

AGENDA

Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 2.00pm
Council Chambers, Jerilderie

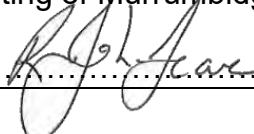
Attendees:	<p>Councillor Ruth McRae, Mayor Councillor Robert Black, Deputy Mayor Councillor Troy Mauger Councillor Faith Bryce Councillor Robert Curphey Councillor Tim Strachan Councillor Christine Chirgwin Councillor Judith Saxvik Councillor Hayley Heath</p> <p>General Manager, John Scarce Director Planning & Infrastructure, Garry Stoll</p>
Apologies:	
Minutes:	Executive Assistant, Julie Conn
Guests:	
Agenda Topics:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledgement of Country 2. Recording of Meeting 3. Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors 4. Confirmation of Minutes 5. Disclosure of Interest Declarations 6. Notice of Rescission 7. Notice of Motion 8. Mayoral Minute 9. Mayoral Report 10. Delegates' Reports 11. Officers' Reports for Consideration 12. Reports/Minutes of Council Committees 13. Officers' Reports for Noting 14. Questions with Notice 15. Meeting of Council in Confidential Session 16. Items without Notice 17. Closure

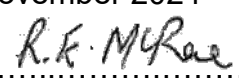
**REPORTS TO MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024**

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..... General Manager

..... Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We pay respect to the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Murrumbidgee Local Government Area, and to all Aboriginal Elders, past and present and emerging. We are committed to honouring the continuing connection that First Australians hold to Murrumbidgee's land, waters and community, as one of the oldest living cultures in human history.

RECORDING & WEBCASTING OF MEETING

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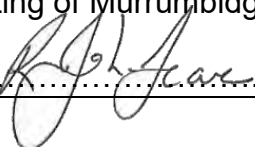
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DELEGATE'S REPORTS

UNVEILING OF "MONASH & THE BUSHRANGER" STATUE

Council Meeting	26 November 2024
Report Date:	18 November 2024
Author:	Deputy Mayor
File #:	SC197
Approval:	Mayor

Sunday 17 November 2024, was a momentous occasion for Jerilderie.

A large crowd gathered along Powell Street for the Albury Wodonga Pipes and Drums, to view the Riverina Light Horse Association, and a performance by the Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor. Lachie had both children and adults alike enthralled.

The re-enactment of the reported meeting of young John Monash (Evan Lawton) and Ned Kelly (Jim Lawton) was very convincing.

The address by Michael Bennett (great grandson of John Monash) and the unveiling of the statue by Dr Tony Fischer, brother of Tim, was appreciated by the large gathering of approximately 400 people.

Councillor Faith Bryce spoke confidently as the MC for the occasion, and led the formalities well. Thank you Councillor Strachan and Jane for being present.

Sincere thanks to Creative Director Ben Stonnill, the Anglican ladies and their helpers for a magnificent afternoon tea, Jerilderie APEX and Lions Clubs, and employees of Murrumbidgee Council for their support of this event.



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.....*R. J. [Signature]*..... General Manager

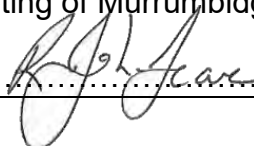
.....*R. E. [Signature]*..... Mayor

Lastly, and most importantly, congratulations to the Monash Committee of Gwen McLaughlin, Susan Neilan, Helen Huggins, Irene Wells and the late Heidi Heath who, through the generous donations of many, have made the dream of the magnificent bronze statue "Monash and the Bushranger" a reality.

A truly magnificent day.

Cr Robert Black
DEPUTY MAYOR

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

MARRAMBIDYA RIVER FEST

Council Meeting	26 November 2024
Author:	Deputy Mayor
File #:	SC26/SC135
Approval:	Mayor

Saturday 16 November 2024 was a marvellous opportunity to celebrate and immerse oneself in an array of Wiradjuri, First Nations culture set over the backdrop of the Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point.

With one of the warmest days on record this spring, over 150 people congregated in Fig Tree Park to experience a full program of culturally authentic and vibrant performances.

Koori Kinnections facilitated engaging weaving and possum skin workshops, served traditional bush tucker and involved attendees in cultural games at the foreshore of the town beach.

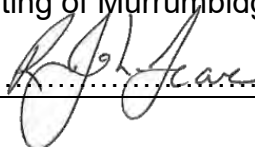
Children had the opportunity to have their face painted and make sand art at CWA Park or cool off and listen to a DJ at the Darlington Point War Memorial Swimming Pool.

Through our Murrumbidgee Open Streets Program, funded by NSW Department of Transport, we were able to provide the organisers, Burrundi Theatre, with partial funding for the day. I had the pleasure to speak on behalf of Council following the Welcome to Country by Meagan Wood, and am proud that we have been able to contribute to an event that showcases the heritage and diversity of our community.

Council recognise the cultural, social and economic impact of First Nations cultural tourism for our regional area. The Marrambidya River Fest provided our community and visitors an authentic opportunity to connect and create experiences locally in a culturally safe space, aligning with Council's Community Strategic Plan.

A sincere thanks Burrundi Theatre for facilitating an excellent event, Western Riverina Arts for their continued contribution to our community, all the artists and performers on the day and the employees of Murrumbidgee Council for their support of the event.

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Darlington Point Dancers

Cr Robert Black
DEPUTY MAYOR

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R. J. [Signature] General Manager

R. E. McRae Mayor

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	13 November 2024
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 information contained in the General Manager's monthly report be noted, and Council:

- a) Rescind the COVID19 Vaccination Policy, adopted by Council on the 29 March 2022, resolution number 29/03/2022, effectively immediately.
- b) Endorse the Community Engagement Strategy 2024-2028
- c) Endorse the submission on PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies, and submit same to the Upper House Select Committee.

1. COVID 19 Vaccination Policy

On 29 March 2022 Council enacted the COVID 19 Vaccination Policy, in short IT mandated the vaccination of staff members against the COVID19 virus.

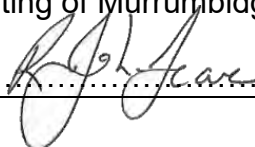
The policy played its part in keeping our essential services operational for the benefit of the community.

Many of the COVID19 mandates have been lifted by many organisations.

As a result of a question from Councillor Bryce as to the need to keep the policy, it was also raised by a Consultative Committee (CC) member Mr Peter Keating. It was spoken about at the CC meeting, and representatives of the Committee were to discuss with all employees their thoughts on keeping the policy.

The feedback received was overwhelming in support of rescinding the COVID19 Vaccination Policy, as such that is my recommendation to Council with the rescission effective immediately.

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Recommendation

Council rescind the COVID19 Vaccination Policy, adopted by Council on 29 March 2022, resolution number 29/03/2022, effectively immediately.

2. Council Housing Replacement

49 Barwidgee Boulevard, Darlington Point had its marketing commence, and I have been advised that there has been interest in the property. We will wait and see how the marketing progresses.

12 Argoon Street is still on track to be handed over to Council before Christmas. The Council staff are preparing now what they need to do once the builders leave, which involves concreting, fencing, irrigation system, lawns and landscaping.

3. Powell Street Jerilderie - One Way

Council is working with TfNSW on the design of the signage and lines to be placed on Jerilderie Street. I should be able to verbally update Council, as the meeting with TfNSW is taking place on 18 November 2024.

4. Community Engagement Strategy

The Community Engagement Strategy is submitted for Council's endorsement. This strategy is a key document that outlines our approach to engaging with the community, ensuring that all residents have the opportunity to participate in shaping the future direction of our Council area. It will serve as a guiding framework for the development of plans, policies, programs and other key initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the Community Engagement Strategy 2024-2028.

5. Albury Hospital

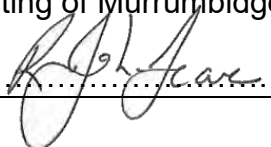
AlburyCity recently passed a resolution (7 to 2) against supporting, amongst other things, a greenfields single site hospital in Albury or Wodonga. It was presented to RAMJO, and RAMJO resolved to make the resolution available for member Councils to resolve.

The resolution is as follows:

Council:

1. Note that the planned redevelopment of Albury Hospital is not adequate to meet current, let alone future, community needs, and that planned and promised services have been cut since the project was announced;

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2. Supports the development of a fully funded, new single-site hospital for the Albury- Wodonga region in a suitable location in either Albury or Wodonga that, at a minimum, meets the requirements established by the 2021 Clinical Services Plan;
3. Calls on the State Governments of New South Wales and Victoria to pause the current redevelopment plans for the Albury Hospital and redirect efforts towards a fully funded, new single-site development in Albury-Wodonga;
4. Urgently seeks assurances from the New South Wales and the Victorian State Governments to allay the fears of our community that the \$558M investment allocated to the Albury Hospital will not be in jeopardy regardless of the form the new hospital may take;
5. Continues to call on the State Governments of Victoria and New South Wales to immediately provide interim solutions, such as modular wards and theatres and step- down beds, to address the ongoing capacity deficits;
6. Urgently communicates this position to the New South Wales and Victorian Ministers and Shadow Ministers for Health and the Federal Minister and Shadow Minister for Health;
7. Notes the positions already adopted by Wodonga Council, Indigo Shire Council, Alpine Shire Council, Towong Shire Council and Federation Council, and seek opportunities for collaboration in relation to this matter.

