



# Mayors Message

## 8 April 2008

### **PUBLIC DISPLAY**

From time to time Council is required to create policies that have a direct impact on you, as ratepayers. The draft versions of these policies must, by law, be placed on public display to allow you to comment on them. Once adopted, these documents form the basis of decisions Councillors and Staff make into the future to ensure that everyone is treated fairly.

Currently Council has the following draft policies on public display:

- Draft Local Environmental Plan – Section 66 Notice

You will all remember the spot rezoning process Council initiated a few years ago. From this process we have been successful in being allowed to rezone one parcel of land within the Shire and are now looking for public comments regarding this.

The land is located at the bottom of Derby and Lucan Streets and is proposed to be rezoned from land to be used as Rural 1A to Residential.

A map of this land and further details are available from Council's offices. Your thoughts and submissions relating to this change of land use can be made to Council by 5.00pm Monday 14 April 2008.

- Draft Liquid Trade Waste Policy

As you all know Council is responsible for providing and managing water reticulation, sewerage and liquid trade waste services for our community. An important part of these responsibilities is the approval and monitoring of liquid trade waste discharges to the sewerage system.

So what is 'Liquid Trade Waste'? – It is all liquid waste received at the Sewerage Treatment Plant, other than sewage of a domestic nature. It includes waste discharged into Council's sewerage system from:

- business/commercial premises (eg. beautician, florist, hairdresser, hotel, motel, restaurant, butcher, service station, supermarket, dentist);
- community/public premises (including craft club, school, college, university, hospital and nursing home);
- industrial premises;
- trade activities (eg. mobile carpet cleaner);
- any commercial activities carried out at a residential premises;
- saleyards, racecourses and from stables and kennels not associated with domestic households; and
- septic tank waste, chemical toilet waste, waste from marine pump-out facilities and established sites for the discharge of pan content from mobile homes/caravans to the sewerage system.

The purpose of this policy is to monitor what and when liquids go into the sewerage system, to make sure that the Sewerage Treatment Plant can handle them. Small amounts of the wrong stuff, or the mixing of two or more otherwise ordinary liquids, could result in a major contamination problem.

This policy aims to ensure that high standards of public health are maintained as well as meeting all the statutory obligations placed upon Council. The draft policy has been placed on Council's website ([www.harden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.harden.nsw.gov.au)). This policy will have an impact on any person or business that wishes to discharge any substance (other than domestic sewerage) into the sewer system, and includes a program of annual (or more regular) inspections. It is important that you read this document and make yourself aware of how it will affect your business.

I know it looks complicated and it is but if you are one of the people that are going to use the sewer for waste it is important that you know where you stand.

Your submissions are able to be received by Council until Monday 12 May 2008.

## **CURRENT COUNCIL WORKS**

Council is still working on cycleways and pram ramps in Harden Murrumburrah. We are waiting for approval from the RTA to commence works on the traffic calming devices to be built at the intersection of Albury and Station Streets.

Further afield, the rehabilitation works on the Wombat Road are about to recommence. This has been on hold for some time, waiting for an environmental clearance (then Christmas, then reseals), but is now due for the final works to commence.

Following this, the crew will move over to the Back Creek Road, and undertake shoulder widening on the final stage which will complete these works. For those that travel this road regularly, I think you will agree that the works to date have greatly improved this section of road.

## **PARTNERSHIP WITH CANCER COUNCIL NSW**

I am please to announce that Council has entered into a partnership program with the Cancer Council NSW. This partnership is aimed at further strengthening the strong support our community provides for cancer patients, their families together with developing programs of education for residents, providing increased access to information, providing advice on best practice programs of reducing cancer incidents within our community.

This partnership is secondary to the fantastic relationship Harden Shire enjoys with CanAssist and the dedication of the local branch to improving the health outcomes of our residents, providing support to those affected by Cancer and fundraising to benefit our whole community.

As this new relationship is established I will provide more information on how you can access the benefits which it proposes.

**Philip Hockney OAM**

**Mayor**  
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