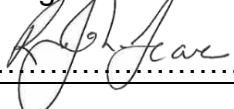



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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021**

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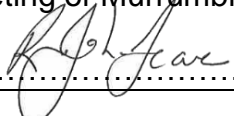

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# MAYORAL REPORT

## ITEM NO. 1 - MAYORAL REPORT

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	21 July 2021
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

As I sit and ponder the state of the nation, our state and Murrumbidgee Council, it is difficult to fathom the challenges that keep presenting themselves.

The latest COVID 19 outbreaks most certainly have created havoc with business, education, Local Government and, most significantly, our health related service delivery. The challenge of vaccinating our nation is a priority.

We are incredibly fortunate to live where we live, and to have access to health care. We need to focus on what we can control - adhering to the Public Health Orders, vigilance at all times, and a very open and informed manner that places ourselves, our communities and the wider population first and foremost.

The RUOK message is so very relevant here. Living in small, connected communities is such an advantage, investing in our "village" will mean that there is somebody/somebodies who do care enough to ask this question.

Complacency and COVID fatigue are very real, but we can actually have some influence in this space - we can continue to do what we need to within the restrictions placed before us.

Always remembering that the restrictions, stay at home and lockdown orders, are the risk minimisation strategy that has best served us to date. It is a simple message - compliance will keep us safe.

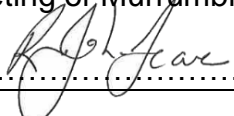

Engagement with many groups during the first fortnight of the month across health, water, planning, Chamber of Commerce and aged care was hectic. The third week COVID-19 revisited and, to date, many more meetings are going back on line which brings very real challenges all over again.

Welcome rain sees our Council footprint well soaked, the odd day with sunshine is welcome.

Our major projects continue to progress - the sporting precinct development at Coleambally is getting there, and the bones are gradually being filled out. You can

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actually see what the end product will be. The Preschool and Long Day Care Centre in Jerilderie is a worksite and it is exciting to watch the progress.

Council wishes to officially open the Wiradjuri Walk Shared Spaces Project. This will happen as soon as we are all able to gather - this meritorious project deserves public acknowledgement and we look forward to an opening in the near future.

Some ongoing issues that are affecting us as a Council and a greater region are affordable and social housing , recruitment and retention of staff across all fields, including professional, trade qualified and unskilled, mental health access and equity, and accessible pathways for all health services, economic development and investment.

Local Government elections are set for 4 September 2021, and as the date draws closer, I encourage those sitting at the Council table, and those contemplating public life, to think seriously about the privilege and the commitment being an Elected Member entails.

It is a worthwhile and challenging opportunity - marrying community expectation and being able to deliver within the confines of an available budget and Local Government legislation is a very real balancing act.

Please seriously consider this opportunity to stand for Local Government.

Below are a list of meetings attended in July 2021:

8 July 2021

MLHD/LHAC Skype Meeting

Pressing recruitment and retention of staff and Allied Health professionals

9 July 2021

MDBA Riverina Regional Community Forum Microsoft User Update

First Engagement Session

12 July 2021

- MDBA Riverina Regional Community Forum - Initial Meeting via Microsoft Teams - 12 participants
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Gary Baffsky and Cr Gaila Smith
- Jerilderie Independent Living Limited meeting (and again on the 21 July)

13 July 2021

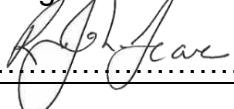

- Western Regional Planning Panel on site visit
- Micro solar farm development, Cocky's Lane Coleambally/Darlington Point
- Councillors/Staff Workshop (Jerilderie and via video conferencing)

14 July 2021

YANCO Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting 11, Morundah

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26 July 2021

Murray Darling Association Region 9 Meeting and AGM - Leeton - in person and via Zoom

27 July 2021

Jerilderie Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Jerilderie

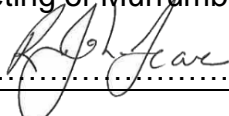



Ruth McRae

**MAYOR**

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# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

## ITEM NO. 2 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	16 July 2021
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

### BACKGROUND

To provide information generally relating to past and future actions of the General Manager, along with specific action items being dealt with.

