


**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD THURSDAY 25 MAY 2017**

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ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM NO. 1 - JERILDERIE AIRPORT-CROPPING PROPOSAL

FILE: 01.02

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

The Jerilderie Lions Club have written (attachment # 1) requesting Council consideration for their proposal to crop the eastern area of the Jerilderie airport as shown on the plan (attachment # 2).

This area under consideration is approximately 50 hectares, an unused portion of the airport land which has been cropped some 20 or more years ago providing a significant source of income for the APEX Club to provide support to the Jerilderie community.

Users of the airport are in support of this proposal, provided that adequate controls are put in place to prevent personnel and equipment entering the operational part of the airport, and that access be gained from the south of the area proposed for lease.

Other conditions which should be placed over the usage are:


- Adequate insurance to cover the activity
- Any other conditions as may be required by Council's insurer
- Written evidence of support from the significant users of the airport
- Installation of adequate physical delineation of the area to be leased for cropping

RECOMMENDATION

That approval in principle be given for use of an area east of the runway within the Jerilderie airport for cropping by the Jerilderie Lions Club subject to:

- Adequate insurance provided by the Lions Club to cover the leased area;
- Written evidence of support from the significant users of the airport;
- Installation of adequate physical delineation of the area to be leased;
- Any other conditions as may be required by Council's insurer;
- Any other conditions required by the General Manager.

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**ITEM NO. 2 - DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM (2017 – 2021) AND
OPERATIONAL PLAN (2017– 2018)**

FILE: 03.38

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program (2017-2021) and Operational Plan (2017 – 2018) is presented as a result of Council's workshop held on 17 May 2017.

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are resultant from the Community Strategic Plans of the previous Councils.

The document is required to be placed on community exhibition for a period of at least 28 days before being formally adopted by Council.

The Program and Plan, as presented to today's meeting, contain financial elements as detailed below:

- The consolidated cash flow describes an essentially balanced \$18M p.a. budget over 10 years.
- The Water Fund's \$1M p.a. cash flow budget shows deficits in years 1 and 10 as a result of proposed installation of a new water tower and treatment system at Darlington Point, with a surplus in the remaining years. The Funds have sufficient cash to meet infrastructure works scheduled in the Long Term Plans.
- The Sewer Fund's \$600K p.a. cash flow budget is in surplus each year except for the tenth year, where possible settling pond extensions are expected to take place in Darlington Point.
- The General Fund's \$16.59M cash flow budget shows an essentially balanced budget over ten years, with small deficits appearing for years 3 and 5, and obvious improvements beyond this time as current loans are finalised.

Inclusions in the document worth noting are:

General Fund

General Fund rates increased overall by 1.5% for 2017/18

General Fund rates increased overall by 2% for 2018/19 and 2019/20

General Fund rates increased overall by 3% for 2020/21 and beyond

Increase of 7% for water rates and usage charges for Jerilderie ratepayers for years 17/18 to 21/22 and 5% for ensuing years

Increase of 5% for water rates and usage charges for Darlington Point ratepayers for years 17/18 to 18/19 and 3% for ensuing years

Increase of 3% for water rates and usage charges for Coleambally ratepayers for the ten year period

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Retention of domestic waste/garbage charges at current rates
 Retention of garbage charge for non-serviced properties at current rates
 General increase of approx. 2% for fees and charges
 Allowance for CSU scholarship of \$4,000 pa
 Providing costs for Internal Audit Committee of approx. \$30,000 pa
 Probable costs of salary equalisation across the two former organisations \$100,000
 Additional costs of Wireless Network maintenance approx. \$28,000pa
 Provision for acquisition of housing at Coleambally to be funded from loans
 Provision for Carrathool Bridge approach works funded from contributions \$1,000,000
 Upgrade of Boyd Street Intersection to be funded by contributions \$250,000
 Provision of Economic & Tourism Officer together with programs
 Continuing roads and infrastructure maintenance of approx. \$4.2M pa

Water Fund

Provide for tower and treatment system for Darlington Point
 Replacement of No 1 Bore at Darlington Point

Sewer Fund

Provision for Extension of Darlington Point Settling Pond in year 10

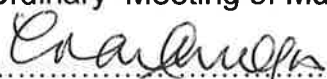
The net consolidated operational result, before consideration of the New Council Implementation Funding to be brought forward, indicates a surplus with the exception of years 3 and 4. The General Fund operational result indicates a surplus for years 1 and 2, with small deficits across the years 3 – 9 and returning a surplus position in year 10. Both the Water and Sewer Funds show surplus operational results.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- i. The draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan be endorsed;
- ii. The Plan be placed on community exhibition for the period 25 May to 22 June 2017; and
- iii. A special meeting of Council be scheduled for 28 June 2017 to adopt the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, following consideration of submissions from the public.

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ITEM NO. 3 - ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL POLICIES
FILE: 03.06
FROM: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

As part of the implementation process for the new Council, the integration of the policies from the two former Councils is an important step. Work is currently underway on reviewing the policy registers of the former Councils. From time to time, those documents, which will form part of the Public Policy Register, will be presented to Council for endorsement and adoption. Where it is relevant to seek input from the community, the policies will be placed on Public Exhibition to facilitate this process.

The policies being presented with this report are:

- DRAFT Motor Vehicle Policy (attachment # 3)
- DRAFT Festival and Events Policy (attachment # 4)
- DRAFT Complaints-Management-Policy (attachment # 5)
- DRAFT Asset Disposal Policy (attachment # 6)
- DRAFT Fraud and Corruption Policy (attachment # 7)
- DRAFT Internal Reporting Policy (attachment # 8)

Section 160 of the Local Government Act states that Council must give public notice of a draft local policy after it is prepared, by placing the document on exhibition for a period not less than 28 days and allow a period of not less than 42 days for the community to make submissions. The section also states that Council should provide information that is "appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft local policy and its implications to be understood". A number of sections within the draft policies are written in RED. These sections relate to specific personnel within the Council organisation and may be subject to amendment once the final Organisation Structure is determined. The positions noted in these sections relate to functional areas which currently exist within the interim structure.

At its February meeting, Murrumbidgee Council endorsed a number of draft policies and placed them on public exhibition for comment. Those policies were:

- DRAFT Gifts and Benefits Policy
- DRAFT Child Protection Policy
- DRAFT Social Media Policy

At the end of the period for receipt of comments, no submissions were received, and it is now appropriate that Council formally resolve their adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The following Draft Policies be endorsed:
 - DRAFT Motor Vehicle Policy
 - DRAFT Festival and Events
 - DRAFT Complaints-Management-Policy
 - DRAFT Asset Disposal Policy
 - DRAFT Fraud and Corruption Policy
 - DRAFT Internal Reporting Policy
2. The documents be placed on Public Exhibition in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act;
3. The following policies be adopted:
 - a) Gifts and Benefits Policy
 - b) Child Protection Policy
 - c) Social Media Policy

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**ITEM NO. 4 - ADOPTION OF STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND
ASSESSMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS – ROUND TWO**
FILE: 03.13.08A
FROM: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

In July 2016 the Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants application package was developed and forwarded to community organisations within the Council area. In addition, advertising was undertaken encouraging eligible committees and organisations to contact Council requesting a copy of the Fund Guidelines and Application Form.

In response to the Round One grant process, Council received applications from many organisations for funding for 82 projects by the closing date of 8 August 2016. The applications sought some \$5,904,196 in funding across both the Stronger Communities Fund and the Major Projects Fund (previously referred to in Council reports as the Community Infrastructure Fund). Following a detailed review of applications by the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel, funding was approved for 33 projects, for a combined amount of \$1,014,709.10 and recommended a further 6 projects to be considered should additional funds be available. A further 11 projects with a value of \$521,364.52 were recommended for approval in the Major Projects Fund (subject to undertaking community engagement on the proposed projects).

