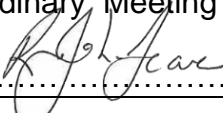


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 General Manager

 Mayor

ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM NO. 1 - GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	1 November 2019
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

That Council:

1. **Endorse the initiative to collaboratively work with Narrandera, Leeton and Lockhart Shire Councils to develop joint promotional material and increase our tourism reach, with the outcome to retain more visitor nights in the region;**
2. **Adopt the Staff Recognition Policy;**
3. **Authorise sick leave for the General Manager Mr John Scarce to undergo knee surgery and recovery from 12 December 2019 to 23 December 2019, with his return to work being 2 January 2020, after the Christmas closure.**

OFFICER COMMENT

1. Code of Conduct - Returns of Interest

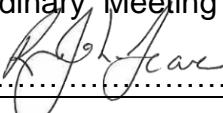
Updated and new returns received since 1 July 2019.

Attached to this report are all the returns of interest so tabled.

2. Joint Tourism Initiative and Brochure/Visitor Guide

On Wednesday 30 October 2019, I attended a meeting of Narrandera, Lockhart and Leeton Shire Councils, the purpose being to measure our willingness to entertain joint promotional material. Not present were Griffith City and Wagga Wagga City Councils, however they both remain very interested. Unfortunately, they had already heavily invested in going-alone before this initiative was enacted.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

The outcome is to work collaboratively in the development of joint material, both print and virtual. The intent being that every business will at least have a free line listing, and those who wish to advertise can have a range of size options.

The visitor guide will also embark on the establishment of tracks and trails, to entice people to spend more nights in the region.

My recommendation is that we be part of this joint initiative, as I can see greater value for money in the collective effort, it also allows us to have a presence in larger visitor information centres than we can have individually.

This joint initiative is not perceived to have any additional budgetary impact.

We have given ourselves a 6 month timeframe in which to pull this all together.

3. Staff Recognition Policy

The Murrumbidgee Council Staff Recognition Policy has been through the Consultative Committee, and Council has influenced its design. As such, my recommendation is that Council adopt the policy.

In December 2018, Council resolved to suspend the previous recognition policies of the former Murrumbidgee and Jerilderie Shire Councils, and from that date forward this new policy would be applied.

Moving forward, we will be collating the recipients eligible; these could be some that were not recognised under the respective previous policies, as well as this policy.

Presentation of awards will take place in 2020.

4. Projects

Attached is the update of Council projects as at 19 November 2019.

5. Model Code of Meeting Practice

I am not seeking a resolution on the Model Code of Meeting Practice from today's Council meeting. However, I am seeking input into the document, with the intent to put it before the February 2020 meeting of Council.

Even if Council has not adopted a Code prior to the deadline, the black type is how we must run the meetings. The red type is what we can accept or reject.

In the model Code there is black type which has to be endorsed.

I have made recommendations, where it speaks about days and times for certain things like speaking at forums. I have placed a recommendation in (RED) - where I am recommending the text in red it remains in red; and where I am not recommending that text, it has a ~~strike through~~.

Before adopting a new Code of Meeting Practice, under Section 361 of the Local Government Act, Councils are required to exhibit a draft of the Code of Meeting Practice for at least 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft code.

Please provide your comments to me prior to the February 2020 meeting of Council.

6. Internet Coverage

As previously advised, I have been working with TransGrid on a solution to poor internet provision for our Local Government Area, as well as our RAMJO area.

There is a Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round Four – Drought Support closing on 19 December 2019, the aim is to support drought affected areas with key infrastructure which will promote regions as a great place to live, work and invest.

The provision of high-speed internet fits into every category.

I am currently working on the costings, and seeking information about frequency.

I need to further investigate our contribution to the fund. Depending on where we live and our financial capability to invest, it could be zero, 25% or 50%, and possible area of our contribution could be, in part, the new drought grant for 2020.

I intend to have the application before Council on 13 December 2019 for ratification prior to submission.

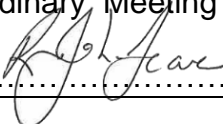
7. Drug and Alcohol Policy

While developing a Murrumbidgee Council Drug and Alcohol Policy, we came across the model developed by Local Government NSW in consultation with unions responsible for Council employees.

The Policy and Procedure has been tailored for Murrumbidgee Council, making minor changes to what was developed and endorsed by Unions. We need to continue the process.

The model was placed before the Consultative Committee on 21 November 2019. Today's Council meeting is the Elected Members' first look at the Policy and Procedure, and as such I am looking for comment on its introduction and/or content.

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We will gather feedback from the Consultative Committee before Council's February 2020 meeting, at which time we seek adoption by Council.

It is a well thought out policy and procedure, and I believe it covers all aspects required.

8. Drought Communities Programme Extension

On 7 November 2019, the Australian Government announced a further range of drought measures, including that it would provide \$128 million under the Drought Communities Programme Extension to 128 councils. The 128 eligible councils will each be provided \$1 million to complete local infrastructure and other drought-relief projects.

We are still waiting on the guidelines, but we have been made aware they will be similar to the current grant, with the \$1m having to be spent by December 2020.

Looking for ideas?

9. Sick Leave

I sustained ligament and cartilage damage, along with a bone fracture, causing extensive bruising of the femur. As such, I require surgery and recovery time.

During the entire time (except when sedated) I will be available on mobile and email.

The date of the surgery is 12 December 2019.

I cannot do much, not even drive for two weeks, as such I am requesting sick leave from 12 December to 23 December 2019, and back at work on the 2 January 2020 (taking into consideration the Christmas closure).

10. Movements

Tuesday 3 December 2019 – Meeting with TransGrid – Sydney
Wednesday 4 December 2019 – Joint Visitor Guide Meeting – Narrandera
Tuesday 10 December 2019 – Western Riverina REDS Meeting – Leeton
Wednesday 11 December 2019 – Telstra (RAMJO Digital) – Wagga Wagga
Thursday 12 December 2019 – Operation on knee
Thursday 12 to Monday 23 December 2019 – Sick Leave – Knee Operation
Tuesday 24 December 2019 (midday) to 1 January 2020 – Office Closure
January 2019? – Meeting with Unions – Wollongong
Friday 7 to Sunday 9 February 2020 – Strategic Planning Workshop - TBA

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

1.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

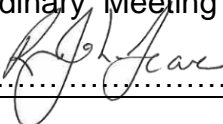
OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1:	Returns of Interest Forms
Attachment # 2:	Staff Recognition Policy
Attachment # 3 :	Projects Update
Attachment # 4:	Draft Code of Meeting Practice
Attachment # 5:	Draft Drug and Alcohol Policy
Attachment # 6:	Draft Drug and Alcohol Procedure

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ITEM NO. 2 - MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	21 November 2019
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC212
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

Murrumbidgee Council's Development Contribution Plan was placed on public exhibition on 29 March 2017 and adopted by Council on 25 May 2017, following recommendation from the Local Representation Committee's meeting of 23 May 2017, where it was resolved as follows:

**DRAFT MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION PLAN
04.25.17**

LRC85/05/17 **Resolved** on the motion of Mrs Chirgwin, seconded Mrs Smith to recommend that:

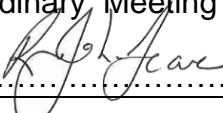
1. The Murrumbidgee Council Developer Contribution Plan Section 94A Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 under clause 31 (1) (b) with amendments to schedule 1 to include further scheduled projects, be approved by Council;
2. The decision be notified in the next issue of both local papers;
3.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

At the October 2019 meeting of Council, discussions led to Councillors requesting additional information on the calculation process for development contributions under the Plan. Councillors were advised that the Contribution Levy Plan does not provide for discounts, and only the Council has the power to waive development levies under the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Contributions Plan under Section 7.12 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979, remain as is, and no further exemptions be applied.