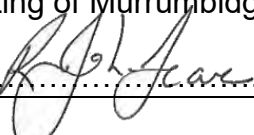
There are \$558M worth of upgrades currently underway. Albury is correct in saying the current investment does not meet the 2021 Clinical Service Plan which was developed, the current investment is short on operating theatres, short on beds, short on most everything. But you must ask yourself *“is this current investment only stage one?”* similar to Wagga Wagga which was redeveloped at the same site over a number of stages, and they are still building at Wagga Wagga today. We know the footprint health has at the Albury Hospital site is large enough, as the footprint is larger than Wagga Wagga.


The decision to support Albury on this matter is one for you to decide, not for me to recommend. Currently there is \$558M being invested. If Albury, and others, get their position, will the \$558M be taken to other projects, as money is tight. Would a better solution be to stop this objection immediately and work with all Governments to secure stages two and three and whatever other stage to meet the 2021 Clinical Service Plan by 2030.

Recommendation options:

1. Support AlburyCity, and pass resolution – points 1-7 above
2. Council supports the current decision of NSW and Victorian Health to invest in the existing Albury Hospital site as the single service facility for Albury Wodonga Health, and that we lobby for extra stages of funding to meet the 2021 Clinical Service Plan by 2030.
3. Take no position, not passing a resolution
4. Another resolution developed by Council

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6. Select Committee on PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies – Submission

An Upper House Committee has been established to inquire into and report on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies throughout NSW.

PFAS, commonly known as “forever chemicals”, have been detected in some of the State’s water catchments. These “forever chemicals” have been linked to cancer, interference with hormones and the immune system and developmental effects in children.

Submissions are now being called from interested stakeholders, closing 27 November 2024. Council’s Environmental Health Officer, Susie Leeds, has completed a submission on Council’s behalf.

I seek Council’s endorsement of same.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the submission on PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies, and submit same to the Upper House Select Committee.

7. Movements

Date	Meeting	Location
3 to 5 December 2024	Medical Procedure - Sick Leave	Melbourne
31 Jan to 2 Feb 2025	Strategic Planning Workshop	Albury
4 February 2025	Sturt Highway Taskforce	TBA
4 March 2025	Newell Highway Taskforce	Canberra

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

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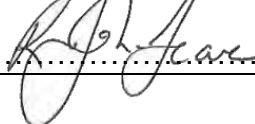
Option 2

Another recommendation of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 1: COVID 19 Vaccination Policy
Attachment # 2: Community Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2028
Attachment # 3: PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies in NSW – Parliamentary Submission
Attachment # 4: PFAS – Terms of Reference
Attachment # 5: PFAS – Media Release – Call for Submissions

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ITEM NO. 2 – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-24

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	5 November 2024
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As required by Section 419(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Murrumbidgee Council presents its audited financial reports and auditor's reports for the 2023-24 financial year.

Auditors from RSD Audit will be attending the meeting via video conference to present on the conduct of the audit and take questions as required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2024, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

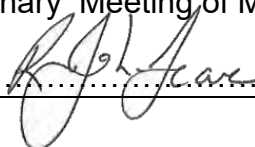
The financial statements, encompassing both the General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS) and the Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFS), were reviewed at the October 2024 Extraordinary Council Meeting, where the draft versions were initially presented.

The auditor's reports have now been received, which reflect an unmodified audit opinion.

Notably, this is a departure from the previous two sets of financial statements where the audit opinion was modified in relation to the Rural Fire Service firefighting assets. We note that there has been no change in Council's position nor in the accounting treatment of these assets; instead, the removal of the qualification is resultant from a change in the NSW Audit Office's assessment of materiality thresholds for this financial year.

During the audit process, the budget figures in the financial statements were found to have been misstated and were corrected. Additional commentary on material budget variations was added, and a number of other minor corrections were made.

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OFFICER COMMENT

The Consolidated Income Statement indicates an operating surplus for the year of \$7.7m for the year ended 30 June 2024. Although this is an increase on 2023's \$3.9m, the increase primarily relates to the accounting recognition of grant funds from capital projects during the financial year.

The Statement of Financial Position indicates total net assets of \$409.7m. The increase compared to 2023's \$378.8m figure substantially relates to increases in the fair value of Council's IPPE, recognised as a result of desktop valuations and indexation performed for Council's assets.

The total of cash, cash equivalents and investments on hand equates to \$32.1m compared to \$37.1m in the 2023 financial year.

Of these funds, \$19m is externally restricted, and a further \$12.9m is subject to internal restrictions. That is, Council's unrestricted cash as at 30 June 2023 was approximately \$145,000. Although this is below the \$1.5m target set by Council under the *Financial Reserves Policy* adopted in June 2023, Council held contract assets of \$3.6m as at 30 June 2024, being grant and similar works undertaken for which payment had not yet been received. This compares to a lower figure of \$1.4m in the prior year.

Performance ratios indicate the financial performance of the Council against defined industry benchmarks. All ratios, except for two, met or exceeded the benchmark, with the exception of the two ratios:

operating performance ratio, which was negative 13.39% compared to a target of 0% or more. This ratio excludes capital grants and contributions which make up a substantial component of Council's income and were particularly high for the 2023-24 financial year. It is also impacted by the inclusion of significant flood repair works which are treated as repairs.

own source operating revenue, which was 36.12% compared to a target of 60%. This is consistent with prior years, and is reflective of Council's reliance on grant funding and limitations in its ability to raise revenue.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

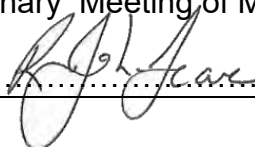
STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The financial statements are presented in accordance with section 419 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FINANCIAL

Financial information is contained within the audited financial statements.

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The presentation of these statements itself has no financial impact.

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 We have strong partnerships with our community, government and other stakeholders, and are seen as a trusted and reliable organisation.

5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent

5.1.4 Provide best practice financial, corporate and operational management and reporting that meets legislative requirements

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager
Finance Manager
Accountant
NSW Audit Office
RSD Audit

Public submissions in relation to the audited financial statements are to be received within 7 days of this meeting in accordance with section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Any submissions must be in writing and will be referred to the auditor, and Council may take such action as it considers appropriate with respect to any such submission.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

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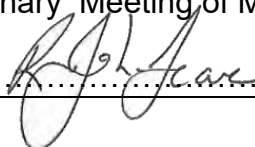
Option 2

Any other resolution of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 6:	2023-24 General Purpose Financial Statements
Attachment # 7	2023-24 Special Purpose Financial Statements
Attachment # 8:	2023-24 Special Schedules

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ITEM NO. 3 - ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	13 November 2024
Author:	Director Planning & Infrastructure
File #:	SC50
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* the Council is responsible for preparing an Annual Report within 5 months of the end of the financial year and submitting it to the Minister for Local Government. As Local Government elections were held in 2024, this Annual Report contains the State of the Area report as an appendix.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2023-2024 and the Report be published on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Report presents the outcomes and achievements of the Council's operational activities as outlined in the 2023-2024 Operational Plan. It highlights the progress in implementing the Delivery Program and assesses the effectiveness in meeting the community's expectations and strategic objectives.

This report outlines key achievements, across a range of areas, with performance indicators. It also provides insights into areas where further focus may be required and identifies opportunities for continued improvement.

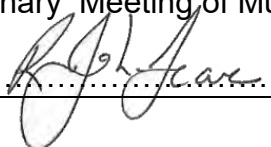
OFFICER COMMENT

The Annual Report contains comments and lists achievements and actions completed under the 2023-2024 Operational Plan. Information is provided on the achievements within each of the five key strategic pillars in the Community Strategic Plan:

1. Our identity – people and place
2. Our natural environment – sustainable living
3. Our built environment – liveable places
4. Our economy – creating our own opportunities
5. Leading by example

It also provides a financial summary that shows key income and expenditure for the financial year, with the full financial statements included in appendix A.

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Compliance is required with Section 428(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading by example

5.2 We build a collaborative culture by effective and meaningful engagement with the community.

Action 5.2.1.3 Deliver Council's Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) requirements, including the Delivery Program, Operational Plan & Annual Report

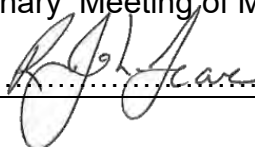
RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Manager
- Infrastructure Manager
- Manager Economic & Tourism Development
- Corporate & Community Services Manager
- Media & Communications Officer
- Executive Assistant
- Executive Technical Support Officer
- People and Culture Officer
- Tourism and Events Officer

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OPTION

Option 1 (recommendation)

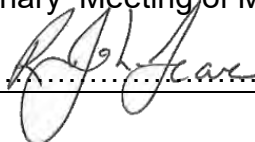
The Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2023-2024 and the Report be published on Council's website.

Note: Council is required, under the *Local Government Act 1993*, to submit an Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government by the end of November each year. Council may resolve to submit the Annual Report as presented or undertake changes as deemed necessary before lodging it with the Office of Local Government.)

ATTACHMENTS

The Annual Report for 2023-2024 will be provided under separate cover.

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ITEM NO. 4 – REQUEST TO SUSPEND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR 2024 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	21 October 2024
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC5, SC100
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The annual Australia Day celebrations in Jerilderie are held in and around the Civic Hall and Luke Park. As part of the celebrations, Council's permission for alcohol to be consumed in the area surrounding the Council Chambers, Civic Hall, Luke Park and Powell Street, is sought.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. **Allow the prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in the vicinity of the Council Chambers, Civic Hall, Luke Park and Powell Street to be lifted from midday to midnight on 26 January, 2024;**
2. **Allow the prohibition signs to be covered during the period of the celebrations;**
3. **Notify the local Police; and**
4. **Advertise Council's action.**

BACKGROUND

The area surrounding the Civic Hall and Luke Park is a designated alcohol-free zone. Traditionally this zone is suspended for the annual Australia Day celebrations.