At the December 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Administrator resolved that:

The transfer of \$500,000 from the Community Infrastructure Fund to the Stronger Communities Fund representing Round 2 of the SCF be approved (Resolution 123/12/16(c))

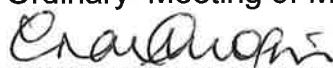
At its meeting on 16 May, the Assessment Panel endorsed the decision of the Council to make available a further sum of \$500,000.

This second round opened on 13 March, 2017 and called for applications from incorporated, not-for-profit community groups, for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities. The closing date for grants was 24 April, 2017. A total of 46 project applications were received from 32 organisations, for projects to the value of \$1,783,835.95, of which \$1,422,062.51 was to be grant funding.

The applications from each town were as follows:

- 20 applications received from Coleambally
- 14 applications received from Darlington Point
- 12 applications received from Jerilderie

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The Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel met to review the applications at a meeting held on Tuesday, 16 May at Darlington Point. The Panel comprises the Administrator, Chair of the Local Representation Committee, a Probity Advisor (non-voting), a representative of the State Member for Albury, a representative of the State Member for Murray and Ms Trudi McDonald from the NSW Government Department of Premier and Cabinet. All members of the Panel were in attendance except the representative for the Member for Albury, who was an apology.

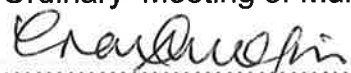
A total of 24 projects are recommended from 19 community organisations. A further 8 projects are recommended to be considered under the \$8.5M Major Projects Fund. Another 5 projects are recommended to be deferred and reconsidered should funding become available (in the event that any of the projects recommended for approval not proceed). The Assessment Panel has previously recommended that the grants include GST.

During the deliberation on the projects, the Assessment Panel was advised that an amount of \$18,995, which had been allocated to an applicant in Round One, had been returned as the project was unable to proceed. These funds were added to the funding pool for Round Two to give a total pool of \$518,995.

The successful projects recommended under Round Two of the Murrumbidgee Council Stronger Communities Fund program are:

STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND ROUND TWO RECIPIENTS			
Coleambally Applications			
1	Coleambally Central School P&C	Outdoor Settings	\$18,840
2	Coleambally Community Club	Laser level the bowling greens, upgrade to main bar and toilet areas.	\$24,100
3	Coleambally Darlington Point Country Education Fund	Coleambally - Looking Forward, Looking Back (an oral history) – (book production)	\$3,000
4	Coleambally Motorcycle Club Inc. # (see comment below)	Construction of Club House and install watering system to track	\$50,000
5	Coleambally Preschool Association Inc	Floor resurfacing	\$14,954
6	Coleambally Preschool Association Inc	Shade sails and shed storage	\$13,500
7	Coleambally Pony Club	Grounds revamp and upgrade	\$6,642
8	Fusion Drop-in Centre	Coleambally youth development	\$5,000
9	Lions Club of Coleambally	Jumping castle and trailer project	\$5,835
10	St Peters Catholic Church	Replacement of chairs	\$7,000
11	St Peters Primary School	Multipurpose court	\$5,000
12	Coleambally Tennis Club	Replacement of synthetic courts	\$50,000
		SUB TOTAL	\$203,871
Jerilderie Applications			
13	Jerilderie Men's Shed	Purchase of property	\$50,000
14	Jerilderie Public School P & C Association	Development of computer and musical skills	\$8,741
15	Jerilderie RSL Sub-Branch	2 Honour Boards and glass display cabinet	\$4,816
16	Jerilderie Tennis Club (on behalf of Jerilderie Sports Club)	Upgrade greens flags and putting cups	\$1,474

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17	Jerilderie Tennis Club (on behalf of Jerilderie Sports Club)	Disabled toilet within the Jerilderie Sports Club	\$30,000
18	St Joseph's Parent's and Friends Inc.	Play area soft fall and shade sail	\$39,627
		SUB TOTAL	\$134,658
Darlington Point Applications			
19	APEX Club of Darlington Point	Flag pole installation and fingerling purchase	\$9,099
20	Darlington Point Club Ltd	Bowling green & Club grounds Irrigation	\$50,000
21	Darlington Point Club Ltd	Workshop for maintenance staff	\$40,000
22	Darlington Point Club Ltd	Machinery storage shed	\$28,215
23	Darlington Point Men's Shed	Installation of solar panels	\$9,190
24	Darlington Point Public School Parent's and Citizens Committee	Classroom board upgrade throughout the school	\$43,928
		SUB TOTAL	\$180,433
		TOTAL	\$518,962

This project (Number 4) is recommended subject to Council confirming with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet the appropriateness of the proposed lease arrangements.

The Assessment Panel recommends the following projects be funded should residual funding become available within the Stronger Communities Fund. The irrigation of three holes on the Darlington Point Golf Course has first priority in this listing with the remaining 3 projects of equal priority and to be determined by Council at the time that any funds become available:

	Applicant	Project	Amount
1	Darlington Point Club Ltd	Irrigate three holes on golf course	\$50,000
2	St Peters Catholic Church, Coleambally	Installation of lawn irrigation system	\$19,317.85
3	Jerilderie Tennis Club (on behalf of Jerilderie Sports Club)	Irrigation upgrade - Stage 3 for golf course	\$45,721.25
4	Jerilderie Tennis Club (on behalf of Jerilderie Bowling Club)	Upgrade facilities of bowling greens and surrounds	\$50,000
		SUB TOTAL	\$165,039.10

The Assessment Panel also gave consideration to projects eligible for funding under the \$8.5m Major Projects Fund and makes the following recommendations. The Panel was cognisant of the requirement to seek feedback from the community on the proposed projects. Accordingly, the Panel recommends the following projects subject to Council seeking feedback from the community via appropriate advertisements of Council's intent to fund the applications.

It should be noted that many of the projects listed below are projects nominated by Section 355 Committees of Council or are on land for which Council is the trustee. Advice received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet confirms that projects nominated by Section 355 Committees cannot be funded under the Stronger Communities Fund.

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	Applicant	Project	Project Amount
Coleambally Applications			
Jerilderie Applications			
1	Yamma Management Committee	Yamma Hall Toilet Block Redevelopment	\$48,700
Darlington Point Applications			
2	Anglican Parish of Coleambally and Darlington Point	Upgrades to The Op Shop Community Hub	\$44,000
3	Coleambally Darlington Point Junior Rugby League	Facilities Extension Darlington Point Sports Ground	\$100,000 combined with following application
4	Darlington Point Coleambally Rugby League Football Club	Facilities Extension Darlington Point Sports Ground	
5	Darlington Point Townlife Committee	"Three Towns - One Community – One Visitor Destination" - town information boards and tourism maps	\$58,000
6	Darlington Point Townlife Committee	Repair, upgrade and extend Goanna Walk	\$27,500
7	Darlington Point Townlife Committee	Entrance Signs to Darlington Point	\$22,000
8	Heritage Darlington Point	Police Residence Conservation	\$42,710
		TOTAL	\$342,910

Murrumbidgee Council Merger Fund

	Darlington Point	Coleambally	Jerilderie	Total
Community Funds	\$3,333,333	\$3,333,333	\$3,333,333	\$10,000,000
Interest on Grant	\$63,333	\$63,333	\$63,333	\$190,000
Round One SCF Approved	\$91,000	\$562,806	\$332,908	\$986,714
F Approved	\$6,699	\$0	\$514,666	\$521,365
Total Approved Round One	\$97,699	\$562,806	\$847,574	\$1,508,079
Balance of fund following Assessment Round 1	\$3,235,634	\$2,770,527	\$2,485,759	\$8,491,921
Returned to grants pool from Round 1	\$6,331	\$6,331	\$6,331	\$18,995
Round Two SCF Assessment Panel Recommended	\$180,433	\$203,871	\$134,658	\$518,962
RND2 - MPF supported by Assessment Panel	\$334,210	\$0	\$48,700	\$382,910
Total Round 2 Assessment Panel Recommendations	\$514,643	\$203,871	\$183,358	\$951,872
Balance of funds following Round 2 recommendations	\$2,727,322	\$2,572,987	\$2,308,732	\$7,609,044