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OFFICER COMMENT

A copy of Council's Development Contributions Plan under Section 7.12 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, was distributed to Councillors on 14 November 2019, along with a copy of the relevant legislation, a circular from Planning & Infrastructure on calculating the genuine estimated cost of development, and an explanation on how we, as a Council, apply the Development Contribution Plan. I include the information below:

You will see from reading both the circular and Councils 7.12 plan, how we are to calculate the development costs for application of the levy, everything done to date is in accordance with the plan.

You will also note in Councils plan the elected arm has the only ability to provide exception.

In the legislation it states Council may develop the contributions plan, which means that Council does not have to have a section 7.12 plan.

Council plan is a section 7.12 plan which enables a flat fee on development and able to use that money only on prescribed things. In essence the development does not have to show a direct link with the services of Council be provided, just that it could, it captures all development other than those excluded in the plan.

Without a 7.12 Plan Council would rely solely on the section 7.11, which enables us to recover at cost the of the increase demand to infrastructure and or services, these services are generally water, sewer, roads, footpaths, and not necessarily community halls and parks which the plan 7.12 applies the contributions too.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

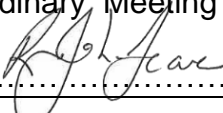
STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000
Department of Planning Circular PS 05-003
Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012
Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013

FINANCIAL

Loss of funds raised through the Contribution Levy, which in turn reduces funds able to be directed towards other community facilities.

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INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

2.3 Maintaining a Balance Between Growth, Development and Environmental Protection

4.2 Promoting and Supporting a Regional Economy and Growth

4.3 Promoting and Developing Tourism Strategies and Opportunities

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Manager, Planning & Environment

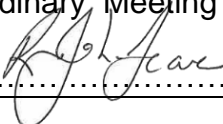
OPTIONS

1. As per the recommendation;
2. Keep the Plan as is, with details to Council of each development contribution to be paid, and seeking if Council wishes to waive or modify;
3. Keep the Plan, however amend the percentage contribution;
4. Amend the Plan to reflect what types of industries or purposes Council wish to exempt (under section 1.7 of the Plan current exemptions to the Levy are detailed).

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 7: Murrumbidgee Council S7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2017
- Attachment # 8: Extract: Report to Murrumbidgee Council Meeting 25 May 2017
- Attachment # 9: Planning & Infrastructure Circular PS13-002
- Attachment # 10: Extract: Legislation 7.11, 7.12 and 7.13

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.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 3 - DRAFT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	15 November 2019
Author:	Manager Planning & Environment
File #:	SC212
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Council adoption of the draft Community Participation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Community Participation Plan and forward a copy to the NSW planning portal and Council's website by 1 December 2019.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to prepare a Community Participation Plan (CPP) by 1 December 2019. The CPP details how and when Council will engage with the community in making decisions on Development Applications and rezoning land. The Plan is to guide Council's engagement with the community so planning decisions are inclusive, open, equitable and accountable, as well as transparent, based on best practice and in accordance with legal requirements.

OFFICER COMMENT

At its Ordinary meeting of 24 September 2019, Council considered the draft Community Participation Plan and resolved to publicly exhibit it for community feedback. The draft Plan was then advertised for 28 days, from 2 October to 29 October 2019 and no submissions were received.

The draft CPP sets out minimum time periods for the public exhibition of various planning documents as required by the NSW Planning regulation. The Plan follows the general guidelines of the Department, and should be regularly reviewed.

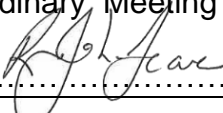
SUSTAINABILITY

The CPP will promote sustainability in accordance with the quadruple bottom line, as Council decisions will be more transparent and inclusive.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Compliance with Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979.

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FINANCIAL

Community participation in planning decisions will be undertaken by Council in line with required processes and budget.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1 - Transparent Leadership Through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

The draft CPP has been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and using DPIE's draft CPP as a template. Adherence to the relevant NSW legislation reduces risks associated with community participation in plan and decision making.

CONSULTATION

The draft CPP was placed on public exhibition for 28 days through our website and advertised through local print media, as well as a hard copy provided for viewing at each office location. The final CPP will be publicly available on Council's website.

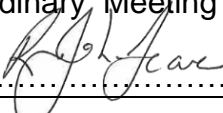
OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 11: Draft Community Participation Plan

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.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 4 - SALE OF COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	21 November 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC88
Approval:	General Manger

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councils 2019/20 Operational Plan includes an allowance for the disposal of one residential premises at Jerilderie.

Staff have entered into discussions with the local real estate agent, with a view to listing the property known as 1 Koongara Avenue, Jerilderie for sale.

RECOMMENDATION

That the residential property at 1 Koongara Avenue, Jerilderie be listed with local real estate agency, Arthur Real Estate and the signing of a Sales Inspection Report and Open Selling Agency Agreement be endorsed.

BACKGROUND

The former Jerilderie Shire Council had planned for the upgrading of residential housing, planning to sell one current building and possibly build new and more suitable accommodation within the township.

Since amalgamation and the movement of staff, Council now finds it has a surplus residential property in Jerilderie.

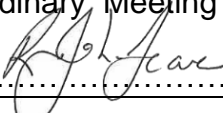
The current Operational Plan provides for the sale of one building, with a transfer to Residential Housing Reserve of the amount of the surplus funds raised.

This will then allow for future provision of suitable residential premises as and when the need arises.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council's Asset Disposal Policy requires Council approval to proceed with the disposal.

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SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Clause 55 (3) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993.
Murrumbidgee Council – Asset Disposal Policy

FINANCIAL

Discussions with the local representative of the Real Estate Agency have established a possible valuation range in order to list the property. This valuation will allow for the revenue from the sale, as proposed within the current Operational Plan, to be met, allowing for costs and commission.

INTEGRATED PLANS

This item is listed within the current Operational Plan.

RISK MANAGEMENT

A sale may not occur in a timely manner, incurring further costs for maintenance and operations.

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

Council, General Manager and local Real Estate Agent

OPTIONS

1. As per the recommendation;
2. Not offer the residence for sale.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 5 - QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2019

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manger

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is the Quarterly Budget Review for the period to 30 September 2019, including a statement of financial performance, a proposed balance sheet, a statement of cash flows for each fund, an income and expenditure statement by function, a forecast capital budget review by function and a variation report.

Included also are a budget review of the cash and investment position, a budget review of key performance indicators, a budget review of contract and other expenses and a budget review of consultancy and legal expenses as required by the updated Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting in accordance with clause 203(3) of the Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted and variances to the budgets, as outlined in the attachment, be approved.

BACKGROUND

The Statement of Financial Performance indicates a surplus from ordinary activities of \$7,994,677 compared to the original estimate surplus amount of \$3,479,891. With the exclusion of capital grants income, the Statement of Financial Performance indicates a deficit of \$384,630.

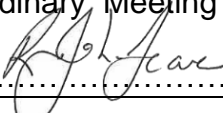
The forecast Statement of Cash Flows for the General Fund indicates a decrease of cash held of \$16,735,589, a decline of \$12,735,589 from the original estimates.

This variation results substantially from capital works projects funded from Stronger Communities and Stronger Country Communities Fund grants. Subsequent budget reviews will indicate if the completion dates of many of the projects listed will be finalised prior to financial year end.