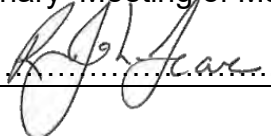
OFFICER COMMENT

Under Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council may establish an alcohol-free zone. However, Council may, at the request of any person or body or of its own motion, suspend the operation of an alcohol-free zone under Section 645 of the Local Government Act 1993.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Sections 644B and 645 of the Local Government Act, 1993

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 1.4 - Enhancing Health and Wellbeing

Strategy 1.5 - Creating a Safe Community

RISK MANAGEMENT

A risk assessment is completed by Council's Work Health & Safety and Risk Assessment Officer in conjunction with the Australia Day Committee.

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

Australia Day Committee

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council resolve to:

1. Allow the prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in the vicinity of the Council Chambers, Civic Hall, Luke Park and Powell Street to be lifted from midday to midnight on 26 January, 2025;
2. Allow the prohibition signs to be covered during the period of the celebrations;
3. Notify the local Police; and
4. Advertise Council's action.

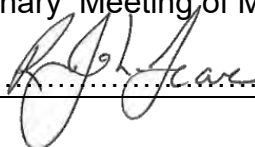
Option 2

Another recommendation of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 5 - QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2024

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	18 November 2024
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is the Quarterly Budget Review for the period to 30 September 2024, as required by the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting in accordance with clause 203 (3) of the Regulations.

A summary of proposed variations to the budget is included within the attachments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Budget Review be noted, and variances to the budget, as outlined therein, be approved.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council staff have prepared a Quarterly Budget Review for the quarter ended 30 September 2024.

OFFICER COMMENT

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review (QBR) Statement for Murrumbidgee Council for the quarter ended 30 September 2024 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2025 will be satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

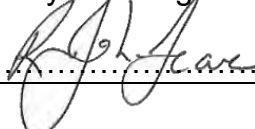
The cash has been reconciled with the bank statement, with the last reconciliation undertaken as at 31 October 2024.



Kaitlin Salzke
Responsible Accounting Officer
Murrumbidgee Council

18/11/2024
Date

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SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Made in accordance with Clause 203 (2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

FINANCIAL

The full list of variances proposed to the budget is included within the attachment.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent.

The QBR relates to the current Operational Plan.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Council Staff

OPTIONS

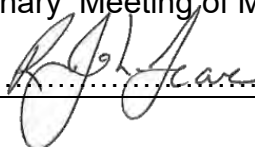
Option 1 (recommendation)

That the Quarterly Budget Review be noted, and variances to the budget, as outlined therein, be approved.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 9: September QBR - Proposed Changes
Attachment # 10: September QBR - Budget Review (year-to-date reporting against amounts inclusive of proposed changes)
Attachment # 11: September QBR - Projected Income Statement
Attachment # 12: September QBR - Projected Cashflow Statement
Attachment # 13: September QBR - Projected Cash & Investments

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ITEM NO. 6 - SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	9 November 2024
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC161
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A number of eligible properties are now proposed for sale for unpaid rates and charges under section 713 of the Local Government Act. These properties have rates and charges remaining unpaid for over 5 years.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council proceed with the sale of the following land for unpaid rates and charges, subject to the conditions of the Local Government Act 1993:

Lot 9, DP 2641	Lot 1 DP 1098861
Lot 2, DP 1144436	Lot 7 DP 79000
Lot 2, DP 317821	Lot 1 DP 1067148
Lots 1 & 2. DP 399918	Lot 16 DP 234758
Lot 1, DP 595132	Lot 1, DP 668706
Lot 1, DP 559776	Lot 1, DP 661756
Lot A DP 100868	Lot 1, DP 651723
Lot 425, DP 862112	Lot 1 DP 1037644
Lot 1, DP 107009	Lots 6 & 7, Section 9, DP 759030
Lot 4 DP 790300	Lot 10, Section 9, DP 759030
Lot 150 DP 237703	Lot 8, Section 9, DP 759030
Lot 380, DP 259779	Lot 5 Sec 2 DP 759030

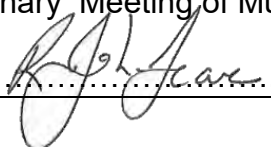
BACKGROUND

Under Section 713 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council may sell land at public auction if rates and charges remain unpaid or outstanding for a period of 5 years or more, or, if vacant land, if rates and charges have been unpaid for more than twelve months provided that the amount of such rates and charges are more than the land valuation it receives from the NSW Valuer-General.

OFFICER COMMENT

A number of properties have been identified that are now proposed for sale under the attached provisions.

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Note that up to any time prior to auction, Council may withdraw a property from sale if either all rates and charges are paid or an arrangement satisfactory to the Council for the payment of all rates and charges is entered into by the rateable person.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The proposed sale of properties for unpaid rates is in accordance with Section 713 of the Local Government Act, which allows Councils to sell properties with rates outstanding for more than five years.

In compliance with the Act, the General Manager must certify, in writing, details of the amounts owed on each eligible property, including relevant dates for each charge. There are also requirements with which Council must comply before selling the land, including providing public notice of the sale through both Government Gazette and newspaper publications and notifying all known stakeholders with interests in the properties.

FINANCIAL

The sale of these properties presents a financial opportunity for Council to recover long-outstanding debts, improving its cash flow and reducing the volume of unpaid rates on Council's balance sheet.

In cases where the sale proceeds exceed outstanding debts, surplus funds will be held in trust for any individuals or entities with prior ownership interests, as mandated by law.

INTEGRATED PLANS

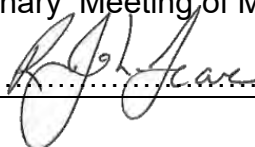
2025 Operational Plan:

- *Unpaid Rates Collection Review*
Review outstanding rates amounts and develop a strategy to pursue recovery of these amounts.

2022-2026 Delivery Program:

- *Deliverable 5.1.3* Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent.
- *Deliverable 5.1.4* Provide best practice financial, corporate and operational management and reporting that meets legislative requirements.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial Risks: Continued accumulation of unpaid rates impacts Council's financial performance and ability to meet community service obligations. The sale mitigates this risk by recovering debts, freeing funds for core operational needs.

Reputational Risks: Council acknowledges that the sale of properties may raise concerns within the community, particularly for properties associated with individuals experiencing financial hardship. Staff will continue engaging with affected ratepayers to explore alternative payment arrangements wherever possible, and up to any time prior to auction Council may withdraw a property from sale if either all rates and charges are paid or an arrangement satisfactory to the Council for the payment of all rates and charges is entered into by the rateable person

Legal and Compliance Risks: By strictly following the notification and certification requirements, Council minimises this risk and ensures a legally compliant process. Council may also consider engaging external specialists to ensure that all requirements are met.

Mitigation Strategies: Council has identified in its 2025 Operational Plan a need to develop a *Debt Recovery Policy* to ensure early engagement with ratepayers.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Rates Officer

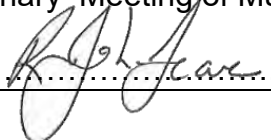
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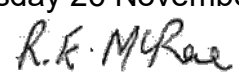
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Option 2

Council may choose to exclude some of the above properties from the sale process.

Option 3

Do nothing. Council may choose not to proceed with the sale of land for overdue rates and charges.

Option 4

Any other resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO: 7 - WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL APPOINTMENTS

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	6 November 2024
Author:	Director Infrastructure & Planning
File #:	SC212-002
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

Regional Planning Panels are independent bodies that strengthen decision making on regionally significant development applications and other planning matters, including certain planning proposals and Aboriginal land planning. Determinations made by the Planning Panels are not subject to the direction of the Minister for Planning.

The 3 year appointment of our Western Regional Planning Panel delegates, Mayor Ruth McRae and Deputy Mayor Robert Black, expires in December 2024. Council is now required to nominate delegates for the 3 year term December 2024 to December 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

Council nominate 2 delegates and up to 4 alternate delegates to the Western Regional Planning Panel for a 3 year term, December 2024 to December 2027.

BACKGROUND

The Western Regional Planning Panel was created in September 2009, and was originally known as the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel.

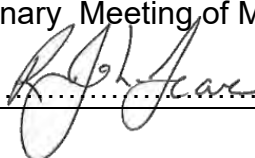
Regional Planning Panels operate in the following four regions of the State:

- Hunter and Central Coast
- Southern
- Northern, and
- Western

In the Greater Sydney Region, a Sydney District Planning Panel operates for each district:

- Sydney Eastern City
- Sydney Central City
- Sydney Western City
- Sydney North, and
- Sydney South

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The Planning Panels

The principal functions of Planning Panels are to determine regionally significant development applications and undertake rezoning reviews of planning proposals. Other functions of Planning Panels include:

- Determining modification applications for regionally significant development
- Determining Crown development applications
- Determining development application reviews
- Undertaking independent proposal reviews for specific Local Aboriginal Land Council lands
- Preparing planning proposals if they are directed to be the planning proposal authority
- Advising the Minister or the Secretary on other planning and development matters when requested

The Department is strengthening Planning Panels to ensure there is less certainty about who will be on a panel and make it harder to predict who will make decisions on projects. Along with other changes, this will help stamp out the potential for improper influence and lobbying.

The Department has updated the Operational Procedures to:

- encourage a minimum of 4 alternate Council members
- require members to rotate regularly to ensure randomisation
- require probity checks, including police checks, and a statutory declaration for Council-nominated members to sign, ensuring they are not property developers

Mayor Ruth McRae and Deputy Mayor Robert Black are Council's Western Regional Planning Panel delegates for the 3 year term to December 2024.

