

# **REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

## STRATEGY & ASSETS COMMITTEE

## **TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2016**

## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1. Naming of Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Auditorium

File 36592E

## SECTION MANAGER: Jane Lewis

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide information to Council following public submissions regarding naming the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre auditorium the "Greg Watson Auditorium" as recognition of Clr Watson's contribution to the community and towards the planning, construction and establishment of the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

RECOMMENDED, in accordance with the Committee's delegated authority from Council, that the auditorium at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre not be named the Greg Watson Auditorium.

### **OPTIONS**

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as stated above (preferred option)
- 2. Form a sub-committee to consider other options to recognise Clr Watson's contribution to the community.
- 3. Find an alternative for providing recognition to Clr Watson for his contribution to the community.

## **DETAILS**

Following a Councillor briefing on 9 February 2016 a report was submitted to the Strategy and Assets Committee on the naming of the SEC Auditorium.

Council adopted MIN16.93.

- a) The Auditorium at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre be named the Greg Watson Auditorium and that this proposal be placed on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days
- b) That the proposal be adopted if no objections are received

c) A further report be submitted to Council if there are objections received

The proposal was placed on public exhibition for 28 days with submissions closing on Friday 18 March at close of business. Some submissions were received after the close off time.

# Submissions are attached to this report. In total there were 34 submissions received by the close off date and four (4) after the close off date (See Attachment 1). At the request of the author, one submission against the proposed name has not been included.

The submissions provided varied responses to the proposal including those that opposed the proposal, those that supported the proposal and those that offered alternative options. Quite a few submissions did not respond to the actual proposal i.e. to name the auditorium but made submission to name the entire Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre or that other residents should be recognised.

As the initial recommendation was to adopt the proposal if no objections were received, and subsequently there were a number of objections received, this report does not recommend that the proposal to name the auditorium the Greg Watson Auditorium be adopted.

While the majority of submissions supported the naming as proposed or the entire Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre there were a significant number that opposed the proposal for varying reasons. There was also a negative reaction in Social Media as referred to below.

The objections are primarily from the Aboriginal community who make reference to Clr Watson's actions against their people in 1982. Council has developed a strong relationship with the local Aboriginal Community and the strong feelings expressed in the submissions clearly indicate that to provide recognition to Councillor Watson for his contribution to the city in the way proposed will cause damage to that relationship.

It is therefore being recommended that Council does not proceed with the proposal as it has potential to create division within the community. Council does have the option (whilst being against the staff recommendation) of proceeding with the proposal or it could form a committee of interested Councillor's to consider other options as set out in Option 2 above.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

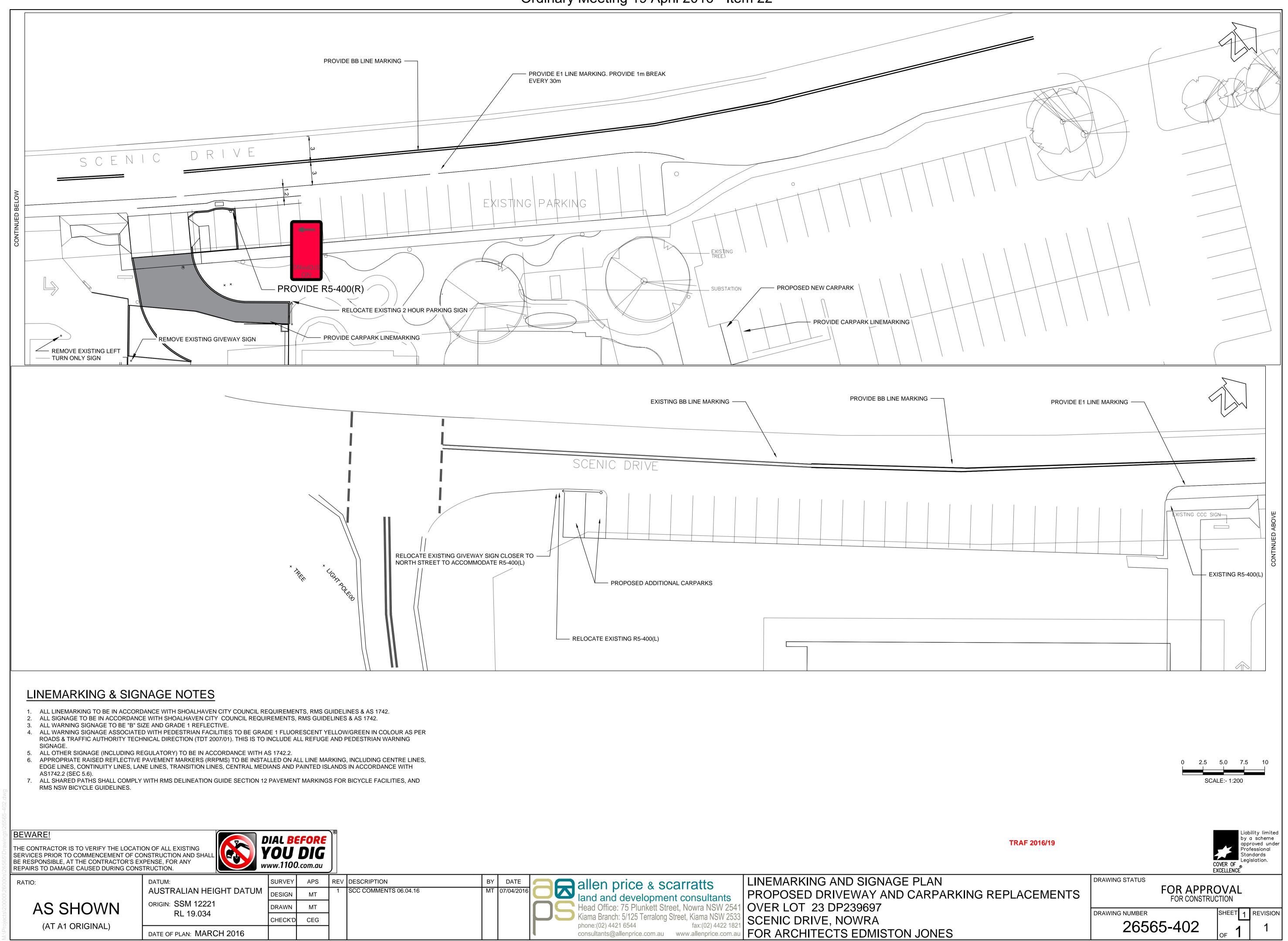
There are no financial implications for adopting this recommendation.