The Sewer Fund cash flow indicates a decrease in funds held of \$489,904, being unchanged from the original budget estimates.

The Water Fund cash flow indicates a reduction of cash in the amount of \$294,522 also unchanged from the original budget estimates.

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OFFICER COMMENT

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Murrumbidgee Council for the quarter ended 30 September 2019 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2019 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer
Murrumbidgee Council

Date

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

The full list of the variances to the budgeted figures can be viewed at pages 27-30 of the attachment.

Of the \$17,295,738 additional capital expenditure listed within this review, \$15,499,393 relate to projects listed within the Stronger Communities Fund (merger funds) and Stronger Country Communities Fund. Unexpended grant reserve funds of \$12,437,648 will be utilised for these projects, together with additional grant funding of \$3,055,731 still to be received.

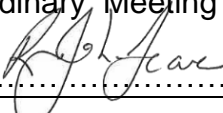
The remaining capital expenditure variances relate to Drought Communities Extension works of \$925,000, and additional Roads to Recovery grant expenditure of \$792,525, of which an amount of \$504,010 relates to additional Drought extension funds to be provided.

Provision has been made to transfer \$58,170 to the contributions levy reserve and an additional \$11,239 to the employee leave reserve.

INTEGRATED PLANS

The report addresses the current operational plan, together with variances noted therein.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

Council officers have not reassessed the entire depreciation expense in the current document resultant from the revaluation of major infrastructure. Consequently, there is a risk that depreciation may be understated at the current time.

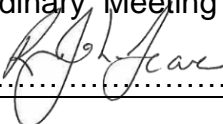
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Management Group

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 12: Quarterly Budget Review

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ITEM NO. 6 – STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	14 November 2019
Author:	Manager Corporate and Community Services
File #:	SC194
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received from Councillor Dallas Tout, President of the NSW Public Libraries Association, requesting all NSW Councils report to a Council meeting seeking support for *Renew Our Libraries Phase Two* which focuses on the future sustainability of library funding through cost of living indexation and protection via inclusion of the new funding arrangements in library legislation.

Recommendation

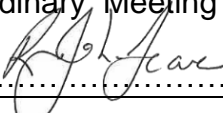
That Council:

1. **Make representation to the local State Members, Justin Clancy MP and Helen Dalton MP, in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services;**
2. **Write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts, and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bipartisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model;**
3. **Take a leading role in lobbying for sustainable State Government funding for libraries;**
4. **Endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.**

BACKGROUND

The NSW Public Libraries Association's 2018-19 Renew Our Libraries campaign was a spectacular success, delivering an increase of \$60m in state funding for NSW public libraries over the quadrennial period 2019-20 to 2022-23. This is the largest single increase in state funding since the NSW Library Act was introduced in 1939.

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.....Mayor

This outcome was achieved as a result of the remarkable support of Councils, libraries and communities across the state. Over 80% of NSW Councils formally endorsed Renew Our Libraries through Council resolutions.

The NSW Public Libraries Association has requested the support of NSW Councils in its advocacy to State Government to develop a sustainable funding model for NSW libraries.

Renew Our Libraries Phase Two has recently been launched <https://renewourlibraries.com.au/>. Well known media and advocacy company Essential Media has been engaged to administer the campaign, the objectives of which are to:

- Index the total increased state funding contribution to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in perpetuity. Without indexation, the actual value of state funding for NSW libraries will decline over time, leaving NSW Councils to either meet the shortfall or reduce services.
- Protect the new funding commitment by including all elements of the new state funding model in legislation through the Library Act and/or the Library Regulation. Currently, only the per-capita component of the funding model (increasing from \$1.85 per capita to \$2.85 per capita over the 4-year period 2019-20 to 2022-23) is included in library legislation, leaving 46% of the total funding for NSW libraries at risk.

Index the Funding → Protect the Funding

These two simple measures will ensure that NSW Councils continue to receive a significantly increased State Government contribution to the operation of public libraries across the state, which will be protected by legislation and will not be subject to cost of living attrition over time.

This will also mean that the NSW Public Libraries Association, its member Councils and libraries across the state can direct their funds and efforts to the ongoing support and development of high quality library services for NSW communities, rather than engaging in expensive and time consuming future funding campaigns.

This is our opportunity to lock in the historic 2019 state funding increase for NSW libraries once and for all, thereby ensuring the future prosperity of the NSW public library network.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council supports the NSW Public Libraries Association by formally endorsing Phase Two of the Renew Our Libraries Campaign to secure a sustainable funding model for NSW public libraries in perpetuity.

OFFICER COMMENT

The original NSW Public Libraries Association 2018-19 Renew Our Libraries campaign was successful in delivering an increase of \$60m in state funding for NSW public libraries over the period 2019-23.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

Additional library funding would benefit Council by reducing the amount that is subsidised each year to provide library services to the Local Government Area.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 1.3.6 - Ensure Murrumbidgee libraries are cultural, recreational and learning centres of the communities of Murrumbidgee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- NSW Public Libraries Association
- Western Riverina Libraries

OPTIONS

1. As per the recommendation;
2. Council not support the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 7 – COLEAMBALLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Manager Corporate and Community Services
File #:	SC43
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request has been received from Monica Whelan for Council support for the development of a community garden in Coleambally, subject to successful grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council support the concept of a community garden in Coleambally to allow funding to be sought through various grant applications.
2. Land be made available for the group, and annual site conditioning be provided;
3. An annual charge be set to cover the cost of water.

BACKGROUND

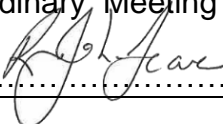
Monica Whelan is a local Community Health Nurse in Coleambally, and notes in her request that there is much research to support the benefits of community gardens, including physical and mental health, social connections and community engagement.

Additional works requested include site shed/shelter and assistance with appropriate fencing. These may be provided for within any successful grant applications.

OFFICER COMMENT

The overall concept is worthwhile and should be supported, although additional information is required to further the grant application. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Development "Tackling Tough Times Together" drought support funding requires either community groups or not-for-profit organisations with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate to apply for funding. This would require a community group to take on the project. The program has a strong preference to support grassroots organisations based in drought-affected regions, and projects led by local communities will be given preference. The concept falls under these

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guidelines, but needs to have more developed plans, design and a community group to support the project and make the application for funding.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

Minimal financial burden on Council. Support of concept is required to allow grant funding applications to be made. An annual charge to cover the cost of water is proposed.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 1.4.9 - Provide support to community funded cultural and wellbeing activities and events across Murrumbidgee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Coleambally Townlife Committee
- Contact to be made with Men's Shed, CWA, Garden Club, Lions Club, sports associations and local schools to seek their support

OPTIONS

1. As per the recommendation
2. Council not support the recommendation

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 13: Letter from Monica Whelan

ITEM NO. 8 - ASSET MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Asset Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Asset Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and a site specific approach be implemented for the installation of softfall at playground areas which are the responsibility of Council.

OFFICER COMMENT

1. Emergency Management

A seven day State of Emergency was declared for NSW, commencing Monday 11 November, 2019. Murrumbidgee Council had three consecutive days of total fire bans, commencing Monday 11 November. The Emergency Operations Centre wasn't opened, the highest rating we received was Very High. There were no significant incidents occurring within the Murrumbidgee Council area, MIA or Mid Murray Zones.