SCF - Stronger Communities Fund

MPF - Major Projects Fund

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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Council adopt the recommendations made by the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel in relation to the Stronger Communities Fund as referenced in the body of this report.
- (b) That Council adopt the recommendations made by the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel in relation to the Major Projects Fund, subject to undertaking community engagement on the projects listed hereunder:

Applicant	Project	Amount
1 Yamma Management Committee	Yamma Hall Toilet Block Redevelopment	\$48,700
2 Anglican Parish of Coleambally and Darlington Point	Upgrades to The Op Shop Community Hub	\$44,000
3 Coleambally Darlington Point Junior Rugby League	Facilities Extension Darlington Point Sports Ground	\$140,000
4 Darlington Point Coleambally Rugby League Football Club	Facilities Extension Darlington Point Sports Ground	\$140,000
5 Darlington Point Townlife Committee	"Three Towns - One Community - One Visitor Destination" - Town information boards and tourism maps	\$58,000
6 Darlington Point Townlife Committee	Entrance Signs to Darlington Point	\$22,000
7 Heritage Darlington Point	Police Residence Conservation	\$42,710

- (c) That, should a project awarded funding under the Stronger Communities Fund not be able to proceed, those unexpended monies be returned to the (Stronger Communities) funding pool and redistributed in accordance with the Assessment Panel's priority list as referenced in this report.

ITEM NO. 5- SES UNIT ACCOMMODATION AT DARLINGTON POINT
FILE: 05.06
FROM: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Ian Gregory, Acting Region Controller NSW SES (Murrumbidgee Region Headquarters) requesting Council's assistance with the relocation of the Murrumbidgee SES Unit from Coleambally to Darlington Point by providing a suitable building.

The intention is to relocate the equipment currently stored in Coleambally to Darlington Point as soon as SES have suitable accommodation.

While it is beneficial to have a presence in Coleambally, SES support activities are normally centered in Darlington Point.

SES suggests that if new accommodation can be found in Darlington Point, a small section of the existing building in Coleambally will be retained for storage.

The SES Unit headquarters consists of an office for the Controller, records storage, room for training and operations, toilet, shower and garage space to house vehicle, boat, storm trailer and storage space for storm and flood response equipment. It would also be beneficial to have secure fencing around the perimeter and an area for parking.

Other benefits with the proposed relocation may be the possibility of attracting new members. The SES intention is to create interest in joining the service amongst the communities that need SES assistance.

Attached for Council perusal is a copy of the correspondence received from SES A/Region Controller Mr. Ian Gregory (attachment # 9).

RECOMMENDATION

That the request from the SES be considered during future budget preparations.

ITEM NO. 6 - ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY PROJECT (SOIL COLLECTION)

FILE: 04.11

FROM: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

A request has been received from the NSW Government and Trustees of the ANZAC Memorial Building who are currently undertaking a major extension of the Hyde Park Memorial in Sydney as part of NSW's commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC. A key feature of the project will be a collection of approximately 1700 place names throughout NSW recognised as a place of enlistments for the First World War. Alongside each name will be a sample of soil collected from each location.

During the next 12 month, NSW Surveyors will be collecting soil samples from a determined site within each location, either from a memorial, school or community reserve.

The Office for Veterans Affairs in NSW will also be contacting local Councils, RSL Sub Branches, schools and community groups to participate in soil collection events where appropriate.

Any advice from local Councils regarding appropriate sites for soil collection are welcome, also they would appreciate distribution of information to any relevant parties within the Council area.

A copy of the letter from the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Veterans Affairs, a map displaying all soil collection locations within Murrumbidgee Council area, background information on the ANZAC Memorial Centenary Project and a plan showing Darlington Point as a collection point are attached (attachment # 10).

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council assist by providing the attached information to relevant parties within Council's Local Government Area.
2. Work with the NSW Surveyors with the collection of soil samples if required.

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ITEM NO. 7 - DRAFT MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL DEVELOPER
CONTRIBUTION PLAN
FILE: 04.25.17
FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

BACKGROUND

At the March 2017 meeting of Council, the following was resolved:

1. *That the Draft Murrumbidgee Council Developer Contribution Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days in accordance with Section 26 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.*
2. *That at the end of the exhibition period the matter be reported back to Council for further consideration.*

The Contribution Plan was exhibited for a period of 28 days commencing on 29 March 2017. No submissions were received during the exhibition period.

WHAT CAN THE LEVY MONEY BE USED FOR?

The levy funds can be used towards the works listed in schedule 1 of the contribution plan. All items listed in schedule 1 must also be listed in the Long Term Financial Plan of the Council.

Items that can be included in schedule 1 include:

- Road works – upgrades
- Drainage works – upgrades
- Capital works to buildings
- Capital works to reserves

The levy money cannot be used for maintenance works or for water and sewer projects.

The schedule has been developed based on the current operational plan for Murrumbidgee Council and the former long term plans for Jerilderie and Murrumbidgee Shires.

The schedule will require review once the merged Long Term Financial Plan has been finalised.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT REGULATION 2000

Clause 31 of the Regulation requires the Council to approve the contribution plan. A copy of Clause 31 is provided below.

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31 Approval of contributions plan by Council (cf clause 30 of EP&A Regulation 1994)

- (1) After considering any submissions about the draft contributions plan that have been duly made, the council:
 - (a) may approve the plan in the form in which it was publicly exhibited, or
 - (b) may approve the plan with such alterations as the council thinks fit, or
 - (c) may decide not to proceed with the plan.
- (2) The council must give public notice of its decision in a local newspaper within 28 days after the decision is made.
- (3) Notice of a decision not to proceed with a contributions plan must include the council's reasons for the decision.
- (4) A contributions plan comes into effect on the date that public notice of its approval is given in a local newspaper, or on a later date specified in the notice.

While reviewing the 2017/2018 Operational Plan it became apparent that there are a number of other works that could be included in schedule 1 of the plan.

These include:

- Upgrade to the Willows Museum Jerilderie
- Upgrade works to the Darlington Point Sports Grounds amenities
- Construction of a stadium for Coleambally sporting precinct.

In light of these additions it is recommended that Council approve the Murrumbidgee Council Developer Contribution Plan, Section 94A Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 under clause 31 (1) (b) with amendments to schedule 1 to include further schedule projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council approve the Murrumbidgee Council Developer Contribution Plan Section 94A Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 under clause 31 (1) (b) with amendments to schedule 1 to include further scheduled projects;
2. Council decision be notified in the next issue of both local papers;
3. The notice include the reason for the variations to ensure the Plan matches the operation plan projects.

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**ITEM NO. 8 - STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 8208 –
COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM**
FILE: SSD 8208
FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Property Description

Applicant: Neoen Renewing Energy
Property: Lots 78, 81, 82 and 83, DP 750896; Lots 100 & 101, DP 750896; Lot 1, DP 821577 and Lot 3 DP 1055725
Corner of Kidman Way and Ercildourne Road.
Coleambally
Zoning: RU1 – Primary Production
Proposed Development: 150 Megawatt Capacity Solar Photovoltaic Farm
Consent Authority: NSW State Government
Reason for Report: This is a state significant development and this report outlines Council's submission in relation to the project.

Project Details

Area Covered	570 hectares
Capital Investment	\$210 Million
Life Span	30 years
Solar Panels	560,000

Works on site include:

- Solar arrays, PV boxes or skids
- Potential battery storage
- Delivery station and solar substation
- Associated above and underground cabling
- Connection of substation
- Ancillary facilities, i.e. site office, septic system
- New proposal area access from Ercildourne Road and associated road upgrades
- Possible new access point from Kook Road for solar substation maintenance purposes only
- Construction of bridges across Tubbo irrigation channel and central drainage channel
- Construction of internal gravel access tracks
- Possible irrigation drainage channel relocation, subject to final design
- Subdivision of land
- Perimeter security fencing
- Plantings to screen the project from Kidman Way.