Council is now required to nominate 2 delegates for the 3 year term December 2024 to December 2027. In view of the Department's recommendation, Council may wish to consider also nominating up to 4 alternate Council members, to enable regular rotation.

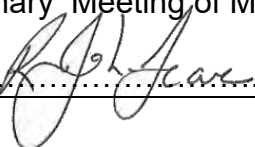
SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Sydney District and Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures - State of New South Wales through the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (November 2022) - NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

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FINANCIAL

Currently Council's Panel members do not receive fees when they attend Panel meetings.

INTEGRATED PLANS

4.1.2.2 Encourage strong partnerships between businesses, education and government agencies

5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision making that is ethical, accountable and transparent

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

Council nominate 2 delegates and up to 4 alternate delegates to the Western Regional Planning Panel for a 3 year term, December 2024 to December 2027.

Option 2

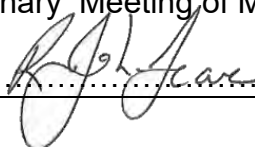
Another recommendation of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 14: NSW Government Planning Panels – Sydney District & Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedure November 2022

Attachment # 15: Department of Planning and Environment FAQ – Planning Panel Changes October 2022

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ITEM NO. 8 - PROPOSED AMENDED YANCO DELTA WIND FARM VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	19 November 2024
Author:	Director Planning & Infrastructure
File #:	SC210
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to place on public exhibition an amended Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) applying to the Yanco Delta Wind Farm (SSD 41743746) which proposes to change the details of the developer from the Yanco Delta Wind Farm Pty Ltd (Virya Energy Pty Ltd) to the Yanco Delta WF Project Pty Ltd ABN 42 676 356 915 as Trustee for the Yanco Delta WF Project Trust.

RECOMMENDATION

Council place on public notification the amended Voluntary Planning Agreement applying to the Yanco Delta Wind Farm State Significant Development 41743746, which proposes to change the details of the developer to the Yanco Delta WF Project Pty Ltd ABN 42 676 356 915 as Trustee for the Yanco Delta WF Project Trust, for a period of twenty eight (28) days.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved in April 2024 to enter into a VPA with Yanco Delta Wind Farm Pty Ltd relating to State Significant Development 41743746.

OFFICER COMMENT

Entering into the VPA will result in the funding of the construction of a new Medical Centre in Jerilderie to the amount of \$5,000,000 as per Schedule 1 under Council's Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan.

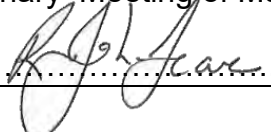
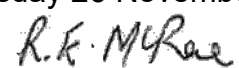
SUSTAINABILITY

The construction of a new Medical Centre in Jerilderie will significantly increase the sustainability of Jerilderie and surrounds well into the future.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

In accordance with Clause 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, a planning agreement cannot be amended, unless public notice has been

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given of the proposed agreement, amendment or revocation, and a copy of the proposed agreement, amendment or revocation has been available for inspection by the public for a period of not less than 28 days.

FINANCIAL

Costs associated with the preparation of the VPA have been the responsibility of the developer.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Action 1.1.4.4 Seek possible funding sources (grant funding, developer contributions) for the construction of a new Doctor's surgery in Jerilderie.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION

The amended VPA and an explanatory note will need to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

Council place on public notification the amended Voluntary Planning Agreement applying to the Yanco Delta Wind Farm State Significant Development 41743746, which proposes to change the details of the developer to the Yanco Delta WF Project Pty Ltd ABN 42 676 356 915 as Trustee for the Yanco Delta WF Project Trust, for a period of twenty eight (28) days.

Option 2

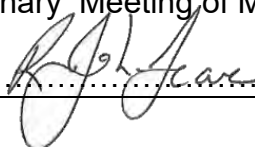
Another recommendation of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 16: Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement

Attachment # 17: Voluntary Planning Agreement Explanatory Note

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ITEM NO. 9 – REPORT ON MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT STATISTICS

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	7 November 2024
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC222
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a statutory obligation to report, on an annual basis, information in relation to any code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager. This report serves to assist Council in meeting this obligation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note:

- a) **there were no code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024; and**
- b) **these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct.**

OFFICER COMMENT

Under Section 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct, adopted 26 July 2022, the complaints coordinator must, within 3 months of the end of September each year, report statistics in relation to any code of conduct complaints made about Councillors and the General Manager to both Council and the Office of Local Government. The reporting period applicable to this report is from 1 September 2023 until 31 August 2024. Council did not receive any code of conduct complaints during the reporting period.

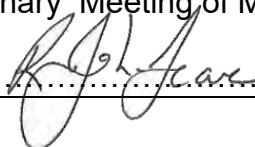
SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Leading by Example

5.1 We have strong partnerships with our community, Government and other stakeholders and are seen as a trusted and reliable organisation.

5.1.4 Provide best practice financial, corporate and operational management and reporting that meets legislative requirements.

5.1.4.1 Ensure Council's policies and processes meet the current legislation, statutory and regulatory requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTION

Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council note:

- a) there were no code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024; and
- b) these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 18: Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics, 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024

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ITEM NO. 10 - WESTERN RIVERINA REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	12 November 2024
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	SC135
Approval:	Director of Planning & Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

The Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) is a collaboration between Griffith City, Leeton Shire, Murrumbidgee Council and Narrandera Shire Council and their communities, working together to advance the region's resilience to the impacts of drought. Stage one is development of a plan and stage two is implementation of the plan, with funding allocated to each stage. Narrandera Shire Council is the lead for the consortium.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the Western Riverina Consortium Regional Drought Resilience Plan for submission to the NSW Government.

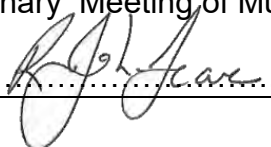
BACKGROUND

The RDRP program is being delivered across Australia and is one of five focus areas of the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund. The NSW RDRP program is also jointly funded by the NSW Government, supporting Local Governments to work together regionally to plan for drought resilience, proactively and pragmatically.

The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase understanding of the region's current and future drought resilience, considering the region's unique economic, environmental, and social characteristics.
- Recognise the interdependent nature of the local economy, community health and wellbeing and environmental sustainability through the drought cycle and across business types.
- Understand local signals and drought priorities in the community's voice.

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- Combine local knowledge with resilience and risk data and information to make informed decisions.
- Identify actions, pathways and opportunities to improve regional drought resilience, mitigate risks and adapt to change.
- Help the Western Riverina consortium of Councils and regional organisations to be in a stronger position to implement strategic actions and support partnerships that drive enhanced drought resilience.
- Develop concrete actions to address and mitigate short-term and long-term drought impacts.

Councils were grouped into consortia primarily based on their Functional Economic Region (FER) boundaries. They have been deemed eligible because they have been identified as being vulnerable to drought, with a strong reliance on agriculture.

The adopted plan will need to be approved by the NSW Government and the Australian Government.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Plan introduces the following six strategic pathways:

- Anticipate water availability
- Proactively manage business interests
- Support off-farm diversity
- Grow local co-operative service provision
- Support community cohesion
- Embed environmental stewardship and sustainable agricultural practises

Under each Strategy, the Plan identifies a number of specific actions and mechanisms to achieve each strategy.

SUSTAINABILITY

The key principle of the adopted Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan is to empower regional communities to plan and act early to risks associated with drought. The plan seeks to present a holistic approach to prepare our communities for future droughts, with a focus on building economic, environmental, and social resilience.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act, 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005
- EP&A Act, 1979

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.....*R. J. [Signature]*..... General Manager

.....*R. E. [Signature]*..... Mayor

FINANCIAL

This project was funded jointly through the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund and the NSW Government, enabling the Western Riverina consortium to deliver a Regional Drought Resilience Plan for this region.

Western Riverina Consortium Regional Drought Resilience Plan	
Regional Drought Resilience Plan development	\$210,000
Regional Drought Resilience Plan implementation (conditional)	\$350,000
Total	\$560,000

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2023

Themes:

2. Our natural environment - sustainable living
5. Leading by example

RISK MANAGEMENT

- Identifying which projects are a priority to undertake, and how the funds will be allocated to projects which are due for completion November 2025.
- Successful implementation of the plan will rely on the establishment of an active project control group (PCG) that has a wide collection of stakeholder representation.
- Council's available resources to participate in the PCG and deliver projects.
- The amount of projects that identify Council as the main project stakeholder, and the consortium's ability to deliver on those projects.

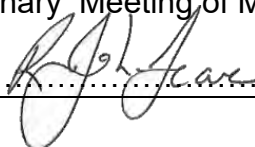
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Community and stakeholder engagement was undertaken through:

- An online community and business survey - There were 73 responses to the online community and business survey.
- Community, industry and government workshops in Coleambally on Tuesday 2 July and Tuesday 24 September 2024.
- Drop-in sessions – one held in Jerilderie on Tuesday 2 July and one in Darlington Point on Monday 1 July 2024
- Targeted interviews/discussions with community, industry and services representatives, including Coleambally Irrigation Cooperative Limited and Coleambally Chamber of Commerce.

These activities were promoted via Council's website, direct mail-out, media release, social media, and posters.

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The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) commissioned CSIRO to undertake a review of each Regional Drought Resilience plan. Feedback for the draft plan from CSIRO was received in October and updates were made.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

Council endorse the Western Riverina Consortium Regional Drought Resilience Plan for submission to the NSW Government.

Option 2

Decline the Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan, which will result in a lapse of contractual agreement as per the NSW Government Grant Deed executed by Council.