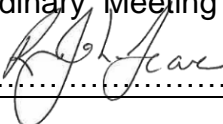
In the Local Emergency Management Plan there is a reference to the Murrumbidgee Bushfire Risk Management Plan. This needs to be updated once a decision is made by the Rural Fire Service which zone Murrumbidgee Council LGA will be a part of.

2. Darlington Point Levee Bank Construction

The last areas of the levee bank construction have now been completed. Progress of the levee is as follows:

- Earthworks section 5 and 6 completed 14/11/2019
- Fencing-In progress-completion 31/12/2019
- Fencing burrow pits-planning stage-anticipated completion 30/03/2020
- Pump Station-planning-anticipated completion 30/03/2020

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3. Building Maintenance Works

Works carried out for the month of October

Gutter Cleaning	Dwelling-Engineering Darlington Point Dwelling-Engineering Jerilderie Caravan Park-Darlington Point
General Maintenance	Depot-Darlington Point Caravan Park-Darlington Point Sewerage Plant-Darlington Point Darlington Point Pre-School CWA Hall toilets Youth and Sports Centre Coleambally
Office Repairs	Council Office-Darlington Point
Roof Repairs	Caravan Park-Darlington Point
Install Smoke Alarms	Caravan Park-Darlington Point
Audits	Jerilderie Showgrounds

4. Asset Management

Inspections of assets have been undertaken in the previous month:

- Footpaths In progress
- Roads MR321- 2 inspections
HWY17- 4 inspections
Local Distributor Road inspections - in progress
Road Condition Assessments - in progress
- Buildings Inspections in progress


Playgrounds Softfall

It has previously been discussed at Council meetings which material should be placed under swings and play equipment in our parks. The discussion has been either the use of rubber softfall or sand sourced from our local quarries. The Australian TAFE Accredited Playground Safety Manual states in section 1 that the material must have a tested impact absorbing material and comply with AS/NZS 4422:1996 Playground Surfacing, and doesn't stipulate what has to be used where.

The two different types of material which can be used as an impact absorbing material are loose fill or solid/unitary material. The different types of loose fill material include:

- Sand
- Pine Bark
- Shredded Rubber
- Mulch
- Astro Turf (cushioned)

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The different types of solid/unitary material are:

- Interlocking mats
- Modular rubber tiles
- Insitu/wetpour rubber

When loose fill material is installed as an impact absorbing surface it has to be installed at a depth of 300mm. This material is then inspected and is not allowed to exceed a minimum level of 200mm of loose material. Regular maintenance of this will ensure that the material stays at the depth.

The installation of the rubber surface requires an impact test every three years. This material needs to be checked regularly to ensure there are no issues. Replacing material can be difficult and expensive.

Playground Installation Example

The purchase of a large play equipment can range between \$20,000 to \$30,000 per set up, including installation. The installation of rubber softfall on an area of approximately 40m² to suit the fall zone areas required for this equipment ranges between \$12,000 to \$16,000 per site (estimated costs). The cost of using sand for the same area is between \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Over the life of either softfall choice, the materials will cost approximately the same. The regular maintenance and replacement of loose fill material against the high installation cost, inspection and maintenance of the rubber surfacing will achieve the same result.

Attached is a risk assessment carried out on the installation of sand or rubber as an impact surface.

5. Work Health & Safety

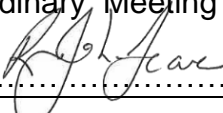
The Coleambally Farm Safety Training week has seen a number of staff undertake training in a number of courses including: Working Safely at Heights, Chainsaw Operations, Machine Hygiene, Confined Spaces and Supervisor WHS Training.

The WHS Risk Advisor attended the Riverina East Risk Group meeting on the 13 November 2019 in Wagga Wagga. A number of issues such as contract and contractor management were raised, as was the effectiveness of the use of drones within operations.

Murrumbidgee Council was, this year, selected by State Cover to verify the responses relating to the 2018/2019 period provided in Council's WHS self-audit. The verification audit was conducted on the following two audit elements:

- Incident Investigation and Corrective Actions
- Construction Safety

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The documentation was provided and verified at a site visit by State Cover on the 14 November 2019. The State Cover WHS Audit Report and proposed WHS Action Plan 2019 have identified that a number of issues need addressing.

On 14 November 2019 a WHS inspection was carried out by State Cover at the Jerilderie Depot and saleyards. A number of issues of concern were identified and a report will be provided at a future date. The inspection of the Darlington Point Depot on the same day identified that the progress of the actions in response to the September WHS inspection are meeting legislative and regulatory requirements. The State Cover Inspector discussed with the staff at the Darlington Point depot their commitment to making changes and expressed praise for the progress already made.

6. RMS Contract

The review of the new contract was carried out by Council staff and comments submitted to Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) . Council asked RMS to consider the items listed when they execute the new contract to Council. Murrumbidgee Council has told RMS of its intention to take on the new contract on 5 November 2019.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

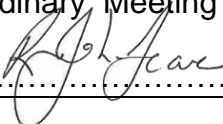
Theme 5: Our leadership – Looking to our Future

1.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Mitigating flood impacts on the township of Darlington Point
2. Identifying what risks are involved in the installation of different softfall in playgrounds.

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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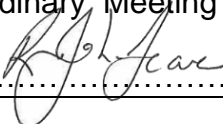
OPTION

1. Adopt the recommendation;
2. Determine the type of softfall to be used beneath all playground equipment, the responsibility of Murrumbidgee Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 14: Risk Assessment Playground Softfall

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ITEM NO. 9 - BRITTS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira, Operations Manager
File #:	SC176
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillors have requested a report that addresses the financial implications of reconstructing various sections of Britts Road.

RECOMMENDATION

Council determination based on Options and Financial Implications as outlined within the Report.

BACKGROUND

A 38m section of Britts Road was reconstructed as part of the levee bank works in Darlington Point.

Council has been asked to consider further reconstruction works on Britts Road as shown on Figure 1.