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Background

4 May 2017- Council was contacted by the Department of Planning and Environment regarding the exhibition of State Significant Development 8208 for the Coleambally Solar Farm. The application is on public exhibition from Friday 5 May 2017 to Saturday 3 June 2017.

As the proposed development is defined as a state significant development, the application will be determined by the Department. Council has been invited to provide comment and to recommend conditions of consent before 2 June 2017.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been reviewed by Council staff and there are several areas of concern that are addressed, and recommended conditions are included under the comment section of this report.

Legislative Implications

The EIS has addressed all required legislation relating to the proposal. All agencies will assess the proposal against their specific legislation, and the Department of Planning and Environment will assess the application against all relevant planning controls and Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Comment

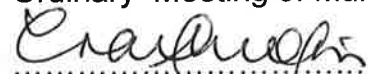
Traffic Management

The EIS states that a Traffic Management Plan will be prepared for the site in consultation with Roads and Maritime Services and Murrumbidgee Council.

This should also be a condition of consent, as there are a number of issues surrounding the potential impacts of the traffic flow around and into and out of the site. Some of the issues identified include:

- Pavement within Ercildoune Road
- The required upgrade works to the intersection of Kidman Way and Ercildoune Road
- The nature of the access point off Kook Road
- Road-train access as Ercildoune Road only has seasonal road-train access
- Internal traffic movement plan will be required
- Detailed design and construction plans for the bridge(s) to cross the internal channels
- Design for the onsite car parking area include one disabled parking space per 50 parking spaces or part there off
- Stormwater control for all road and parking areas

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Approvals from Council/Principal Certifying Authority

Construction certificate(s) will be required for the proposed works on site. More detailed plans will be required to determine if the following will need the consent of a PCA or Council.

Construction Certificates:

- The solar arrays and associated structures
- The bridges
- The amenities buildings on site. Details of a potable water supply will also be required with this application

Section 68 Approval under the Local Government Act:

- Onsite sewerage management system
- Stormwater disposal if onto Council roads

Waste Disposal

A detailed waste management plan will be required for the project. The landfills within the Council area are unlicensed and have limited capacity and are limited in some materials they can take.

Fire Management Plan

A fire management plan will be required for the control of grass fires through the site.

Visual Impact

A landscaping plan should be included as part of the overall site plan to ensure that the visual impact of the solar facility is minimized, especially along the Kidman Way corridor.

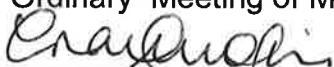
Pollution Control

Noise, air and erosion control measures are to be put in place prior to, during and after construction to ensure that the impact of the development, especially during construction, is minimised.

The following conditions are recommended to be included in any consent issued:

1. A Construction Certificate is to be obtained from Council or an accredited Private Certifier to verify that, if all building work is carried out in accordance with those endorsed detailed plans and specifications, it will fully comply to all of the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

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Reason: This is a prescribed Condition of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Associated Regulations

2. The erection of the building the subject of this development consent MUST not be commenced until:
 - (a) detailed plans/specifications of the building have been endorsed with a construction certificate by:
 - (i) the Council; or
 - (ii) an accredited certifier, and
 - (b) the person having the benefit of the development consent:
 - (i) has appointed a principal certifying authority; and
 - (ii) has notified the Council of the appointment, and
 - (c) the person having the benefit of the development consent must lodge a notice of commencement form with Council prior to commencement of work at least two day prior to commencing the erection of the building.

Reason: These are requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and associated Regulations

3. Prior to any works being undertaken in the road reserve, a road opening permit is to be obtained from Council.

Reason: To ensure Council's assets are maintained in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.

4. Prior to Occupation of the Development an application for an onsite sewerage waste management system (septic tank) is to be submitted and approved by Council.

Reason: To ensure the adequate treatment and disposal of effluent.

5. All plumbing and drainage work to be carried out in accordance with AS3500 National Plumbing and Drainage Code.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.

6. Potable water supply is to be provided on site for each allotment/dwelling.

Reason: To provide a suitable water supply for domestic purposes.

7. Builders/Developers are to provide on site waste bins for waste materials generated during construction or they are to remove waste from the site on a daily basis.

Reason: To avoid a public health nuisance.

8. Prior to works commencing on site, a waste management plan is to be provided to and approved by Council for the construction phase of the project.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014.

9. **Landscaping** - A detailed landscape plan shall be submitted to and approved by Council within six (6) months of the date of this approval. Approved landscaping works shall be completed within twelve (12) months of approval of same. All landscaping works shall be adequately protected against damage and shall be maintained as required.

Reason: To ensure that an appropriate detailed landscape design is prepared in conjunction with the overall design of the proposed development and maintained for the future.

10. Any spoil deposited on public roads during the cartage of materials from or to the site shall be removed on the same day. The cartage of spoil shall cease, as directed by Council, if the Council determines that excessive deposition of spoil onto the road is taking place.

Reason: To ensure erosion control measures have been implemented.

11. Provision is to be made of an approved safety fence around the site prior to commencement of works.

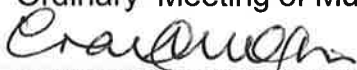
Reason: To protect the safety of persons on adjoining land.

12. Any waste or excavated material removed from the site is to be taken to an authorised site for disposal. No fill is to be deposited on other land without the prior consent of Council.

Reason: To ensure the responsible disposal of surplus landfill.

13. Prior to works commencing on site the applicant is to provide Council with a plan outlining the provision of erosion control measures, dust suppression measures and noise containment measures. The plan is to be approved by Council, and measures in the plan are to be enacted prior to commencement of any earthworks within the site.

Reason: To minimise pollution generated by the development.



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14. All vehicles must enter and exit the development in a forward direction to avoid possible conflict with through traffic on Ercildoune Road and Kook Road.

Reason: To minimise possible accidents with traffic on the adjacent road.

15. Prior to release of the Construction Certificate detailed plans of the upgrade works to the road network surrounding the development are to be supplied to Murrumbidgee Council and the Roads and Maritime Service for approval. The plans are to include the following areas as a minimum:

- intersection of the Kidman Way and Ercildoune Road
- the length of Ercildoune Road to 50 metres past the entrance to the proposed development side
- the emergency entry and exit point on Kook Road

Reason: To ensure adequate vehicular access to the proposed development

16. For the purposes of safety and preventing obstruction, all vehicles being loaded and/or unloaded are to stand wholly within the site.

Reason: To ensure obstruction of roads does not occur.

17. Prior to issuing of a Construction Certificate, submission of plans for all internal roads, bridges and car parking spaces, maneuvering area and access driveways all conforming to Australian Standards 2890 & 3500. Drainage and pavement designs are to be prepared by a qualified engineer and are to address expected vehicle loadings and any fill compaction requirements.

Reason: To ensure that the car parking is designed to a standard commensurate to proposed use

18. **Car Park**


Prior to issue of an Occupation Certificate, provide car park construction conforming to the approved plans.

Reason: To ensure provision of a car park commensurate with proposed use.

19. **Disabled Car Park**

Provide at least one (1) car parking space on site for people with disabilities.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia and the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.



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20. An emergency response plan certified by Workcover is to be submitted to Council prior to occupation of the development. Special attention is to be given to grass and electrical fires.

Reason: To ensure adequate measures are in place in the event of an emergency.

21. Advice to Applicant

Please note that if you require B-Double or Road Train Access to the site in the future, a formal request to allow B-Double and/or Road Train access to the site is required to be lodged with Council for reporting to the Local Traffic Committee.

