



SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Councillors

Your attendance is hereby requested at the Special Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Southern Downs Regional Council, 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick on **Monday, 13 March 2017** at **8.15AM**.

Notice is hereby given of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

David Keenan

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9 March 2017

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Recommendation

THAT a public consultation process be undertaken to inform Council as to whether to approve the request of the Glengallan Homestead Trust for the Glengallan Gates to be relocated from Leslie Park to the Glengallan Homestead. The public consultation process is to include at least:

- (i) the placement of a sign on or near the Gates advising of the proposal to remove the Gates from Leslie Park;
- (ii) a notice being published in a local newspaper advising of the proposal and that submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Council during a period extending at least 15 business days after the publication of the notice;
- (iii) a series of news releases; and
- (iv) information on Council's Website.

Report

The Glengallan Gates are located at the south-western entrance to Leslie Park, Warwick. The four sandstone pillars and the iron gates were gifted to Council by the then owner of Glengallan Homestead, Oswald Slade, in 1940 to mark the centenary of the Leslie Brothers settling in the area.



Council has received numerous requests for the gates to be relocated back to Glengallan Homestead. Council considered requests from the Glengallan Homestead Trust in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2008, and a joint letter was considered in 2003. Each time Council resolved that the gates should remain in Leslie Park. The matters considered by Council included:

- that the Gates were gifted to the Warwick community;
- the condition of the Gates and whether they would be damaged during the removal process;
- the extensive period of time in which they have been in Leslie Park - the Gates are now part of the heritage of Leslie Park; and
- the impact the removal of the Gates would have on the aesthetics of the Park.

Recently requests have been made by Jane Morse (niece of Oswald Slade) and Bob Gaden (representing the Gillespie family) for the Gates to be returned to Glengallan Homestead. A request has also been made by the Glengallan Homestead Trust for the Gates to be returned to Glengallan for the 150th anniversary of the Homestead later this year. Representatives of the Trust made a presentation to Councillors at the Briefing Session on 6 March 2017 in support of their request to have the Gates relocated to Glengallan Homestead.

There is no statutory requirement for public notification to be undertaken. While the Gates are included on the Local Heritage Register, the Planning Scheme requires impact assessment only for the removal or demolition of a building on the register. As the Gates are not a building, the Planning Scheme does not apply. However, due to the prominence of the Gates, and the length of time in which they have stood in Leslie Park, it is considered appropriate that public consultation be undertaken prior to Council deciding whether to allow the Gates to be relocated to Glengallan Homestead.

It is recommended that public consultation be conducted, including placing a public notice in a newspaper, information on Council's Website, news releases, and a sign being placed on the site advising of the proposal to remove the Gates from Leslie Park. The public consultation period should extend for at least 15 business days.

Budget Implications

The Glengallan Homestead Trust has advised that it will cover all costs associated with the relocation of the Gates.

If Council conducts the public consultation process, there will be costs associated with the sign and also the placing of a public notice in the newspaper.

Policy Consideration

Nil

Community Engagement

It is recommended that public consultation be undertaken.

Legislation/Local Law

Sustainable Planning Act 2009

Options

THAT:

1. Public consultation be undertaken prior to Council deciding the request to relocate the Gates.
2. Council refuse the request to relocate the Gates.
3. Council approve the request to relocate the Gates.

Attachments

Nil