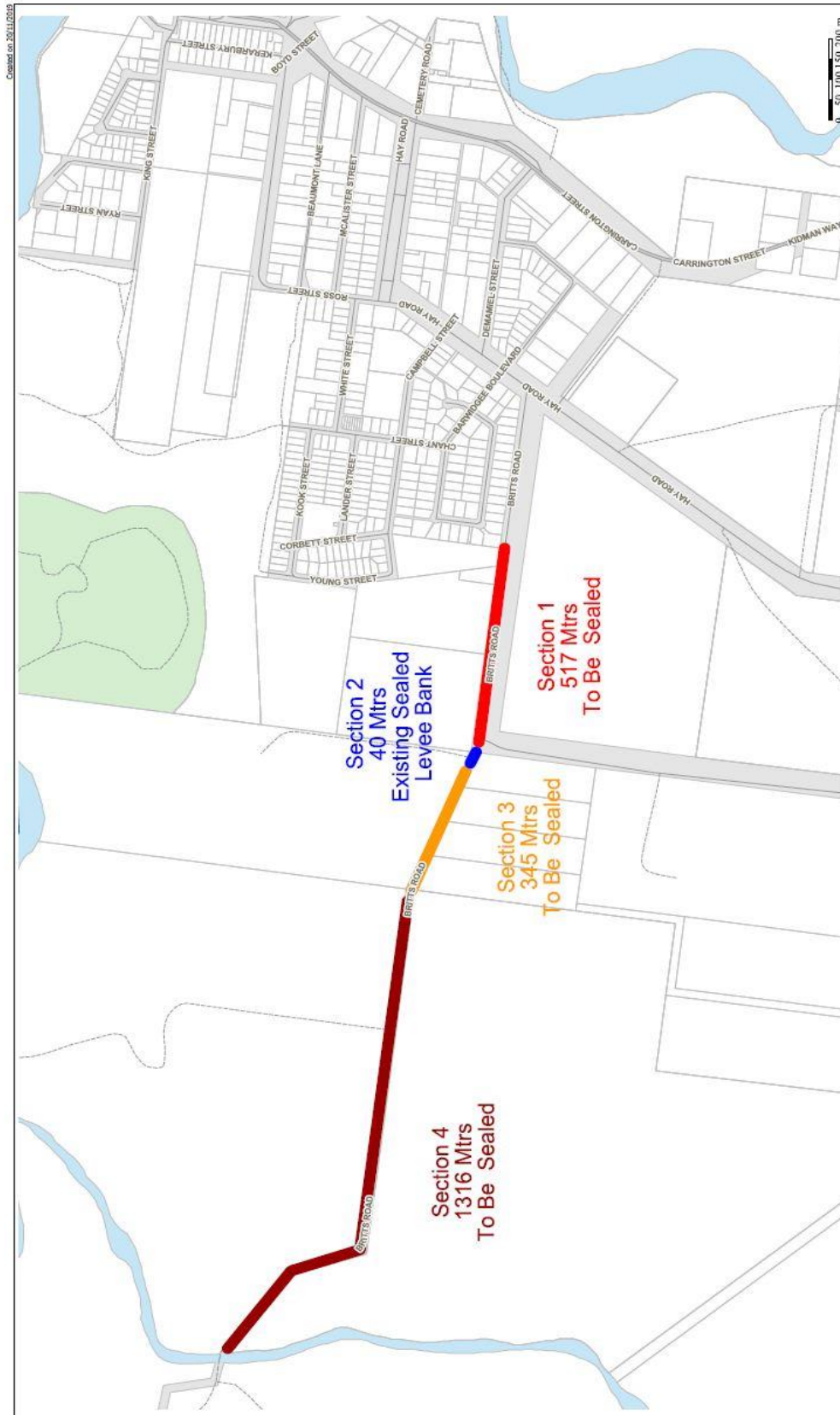


Figure 1: Britts Road Sections

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[Signature] General Manager

[Signature] Mayor

Britts Rd
Darlington Point

Map Scale: 1:8663 at A3

Projection: GDA94 / MGA zone 55

Date: 20/11/2019

Drawn By: Justin Williams

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OFFICER COMMENT

The cost of sealing different sections of Britts Road shown on Figure 1 is provided below:

Table 1: Britts Road Reconstruction Costs

Britts Road Sections	Length (m)	Cost (\$)
Section 1	517	56,870
Section 2	38	Completed
Section 3	345	37,950
Section 4	1316	144,760
Total	2207	239,580

Section 4.1.1 of Council's Asset Management Policy refers to committing to implementing a systematic asset management methodology in order to apply appropriate asset management best practices across all areas of the organisation.

This includes ensuring that assets are planned, created, operated, renewed and disposed of in accordance with Council's priorities for service delivery.

Section 4.1.5 of Council's Asset Management Policy refers to a strategic approach to asset management that will provide a positive impact on Council's financial position.

Section 4.2.1 of Council's Asset Management Policy refers to a consistent Asset Management Strategy existing for implementing a systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best-practice through all Departments of Council.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Asset Management Strategy, Policy and Plans.

FINANCIAL

The \$350,000 in the construction budget for 2019/20 has not been allocated as yet.

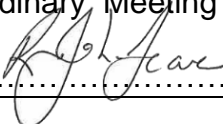
Competing priorities for this fund include:

- Bencubbin Avenue reconstruction, Coleambally
- Britts Road reconstruction, Darlington Point

The final cost of Bencubbin Ave will be determined by 6 December 2019.

Please refer to Table 1 for approximate reconstruction costings.

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INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategy Plans

- 3.1 – Responsible, Sustainable Asset Management
- 3.2 – Infrastructure (Council Building and Facilities) which meets community and public safety needs
- 3.4 – Maintaining and Improving Transport Infrastructure

RISK MANAGEMENT

By directing construction funds to reconstructing Britts Road, Council may not be able to address a potential funding shortfall for other competing priorities.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Operations Manager
Asset Manager
Overseer - Maintenance

OPTIONS

1. Council accepts the recommendation.
2. Council reconstruct Section 1
3. Council reconstruct Section 1 & 3
4. Council reconstruct Section 1, 3 & 4
5. Council undertake no further work on Britts Road

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 10 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2019

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	15 November 2019
Author:	Media and Communications Officer
File #:	SC26
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Economic Development Strategy 2019, with proposed actions to guide economic development activity in the Murrumbidgee Council area, is presented for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development Strategy 2019 be adopted by Council for use as a strategic document.

BACKGROUND

A key strategic direction of the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 is “our economy – creating our own opportunities”.

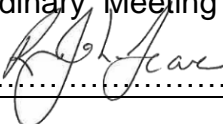
The Economic Development Strategy will guide the direction of Council in achieving this direction, as well as focus Council’s work towards the creation of jobs, facilitation of business growth and diversification and growth of the economy to improve the wealth and well-being of the community.

Six strategic themes were identified to support the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy:

- Attract new business investment;
- Support existing business to grow and diversify;
- Education, training and skills development;
- Grow the population;
- Infrastructure;
- Develop and promote tourism.

The draft Economic Development Strategy 2019 was endorsed by Council at the June 2019 Council meeting. It was then placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Comments were received from two people and these have been incorporated into the final strategy.

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OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

The costs or implementation of the strategy will need to be budgeted each year in accordance with the allocated priority setting.

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027:

Theme Three: Our Economy

Strategies:

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

4.3.4 Develop and implement a Murrumbidgee Tourism Strategic Plan aligned with regional, state and federal priorities, including outcomes of relevant evaluation reports and reviews

4.5.3 Link Council's Economic Development Plan within the Regional Plan to develop regional initiatives stimulating interest in Murrumbidgee Council as an agribusiness hub for the Riverina and/or Upper Murray regions.

RISK MANAGEMENT

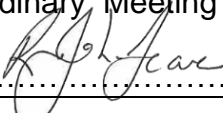
The Economic Development Strategy 2019 is designed to identify opportunities to support sustainable regional economic development for the area. Without a strategy, Murrumbidgee Council risks not having direction to guide economic development for the area.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

The following groups have been consulted in relation to the development of the Economic Development Strategy:

- Engagement with key stakeholders to ensure they have the opportunity to contribute to and guide the process through forums, meetings, and one-on-one interviews;
- A business survey;

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- Hosting of Destination Management Planning Forums in Darlington Point and Jerilderie in April 2019;
- Feedback workshop with proposed actions from the draft Economic Development Strategy.

The Economic Development Strategy Survey was distributed to business operators via post (157), by email (431), placed on the website, as well as promoted on social media and through a media release. Fifty seven (57) responses were received through the following mediums:

- Website - 5
- Email - 30
- Social media – 1
- Post – 21

With Council's endorsement of the draft Economic Development Strategy at the June 2019 Council meeting, the draft strategy was placed on public exhibition for 28 days. The opportunity to comment on the strategy was promoted through press advertisements, a media release, social media posts and on the website. Comments were received from two people and these have been incorporated into the report.