22. Signage

A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any work site on which work involved in the erection or demolition of a building is being carried out:

- (i) showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and
- (ii) showing the name for the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and
- (iii) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work had been completed.

This Condition does not apply to:

- (i) building work carried out inside an existing building, subdivision work or demolition work that is carried out inside an existing building, that does not affect the external walls of the building; or
- (ii) in relation to Crown building work that is certified, in accordance with Section 116G of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, to comply with technical provisions of the State's building laws.

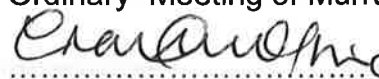
Reason: This is a prescribed condition of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 & Regulation 2000.

23. Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities are to be provided at or in the vicinity of the work site on which work involved in the erection or demolition of a building is being carried out, at the rate of one toilet for every 20 persons or part of 20 persons employed at the site.

The provision of toilet facilities in accordance with this condition must be completed before the commencement of construction works.

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Reason: This is a prescribed condition of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 & Regulation 2000.

24. Compliance

The structure(s) are to comply with the relevant requirements of the Building Code of Australia and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

25. Portable fire extinguishers

Portable fire extinguishers are to be provided in accordance with section E1.6 of the Building Code of Australia.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

26. Exit signs

An exit sign must be clearly visible to persons approaching the exit and must be installed on or above or adjacent to each door serving as, or forming part of, a required exit.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

27. Essential Fire Safety Equipment

All essential fire or other safety measures must be maintained in accordance with BCA requirements.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

28. Annual Fire Safety Statement

The owner shall supply to the Council an Annual Fire Safety Statement which is to state that each essential fire or other safety measure installed in the building has been inspected and tested by a competent person and that the service was, or was not, designed, installed and capable of operating at the required standard.

Reason: To ensure the ongoing maintenance of fire and safety equipment.

29. Fire Safety Certificate

Prior to occupation of the building the owner must cause the Council to be given a fire safety certificate. The fire safety certificate must be in accordance with the Fire Safety Schedule issued for the development and is to state in relation to each essential fire or other safety measure implemented in the building or on the land on which the building is situated:

- (a) That the measure has been assessed by a person (chosen by the owner of the building) who is properly qualified to do so; and



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- (b) That as at the date of the assessment the measure was found to be capable of functioning at a standard not less than that required by the relevant Australian standards

Reason: To ensure adequate fire safety in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council's submission include the comment section of this report for State Significant Development 8208 for a 150 Megawatt Capacity Solar Photovoltaic Farm, on Lots 78, 81, 82 and 83, DP 750896; Lots 100 & 101, DP 750896; Lot 1, DP 821577 and Lot 3 DP 1055725 Corner of Kidman Way and Ercildourne Road. Coleambally.

**ITEM NO. 9 - ALIGNING OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN THE
MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL AREA**

FILE: 02.17.02

FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

There are two alcohol free zones within the Murrumbidgee Council area.

Darlington Point

In July 2007 the former Murrumbidgee Shire Council resolved:

"That Council declare the CWA Park, Carrington Street, Darlington Point and Darlington Point Shire Hall grounds, including basketball courts, Alcohol Free Zones and erect signage stating that *"the taking, consumption and possession of alcohol in the park/grounds is prohibited"*.

In October 2015, the former Jerilderie Shire Council resolved:

1. That an Alcohol Free Zone be formally declared in the area defined as follows:
 - Jerilderie Street, between Bolton and Kennedy Streets
 - Powell Street in its entirety
 - Wood Street between Jerilderie and Mahonga Streets; and
 - Luke Park and the Lake foreshore
2. That the zone remain in force for a period of 4 years, commencing on the 7th day after public notification (2 November 2015 until 1 November 2019) has been given in the local print media

Local Government Act 1993

Clauses 644, 644A and 644B refer to the establishment of alcohol free zone:

644A Public consultation on proposal to establish alcohol-free zone

(1) After preparing a proposal under section 644, the Council may, by notice published in a newspaper circulating in the area as a whole or in a part of the area that includes the zone concerned:

- (a) declare that it proposes to establish an alcohol-free zone, indicating the location of the zone and the proposed period or special events for which it will operate, and*
- (b) state the place at which, the dates on which and the times during which a copy of the proposal may be inspected, and*

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(c) invite representations and objections from persons and groups within the area, indicating that any representations or objections by them must be made within 14 days after the date on which the notice is published.

(2) The council must give a copy of its proposal to each of the following persons, indicating that any representations or objections by the person must be made within 30 days after the date on which the copy is given:

(a) the officer in charge of the police station within or nearest to the proposed alcohol-free zone,

(b) each holder of a licence in force under the Liquor Act 2007 for premises that border on, or adjoin or are adjacent to, the proposed alcohol-free zone.

(c) (Repealed)

(3) If required to do so by the guidelines in force under section 646, the Council must also give a copy of its proposal to the Anti-Discrimination Board, indicating that any representations or objections by the Board must be made within 40 days after the date on which the copy is given.

(4) The council must consider all representations and submissions that are duly made to it under this section.

644B Establishment of alcohol-free zones

(1) After complying with the procedures set out in sections 644 and 644A, the council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal (with or without modifications) to establish an alcohol-free zone.

(2) The resolution has the effect of establishing the alcohol-free zone in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

(3) After making the resolution, the council must, by notice published in a newspaper circulating in the area as a whole or in a part of the area that includes the zone concerned:

(a) declare that an alcohol-free zone has been established, and

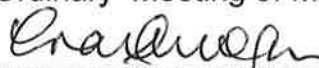
(b) specify the period (or, in the case of a zone established for one or more special events, the day or days) for which the alcohol-free zone is to operate.

(c) An alcohol-free zone may be re-established from time to time, in accordance with this Part, for further periods each not exceeding 4 years.

Under clause 644B, the Alcohol Free Zone cannot be established for more than a year period, which means that the zone in Darlington Point has expired.

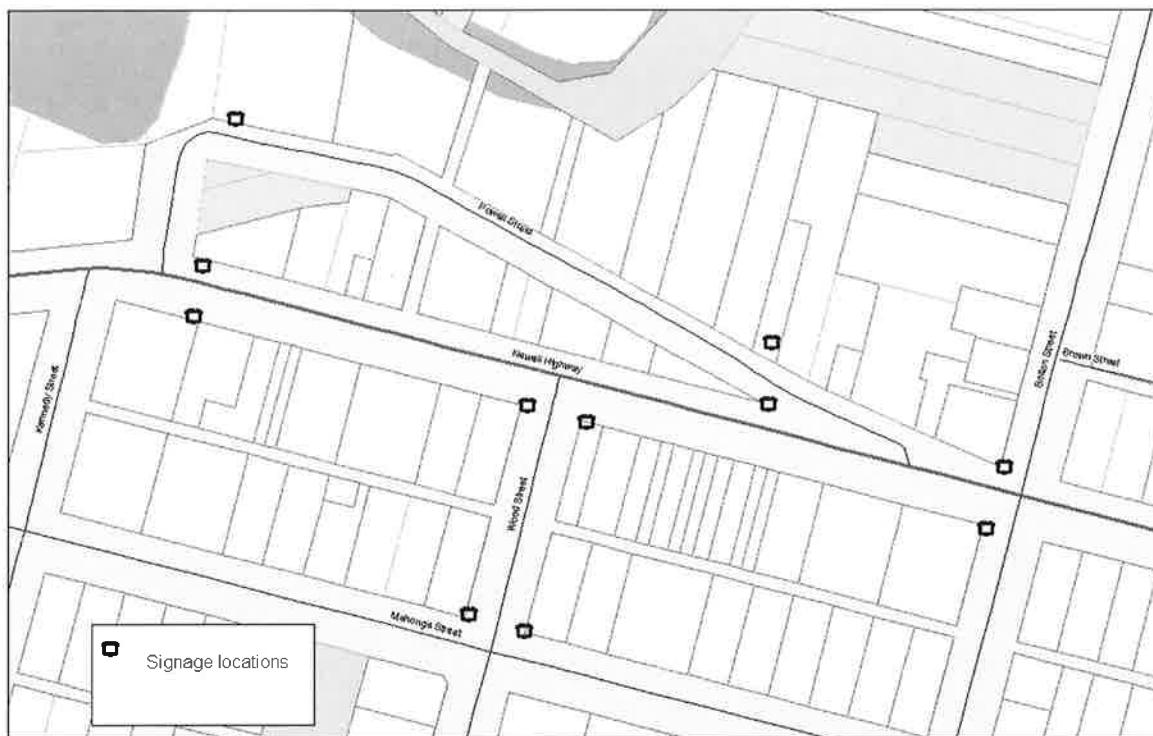
To bring the two areas within the Council area into alignment time-wise, it is recommended that the Darlington Point Alcohol Free Zone as indicated on the plan below be re-established as to the same dates as the Jerilderie Alcohol Free Zone.

