLE FLIES

LOCATION: WHOLE OF SHIRE
FILE: HLT/10
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REPORT DATE: 28 JANUARY 2009

In the period commencing from the previous Status Report, the Shire's Principal Environmental Health Officer received 21 complaints of Stable Fly activity in the following areas:

- Beermullah 3
- Caraban 5
- Coonabidgee 1
- Cowalla 1
- Lennard Brook 1
- Neergabby 5
- Nilgen 3
- Woodridge 2

As the aforementioned complaints confirm, there is currently a serious outbreak of Stable Fly activity within the Shire. The Shire's Pest Control Officer (PCO) has confirmed through his inspections that several properties have been responsible for fly breeding, being predominantly due to inadequate management of vegetable waste. Enforcement action through the Fly Eradication Regulations is being undertaken including re-inspections to ensure compliance.

Staff is in receipt of correspondence from the Stable Fly Action Group Committee outlining concerns in relation to possible inadequate allocation of time dedicated to inspections of properties for compliance with the Fly Eradication Regulations. In the period leading up to the Christmas holidays, Shire Staff received very few Stable Fly complaints and as a result, the Shire's PCO allocated additional time to Ranger services. In the last month, there has been a serious outbreak of Stable Fly activity and some landowners have concluded that this could have been prevented if the PCO had not reduced the time allocated to inspections. A copy of this correspondence is attached as **Appendix 1**.

The decision to share Fly Inspection Duties and Ranger Services between one Officer was made at the Special Budget Meeting of Council on 3 August 2006 and was carried by Absolute Majority (8-0). The relevant Minute Extract is attached as **Appendix 2**.

Staff is of the view that the current system is functioning well and does not require changing at the present time. Staff will, however, review the time currently allocated to the carrying out of inspections during the busy Christmas holiday period and manage the situation so all properties are inspected on a regular basis.

APPENDIX 1



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Dear Simon

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STABLE FLIES - REGULAR MONITORING BY SHIRE RANGER/PCO

Over recent weeks, the SFAG Committee has received complaints from three resident landowners regarding stable fly infestations affecting cattle on their properties.

The unusually wet spring this year has exacerbated stable fly breeding in certain localities within the Shire, in particular Nilgen, Cowalla and Caraban, and the SFAG Committee is concerned that as some landowners elect, for whatever reason, to not report infestations to the Shire, that these infestations are not being officially recorded and therefore, understandably, are not allocated Shire Ranger/Pest Control Officer inspection time.

It would appear progress is being made in the stable fly fight via the Shire's strategy of inspection of horticultural properties as a result of complaints received, combined with the education of growers in their use of manure and good management of their crop waste.

The SFAG Committee believes, however, in order to attempt to stop these random stable fly breeding outbreaks from occurring, the Shire Pest Control Officer should be undertaking regular, ongoing monitoring throughout the Shire, even when no complaints have been received.

We look forward to your comments.

Yours sincerely

J. Ottaway

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 SECRETARY

APPENDIX 2

8.5 SALARIES/WAGES DRAFT BUDGET 2006/2007

FILE: FIN/46-0607
AUTHOR: BROOKE POVAH – DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
REPORT DATE: 27 JULY 2006

BACKGROUND

The Draft Salaries/Wages Budget for the 2006/2007 Financial Year, as listed below, identifies an increase in expenditure of \$133,575, or 6.22% from the previous year.

The main factors influencing this year's Salaries/Wages Budget increases are:

- Two additional employees: One part-time as an additional secretary for the CEO and one full-time splitting duties between Ranger and Stable Fly issues;
- CPI increases of 4.2% for all Contract Officers;
- Provision for an 8% increase for all non-contract staff.

DEPARTMENT	2005/2006 BUDGET	2006/2007 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE	% DIFF.
ADMINISTRATION	\$744,316	836,260	91,944	12.35
HEALTH BUILDING	\$189,833	190,995	1,161	.61
SWIMMING POOL	\$51,226	55,740	4,513	8.81
TOWN PLANNING	\$96,331	97,330	998	1.04
RANGERS	\$118,483	148,390	29,907	25.24
ENGINEERING	\$946,059	951,112	5,052	.53
TOTAL	2,146,252	2,279,827	133,575	6.22

VOTING REQUIREMENT + ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Salaries and Wages for the 2006/2007 Financial Year be endorsed.

RESOLUTION – 06.0194

Moved Councillor Roe that the Salaries and Wages for the 2006/2007 Financial Year be endorsed.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (8-0)