### RECOMMENDATION

The contents of the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and

- 1) a) Council place on public exhibition the draft Darlington Point Caravan Park Master Plan, encouraging feedback from community and stakeholders.  
b) Council authorise the additional reports as identified to be commenced using remaining grant funds provided for the said purpose. Upon successful granting of additional funds, complete all reports to shape the final scope of the Caravan Park redevelopment.
- 2) That Council submit to the Office of Local Government the submission as presented in the July 2021 agenda papers, duly signed by Mayor Councillor Ruth McRae.
- 3) The General Manager be authorised to submit an application under either stream 1 or stream 2 of the Regional Tourism Activation Grant. Should the application be made under stream 1, Council's contribution up to \$1.25M be sourced from loan funds.
- 4) a) Council grant annual leave to the General Manager John Scarce for the periods, 25 – 27 August 2021 and 11 December 2021 - 9 January 2022.  
b) The General Manager be authorised to take the private use vehicle into the state of Queensland for the periods of granted annual leave, being 25 – 27 August 2021 and 11 December 2021 – 9 January 2022.

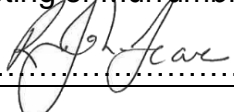

### OFFICER COMMENT

#### 1. COVID-19

The Action Plan - No changes in the last month, we are abiding by NSW and Federal restrictions, and where our plan and theirs contradicts, the NSW restrictions take precedence.

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## Darlington Point Caravan Park Master Plan

Council has been provided with the draft master plan for the Darlington Point Caravan Park.

Comments received have identified some further reports and opinions:

- Bushfire Assessment
- Existing Use
- Hydraulic Analysis
- Aboriginal Heritage Investigation
- Traffic Impact Assessment
- Biodiversity Assessment
- Stormwater Drainage Plan and Flood Mitigation Plan
- Possible Compensation to Native Title Corporation
- Development Approvals process

In the latest grant application, Council applied for funds to undertake the works, of which Council is required to contribute 50%. The amount Council is applying is greater than 50%, as the reports detailed above are not eligible under the grant, as such we have budgeted greater than our 50% so we can pay for these reports.

Originally Council had grant funds to move forward on the Caravan Master Plan, funds are still available, these funds will be used to progress the reports most needed moving forward.

### **Recommendation**

- a) Council place the draft Darlington Point Caravan Park Master Plan on public exhibition, encouraging feedback from community and stakeholders.**
- b) Council authorise the reports, as identified, be commenced using remaining grant funds provided for the said purpose. Upon successful granting of additional funds, complete all reports to shape the final scope of the Caravan Park redevelopment.**

## 2. General Manager and Senior Staff Remuneration Consultation

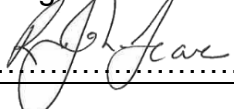

The Office of Local Government has a consultation paper titled review of General Manager and Senior Staff Remuneration.

Submissions to be made by 9 August 2021.

Submissions will be made available to the public in the course of the reporting on the consultation.

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Based on feedback received the attached submission (attachment # 1) has been developed.

### **Recommendation**

**Council submit to the Office of Local Government the submission as presented in the July 2021 agenda papers, duly signed by Mayor Councillor Ruth McRae.**

#### 4. Regional Tourism Activation Grant

The Regional Tourism Activation Grant opened on 16 June and closes 11 August 2021. Successful projects will be announced from November 2021.

Under this new funding, there are 2 streams available:

- **Stream One:** Infrastructure - Grants between \$200,000 and \$5 million for projects delivering **unique and high impact** visitor experiences. 25% co-contribution required (cannot be in-kind)
- **Stream Two:** Accessibility and Inclusion - Grants between \$50,000 to \$500,000 for projects that will improve accessibility and inclusion of tourism experiences for people with disability – no contribution required.