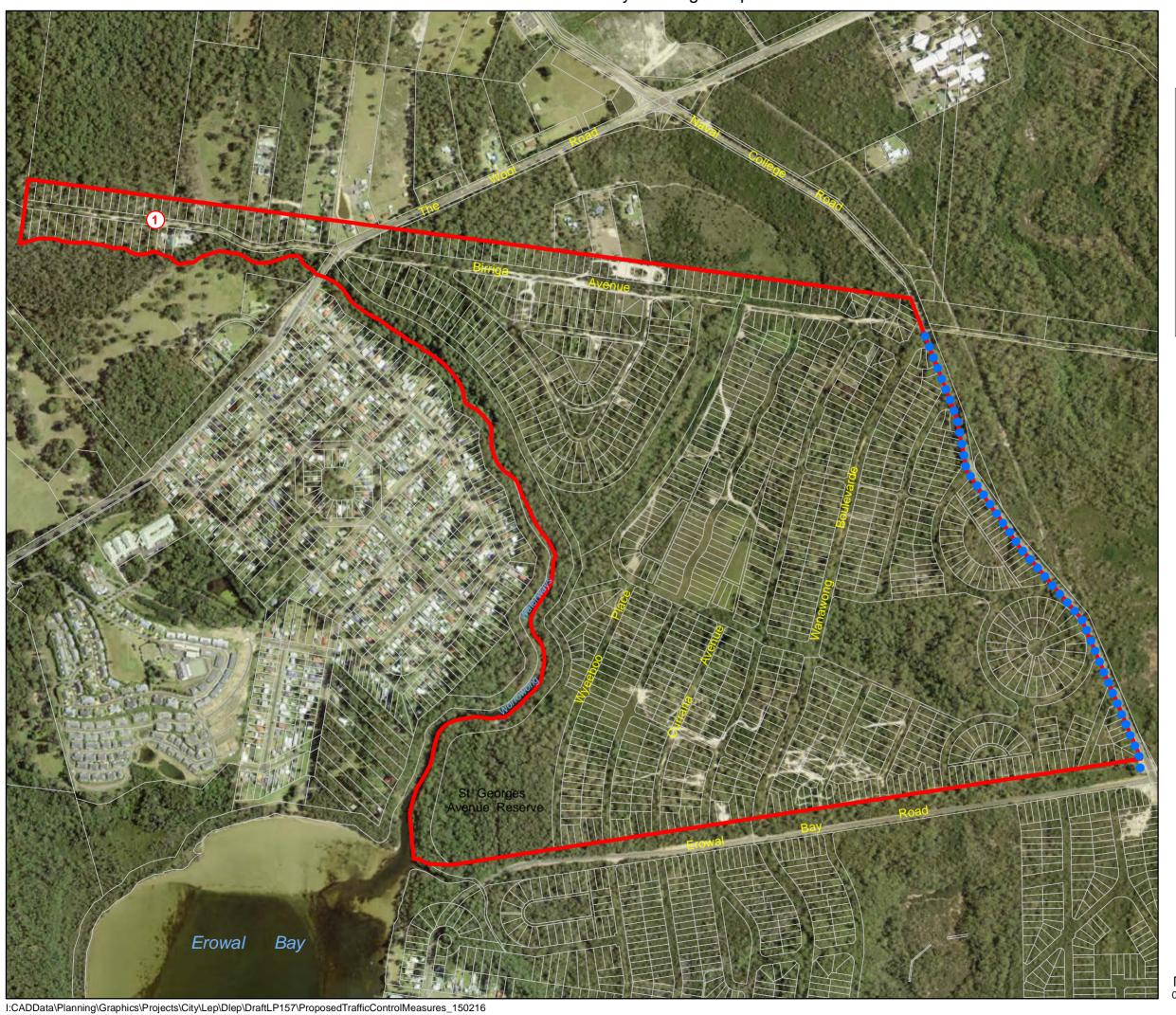
#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Community engagement consisted of a public notice being placed on exhibition for 28 days in the South Coast Register. This notice generated activity on social media sites which then led to further discussion on social media channels. These discussions while not formally received or counted as part of submissions, did see an overwhelming