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The proposed locations of the Darlington Point Alcohol Free Zone Signage (above)



The above plan indicates the locations of the signage that was put in place for the Jerilderie Alcohol Free Zone.

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The Alcohol Free Zone cannot not take effect until 7 days after formal notification in the local print media. Subject to adoption of this report, the advertisement will be placed in the Coly Point Observer on Wednesday 31 May 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

The alcohol free zone in Darlington Point for CWA Park, Carrington Street, Darlington Point and Darlington Point Shire Hall grounds, including basketball courts, be re-established, advertised and notified for a period of 14 days in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993.



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**ITEM NO. 10 - MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL ON-SITE SEWAGE
MANAGEMENT PLAN**
FILE: 04.36
FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Council is required, under the Local Government Act and Regulations, to have an On-Site Sewage Management Plan. The Plan identifies all septic tank systems operating in the Council area. The Plan provides a matrix which defines the potential environmental impact of the systems based on their location to environmentally sensitive areas such as waterways and wetlands.

The Plan was exhibited in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act 1993 in the Southern Riverina News and the Coleambally and Darlington Point Observer. No submissions were received during the exhibition period.

RECOMMENDATION

The Draft Murrumbidgee Council On-Site Sewage Management Plan be adopted in accordance with Section 161 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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ITEM NO. 11- QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW
FILE: 05.13
FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND FINANCE

In accordance with Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter the Responsible Accounting Officer must prepare and submit to the Council a budget review statement that shows a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for the year.

At the time of preparation of this business paper, the quarterly budget review is incomplete. This report will be presented at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the quarterly budget report as presented to today's meeting be noted, and variations as outlined in that report be approved.

ITEM NO. 12 - DARLINGTON POINT GOLF COURSE BORE
FILE: L-5
FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE & FINANCE

In May 2008 the Department of Water and Energy issued a Water Access Licence (WAL 11848) for the bore on the Darlington Point Golf Course to Murrumbidgee Shire Council. This action was taken by the Department on the basis that no record could be found in relation to the terms of appointment of the Darlington Point Club Ltd as a Committee of Management for the Golf Course and Racecourse Crown Reserve.

In the same month, Council resolved that pursuant to Section 71N of the Water Management Act, Murrumbidgee Shire Council enter into a term transfer of WAL 11848 to the Darlington Point Club Ltd subject to the agreement of such Club. The Club was advised of Council's determination, but did not respond until April 2014, despite a number of reminders.

The associated bore, constructed by the Darlington Point Club Ltd, has an allocation of 19 units.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- i. The May 2008 Murrumbidgee Shire Council resolution be endorsed;
- ii. Pursuant to Section 71N of the Water Management Act 2000, Council enter into a term transfer of WAL 11848 to the Darlington Point Club Ltd for a period of 21 years from 1 July, 2017; and
- iii. The term transfer be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

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ITEM NO. 13 – WESTERN RIVERINA LIBRARIES CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT

FILE: 07.01.01

FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE & FINANCE

The Western Riverina Libraries (WRL) Co-Operative Agreement is due to be renewed for the period 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2021.

Attached is a copy of the proposed agreement (attachment # 11), which complies with the requirements of the State Library, and provides a copy of the current Assets Register of the previous Councils, a Service Level Agreement, and a list of responsibilities and information regarding the Management Committee of the WRL.

The State Library advises that this agreement will cover the activities of the previous Councils which operated under individual agreements with a Regional Library Agreement for the complete services provided to the former Murrumbidgee Shire Council and a Co-Operative Library Agreement for the selective services provided to the former Jerilderie Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Western Riverina Libraries Co-Operative Agreement for 2017-2021 be endorsed and executed by the General Manager.

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ITEM NO. 14 – RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY
FILE: 07.01.01
FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE & FINANCE

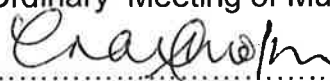
The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has extended the scope of AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* to include Not for Profit Public Sector Entities. This now captures Local Government. From 1 July 2017 Murrumbidgee Council must disclose related party relationships, transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments in its annual financial statements. This is a new requirement for Not for Profit Public Sector Entities and is in addition to the pecuniary interest disclosure (blue form) that Councillors/LRC members and designated persons complete on an annual basis.

The draft policy is presented to today's meeting (attachment #12).

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Related Party Disclosure Policy be endorsed, and it be placed on community exhibition for a period of 28 days.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ITEM NO. 15 - MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 4, 2017 - MEETING OPENED AT 6.00PM

Present: Ian Sneddon (chair), Sadie Herrick, Faith Bryce, Fred Scammell, Garry Borger, Isobel Milne, Richard Wright, Joan Ferris, Joan Kuschert, Chris Girdwood, Polly Fisher, Elaine Forbes.

Apologies: Robyne Sneddon, Bruce Crittenden, Jan Crittenden, June Scammell, Dot Mills, Graham Mills, Ruth McRae, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Ann Wright, Alan Knight.

Moved Chris G Seconded Isobel M that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of Joan F
Seconded Fred S.
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Memorial Gardens tidied by Council. Thanks.
- Thanks to His Eminence for the mowing of town entrances. Taa.
- Trees/shrubs to be replaced (3?) along Horgan Walk. Do on National Tree Day with schools.

Treasurer's report as tabled

Moved Richard Wright Seconded Garry B that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted.
Carried.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- April 8. Email from Arthritis Australia thanking for support re Ride for Arthritis.
- Email and follow up from Coleambally and Darlington Point Town Life Committees dinner meeting.
- Letter from Council giving us the go ahead with the installation of the air-con. Ben Nash available for assistance.
- Thank you from Ros Lockhart re Cultural Day.

Outwards:

- Letter to Murrumbidgee Council re seeking permission to install air-con in old RFS shed (Our Office)

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Business arising out of correspondence:

- Sadie to get that letter written to Sports Club.... Or else....
- Sadie to contact both schools re National Tree Day.

Moved Isobel Seconded Richard that correspondence be accepted.

Carried.

General Business:

- A big thanks to all the helpers for: mowing, cleaning office, raffle selling and tidying Horgan Walk. Great work by a great team.
- Mowers have been serviced. (the mechanical variety!)
- Discussion re the Town Life meeting in Coleambally. Ideas to come forth re combined activities. Thanks to Council for assistance and involvement in our Committee.
- Roadside Clean Up (at long last) for Sunday June 18, 2017.
- Discussion on jobs for Show & Shine. Should be a great day, again.
- Trees/shrubs to be replaced are called Kuba. Sneds to tell secretary how and where to get them.

Meeting Closed: 6.58pm

Next Meeting: Thursday June 1, 2017

At: Our Office

Time: 6.00pm

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President 1/6/2017

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Who is doing what?.....