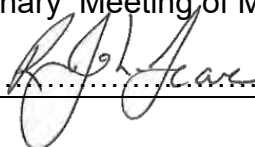
Option 3

Any other resolution of the Council

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 19: Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 11 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	14 October 2024
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Monash Room on Monday 14 October 2024, commencing 4.00pm

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Jackie Molloy, Polly Fisher, Chris Girdwood, Pat Godfrey, Isabell Milne, Wendy Hurd, Bridget Knight.

Apologies: Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Joan Ferris, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Garry Borger, Margaret Borger, Pat Read, Sadie Herrick, Lorraine Keyes, Wilbur McGuinness, Odette McGuinness, Ruth McRae, Michelle Read, Lyn Gillard, Loretta Marriott, Chris Powley, Tania Roe.

Moved: Polly Fisher. Seconded: Jackie Molloy that the apologies be accepted.

Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of: Wendy Hurd, Seconded: Faith Bryce.
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Council workers thanked for the major rose pruning at cemetery.

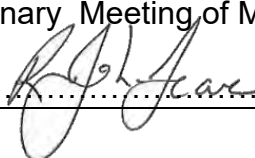
Treasurer's report as tabled: Nil report tabled.

Business Arising from the Treasurer's report:

- Received cheque from APEX for approximately \$1500 being for clean up after B&S Ball.
- Books have been audited and report sent to Council.

Moved: Faith Bryce, Seconded: Wendy Hurd, that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted and accounts be passed for payment.
Carried.

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Correspondence: As read out by Wendy Hurd.

Inwards:

- Jerilderie Portsea Camp c/tee – donation \$660 per child.
- Regional Champions Hub newsletter re TPC
- Email from Middy's Electrical Deni re solar floodlights.
- KAB invitation to NSW Congress 28-29 August Sydney.
- Email from Council Parks & Gardens, Aaron Dale re thanks for roses and for the pruning we did.
- Council – Terms of reference & management committee guidelines re section 355.
- Email from Sue Mitchell, Corporate & Community Services Manager, with letter dated 27/2/24 wanting a meeting with TT rep to discuss the operational manual etc. Apologies were sent re missing this being sent in February.

Outwards:

- Email to Members with catch up news on what has happened since last meeting.
- Email to Sue Mitchell requesting printable proformas of committee guidelines.
- Further email sent as a follow up of previous email. Information then received.

Business arising out of Correspondence:

- NIL

Moved: Pat Godfrey Seconded: Faith Bryce that correspondence be accepted.

Carried.

General Business:

- Portsea Camp discussion. We donate to it. Will refer to Richard Wright.
- Faith made a motion to donate \$500 to Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee.

Motion carried.

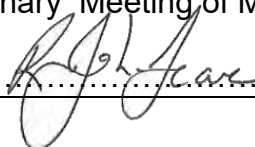
- Garden Competition forms handed out and to be returned to Eden for collation results.

Action Item: Working Bee before Remembrance Day. Sunday October 27 at 9.00am to tidy up Remembrance Garden.

Action Item: Raffle to be held November 15, 2024. Sadie will send out a timetable. We will hold the raffle outside of IGA. Sadie will email for contributions to be dropped off to her by November 10, 2024. Prizes are spring themed and garden related.

- Christmas Meeting to be held Monday December 2, 2024 at the Royal Mail Hotel. Time to be decided at next meeting.
- Elliot Park has been nominated for an award from Crown Lands for the use of the land.

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Meeting Closed: 4.30pm
 Next Meeting: AGM
 At: The Monash Room Jerilderie Library.
 Time: 4.00pm

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 President Date 04/11/24

TREASURER'S REPORT

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

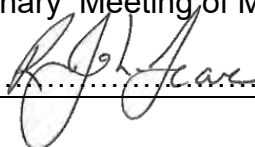
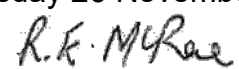
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Account QuickReport As of October 14, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
BENDIGO BANK A/C							
Cheque	8/2/2024	112	R WRIGHT	MOWER F...	-SPLIT-	-39.73	12,734.55
Deposit	10/11/20;			Deposit	Unrestricted	1,500.00	12,694.82
Total BENDIGO BANK A/C						1,460.27	14,194.82
TOTAL						1,460.27	14,194.82

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 General Manager  Mayor

ITEM NO. 12 - AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: 26 November 2024
Report Date: 21 October 2024
Author: Chair ARIC
File #: SC130
Approval: Chief Financial Officer

Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 October 2024, commencing 10.00am.

1. Present

Ms Linda MacRae (Chair)
Mr Steven Pinnuck (via video link)
Cr Troy Mauger
Cr Ruth McRae
Cr Robert Black
General Manager, John Scarce
Chief Financial Officer, Kaitlin Salzke
Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton
Accountant, Dale Powell
Nick Bell of RSD (via video link)
Dylan Murray of RSD (via video link)
Lawrissa Chan of NSWAO (via video link)

Chair Linda MacRae welcomed to the meeting Councillor Troy Mauger, appointed as Council's delegate to the Committee, replacing Councillor Robert Black.

2. Apologies

WHS & Risk Officer, Janelle Dickson

The apology was noted and accepted.

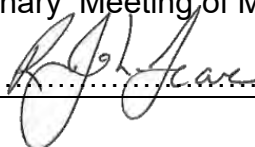
3. Declaration of Interest NIL

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting 27 May 2024

The minutes of the meeting of 27 May 2024, as presented, were noted and adopted.

5. Business Arising NIL

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6. External Audit

6.1. Interim Management Letter 2023-24

Noted

6.2. RSD – External Audit Update

6.3. Draft 2023-24 Financial Statements

6.3.1. General Purpose Financial Statements

6.3.2. Special Purpose Financial Statements

6.3.3. Special Schedules

Nick Bell of RSD advised that he anticipates that the audit engagement closing report will be finalised by end of this week, and circulated to ARIC, with the audit management letter expected to be circulated within the next 2-3 weeks. Both these documents to be formally considered by ARIC at its next meeting.

NSWAO representative, Lawrissa Chan, advised that the Audit Office has reviewed the audit file, in readiness for the audit certification by 31 October 2024.

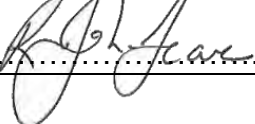
ARIC requested that Council be advised of the following:

- That the draft suite of the 2023-24 financial statements and schedules have been reviewed and considered in detail by ARIC.
- That ARIC acknowledged that Council's restricted cash position of \$143K, as disclosed in Note C1-3 of the General Purpose Financial Statements, is negatively impacted by \$3.5M disclosed as a current asset receivable (contract assets and contract cost assets) in the Statement of Financial Position (ie the cash has not yet been received for this receivable).
- That Council's financial position is significantly reliant upon the receipt of annual operational (in addition to the Financial Assistance Grant) and capital government grants, These grants are difficult to quantify when setting Council's annual and forward budgets.

The Chair, Committee Members and the General Manager recognised the extensive amount of work involved in the preparation of the draft suite of the 2023-24 financial statements and schedules which were submitted to today's meeting. The Committee commended, and expressed its thanks, to Kaitlin Salzke, Chief Financial Officer and the Finance Team including Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton and Accountant, Dale Powell (present at today's meeting).

The Chair formally thanked Nick Bell and Dylan Murray of RSD and Lawrissa Chan of the NSW Audit Office for their work on the 2023/24 audit.

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7. Internal Audit

7.1. Internal Audit Update - Work Health & Safety and Organisational Culture Audit

Noted the draft Work Health & Safety and Organisational Culture Audit report has been received and the Chief Finance Officer will endeavour to submit the finalised report to the next meeting of ARIC.

8. Other Reports

8.1. Murrumbidgee Council WHS Meeting Minutes 11 September 2024 Noted

8.2. Murrumbidgee Council WHS & Risk Report January - June 2024

Note: Level of information which includes staff names is not required for presentation to ARIC

At 11.40am Vicki Sutton and Dale Powell departed the meeting.

8.3. Monthly Investment Report – September 2024

Noted – The General Manager advised that Council was considering a revised Investment Policy at the Council Meeting on 22 October 2024. This revised Policy to be considered by ARIC at its next meeting.

8.4. Excess Annual Leave Report

The significant improvement in the annual leave outstanding was noted.

8.5. Business Continuity & ICT Disaster Planning Update Noted

8.6. GM Report **CONFIDENTIAL**

Verbal report presented by the General Manager and noted by the Committee.

9. General Business

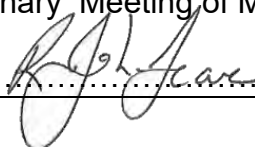
2024 - CIP Report - for presentation to the next meeting of ARIC.

Thanks Councillor Robert Black

On behalf of the Committee, Chair Linda MacRae thanked former Council delegate to ARIC, Councillor Robert Black.