Eligible project types include:

- Construction of new tourism infrastructure and/or significant enhancements to existing infrastructure to create unique and high impact visitor experiences
- Upgrades and extensions to existing infrastructure to improve accessibility and inclusion linked to unique and high impact visitor experiences.

### **Recommendation**

**The General Manager be authorised to submit an application under either stream 1 or stream 2 of the Regional Tourism Activation Grant. Should the application be made under stream 1, Council's contribution up to \$1.25M be sourced from loan funds.**

#### 5. Annual Leave

I am requesting the following days as annual leave:

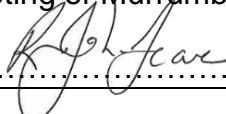

25 - 27 August 2021

11 December 2021 - 9 January 2022

These date may be refined as we get closer.

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I am assuming that Council December meeting and Christmas break up will be on 10 December 2021.

I am also requesting that I be granted private use of Council vehicle in the State of Queensland during the annual leave periods.

### **Recommendation**

- a) **Council grant annual leave to the General Manager John Scarce for the periods, 25 – 27 August 2021 and 11 December 2021 - 9 January 2022.**
- b) **That the General Manager be authorised to take the private use vehicle into the state of Queensland for the periods of granted annual leave, being 25 – 27 August 2021 and 11 December 2021 – 9 January 2022.**

### 5. Movements

26 July 2021 – MDA Region 9 AGM – Leeton (attending via Zoom)

6 August 2021 – Country Mayors – Sydney (Not attending – no video conferencing available)

10 August 2021 – Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting - Coonabarabran (attending via Zoom)

10 August 2021 – RAMJO Board Dinner, Albury

11 August 2021 – RAMJO Board Meeting, Albury

25 – 27 August 2021 – Annual Leave

28 – 30 November 2021 – LGNSW Conference – Sydney

11 December 2021 – 9 January 2022 – Annual Leave

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL**

N/A

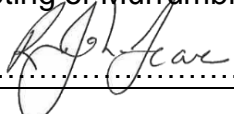

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

**CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

**OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 1: General Manager and Senior Staff Remuneration submission

**ITEM NO. 3 – TENDER – JERILDERIE SKATE PARK/PUMP TRACK AND DARLINGTON POINT MINI SKATE BOWL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

Council Meeting:	13 July 2021
Report Date:	27 July 2021
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC365; SC138; SC442
Approval:	General Manager

**BACKGROUND**

Tenders for Contract No: RFT 2021-02 Jerilderie Skate Park /Pump Track Darlington Point Mini Skate Bowl Design and Construction were invited by listing on Tenderlink from 15 June 2021, closing 10.00am 6 July 2021. Two (2) tenders were received at the time of closing. Details relating to the evaluation of the tenders are contained in a report to confidential section of today's Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council consider a separate confidential report on the Tender – Jerilderie Skate Park/Pump Track and Darlington Point Mini Skate Bowl Design and Construction - in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993.**

**OFFICER COMMENT**

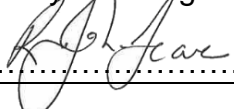

This report is to inform Council of the tender process for Contract No: RFT 2021-02 Jerilderie Skate Park /Pump Track and Darlington Point Mini Skate Bowl Design and Construction. In accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, some information should remain confidential as it would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as it may reveal commercial-in-confidence provisions of a contract, diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person, and/or prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests. This information will be considered under a separate confidential report.

**Tenders Received**

Tenders were received from the following:

<b>Tenderer</b>	<b>Location</b>
Haley Constructions Pty Ltd	Yackandandah Vic
Revolution Action Sports Concepts Pty Ltd	Caringbah NSW

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Details relating to the evaluation of the tenders are contained in the confidential report.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation

## **FINANCIAL**

Council proposes to fund the project wholly from grant funding which has been obtained under the Stronger Country Communities Funding and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Strategic Theme 3: Our Infrastructure – What we have built

Our community is well serviced and connected to well-planned built, social and community infrastructure, developed and maintained according to community and public safety needs and priorities and partnerships.