OPTIONS

1. Council adopt the Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy 2019. It can then be uploaded to Council's website and printed when required;
2. Council take no action and not adopt the Economic Development Strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 15: Economic Development Strategy 2019

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ITEM NO. 11 - MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	27 September 2019
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC130
Approval:	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

Agenda

1. Present David Maxwell (Chair); Councillor Gaila Smith, Mr John Burge, General Manager, Mr John Scarce, Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton

Via Telephone: Crowe Horwath representative Ms Dannielle MacKenzie

2. Apologies Mayor, Councillor Ruth McRae
Moved: G Smith Seconded: J Burge
That the apology from Councillor McRae be received and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest **Nil**

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Moved: J Burge Seconded: G Smith
The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

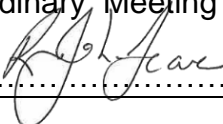
CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Minutes
JLT/Statewide – Staff Introduction to Enterprise Risk Management Workshop.
WHS/Risk Officer on board working with management to identify most common risks.
Risk Register to be completed by January, 2020.

Discussion held regarding Audit readiness and if additional resources are required. Draft copy of financial statements to be available for Audit Committee meeting on 14 November, 2019.

Moved G Smith Seconded: J Burge

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That the Committee is concerned that there is a need for additional resources in finance and suggest to Council that a Cadetship may be worthy of consideration.

CARRIED

6. Annual Statements & External Audit

6.1 Interim Management Letter (6/8/19) (attached)

The Committee moved through each of the matters raised in the Interim Management Letter and noted progress to date.

Moved: J Burge Seconded: G Smith

That the Interim Management Letter be received and noted including updated responses.

CARRIED

6.2 Application for Extension of Time for Lodgement of the Annual Statements (9/8/19) (attached)

Moved: G Smith Seconded: J Burge

That the application for extension of time for lodgement of the Annual Statements plus approval be received and noted.

CARRIED

Danielle MacKenzie was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting at 2.00pm.

7. Internal Audit

7.1 Expressions of interest for provision of internal audit services for Murrumbidgee Council.

Moved: J Burge Seconded: G Smith

That the Expression of Interest for Internal Audit Services be approved by the Committee.

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

8.1 Statewide/Statecover self audits received since February 2019 meeting – **NIL**

8.2 Any other reports - **NIL**

8.3 GM confidential report (verbal) – **NIL**

9. ARIC Operations

9.1 Audit follow-up matrix

Chairman noted no update supplied to meeting.

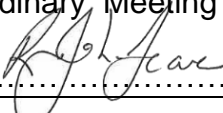
9.2 Report – Code of Conduct for Council Committee Members and Delegates

Moved: J Burge Seconded: G Smith

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

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9.3 Report – Discussion Paper-New Internal Audit & Risk
Management Framework for Local Councils in NSW

Moved: G Smith Seconded: J Burge

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

9.4 Committee Report by Chair, David Maxwell

Moved: D Maxwell Seconded: J Burge

That the report, as amended by the committee, be adopted and presented to Council.

CARRIED

10. Future meeting dates

22 November 2019, 1pm at Jerilderie

Forward meeting plan will be provided to November Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.30pm

David Maxwell
Chairperson

ITEM NO. 12 – MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	28 October 2019
Author:	Australia Day Committee Secretary
File #:	SC5
Approval:	Australia Day Committee

Meeting held at the Jerilderie Sports Club, Jerilderie

Present -Dean Knight, Rhonda Bryce, Faith Bryce, Joy Knight, Ruth McRae

Apologies- Joan and Laurie Blackmore, Maria and Peter Keating, Hilary Knight, Kevin A'Vard

Moved Faith Bryce , seconded Joy Knight that the apologies be accepted.
CARRIED

Minutes of last Meeting

Moved Faith Bryce, seconded Joy Knight that the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.
CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes of last Meeting

Nil

President's Report

As Attached

Moved Dean Knight, seconded Ruth McRae that the Presidents Report be accepted CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Balance at 28th October 2019 \$3,130.07

Overall profit of \$220. 03 . Joan has approached Vicki Sutton to audit the accounts and this has been completed as all true and correct.

Moved Dean Knight , seconded Joy Knight , that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Elections of Office Bearers

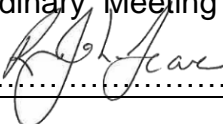
Ruth took the chair and declared all positions vacant.

President

Dean was nominated by Faith Bryce and seconded by Rhonda Bryce

Dean accepted and with no further nominations was duly elected

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.....Mayor

Secretary

Rhonda was nominated by Joy Knight , seconded by Faith Bryce
Rhonda accepted and with no further nominations was duly elected

Treasurer

Joan Blackmore was nominated by Faith Bryce and seconded by Dean Knight
Joan accepted and with no further nominations was duly elected.

All those in attendance at this meeting, plus apologies, will duly be elected as the committee.

New members are all welcome

General Business

Joy Knight nominated Vicki Sutton as auditor, with a letter of thanks for the job she has done this year. Seconded Ruth McRae
CARRIED

Discussion around long-standing member of this committee, Ian Sneddon and the tireless work he has done over many years.

Joy Knight moved that we acknowledge Ian Sneddon as a patron of our committee this year and recognise him posthumously, presenting him with a certificate in recognition of the work and dedication to the Jerilderie Australia Day Committee. Seconded Faith Bryce.
CARRIED

Meeting closed 8.20 pm

Next meeting November/December 2020

ITEM NO. 13 – MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	28 October 2019
Author:	Australia Day Committee Secretary
File #:	SC5
Approval:	Australia Day Committee

Meeting held at the Jerilderie Sports Club, Jerilderie

Present – Dean Knight, Joy Knight, Faith Bryce, Ruth McRae, Rhonda Bryce

Apologies- Laurie and Joan Blackmore, Peter and Maria Keating, Hilary Knight, Kevin A'Vard

Moved Faith Bryce seconded Joy Knight that the apologies be accepted.
CARRIED

Minutes of Last Meeting

Moved Ruth McRae seconded Faith Bryce that the Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.
CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes of last Meeting

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

Murrumbidgee Council- re Australia Day Nominations.

Joy and ask Maria to attend the meeting to decide winners of Jerilderie Australia Day awards

Outwards Correspondence

Sympathy Card - Wettenhall Family

In Memory Notice re Ian Sneddon-SRN

Moved Joy Knight , seconded Ruth McRae that the correspondence be accepted
CARRIED

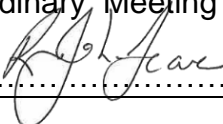
Treasurers Report

Balance at 28/10/19 was \$3,130.07

Profit was 220.03 which was much better than last year.

Moved Rhonda Bryce, seconded Faith Bryce that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
CARRIED

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

General Business

Joan unavailable for Australia Day Award judging. Rhonda to contact Maria to ask her if she can do it.

Book street stalls- Rhonda to do, one market day Thursdays and a Friday x 3 January 2 weeks before. Rhonda to also speak to IGA about voucher.

This year we will have 4 x \$50.00 individual IGA vouchers as decided by the Committee.

Ruth has organised through Julie Conn, lifting of alcohol ban, spraying, garbage, fire -works permit

Dean to organise Ray McCartney to sing for \$500- option of Justin Crowley if Ray is unavailable.

Fireworks is \$5500 including GST as per last year.