The Chair commended Councillor Black's commitment and support to the Committee. His representation of Council's position on many issues was greatly appreciated by the Committee. The ongoing support of Councillors is essential to ensure that ARIC can continue to provide the Council with independent assurance and assistance to it regarding the responsibilities contained in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

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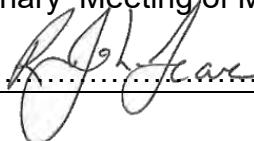
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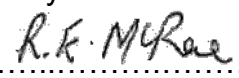
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10. Next Meeting:

Tentative - 9 December 2024 - Council Chambers, Jerilderie

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ITEM NO. 13 - MONASH PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	23 October 2024
Author:	Monash Park Advisory Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Director Planning & Infrastructure

Minutes of the meeting held at the Monash Park Clubrooms on Wednesday 23 October 2024, commencing 11.00am

- 1. Present:** Carson Thomas- Jerilderie Football Netball Club, Councillor Troy Mauger, Vicki Sutton, Garry Stoll, Justin Williams, Heidi Bryce (Minutes)
- 2. Apologies:** Councillor Ruth McRae and Eden Hercus-Jerilderie Netball co-ordinator, Kerrie McLennan – Jerilderie Cricket Club
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes 20 June 2019:** (attached)
Moved Vicki Sutton seconded Troy Mauger

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- Exhaust fan not rectified, been serviced but too loud to use
- Security cameras – working
- Compliance with dogs – ongoing issue

5. Monash Park Master Plan:

Review of Master Plan (attached)

- Updated to include netball change rooms and power upgrade

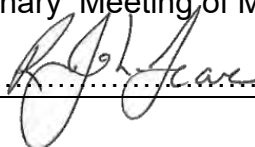
Existing Items to add

- Football warm up area
- Add athletics area in north east corner

Wish list

- Concrete path from verandah to netball courts
- Purchase old bowling green lots to utilise as parking and allow more area for game day warm up.
- Upgrade external/internal PA system

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- Tearoom upgrade including modernisation, bifold doors, one kitchen etc – Shamsul has completed some initial plans for the tearooms Council to further develop these, Susie (EHO) to be referred the plans also for comment.
- Move timekeepers box stairs to side of building
- Set up designated area for food vans etc. with power available
- 15AMP Power at scoreboard – Council to work on best approach
- Electronic scoreboard for Netball Courts – look at fixed ones
- Future of grandstand and existing netball change rooms to be determined

6. Users' Agreement:

- JFNC to provide notes on the User Agreement
- Consumables need to be specified for amenities
- Keep item relating to keys

7. Correspondence

Inwards Correspondence:

Email from Eden Hercus - Jerilderie Fun Fair Committee items and Jerilderie Netball co-coordinator items

8. Grants

- Eden is applying for a grant on behalf of the JFNC for the old netball change rooms to be converted into a Multipurpose room.
- Plans and costings needs to be completed for the tea rooms to ensure grants can be applied for when they become available

9. Maintenance items

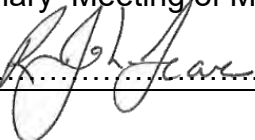
- Eastern side fencing to have roller access point reinforced to allow for pedestrian safe use
- Works to grandstand
- Drainage
- Shelving in canteen storeroom
- Some oval sprinklers need height adjusted

10. Club Activities

Jerilderie Cricket Club

- The Jerilderie Cricket Club has not fielded any senior nor junior cricket teams for the past two summers, so their future is unclear. Will be meeting in the new year to assess their position.

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11. General Business

Nil

12. Next meeting

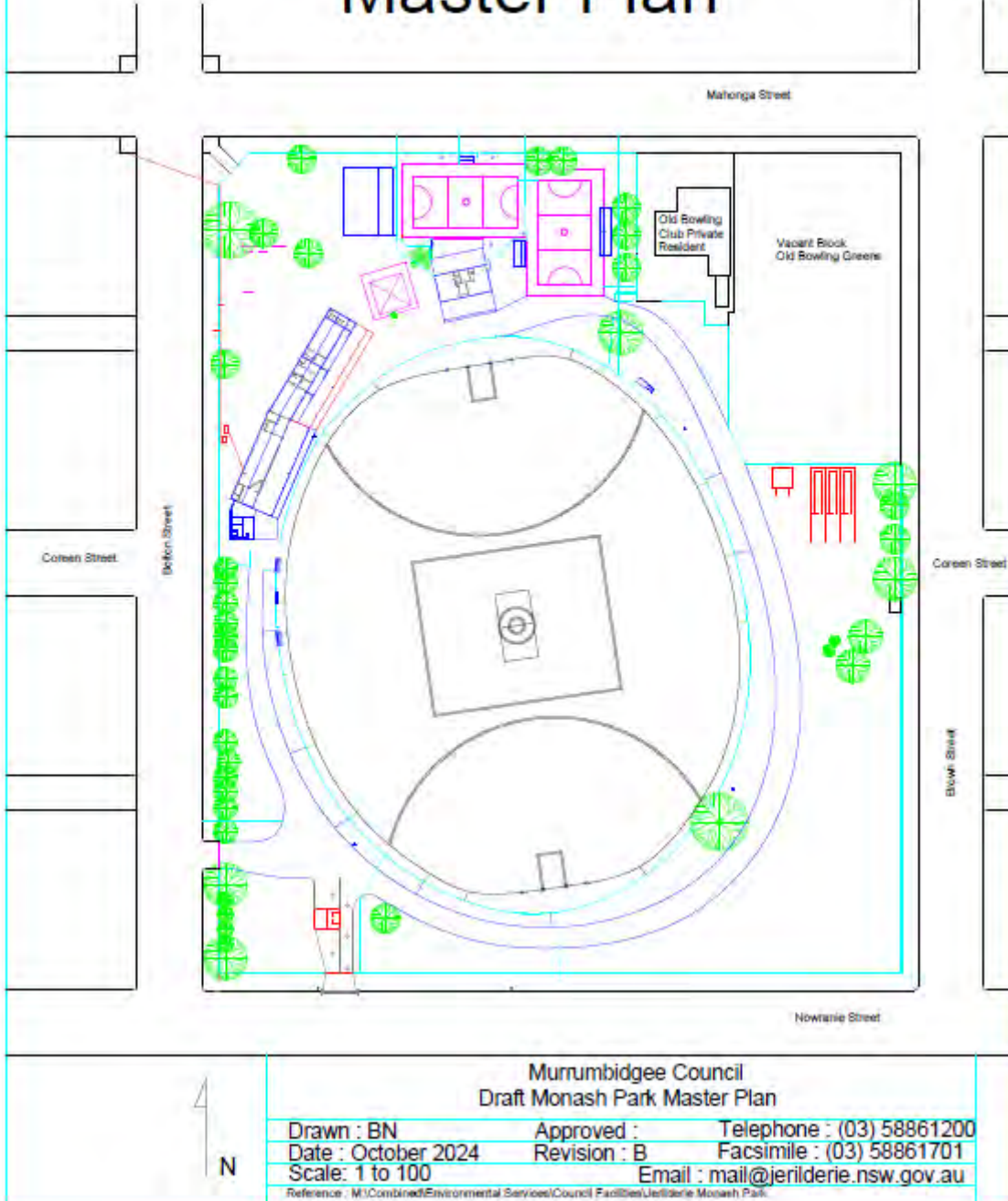
- February 2024 – date to be confirmed

Closure

The meeting closed at 12pm

Monash Park

Master Plan



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R. J. [Signature] General Manager

R. E. McRae Mayor

ITEM NO. 14 - STURT HIGHWAY TASKFORCE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: 26 November 2024
Report Date: 29 October 2024
Author: General Manager
File #: SC318
Approval: General Manager

Minutes of the meeting held in the JB Driscoll Room, Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club, Narrandera on Tuesday 29 October 2024

9.15am Morning tea
9.30am Meeting commenced

WELCOME

Mayor Neville Kschenka (Narrandera Shire Council) welcomed delegates to the meetings of the Sturt and Newell Highway Taskforces.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

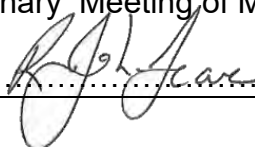
Chair, Councillor Ruth McRae OAM (Murrumbidgee Council) acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and paid respect to Elders past and present.

ATTENDEES

Guests The Hon. Jenny Aitchison, MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, NSW, accompanied by her advisor Wendy Fitzgibbon.

Balranald Shire Council	Cr Louie Zaffina	Mayor	On line
	Glenn Carroll	Director Governance, Business & Community Services	On line
	David McKinley	Director Infrastructure & Planning	On line
Hay Shire Council	Cr Carol Oataway	Mayor	In person
	David Webb	General Manager	In person
Narrandera Shire Council	Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor	In person
	Cr Peter Dawson	NH Taskforce Delegate	In person
Leeton Shire Council	Cr Michael Kidd	Deputy Mayor	Attending
	Silas Darby	Director Operations	Attending
Murray River			

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Murrumbidgee Council	Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor	In person
	Cr Robert Black	Deputy Mayor	In person
	John Scarce	General Manager	In person
Wagga Wagga City Council	Cr Dallas Tout	Mayor	In person
	Peter Thompson	General Manager	In person
Wentworth Shire Council	Cr Daniel Linklater	Mayor	On line
TfNSW	Joanne Cheshire	Senior Manager, Community & Place Partner – Riverina Murray	In person
	Cassandra Ffrench	Regional Director, South Region	In person
NSW Police	Jason Dunn	District Inspector Murrumbidgee Police District	In person
Deputy Leader of Opposition and Federal Member for Farrer	Lachlan McIntyre Representing Hon Sussan Ley MP		On line
Member for Cootamundra	Margaret Lee representing Hon Steph Cooke MP	Electoral Officer	On line

APOLOGIES

Hon Sussan Ley, MP	Deputy Leader of the Opposition Federal Member for Farrer	Apology
Ms Steph Cooke MP	Member for Cootamundra	Apology
George Cowan	General Manager	Apology
Shane Wilson	Deputy GM Infrastructure, Narrandera Shire	Apology
Jason Clark	Inspector, NSW Police OIC Leeton, Narrandera & Barellan Murrumbidgee Police District	Apology
Anthony Hayes	Transport for NSW	Apology
Jack Boyd	Director of Infrastructure, Murray River	Apology

The apologies be accepted.