- 3.1 Responsible, sustainable asset management
- 3.2 Infrastructure (Council buildings and facilities) which meet community and public safety needs
- 3.3 Providing the community with open spaces to be active
- 3.4 Maintaining and improving transport infrastructure
- 3.5 Ensuring local utilities and communications infrastructure and connectivity meets future needs

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Ultimately the awarded tender and price will be public information.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

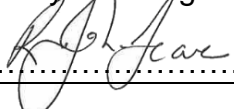

### Community Consultation

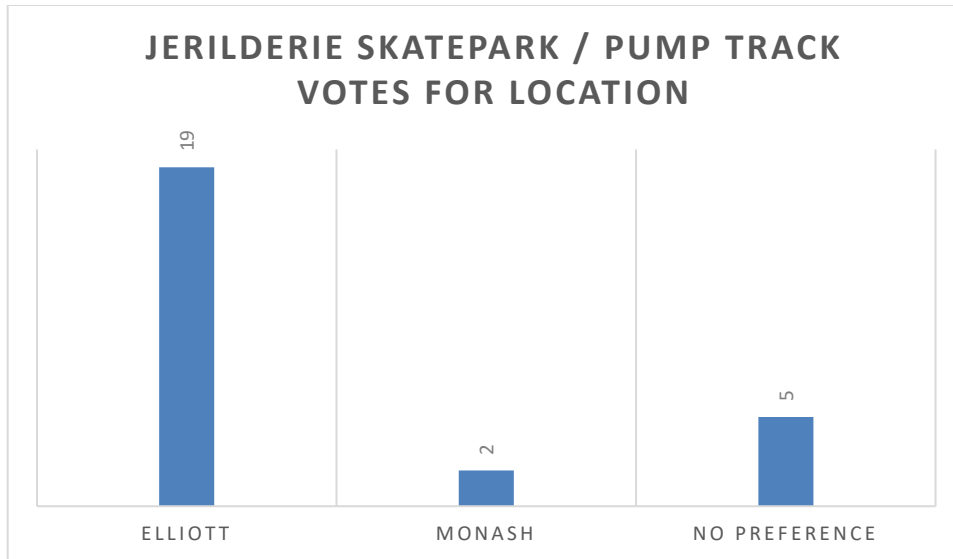
Community engagement has taken place in both Jerilderie and Darlington Point.

Jerilderie was consulted from 30 March 2021 – 21 April 2021. The feedback requested community input on the location, and is represented below:

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Darlington Point was consulted from 3 May 2021 – 17 May 2021. The feedback was unanimously in support of the proposal - that the proposed site for the mini speed bowl is to be next to the existing skate park.

**OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

## ITEM NO. 4 – CROWN LAND PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	15 June 2021
Author:	Consultant Town Planner
File #:	SC119
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to exhibit draft Plans of Management for Crown Land that are managed by Council. These plans, will be tabled at the meeting, and are either site specific or generic (where they cover multiple reserves of the same categorisation): They include:

- Areas of Cultural Significance (covering the Darlington Point Museum, the Jerilderie Court House, and The Willows)
- Central Coree Hall
- Balmeringa
- Darlington Point Riverside Caravan Park
- Jerilderie Common and Stock Route
- Natural Areas (covering the Pines Reserve, Cape Reserve, the Pump Station, Thurrowa Reserve and the Bunyip Hole Reserve)
- Lions Park
- Darlington Point Parks (Adrian Douglas Park, White Street playground and Chant Street playground)
- Jerilderie Racecourse and Showground
- Golf Courses (covering Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie)
- Monash Park
- Jerilderie Sports Centre

### RECOMMENDATION

**The draft Plans of Management for Crown Land managed by Murrumbidgee Council be endorsed to enable them to proceed to public exhibition.**

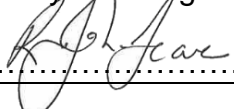

### OFFICER COMMENT

Under the provisions of Part 2 of the Local Government Act, 1993, all land vested with Murrumbidgee Council (with the exception of a road or land to which the Crown Land Management (CLM) Act applies) is classified as either community or operational.

