

## 12.1 - Councillor questions of which notice has been given

### 12.1 – Councillor Questions of which Notice has been Given – Recent Fire Mitigation Works Completed on the Oakford Trail Network (SJ3411)

<b>Councillor</b>	Councillor Byas
<b>Disclosure of Officers Interest:</b>	No officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .

The following questions were received from Councillor Byas via email on 10 May 2021.

#### Question 1

How much did the works cost?

#### Officer Response

Two separate components of works were undertaken.

Component 1 - works for drains in the Oakford area, costing \$156,941.00.

Component 2 - works for Bridal Trail Refurbishments on Peters Way (Oakford) and Wills Place (Oakford). The total expenditure was \$95,000.

#### Question 2

Was a portion of the works grant funded and, if so, what is the breakdown of grant funding vs. Shire funding?

#### Officer Response

Component 1 - All of these works were undertaken using the Mitigation Activity Funding (MAF) monies received from the State Government MAF program.

Component 2 - The total expenditure was \$95,000 which was entirely municipal funded. \$45,000 of the funds were a carry forward from the 19/20 FY.

#### Question 3

Have the trail works now concluded, or are there additional works currently being conducted?

#### Officer Response

Component 1 - All works and mitigation burning have been completed to be followed with ongoing maintenance.

Component 2 - The works at Peters Way are completed. Contractors are currently working on Wills Place and this work will be finished by the end of May 2021.

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#### **Question 4**

Is there a schedule of future works for trail and fire mitigation works on the Oakford and Darling Downs trail network?

#### **Officer Response**

There is currently no formal trails maintenance schedule largely due to a lack of resources to implement such a plan. A small amount of resources are currently included in the annual budget for trails maintenance. Maintenance and upgrade works on trails are currently identified in response to feedback and work requests from the community.

Fire mitigation works are identified in the Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP). The BRMP was adopted by Council at its December 2018 meeting. However, Council will need to allocate some resources to conduct regular maintenance on those areas which have benefited from one off MAF upgrades.

#### **Question 5**

Is there a schedule of maintenance works planned for the trails network to ensure it remains at the current standard?

#### **Officer Response**

A trails maintenance forward works plan is being prepared and expected to be finalised over the coming 12 months.

To maintain the current standard of upgraded trails from recent works funding the Council will need to consider increasing the level of service and associated resources.

The Shire is in the process of procuring a Posi-Track and Forestry Mulcher which would be utilised for some trails work, but primarily rural road verges.

Notwithstanding this as part of the forthcoming 21/22 draft budget Council will also be considering requests regarding fire mitigation and strategic fire access to continue to implement and maintain works associated with the BRMP.