Newell Highway Taskforce attendees:

Gary George, Berrigan Shire, Councillor Kenny McGrath, Parkes Shire Council, Councillor Chris Roylance and Director of Engineering Richard Jane, Forbes Shire Council, Councillor Emma Henderson and Ray Graham, Bland Shire Council,

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Councillor Phillip Toynton, Dubbo Regional Council, Erin Wilson, Tracey Cowley, Nicole Benson, Denis Todd, Warrumbungle Shire, Holly Ireland, Tony Moore, John Morris, Representative Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance, Paul Polansky, Senior Manager, Transport Technical Solutions, TfNSW

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting 4 April 2024

Moved Councillor Dawson (Narrandera Shire), Seconded Councillor Tout (Wagga Wagga City Council) the minutes of the meeting of 4 April 2024, be confirmed.

STURT HIGHWAY TASKFORCE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

John Scarce Murrumbidgee Council

9.35am Draft Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference, as prepared by Shane Wilson of Narrandera Shire, were circulated. Comments/questions were invited.

MOVED Councillor Neville Kschenka (Narrandera), Seconded Councillor Michael Kidd (Leeton) that the draft Sturt Highway Taskforce Terms of Reference be adopted.

CARRIED

TRANSPORT FOR NSW PRESENTATION

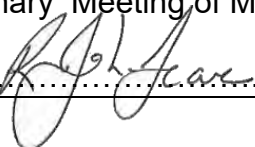
9.45am Joanne Cheshire, Senior Manager, Community & Place Partner – Riverina Murray

Pavement plan – 10 year plan for paving works across the whole of the region. Very flexible.

Crash data - the amount of data is endless and numerous reports can be done by LGA.

The presentation by Joanne Cheshire was circulated to Sturt Highway Taskforce Members during the meeting.

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2025

9.55am

Dates _____ Venues (to be determined)

4 February 2025

6 May 2025

5 August 2025

Calendar invites will be confirmed.

Action: An email will be sent out to Taskforce Members seeking to confirm meeting venues for 2025.

ACTION LIST

To be updated

10.00am Councillor Chris Roylance, Chair, Newell Highway Taskforce welcomed the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Hon Jenny Aitchison, MP to the joint Sturt Taskforce and Newell Highway Taskforce Meetings

The Hon. Jenny Aitchison, MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, NSW thanked the Taskforces for the meeting invitation.

Open discussion with the Minister were held, and covered issues affecting the Sturt and Newell Highways, and member Councils.

The Minister spoke about:

- Disaster Recovery Process/Natural Disasters
- REZ
- Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans (SRITP) (looking at all modes and purposes of transport) - link on website for SRITP – promote vigorously to communities seeking their direct input. Formalised consultation will also be available. The plans are being rolled out progressively. SRITP link - www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp
- Towards Zero road safety programs – nominate areas which are a safety concern

Questions from the floor included:

- John Morris, Representative Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance spoke about Trangie project. State and Federal Government \$600,000 to build pad at Trangie, soil ready to go. Seeking explanation why TfNSW didn't want to proceed with project.

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Paul Polansky, TfNSW understands the desire to get triples to Trangie. A lot of shoulder widening work has been done between Burke and Nyngan. There are however key constraints at level crossings, etc. Significant investment required. TfNSW is listening, and want to do what they can now, so time can be spent down the track resolving the constraints.

The Minister would like the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan to look at this example.

- Grade separation for every intersection on inland rail on Newell Highway as a minimum.
- Critical Journey Resilience Plan.
- Fatigue management and rest areas – making sure the areas are in the right location. More needs to be done.
- Newell Highway cut off during floods. NSW is doing a mitigation plan.
- SRITP link - www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp
- Canal bridges constraining growth and access to Sturt and Newell Highways (Leeton and Narrandera Shires). Also not well signposted.
- Regional Network East West Lift Program – fixing country rail.
- Fixing country bridges.
- Flooding at Gillenbah – Poison Waterholes culvert – have it in the planning space before the next flooding event. Narrandera to provide information direct to Minister.

From Chat

Cr Linklater (Wentworth)

TfNSW traffic counters for heavy vehicles - there is one located just east of Wentworth which captures Silvercity Highway movements. Many locals wonder if there can be one located on the NSW side of the George Chaffey Bridge (Mildura) - this would capture the enormous numbers of interstate movements on Sturt Highway (predominantly road train and triples)

Minister – will refer to TfNSW. Renewed focus on Murray River bridges and connections.

Cr Toynton (Dubbo Regional Council)

As the Newell Highway, Golden Highway and Mitchell Highway all converge at Dubbo, where the traffic of 3 highways meet at 1 point, how can we adequately maintain the section of the Newell Highway that is impacted by the extra traffic as a result of being the point where 3 highways meet.

Minister – investment happening on Golden Highway and work being done on Newell Highway. Not sure of the solution. Just to have it included in plans.

Cr Ruth McRae OAM and General Manager John Scarce (Murrumbidgee)

Overtaking lanes and fatigue management – Hume Highway to Collingullie. Overtaking lanes and speed management statistics provided by TfNSW in their presentation. Overtaking lanes can alleviate some accidents.

TfNSW is aware rest areas need to be increased. Please also include in strategic feedback.

Flooding – Kidman Way was only inland road open to Queensland. It is another road that needs to be listed as a road of strategic importance.

Major intersection – Kidman and Sturt Highway at Darlington Point needs to be lit up. Also turning corners and width need to be increased as huge number of traffic movements.

Newell Highway – section of Newell Highway and Kidman Ways – is a nightmare. Very poor visibility.

Minister Aitchison said these concerns need to be nominated through the SRITP.

Cr Louie Zaffina Mayor (Balranald)

Highway between Balranald and Euston – degradation after high rainfall in 2022. Concern between Euston and Mildura - MV Highway – significant amount of traffic. Advocating for overtaking lanes.

Minister asked Balranald to write to her about particular concerns / 1:1 Teams meeting.

Cr Toynton (Dubbo Regional Council)

In relation to the new Dubbo bridge, is it possible that while the project is underway, the Duke of Wellington Bridge could be repaired while this equipment is in the area? I would be very grateful for any opportunities to work with the relevant agencies and the departments to be able to get this bridge fixed and returned to operational status.

The Minister confirmed the length of the Sturt Highway as 599 kilometres.

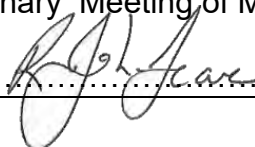
A transcript of the Teams chat to be provided to Minister Aitchison.

CLOSURE

Mayor McRae thanked Minister Aitchison and all delegates for their attendance at today's combined Taskforces meeting.

Narrandera Shire, as host Council, was thanked for their assistance with arrangements for the meeting, and for provision of morning tea and lunch.

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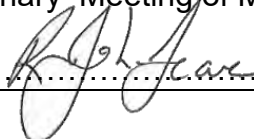
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10.50am The Sturt Highway Taskforce meeting closed, and was followed by the Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting.

Paul Polansky, Senior Manager, Transport Technical Solutions, TfNSW made a presentation to the Newell Highway meeting, which could not be viewed on the day. A copy is provided.

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ITEM NO. 15 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE AGM MINUTES

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	4 November 2024
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Minutes of the AGM held at the Monash Room on Monday 4 November 2024, commencing 4.00pm

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Joan Ferris, Pat Read, Jackie Molloy, Polly Fisher, Chris Girdwood, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Isabell Milne, Ruth McRae, Wendy Hurd, Michelle Read, Lyn Gillard, Chris Powley.

Apologies: Sadie Herrick, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Garry Borger, Margaret Borger, Tania Roe, Bridget Knight, Wilbur McGuinness, Odette McGuinness, Lorraine Keyes, Ian Girdwood.

Moved: Faith Bryce 2nd: Joan Ferris that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

Minutes of the previous AGM held November 2, 2023

Accepted as read on the motion of Loretta Marriott 2nd: Pat Godfrey
Carried.

Business arising from the previous Minutes:

- NIL

Treasurers Report tabled:

- Audited statement of Income & Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 2024 accepted at Council.

Accepted on the motion of: Richard Wright 2nd: Chris Powley
Carried.

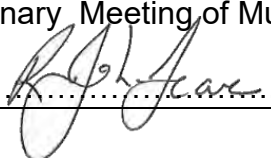
Presidents Report tabled:

Accepted on the motion of: Faith Bryce 2nd: Richard Wright
Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

Ruth McRae declared all positions vacant and conducted the election of Office Bearers.

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President: Faith Bryce
Nominated by: Wendy Hurd
Accepted.

Seconded: Lyn Gillard

Treasurer: Richard Wright
Nominated by: Polly Fisher
Accepted.

Seconded: Loretta Marriot

Secretary: Sadie Herrick
Nominated by: Faith Bryce
Accepted.

Seconded: Wendy Hurd

Publicity Officer: Wendy Hurd
Nominated by: Faith Bryce
Accepted.

Seconded: Chris Powley

Auditor:

Moved: Chris Powley Seconded: Richard Wright that Murrumbidgee Council be approached to conduct Audit of Jerilderie Tidy Towns financial records. Carried.

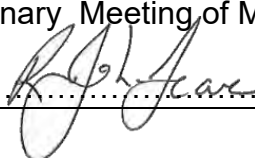
General Business:

Action Item: Sadie Herrick to email Murrumbidgee Council requesting interest in someone willing to act as our Auditor.