Timor Group- worked for their money and then took a blanket around to get donations last year. If asked, we will allow it but they must work for it. Dean said they did a great job last year.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

Next Meeting 13 January 2020

**ITEM NO. 14 – MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COREE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	22 October 2019
Author:	Central Coree Community Centre Committee Secretary
File #:	SC5
Approval:	Central Coree Community Centre Committee

PRESENT: *Morris Lawton, Bev Lawton, Ron Dixon, Ros Braine, Judy Nicholls, Noelene Henderson, Mark Robertson, Troy Mauger, Julian Rourke, Suzanne Robertson, Ainsley Massina, Marg Dixon, Councillor Ruth McRae (Mayor Murrumbidgee Council)*

APOLOGIES: *Raelene Phillips, Glenda Brunt, Titch Donkin, Hannah Gray, Jenny McAllister, Russell Henderson*

WELCOME: *President Julian welcomed everyone to the 2019 Annual General Meeting. A special welcome was extended to Murrumbidgee Council Mayor Ruth McRae.*

MINUTES: *of the previous AGM (13TH Nov. 2018) were read.*

Moved Bev Sec. Ron that were a true and accurate record. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: *Nil*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Julian Rourke presented his report outlining events, fundraising efforts and improvements to the CCCC in the past 12 months.

Social functions included :

- *Annual Santa Night with a record number of children & adults in attendance.*
- *Seafood Night with 94 attending*
- *Farewell Night for 5 local families who had been involved with the hall over many years.*
- *Bonfire Day in June which was very successful*

We had several Fundraising activities over the year including:

- *Seafood Night*
- *Dixon Clearing Sale*

- *Bottles & Cans Fundraiser*
- *Essential Energy Grant*
- *The hall & its equipment has been hired throughout the year.*

The hall has also been utilised as a venue for numerous community events and meetings.

We have held working bees throughout the year, cleaning up after our mini tornado in December and preparing for upcoming events.

We purchased a dishwasher, the basketball system was erected and we have finally secured the approval of full funding of a permanent shed that is to be built over the playground equipment and the entire soft fall area. This is to be erected before Christmas.

I would finally like to thank everyone who has contributed and helped through this eventful year, especially the committee.

A special mention to Marg who is stepping down as the Secretary and Treasurer for all her great work over many years.

I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Moved Marg Sec. Noelene Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Marg presented the financial statement of income and expenditure for the past financial year.

Bank Balance as at 30th June 2019 *\$ 9090.14*

Marg moved that her report be accepted. Sec. Morris

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO AGM:

- *Letter of resignation from the CCCC Committee from Ron & Marg Dixon*
- Moved Noelene Sec. Bev Carried*

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Ruth McRae took the chair, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations.

PRESIDENT:

Julian Rourke Nom. Troy Sec. Suzanne Accepted Duly elected

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Titch Donkin Nom. Julian Sec. Troy Accepted Duly elected

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Ainsley Massina Nom. Mark R Sec. Noelene Accepted Duly elected

COMMITTEE:

All those in attendance with the exception of Ron & Marg Dixon.

Titch Donkin, Glenda Brunt, Carson Thomas and Raelene Phillips to remain on the Committee along with new member Hannah Gray.

CATERING:

Committee as a whole

GROUNDKEEPER:

Morris Lawton

PUBLICITY OFFICER:

Ainsley Massina

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- *Auditor – Marg thanked Suzanne Robertson for auditing records of the past financial year and moved that Suzanne be appointed Auditor for the upcoming financial year.
Sec. Troy Carried*
- *Westpac Account – After some discussion it was decided to close our existing Westpac Account.
Moved Troy Sec. Julian that Ainsley facilitate changing to Bendigo Bank and to organise online banking.
Julian, Ainsley & Carson to be signatories...two required to complete transactions.*

- *Mark Robertson moved a vote of thanks to Marg & Ron Dixon for all their time and effort involved with the hall over many years. Carried*

- ***MATTER OF URGENCY...The committee agreed unanimously that Murrumbidgee Council be notified of the problem with the damaged Septic Tank lid and request that a permanent solution be administered as a matter of urgency.***

The current situation with its temporary measure is a health and safety issue which requires urgent attention.

Next AGM: Tuesday 10 November 2020

Meeting Closed: 8.08pm

CENTRAL COREE COMMUNITY CENTRE

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1.07.2018 – 30.06.2019

Opening Balance 30.06.2018

7912.89

INCOME

Interest 8.48
Social function 5640.00
(Seafood Night)
Donations 200.00
Clearing Sale 2108.00
(Dixon's)
Hall & Equip. Hire 315.00
Bottles & Cans 1685.60

EXPENDITURE

Origin Energy 1011.98
Seafood Night Exp. 4484.67
Advertising 66.00
Insurance (Contents) 496.12
Clearing Sale Exp. 1164.38
Dishwasher 749.00
Farewell Exp. 179.15
Mower Maint. 192.84
Sundries 435.69

TOTAL INCOME 9957.08

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 8779.83

BALANCE

30.06.2018 7912.89

BALANCE PER BANK

S/MENT 30.06.2019 9090.14

17869.97

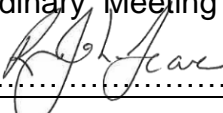
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BALANCE 30.06 2019

9090.14

Margaret Dixon (Hon. Treasurer)

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..... General Manager

..... Mayor

ITEM NO. 15 - MINUTES OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	3 October 2019
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Ian Sneddon,(in our hearts) Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Chris Girdwood, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, June Scammell, Garry Borger, Margaret Borger, Fred Scammell, Graham Mills.

Apologies: Robyne Sneddon, Ann Wright, Bruce Crittenden, Jan Crittenden, Colin Sweeney, Dot Mills, Joan Ferris, Joan Kuschert, , Polly Fisher, Lisa Brackenrig, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Ruth McRae, Sarah Gurciullo, Isabell Milne, Judy Knight.

Moved Margie Seconded Chris that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

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

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Re Bird List. Council has produced an information leaflet on the bird life in our town. This leaflet can be found on info stand in Council foyer.
- Good Road Side clean up. Next year we need to get correct safety procedures in place.
- Latest Council Newsletter has a section about our Tidy Towns antics. Are we good or what!
- Fantastic Race Day clean up. It was a fabulous whole of community effort. Any function or event in JTown always gets a great roll up of helpers.
- The bridge at back of Jerilderie Public School was repaired prior to JPS 150 celebrations. Great, now us oldies can walk to the Community Gardens and feed the chooks.
- Monash Dinner, Race Day and Jerilderie Public School 150 years celebrations was a weekend for all. So much to do....and it didn't stop there 'cause there is always something goin' on.

Treasurer's report as tabled:

- RAMJO Grant monies \$4500 transferred to Council.
- \$200 donation to Portsea Committee.

Moved Richard Seconded Chris that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted.

Carried.

Correspondence:

Inwards: nil

Outwards: nil

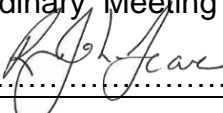
Moved June Seconded Garry that correspondence be accepted.

Carried.