- **Sadie write letters to Sports Club and Schools**
- **Sneds to remind Sadie about ordering trees.**
- **Members to keep warm.**
- **Members who haven't been in good health to get better real quick.**
- **Those who are going to warmer climes, please not brag to us who are keeping JTown open during the cooler months!**

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JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 4, 2017

Bendigo Bank A/C

				Amount
				Balance
				\$ 14,204.62
Cheque	06/04/17	Float A/C	S & S raffle	-170.00
Deposit	07/04/17			14,034.62
Deposit	20/04/17			426.20
Cheque	20/04/17			14,460.62
Deposit	28/04/17			440.00
				14,900.82
			Cobram Trophies	-630.50
			Show & Shine	14,270.32
				<u>150.00</u>
				<u>14,420.32</u>
Total Bendigo Bank A/C				215.70
				\$14,420.32

Show & Shine Amount

Deposit	03/02/17	Show & shine	donation	5.00
Deposit	01/03/17	Lions Club	donation	500.00
Deposit	02/03/17	Barlow Grain	donation	150.00
Deposit	08/03/17	L Kelly	donation	100.00
Cheque	22/03/17	Allan Cullum	banner	-240.00
Deposit	04/04/17	Apex Club	donation	250.00
Deposit	04/04/17	Jer Tyre Service	donation	150.00
Cheque	04/04/17	C Sweeney	postage	-200.00
Deposit	20/04/17	Raffles	part S & S	270.00
Cheque	20/04/17	Cobram Trophies	trophies	-630.50
Deposit	28/04/17	I Sneddon	donation	<u>150.00</u>
Total Show & Shine				\$504.50

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**ITEM NO. 16 - MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DARLINGTON POINT
TOWNLIFE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017-COMMENCING
5.30PM**

Present Peter van Hees, Steve Ford and Margaret King.

In Attendance Gerrie Carr-MacFie

Apologies Sue Mitchell

General Business

Mikey Whelan's attendance at our March meeting was appreciated.
Decided to email him minutes of our meetings.

Recommendation to Council re permission to hold Spring Festival 23rd,
September, 2017 and requesting council's usual help, eg use CWA Park,
close McAllister Street east, lift alcohol ban. Gerrie to check this message
has been received.

Community Grant ideas were discussed, including signage for walking
track, information bay and sound mixer for use at Spring Festival. These
ideas to be progressed.

Spring Festival Specific planning to be started at May meeting. Gerrie
told us Freedom Foods have a popcorn maker. Decided to ask if they
were interested in having a stall.

Meeting closed 6.20 pm.

Next meeting - Tuesday, 9th May, at 5.30pm at Council Chambers.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 17 - STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES & SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT

FILE: 05.13

FROM: DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AND FINANCE

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES

	2016-17
	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 31 MARCH 2017	728,822.23
ADD - Receipts - 30 April 2017	1,829,329.13
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	216,364.18
ADD - Cancelled	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-61,840.99
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-1,466,229.68
LESS - Payroll	-179,146.89
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-11,318.26
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00
LESS - Investments	0.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-4,150.47
LESS - Fuel Card	-667.21
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-438.90
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2017	1,050,723.14
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2017	989,048.73
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	97,425.00
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	3,345.39
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-39,095.98
LESS Outstanding Autopay	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2017	1,050,723.14
Add Investments	26,803,664.60
Total Cash and Investments	27,854,387.74
Represented by:-	
Trust Account - North	168,335.96
Trust Account - South	17,858.76
Water Fund - North	1,260,339.90
Water Fund - South	456,741.58
Sewer Fund - North	1,792,930.75
Sewer Fund - South	1,769,710.79
Domestic Waste Management - North	11,701.06
Domestic Waste Management - South	103,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	506,254.13
Plant Reserve - North	713,943.71
Plant Reserve - South	31,000.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve-North	450,000.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve-South	810,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve - North	4,074,176.20
Infrastructure Reserve - South	701,447.00
Residential Housing Reserve - North	120,000.00
New Council Implementation Fund	3,466,110.53
Stronger Communities Fund	9,548,598.30
General Fund	1,851,435.07

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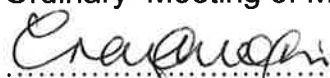


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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
Suncorp	1,315,767.22	2.42%	02-May-17	38/17
ANZ	304,083.99	2.34%	18-Jul-17	50/17
ANZ-Les Wallis	51,804.80	2.30%	29-Jun-17	46/17
Bendigo	717,291.71	2.10%	18-May-17	39/17
Bendigo	1,248,103.38	2.10%	22-May-17	40/17
Bendigo	257,598.29	2.05%	30-Jun-17	47/17
IMB Ltd	301,753.64	2.55%	06-Jun-17	42/17
IMB Ltd	250,000.00	2.25%	09-May-17	43/17
IMB Ltd	300,000.00	2.50%	04-Jul-17	48/17
NAB	828,643.85	2.50%	13-Jun-17	44/17
NAB	301,789.59	2.50%	20-Jun-17	45/17
NAB	201,310.71	2.55%	18-Jul-17	51/17
St George	201,676.30	2.00%	22-Jun-17	41/17
St George	515,021.47	2.55%	11-Jul-17	49/17
IMB Ltd	503,116.44	2.55%	09-May-17	20
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	2.60%	04-May-17	24
IMB Ltd	406,062.83	2.50%	07-Jul-17	25
Bendigo	253,821.12	2.45%	08-Jun-17	28
ANZ	536,774.38	2.45%	14-Sep-17	29
ANZ	250,000.00	2.35%	21-Aug-17	30
Bendigo	460,170.50	2.10%	27-May-17	34
Bendigo	1,017,651.73	2.20%	16-Aug-17	35
Bendigo	5,000,000.00	2.10%	16-Aug-17	38
ANZ	514,207.38	2.35%	26-Jun-17	39
Bendigo	1,832,015.27	2.20%	16-Jun-17	40
ANZ	600,000.00	2.35%	17-Jul-17	41
Bendigo	2,000,000.00	2.15%	16-Sep-17	42
Bendigo	500,000.00	2.05%	03-Jul-17	43
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	2.60%	02-May-17	44
Bendigo	5,135,000.00	2.35%	16-Jun-17	45
Total Investments	26,803,664.60			
Average Interest Rates	2014/15	3.16%		
	2015/16	2.76%		
Average Interest Rates	2016/17	2.34%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,315,767.22	4.91%		
ANZ	2,256,870.55	8.42%		
Bendigo	18,421,652.00	68.73%		
IMB Ltd	2,760,932.91	10.30%		
NAB	1,331,744.15	4.97%		
St George	716,697.77	2.67%		
TOTAL	26,803,664.60	100%		

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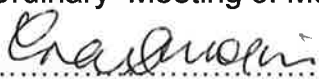
- I hereby certify that:
- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 April 2017
 - 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Statements of Bank Balances and Schedules of Investments as at 30 April 2017 be noted and received.

Sue Mitchell
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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ITEM NO. 18 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017
FILE: 03.29
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held in Sydney from 4-6 December 2017. (Last year's Conference decided to move the 2017 Conference to accommodate Councils that are holding elections in September). The venue for the Conference will be Hyatt Regency, Sydney.

Key deadlines for the voting at this year's Annual Conference, for the LGNSW Board and Conference motions is below:

Deadline	Action
Saturday 9 September	Local Government elections (for some Councils)
Monday 9 October	Deadline for payment of membership fees (required for your Council to be entitled to vote for motions and the LGNSW Board)
Friday 13 October	Members notified of number of delegates that can vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• on motions• for the LGNSW Board
Tuesday 7 November	Deadline to nominate as a candidate for a position on the LGNSW Board (Note this date is currently subject to confirmation by the Australian Electoral Commission. LGNSW will advise if it changes.)
Monday 13 November	Deadline for members to provide names to LGNSW of delegates who will vote for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• motions• the LGNSW Board
4-6 December	LGNSW Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency, Sydney (first business day is Tuesday 5 December)

General information about the conference is on the LGNSW website:

www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-nsw-annual-conference .