Meeting Closed: 4.14PM

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Chair

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Date

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

04/11/24

Profit and Loss June 30 through November 4, 2024

	<u>Jun 30 - Nov 4, ...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Gifts and Donations Income	
Unrestricted	1,500.00
Total Gifts and Donations Inc...	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Income	1,500.00
Expense	
Gifts and Donations	500.00
MOWING EXPENSE	39.73
Total Expense	<u>539.73</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>960.27</u>
Net Income	<u><u>960.27</u></u>

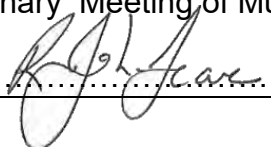
JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

04/11/24

Balance Sheet As of November 4, 2024

	<u>Nov 4, '24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
BENDIGO BANK A/C	13,694.82
INTEREST BEARING A/C...	0.02
Total Current/Savings	<u>13,694.84</u>
Other Current Assets	
PETTY CASH	1.30
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1.30</u>
Total Current Assets	13,696.14
Other Assets	
EQUIPMENT	483.40
Total Other Assets	<u>483.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>14,179.54</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	7,600.27
Retained Earnings	5,819.00
Net Income	960.27
Total Equity	<u>14,179.54</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>14,179.54</u></u>

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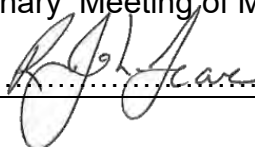
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Tidy Towns Activities for 2024

January	Resting.
February	First meeting – 01/02/24 Monash Room Library.
March	Meeting – 07/03/24
April	Working bee Memorial Park for ANZAC Day Meeting – 08/04/24 Monash Room Library.
May	Meeting – 06/05/24 Monash Room Library. Working bee Luke Park – Monday 20/05/24 9.00am
June	Meeting – 03/06/24 Monash Room Library. Rose pruning at Cemetery
July	Meeting – 01/07/24 (no meeting) Clean Up after B & S Ball Sunday 28/07/24 time TBA
August	No Meeting
September	No Meeting Clean Up after Race Day Sunday 29/09/24 time TBA
October	Meeting – 14/10/24 Monash Room Library. Garden Judging for Flower Show.
November	Meeting – 04/11/24 AGM Monash Room Library. Memorial Garden Working Bee for Remembrance Day 9.00am Sunday 27/10/2024. Street Stall Garden Raffle 15/11/24
December	Our Christmas Party. Monday, December 2, 2024 at Royal Mail Hotel 12.00 noon. Light Up Jerilderie Christmas Lights Judging. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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ITEM NO. 16 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	4 November 2024
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

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Apologies: Sadie Herrick, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Garry Borger, Margaret Borger, Tania Roe, Lorraine Keyes, Bridget Knight, Wilbur McGuinness, Odette McGuinness, Ian Girdwood.

Moved: Faith 2nd: Joan that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the meeting held October 14, 2024 were accepted as read on the motion of: Faith 2nd: Polly
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- \$500.00 donated to Jerilderie Portsea Committee.

Treasurer's report as tabled:

- Payment for engraving of plaques for trophy Garden Judging.

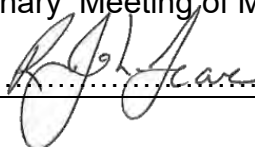
Moved: Richard 2nd: Chris Powley that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted and accounts be passed for payment.
Carried.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Email re Tidy Towns Awards Weekend November 1ST & 2nd
- Garden appreciation votes.
- Australia Day nominations.

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Outwards:

- Agenda to Members for meeting to be held 04.11.24
- Email to Members of Raffle Roster.

Business arising out of Correspondence:

- 16 votes for garden judging, great comments.
- Raffle Roster all filled for 15/11/25

Action Item: Faith to organise photo of raffle prizes and info to be placed on FB
 Moved: Faith 2nd: that correspondence be accepted.
 Carried.

General Business:

Motion: Moved Faith, 2nd Chris Powley that Tidy Towns C/tee purchase a Garden Trolley for the raffle valued \$125.00 and that tickets be sold at \$5.00 each.

- Faith informed meeting that Tess, Royal Mail Hotel, will cook a Christmas Lunch, 2/12/24 at 12 noon.

Action Item: Members to give numbers for lunch to Sadie please.

- Partners to pay for selves.
- Chair expressed thanks to Members for Memorial Park working bee.
- Message has been passed to Justin Williams (Council) for the need of bark chips and small plants, maybe aggies?
- Discussion on the Christmas Lights Competition prizes. Christmas decorations as prizes. The Jerilderie Sports Club have organised a Christmas function and competition winners will be announced at function.

Action Item: Sadie to send out an email/message asking for volunteers to man the Doing The Bolt exhibition on the Unveiling of the Monash statue, 17.11.24.

- Activities for 2024 List has been updated.

Action Item: Ruth requests that this list be attached to General Minutes that go to Council.

- Joan will deliver wreath for Remembrance Day to Wendy.
- Thanks expressed to Ruth McRae for conducting election of Office Bearers at AGM.

Meeting Closed: 4.41PM
 Next Meeting: 2/12/24 Christmas Lunch
 At: The Royal Mail Hotel
 Time: 12.00 noon

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 President Date

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 17 - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	14 November 2024
Author:	Accountant
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to present Council with a monthly report setting out details of Council's investments.

This report sets out details of all money Council had invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as at the end of October 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the monthly Investment Reports identifying all money Council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

BACKGROUND

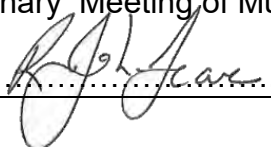
As at 31 October 2024, Council's total invested funds were \$28,083,568, as detailed in the attachment.

Following the revision to Council's Investment Policy at the October 2024 Council meeting, investment performance for the current month and year-to-date (YTD) will be measured monthly against the 90-Day Bank Accepted Bill (BAB) Rate, as published by the Reserve Bank of Australia. The YTD BAB Rate will be calculated as the simple average of the monthly BAB rates for the period being measured. This benchmark has been used in the attached report. Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return (MWRR) outperformed the BAB rate for both the month and the financial year to date.

At the October 2024 Council meeting, Council also resolved to remove special concessions for the Bendigo Bank. These changes to the policy have been reflected in the attached report.

The divestment of these investments such that Council complies with the new policy has commenced, however due to the amount of funds invested this will take some time. As a result, Council is not currently in compliance with the revised policy: 49% of funds are currently invested with Bendigo Bank compared with the

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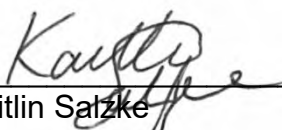
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individual counterparty limit of 14% for an A-rated institution, and, overall, 69% of funds are invested with an A-rated institution, compared to the overall credit quality limit of 60% set by Council. Over the coming months further funds will be divested from Bendigo Bank to bring Council's investments back in line with the limits established in the Policy.

OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that, other than remaining investments with Bendigo Bank as noted above, the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and the Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy.


Kaitlin Satzke
Responsible Accounting Officer

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

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.

FINANCIAL

Nil, for information only.

INTEGRATED PLANS

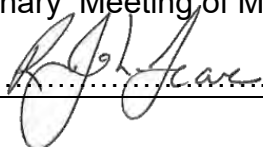
Leading By Example

5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Manager
- Finance Customer Service

OPTIONS

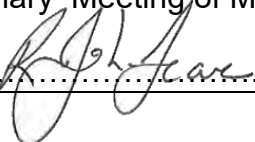
Option 1 (recommendation)

Council note the monthly Investment Reports identifying all money Council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 20: Investments as at 31 October 2024

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ITEM NO. 18 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION - OCTOBER 2024

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	15 November 2024
Author:	Director Planning & Infrastructure
File #:	SC210
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on development applications approved under delegation during October 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, October 2024 Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Modification DA1-2-2020	587 Rolfe Road Finley	23/10/2024	Approved (Delegation)
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Description:

Modification of an approved cattle feedlot increasing from 7680 head to 12960 head of cattle, and associated infrastructure

Consideration in determining application:

The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was carried out.

Modification DA1-3-2020	587 Rolfe Road Finley	30/10/2024	Approved (Delegation)
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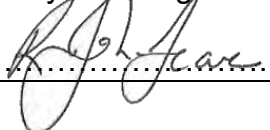
Description:

Amend grammatical error in DA1-2-2020

Consideration in determining application:

The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was not required.

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DA23-2024	490 Conargo Road Carrathool	31/10/2024	Approved (Delegation)
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Description:

Transportable dwelling

Consideration in determining application:

The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was not required.

Modification DA42-2023	Cadell Road Gala Vale	17/10/2024	Approved (Delegation)
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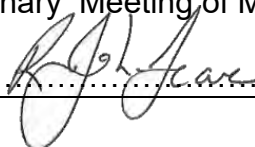
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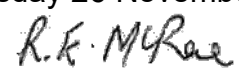
Modification of approved compost facility, including alterations to the storage dam configuration.

Consideration in determining application:

The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was not required.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 19 - TENDER – CLASS 9 MOTOR GRADER

Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	13 November 2024
Author:	Senior Technical Officer
File #:	SC742
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

This report is **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) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

ITEM NO. 20 - PLANT REPLACEMENT – PURCHASE OF BACKHOE LOADER

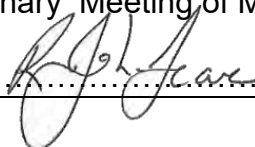
Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	13 November 2024
Author:	Senior Technical Officer
File #:	SC743
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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ITEM NO. 21 - PLANT REPLACEMENT – PURCHASE OF JET PATCHER

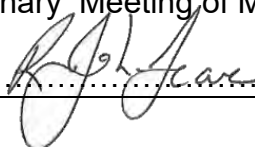
Council Meeting:	26 November 2024
Report Date:	13 November 2024
Author:	Senior Technical Officer
File #:	SC744
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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