



LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

General Meeting

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 28 March 2018

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

Deputy Mayor:
Councillors:

Councillor J L Chambers
Councillor N H Chandler
Councillor P J Flynn
Councillor G B McMullen
Councillor W M Newman
Councillor C J O'Neil
Councillor D J Schefe
Councillor J M Stanford

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms Julie Reitano

Senior Management:

Mr Cameron Castles (Director Infrastructure Services)
Mr Rob Hayward (Director Development, Facilities &
Environmental Services)
Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate, Community & Commercial
Services)

Please find attached agenda for the **General Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **March 28, 2018 at 9.00AM.**

Julie Reitano
Chief Executive Officer

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COUNCILLOR REPORT

Meeting: General 28 March 2018

Date: 27 March 2018

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D18/23174

SUBJECT HEADING: Proposed adjustment to Water Restriction
Timetable - Surat

Classification: Open Access

Author & Councillor's Title: Cr Wendy Newman

Executive Summary:

Proposed change to the Water Restriction Timetable in Surat for raw water.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council:

- Amend the watering schedule as follows-
 - No watering to occur on Monday;
 - Allocate the hours currently scheduled for Monday i.e. 4 hours per day for both east and west to Saturday (west) and Sunday (east).

This will provide for 8 hours total watering time for both east and west on their respective weekend watering day. Watering times will be 6am – 10am and 4pm – 8pm.

This is to assist with water pressure and effective use of this currently limited resource.

- Notify the residents of the change, and remind them of the need to maintain limited use of all water (raw and potable street treated), during this restriction period, before implementing the change.
- Continue to closely monitor water usage and adapt restrictions as required.

Background:

The Surat community is experiencing extreme water restrictions with its raw water supply. These restrictions have ended with unintended consequences of very low water pressure during allotted watering hours, and a loss of watering time because the water does not reach properties for 15 to 30 minutes after the pumps are turned on.

One issue highlighted is that on the day when everyone is watering at once i.e. Monday, there is almost no pressure for anyone. Changing the current allocated

watering time for Mondays to the relevant weekend watering days (east and west) will provide residents with the opportunity to give a good watering to their plants at a time when most people can be home to take advantage of it.

It is acknowledged that this change may result in increased water consumption if the water pressure does improve during their watering times. This will need to be monitored closely and adjustments made to times if later required.

The current watering schedule (effective from 2 March 2018), for raw water in the town of Surat is as follows –

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday – East may water
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – West may water

Watering is only permitted from 6am to 8am and 6pm to 8pm.

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The proposal does not expand the overall time period allowable for watering.

I have informally sought feedback from a number of residents in the town of Surat and to date there is support of this approach.

Consultation:

Informal consultation with residents in the town of Surat

Councillors of MRC
Departmental staff of MRC

Policy Implications:

Watering Restrictions Policy

Financial Resource Implications:

If the water allocation is exceeded, the region may be liable for a penalty of up to \$63,000. This fine will impact the entire region, not just Surat. It is therefore recommended to mitigate any potential increases in water usage, regular communication continue with the residents of Surat with respect to tracking the allocation usage, as well as education material distributed to all residents across the region encouraging the conservation of water.

Supporting Documentation:

Nil.