LGNSW will issue reminders as the above deadlines approach.

Recommendation

That the Report be adopted.

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ITEM NO. 19 - UPDATE ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO)
FILE: 03.13.08A
FROM: DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

This report provides an update on the activities of the Project Management Office (PMO) undertaken since the April meeting of Council. The PMO is responsible for making recommendations to the General Manager, and ultimately Council, on a wide range of matters that are relevant to the integration and harmonisation of the Council. These matters include defining and realising outcomes and benefits of the transition, monitoring risks, quality of outcomes and deliverables, timeliness and budget implications.

The PMO provides strategic direction and advice and monitors progress on the Implementation Plan by others within the Council. The PMO is working collaboratively with the Leadership Group to ensure that workloads are manageable, noting that the Leadership Group is charged with ensuring continuity of service for the services provided by the two former Councils.

Below is an update on the activities of the PMO undertaken following the April 2017 meeting of Council:

- ✓ Issued fourteen media releases
- ✓ Produced and distributed the ninth Community Newsletter
- ✓ Held a workshop with members of the LRC in relation to applications for potential projects seeking funding under Round Two of the Stronger Communities Fund
- ✓ Coordinated a meeting with the Murrumbidgee Council Stronger Communities Assessment Panel (refer to attached separate report)
- ✓ Commenced implementing the decision by Council to award the tender to provide Council with its Enterprise Management System (EMS) to Civica Pty Ltd
- ✓ Continued working with the Asset Management Working Group and consultant Jeff Roorda and Associates to prepare a new Asset Management Plan for Council. This project is expected to be finalised by July 2017
- ✓ Commenced detail design work with ATI Australia Pty Ltd to design and construct a Wide Area Network (WAN) data communications network between the towns of Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point. All the poles and equipment required to construct the network have been ordered
- ✓ Continued replacement of building and equipment signage throughout the Council area
- ✓ Continued preparing and reviewing policies for the new Council with a view to presenting such policies to Council as soon as possible
- ✓ Finalised the staff protocol for the provision of uniforms to indoor staff, with staff then making selections of clothing. Uniforms started to arrive last week
- ✓ The ninth staff newsletter was prepared and distributed
- ✓ Supported the General Manager to conduct seven staff meetings to provide an update on key issues relating to the merger (and specifically relating to staff issues associated with the merger). These sessions have proved to be

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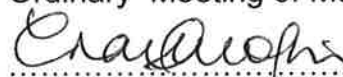
very well regarded by all staff due to staff having direct access to the General Manager. Staff have been provided with skills in coping with change and resilience during these sessions

- ✓ Provided support to the General Manager commencing recruitment of the two Assistant General Managers. Applications for both positions close on the 29th May
- ✓ The Deputy General Manager attended a meeting in Sydney conducted by Department of Premier and Cabinet which provided information and resources in relation to the September Council elections

RECOMMENDATION

That the information on the activities of the Project Management Office be received and noted

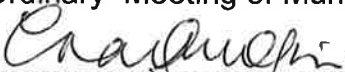
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ITEM NO. 20 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 10/4/2017 to 14/5/2017
FILE: 03.16.04
FROM: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

<p>Regional Roads</p> <p>RR552 – Conargo Road</p> <p>RR564 – Berrigan Road</p> <p>RR323 – Oaklands Road</p> <p>RR59 – Urana Road</p> <p>RR596 – Morundah Road</p> <p>RR356 – Berrigan/Oaklands Road</p> <p>RR183 – Whitton Road</p>	<p>Bitumen patching, guide post maintenance, asset inspection</p> <p>Bitumen patching, line marking tags installed, edge patching</p> <p>Bitumen patching</p> <p>Line marking tags installed, sign maintenance, guide post maintenance</p> <p>Bitumen patching</p> <p>Line marking tags installed, bitumen patching, edge patching, shoulder slashing</p> <p>Asset inspection</p>
<p>MR321 – Kidman Way</p>	<p>Sign maintenance, guide post maintenance, bitumen patching, asset inspection, rubbish collection. Works programmed for new segment markers. Shoulder slashing, tree lopping MR321 Segment 7.</p>
<p>H17 – Newell Highway</p>	<p>Bitumen patching, shoulder slashing, sign maintenance, guide post maintenance, asset inspection, drainage sumps cleaned for camera inspection.</p>
<p>Local Road Maintenance</p>	<p>Grader Maintenance</p> <p>Old Corowa Road, Tip Road, Rifle Range Road, Leahys Lane, McDonald Road, Stud Park North Road, Ryan Road, Ercildoune Road, Martin Bell Road, McLeay Road, Harvey's Well Road, Gilbert Road, Myall Plains Road, Old Urana Road.</p> <p>Bitumen Patching</p> <p>South Coree Road, Willawa Lane, Cadell Road, Wunnamurra Road, Wilson Road.</p> <p>Shoulder Slashing</p> <p>Willawa Lane, Graham Road, Willows Road, Harris Lane, Mayrung Road, Logie Brae Road, Lignum Lane,</p>

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	<p>South Coree Road, Fairlie Grange Road, Cadell Road, Hutchings Road, Hardy Road, Boerema Road, various areas around Darlington Point and Coleambally.</p> <p>Weed Spraying</p> <p>Various areas around Darlington Point and Coleambally.</p> <p>Boxthorns, Spiny Burrgrass, Horehound spraying on Local and State Roads.</p> <p>Weeds Inspectors attended field days in Griffith 12 & 13 May 2017.</p> <p>McBratney Street – drainage and dust issues addressed</p> <p>Guide Post Maintenance</p> <p>Cadell Road, Wunnamurra Road, Fairlie Grange Road</p>
Roads to Recovery Program	South Coree Road construction in progress
Restart NSW Funding	Main Canal Road – works progressing as per program. Final pavement layer due to be completed by end of May 2017. Primer seal expected to be completed June 2017, final seal October 2017.
Wunnamurra Estate	<p>Kerb and guttering completed.</p> <p>Road pavement completed 18 May 2017.</p> <p>Nature strips, building blocks graded, drainage works completed.</p> <p>Electrical and communications anticipated to be completed by contract by end May 2017.</p>
Caravan Park, Darlington Point	Tree lopping completed as per program and budget.
Coleambally Sports Ground	Long jump facility completed.
Water and Sewerage	<p>Main breaks repaired north Darlington Point.</p> <p>Main break and service repairs to raw / filtered water mains in Jerilderie.</p> <p>Continuing chlorine dosing as required in Darlington Point.</p> <p>Jerilderie Filtration Plant air compressor renewed, chemicals purchased and stored.</p> <p>Assessment of Darlington Point and Coleambally water supply programmed to start by end May 2017.</p>

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Parks and Gardens	<p>All parks maintained, playgrounds inspected (soft fall renewed).</p> <p>Weed spraying and grounds maintained at cemeteries.</p> <p>Court House, Library and walkways maintained.</p>
Town Streets	<p>Drainage lines sprayed, drainage sumps pumped out and cleaned.</p> <p>Minor tree lopping, bitumen patching sign maintenance.</p> <p>Various nature strips mown.</p>
Plant Maintenance	<p>Various items of plant serviced and repaired.</p> <p>Specification made up for various items of plant.</p>
Private Works	<p>Grader, loader hire steady. Clay and gravel carting ' various rate payers.</p>

RECOMMENDATION

The Works in Progress Report be adopted.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 21 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE RELATED CONTRACTS – PEST
CONTROL AND ESSENTIAL FIRE SAFETY SERVICES
MONITORING

FILE: 04.02

FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

This item be referred to the **CONFIDENTIAL** section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) and (ii) and (f) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) *commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
 - (i) *prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or*
 - (ii) *confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.*
- (f) *matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.*