As advised in the report to the Council Meeting of 23 February 2020, Council is obligated to assign one or more community land categories to Crown land, which align with those categories in Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (LG

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Act) and ultimately prepare a Plan of Management (PoM) for that land. The categorisations as confirmed by Crown Lands is set out in Attachment 2, and the Plans of Management have been prepared based on that letter.

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Murrumbidgee Council's role as a Crown Land Manager under the provisions of the CLM Act, is to ensure that land resources are to be shared equitably in accordance with the principles of environmental protection, conservation and ecological sustainability, public use and enjoyment, as well as encouraging multiple use of land. These obligations include identifying and assigning the most appropriate categorisation to reserves which Council manages, and prepare either a generic or a site-specific Plan of Management for the land.

- Local Government Act, 1993
- Crown Land Management Act, 2016

## **FINANCIAL**

The current project has no immediate financial implications for Council.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### Community Strategic Plan

#### Community

- Creating community opportunities and equitable access to Council and community services and programs

Ultimately, the development of PoMs for Crown land, including undertaking community consultation through public exhibition or, where required, a public hearing, will lead to public land being managed in a transparent manner to meet the needs of the community.

#### Environment

- Maintaining a balance between growth, development and environmental protection

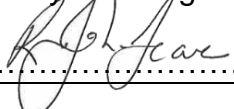

The fundamental purpose of the initial categorisation of the land and the subsequent Plan(s) of Management is to set the parameters that balance growth, development and environmental protection of community land.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Provided that the legislative requirements specified in the CLM Act and the LG Act and associated regulations are followed, there are no foreseeable risks.

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## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

### Internal Referrals

Manager, Planning & Environment

### External Referrals

There has been on-going dialogue with representatives from the Department regarding the processes involved in the *initial categorisation form to facilitate the developing of PoMs*.

### Public Notification

Council will be required to place on public exhibition any Plan of Management it wishes to adopt, and this may involve a public hearing.

## **OPTIONS**

### Option 1

The draft Plans of Management for Crown Land managed by Murrumbidgee Council be endorsed to enable them to proceed to public exhibition.

### Option 2

Any other resolution of Council.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

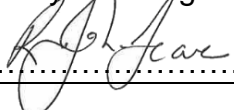

Attachment # 2: Letter from Crown Land advising of categorisation of Crown Reserves

Attachment # 3: Locality Maps

**Crown Land Plans of Management will be tabled at the meeting.**

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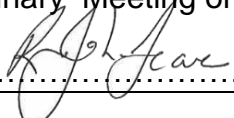



# REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

NIL

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# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

## ITEM NO. 5 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – JUNE 2021

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	20 July 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 30 June 2021.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 30 June 2021.**

### BACKGROUND

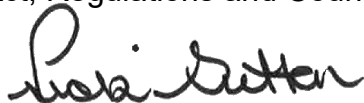
**Cash at Bank:** Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 30 June 2021 was \$27,957,148.15, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,920,191.05.

**Investments:** As at 30 June 2021, Council's total invested funds were \$25,036,957.10. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 0.21%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (57.80%), IMB Ltd (15.27%) and Suncorp Metway (8.26%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

### OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

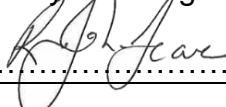
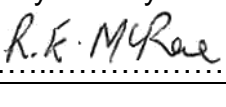
- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 June 2021;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.



Vicki Sutton  
Responsible Accounting Officer

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines).
- Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:**

Strategy 5.1.1

Provide leadership through ethical accountable and legislative decision making processes.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

General Manager

## **OPTIONS**

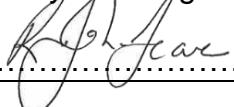

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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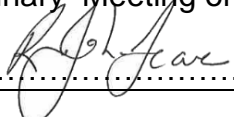