| majority of negative comments and opposition to the proposal. Council's website. | The proposal was also or |
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# Legend



Heritage Estate



Locked gate with steel cable fence to prevent side access

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Steel cable and post/boulder fencing

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Proposed Traffic Control Measures

"Heritage Estates" Worrowing Heights





Plate 1 – Photograph of a gate installed along Forest Rd. This is the style of gate proposed at both ends of Birriga Ave and the southern end of Wanawong Bld.



Plate 2 - Photograph of a post and cable fence



Plate 3 - A rock and cable fence, typically used where bedrock hinders installation of posts

www.invarion.com Convert 9 x existing 2P Visitor parking spaces (9am-5pm Mon-Fri) and 4 x existing 1/2P Visitor parking spaces (9am-5pm Mon-Fri) to 13 x 1P Visitor parking spaces Convert 28m (full length) existing No Parking - pick up drop off to No Parking - Vehicles and Combinations over 6m excepted NOWRA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SHOALHAVEN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE Convert 28m (full length) existing No Parking - pick up drop off to No Parking - Vehicles and Combinations over 6m excepted

Proposed parking restrictions
Relocation of Visitor Information Centre to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

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Proposed Centre Linemarking Lenard St, Bomaderry

TRAF 2016/22



Install Give Way sign and hold line Intersection of Edward Street and North Street, Berry

TRAF 2016/23

Ordinary Meeting 19 April 2016 - Item 27 D4-1-1 D4-1-1 PROPOSED BB BARRIER LINE BB BARRIER LINE - MIN. LENGTH 30m ROADS TO RECOVERY SIGNAGE TO BE REMOVED. R1-2 PROPOSED RELOCATION All signage designed to comply with the current edition of AS 1742.2 — Traffic control devices for general use. 2. All signage and linemarking designed to comply with the current RMS standards. ALL SIGNS TO BE SIZE 'B' UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE. BILLIMEN AMENDMENT SCALES 10/06/2015 CENTRAL AVENUE & BELLEVUE STREET, SOUTH NOWRA PLAN: 1: 500 11/02/2016 ROAD REHABILITATION (from CH 0.324 to 0.447km & CH 0.500 to 0.688km) DATE DATE HOR: 11/02/2016 VERT: DATE SECTIONS: LINEMARKING & SIGNAGE PLAN TRAF 2016/24 PH. (O2) 4429 3111 FAX. (O2) 4429 3175 DON'T DOUBLE YOUR TROUBLE IF IN DOUBT .... ASKI DO NOT SCALE PLAN No. DATE DATUM: AHD - MGA Drawing Status: **ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION** 1318.51 SOUTH NOWRA, Central Ave & Bellevue St — Design.dwg DIRECTOR ASSETS & WORKS: 12 9 10

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Proposed No Stopping zone extension North St, Nowra

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Install R1-2B Giveway sign and TB/TB1 hold linemarking inline with Meroo Road kerb BANOOL CRCT

Install Give Way sign and hold line Intersection Jasmine Drive and Meroo Road, Bomaderry

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