

Excerpt from the March 2014 Regulatory and Planning Committee Meeting

1. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORTS OCTOBER 2013-JANUARY 2014

The Committee perused the October, November and December 2013 and January 2014 reports from the Animal Control Contractor.

Cr Highsted said it was concerning to see serious dog attacks occurring in the district.

The Chief Executive said staff did take these matters seriously and if dog owners were not cooperative about euthanising their troublesome dogs, they were advised a prosecution would follow. It was an ongoing battle as some dogs were bred irresponsibly and then ended up in the wrong hands and caused problems to society in general.

Cr D Grant referred the meeting to an incident a few months prior when two wandering dogs had killed a cat in its own home. The Chief Executive had advised at that time there was something in hand about having on the ground assistance to deal with wandering dogs and he asked where that was at.

The Chief Executive advised a report would go to a future agenda with ideas of enhancing the service. With no reflection on the current contractor, he said the Council was constantly trying to improve the service said health and safety had to be considered including on the ground on the spot assistance.

Cr Beale said he noted 250 dog owners who had not re-registered their dogs had been visited by Council staff and yet only three wandering dogs caught had been unregistered. He asked for some follow up information on those statistics.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the reports be received.