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<b>STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>2020-21 Consolidated</b>	<b>2019-20 Consolidated</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 May 2021</b>	<b>2,479,719.74</b>	<b>4,124,635.33</b>
ADD - Receipts - 30 June 2021	2,536.03	816,377.81
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	3,141,473.73	1,801,792.56
ADD - Cancelled	29,053.05	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	3,860.79
LESS - Cheques	-1,208.75	-1,281.96
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-1,061,916.48	-2,803,715.91
LESS - Payroll	-344,703.74	-320,704.31
LESS - Interbank Transfers	0.00	-25,840.21
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-1,986.05	-1,626.99
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Investments	-1,193,363.46	-890,261.17
LESS - Emergency Services Levy	-124,311.18	-88,405.51
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-4,816.09	-1,200.29
LESS - Fuel Card	-285.75	-66.13
LESS - Photocopy Rental	0.00	-329.58
<b>CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2021</b>	<b>2,920,191.05</b>	<b>2,613,234.43</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2021</b>	197,751.31	1,000,938.35
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	2,903,646.68	1,629,535.36
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	738.71	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	0.00	-2,784.31
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-181,945.65	-14,454.97
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
<b>CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2021</b>	<b>2,920,191.05</b>	<b>2,613,234.43</b>
Add Investments	25,036,957.10	24,621,172.72
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>27,957,148.15</b>	<b>27,234,407.15</b>
<b>Represented by:-</b>		
Trust Account	292,980.82	111,444.29
Water Fund	2,792,026.38	2,432,093.40
Sewer Fund	4,282,080.67	4,143,915.65
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	2,479,317.43	2,338,512.21
Plant Reserve	1,654,230.00	1,694,605.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,170,781.00	1,468,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	2,706,698.00	3,105,696.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	384,630.00	440,720.00
New Council Implementation Fund	186,715.95	528,755.67
Stronger Communities Fund	7,151,851.85	9,684,864.17
General Fund	<b>4,782,032.05</b>	<b>1,211,996.76</b>

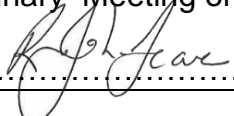

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

<b>30 JUNE 2021</b>				
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Matures</b>	<b>NO.</b>
ANZ-Les Wallis	46,087.62	0.10%	25-Aug-21	21
IMB Ltd	1,012,522.41	0.21%	08-Sep-21	22
NAB	502,593.69	0.05%	07-Sep-21	23
IMB Ltd	509,705.90	0.25%	20-Jul-21	24
IMB Ltd	700,000.00	0.25%	23-Aug-21	25
Bendigo	1,000,000.00	0.25%	09-Aug-21	26
St George	508,267.04	0.27%	03-Jul-21	27
Bendigo	813,278.08	0.20%	05-Oct-21	28
ANZ	821,403.56	0.15%	22-Sep-21	30
St George	750,000.00	0.22%	18-Aug-21	31
NAB	716,271.62	0.20%	22-Oct-21	32
SUNCORP METWAY	1,569,138.84	0.30%	29-Jul-21	34
Bendigo	803,169.46	0.10%	16-Jul-21	35
IMB Ltd	600,000.00	0.22%	20-Sep-21	36
Bendigo	3,527,869.20	0.25%	16-Sep-21	38
ANZ	819,126.58	0.15%	20-Jul-21	39
Bendigo	2,327,241.77	0.30%	16-Oct-21	40
SUNCORP METWAY	500,000.00	0.30%	09-Jul-21	41
NAB	510,281.33	0.22%	11-Jul-21	43
IMB Ltd	1,000,000.00	0.20%	26-Oct-21	44
Bendigo	6,000,000.00	0.30%	16-Jan-22	45
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>25,036,957.10</b>			
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.24%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	0.98%		
Average Interest Rates	2020/21	0.21%		
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD</b>				
SUNCORP	2,069,138.84	8.26%		
ANZ	1,686,617.76	6.74%		
Bendigo	14,471,558.51	57.80%		
IMB Ltd	3,822,228.31	15.27%		
NAB	1,729,146.64	6.91%		
St George	1,258,267.04	5.03%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,036,957.10</b>	<b>100%</b>		

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**ITEM NO. 6 – STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – JUNE 2021**

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	15 July 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC137
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's priority projects for the Stronger Communities Fund (SCF), rounds 1 and 2, have previously been set.

Under the terms of the funding deed, Council provided for grants in the amount of \$1,414,822 to local community organisations.

Council has also determined a further \$14,039,530 for the major projects component of the Stronger Communities Fund.

Interest on the unexpended component of the grant is to be included for Stronger Community Fund expenditure.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the contents of the report be noted.**

**BACKGROUND**

As at 30 June 2021, of the 55 community grants projects provided for, 53 are now complete, with some minor works still to be undertaken on one project. The Jerilderie Pre School project has been deferred, with funding to be expended for the fit out of the Long Day Care & Pre School Centre.

Of the further 36 major projects determined, 18 projects have been completed, with a further 15 commenced or nearing completion.

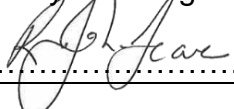

**OFFICER COMMENT**

The attached spreadsheet indicates the current position of all SCF funded programs as at 30 June 2021.

The projects not yet listed as commenced are the Coleambally Community Hall project and the town water supplies for Coleambally and Darlington Point, which are still awaiting the completion of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

NIL

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Quarterly updates are required to be provided to Council, with 6 monthly reports to the Office of Local Government.

## **FINANCIAL**

Council has reinvested into the funding pool an amount of \$844,880.00 in interest on the unexpended grant funds.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Amendment to overall project costing is required within the operational plan and delivery programmes for current and future years, based upon anticipated completion dates of projects.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

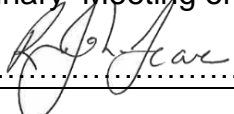

Management Group, Council and Community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 4: Stronger Communities Fund Grant Information at 30 June 2021.

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## ITEM NO. 7 – NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – JUNE 2021

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	21 July 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC59
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council originally received a grant of \$5m for the purpose of funding the work to be undertaken to merge the two Councils, with an additional amount of \$1,225,000 being received for specific purposes.

This report provides an update on expenditure to date of these tied and untied New Council Implementation Funds (NCIF).

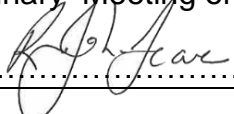

### RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the New Council Implementation Fund - June 2021 Report be noted.

### BACKGROUND

	Amended Budget	Expenditure (Jun 2021)
PMO Staffing	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,091
Asset Management	\$330,000	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$74,500	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,800,000	\$1,700,965
Policy Development	\$31,000	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and accommodation)	\$265,000	\$304,476
Marketing & Branding	\$92,500	\$92,440
Service Reviews	\$180,000	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$127,000	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,500	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$265,000	\$247,948
GIS Conversion Project	\$80,000	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$60,000	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,500	\$124,118
Provision for adjustment to new Salary System during 18/19	\$120,000	\$335,971
Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$425,000	\$369,386
Integrate & update LEP and DCP's	\$350,000	\$141,606
Provision of Integrated Risk Management Systems	\$150,000	

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Provision of project readiness-design briefs & estimates	\$300,000	\$296,686
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,225,000</b>	<b>\$6,038,284</b>

**OFFICER COMMENT**

The remaining funds from this project amount to \$186,716, with amalgamation of the Local Environmental Plan and associated works continuing.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Quarterly updates are required to be provided to Council, with 6 monthly reports to the Office of Local Government.

**FINANCIAL**

As detailed.

**INTEGRATED PLANS**

Amendment to overall project costing is required within the operational plan and delivery programmes for current and future years, based upon anticipated completion dates of projects.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

**CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

**OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

**ITEM NO. 8 – RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT –  
JUNE 2021**

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	15 July 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC165
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on rates and annual charges collection, showing totals for the initial levy, rebates applied, interest and legal costs incurred and total outstanding as at 30 June 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information contained in the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report at 30 June 2021 be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

	<b>Total</b>
Arrears brought forward	\$ 402,657
2020-2021 Levy	\$6,088,665
Less Pensioner Rebates	\$(105,178)
Interest and extra charges raised to 30/6/21	\$32,326
<b>Rates &amp; Charges to 30/06/21</b>	<b>\$ 6,418,470</b>
Amount Collected to 30/06/21	\$ (6,030,853)
<b>Total Outstanding (to 30/06/21)</b>	<b>\$ 387,617</b>

**OFFICER COMMENT**

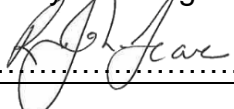

The percentage of rates and annual charges collected as at 30 June 2021 equates to 94% and is equivalent to the same period last year.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

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## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- Murrumbidgee Council Rates & Charges Hardship Policy.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### Community Strategic Plan

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

5.1.1 Provide leadership through ethical, accountable and legislative decision making processes.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Rates Officers

## **OPTIONS**

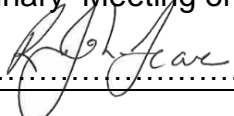

As per the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 9 – LOAN BORROWINGS AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	15 July 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	FY11
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information regarding the position of loan borrowings is provided for Council's information.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Loan Borrowings Report be noted.

### BACKGROUND

Loan No	Original Amount	Purpose	Outstanding At 30/06/21	Interest Rate	Repayment Per Annum	Maturity Date
Internal Loan	\$250,000	Real Estate Development	\$68,749	Variable	\$25,000.00 plus interest	1.04.2024

The above shows an outstanding loan balance at 30 June 2021 of \$68,749, being an internal loan from the Sewer Fund.

Interest repayments on the internal loan are calculated on the average interest earnings of Council's external investments each month.

### OFFICER COMMENT

The internal loan was sourced from Sewer Funds for the purpose of partially funding the development of Wunnamurra Estate Stage 2. This loan was approved by the Minister for Local Government in pursuance of Section 410(3) and 410(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

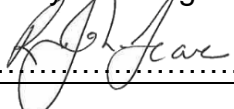

### SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines).

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## **FINANCIAL**

Loan repayments are currently within operational plan outcomes.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

Provide Leadership through Ethical, Accountable and Legislative Decision Making Processes.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

General Manager

## **OPTIONS**

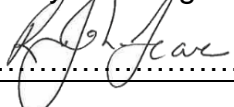

As per recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 10 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, JUNE 2021**

Council Meeting:	27 July 2021
Report Date:	8 July 2021
Author:	Manager, Planning & Environment
File #:	SC210
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during June 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, June 2021, Report be noted.

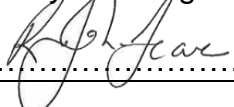

**BACKGROUND**

Application No	Address	Decision Date	Value	Decision
MOD DA7-2-18/19	Corner Jim Cattanach Rd/ Kidman Way Darlington Point	16/06/21	\$100,000	Approved (Delegation)
<b>Description:</b>		<b>Consideration in determining application:</b>		
Establishment of Sandpit for Extraction of Sand		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Transport for NSW were consulted in assessing the modification. Neighbour notification was not required.		
DA/CC 12-2021	38 Bencubbin Avenue Coleambally	07/06/21	\$65,000	Approved (Delegation)
<b>Description:</b>		<b>Consideration in determining application:</b>		
Skillion Additions to Storage Shed		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required.		
DA11-2021	6 Barwidgee Boulevard Darlington Point	22/06/21	\$25,000	Approved (Delegation)
<b>Description:</b>		<b>Consideration in determining application:</b>		
Residential Shed		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required.		

**ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 11 - TENDER – JERILDERIE SKATE PARK/PUMP TRACK AND DARLINGTON POINT MINI SKATE BOWL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Council Meeting:	13 July 2021
Report Date:	27 July 2021
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC365; SC138; SC442
Approval:	General Manager

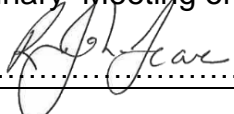

### RECOMMENDATION

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) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(d) i. Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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