General Business:

- Flower Show 25.10.19. There will be 4 categories for Garden Judging.
 - Overall. Best New. Neat & Tidy. Most Colourful.
 - Votes to Faith by Sunday 13.10.19. Faith will organise certificates etc.
- There will be two bench seats placed at the Lake thanks to monies from Drought Funding. A quiet place to sit, rest, unwind and maybe contemplate.
- Sadie to email John Craig (RAMJO) and ask for lots of signs for bins. A positive thing.
- Faith spoke about Drought Funding and advised Committee that all open bins along roadways will be removed and replaced with our current style of street bin. Large bins will replace small bins at all CBD outlets (eg IGA, Bakery etc). This project combined with the RAMJO grant and Drought Funding will enable local engineering and metal fabrication businesses to be given the opportunity to continue with their businesses. We could possibly get 20 bins. (OMG!). This project is thanks to a RAMJO initiative that allowed our Committee to gain funding for our bins in the beginning with the first round of grant funding. Well, it proves that 'From little things, big things grow.' Onwards and upwards. Thanks RAMJO and Murrumbidgee Council.
- MND/Hospital Auxiliary Golf & Bowls Day committee have asked for volunteers to run a BBQ on the day. We have 6 helpers to work from 11.00 to 2.00.
- Margie has offered to help the Lions Club BBQ by making coleslaw. Thanks Margie.
- Jerilderie Hospital has its 130 year celebrations coming up on Sunday October 20.10.19. Everyone invited to join in.
- Faith expressed the Committee's condolences to Tony & Sadie Herrick re the sudden loss of Tony's younger brother Peter. (thanks for your kindness everyone)
- On a happier note, congratulations to Margie & Garry on tying the knot. We got to share in the wedding cake. Yummy.
- Need to organise a working bee for Memorial Garden Remembrance Day Service 11.11.19. Discuss at next meeting.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

Meeting Closed: 6.45pm
Next Meeting: 7.11.19
At: Our Office
Time: 6.00pm

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President 7.11.19

Tidy Town Treasurer's Report

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JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE
Account QuickReport
As of October 3, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
BENDIGO BANK A/C							
Deposit	6/09/201			Deposit	FINES & T...	30.00	13,839.89
Cheque	6/09/201	89	MURRUMBIDG...	PAY RAM...	-SPLIT-	-4,500.00	13,869.89
Cheque	6/09/201	88	JERILDERIE P...	DONATION	Gifts and D...	-200.00	9,369.89
Total BENDIGO BANK A/C						-4,670.00	9,169.89
TOTAL						-4,670.00	9,169.89

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..... General Manager *R.E. McRae* Mayor

ITEM NO. 16 - MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON POINT TOWNLIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	22 October 2019
Author:	Darlington Point Townlife Committee Secretary
File #:	SC23
Approval:	Darlington Point Townlife Committee

Present : Sue Mitchell, Judy Saxvik, Debbie Lacey, Vince Porter and Margaret King.

Apologies: Wayne and Shirley Kennedy

Spring Festival Review:

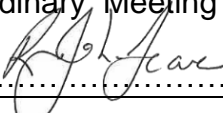
- Thankyou letters are being written to sponsors.
- One stall holder commented \$30 fee was too high, but committee considers it reasonable.
- 120 chairs from Coly to be reduced to 80.
- People missed the icecream stall - work on finding one for 2020.
- Lions and doughnuts sold out but Red Cross and Filipinos had food left over.
- Remember to take photos next year for Council Newsletter and advertising.
- 2020 Spring Festival date 12th September. Good to be before school holidays, good to be annual event. Judy will email date to stall holders. Steve and Council to post on Facebook.
- Profit \$2,830.95 Account balance 22.10 19 \$10,874.63
- Music - very good artists. Vince said sound can be distributed better and back noise can be adjusted down.
- Stall site fee - \$30 for one, \$50 for two in 2020.

Goanna Track: Were going to use profits from Spring Festival on walking track - Vince passed on that Shirley feels the signs are OK.

Planter Pots: Suggested that planted pots to beautify retail area could benefit from Spring Festival proceeds. Sue to get ideas, designs and prices, then we'll form a plan to submit to Council. Judy suggested Men's Shed may be able to build the containers. Facilities, seats, landscaping, etc at the proposed boat ramp could be a future project.

Donation: Agreed we donate \$400 to the school breakfast program immediately.

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Australia Day: Decided to organise a celebration. Nomination forms to be the same. Sue has applied for ambassador. Talk to Penny Sheppard, Coleambally, to determine arrangements for dinner and hosting.

Meeting Closed: 6.15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 26th November, 2019.

ITEM NO. 17 - RIVERINA SPRAY DRIFT STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: 26 November 2019
Report Date: 10 October 2019
Author: Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholder Group Secretary
File #: SC92
Approval: Councillor Brown

1. Welcome: 1.08pm Peter McGrath, Brian Bortolin, Kevin, Craig, Jeff Shaw, Iva.
2. Apologies: Pat Brown, Tammy Galvin, Gerry Wilcox.
3. Minutes September meeting:

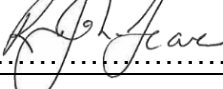
Motion: Minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Brian Seconded: Craig **CARRIED**

4. Business arising from minutes:

- Agronomist training – Oct 31/Nov1: local agro companies contacted (YPC, Elders, AGnVET, R&B, Landmark, Terra Ag, CGS -Hillston).
- Council Weeds Officers and MI/CICL informal event. No need for a specific event for them, they will attend farmer events.
- Griffith City Council \$2,500 for local events application- **unsuccessful**. Peta Dummet (GCC) is highly supportive of SOS. In future she will keep a look out for potential funding sources and help write application.
- ACTION item: Kevin & Iva to draft up a tiered sponsorship prospectus. **COMPLETE** Feedback received. Kevin moved that we accept the draft sponsorship prospectus. **CARRIED**
- ACTION item: Brian to approach Riverina Winegrape Growers to get financial support for event targeting grape growers. **COMPLETE** Riverina Winegrape Growers have agreed to be a Silver sponsor.
- ACTION item: Iva to contact Brett Mawbey, Harry Pickering & Dave Farmer Dates re Beer/Banger Farmer Event dates **COMPLETE** 4 events are organised for Oct 29-31 (Hanwood, Whitton, Coleambally & Yenda). Brian has emailed all grape growers via VineChat, all viticulture agros and GLO's. Kevin also sent email to his agronomy contacts.

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- ACTION item: Iva to contact Perry Wiles BOM invite to speak at next meeting. **COMPLETE** Perry gave his apologies- unable to attend today's meeting but suggested a phone/video link up week starting Oct 14. Craig noted that OEH- did something similar around developing a stubble burning app. Perhaps this work can be of use. **ACTION:** Iva to contact Perry and arrange phone/video meeting for 9am Friday October 18.

5. General business

- EPA application- Environmental Trust Grant. It was agreed that SOS RV will be a partner.
- Catering for grower workshops- Yenda (Belvedere Pizza), Whitton Leagues club (Bacon & egg rolls), Coly Club- finger foods, Yenda Club Bacon & Egg rolls.
- Call to agros to get a group of farmers to attend.
- Sponsorship prospectus to be distributed to different businesses

ACTION: Iva to send combined cover letter, sponsorship prospectus & committee list and distribute to committee.

ACTION: Kevin to approach all agro companies and chemical companies.

ACTION: Jeff to forward on to appropriate person in MI.

ACTION: Iva to prepare Survey for workshop participants (name, phone email and organisation). EPA will print up.

ACTION: Iva to prepare Attendance Sheet for workshops.

6. Next meeting November 15th 1pm EPA meeting room (final meeting for year- Chrissy Party lunch Meeting). Debrief on workshops.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NO. **18 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	13 November 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 31 October 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 October 2019.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 October 2019 was \$30,705,874.06 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$403,137.17.

Investments: As at 31 October 2019, Council's total invested funds were \$30,302,736.89. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 1.59%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (60.25%), IMB Ltd (16.05%) and ANZ (9.15%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

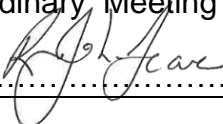
OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 31 October 2019;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

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.......... General Manager

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SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

OPTIONS

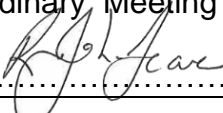
NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2019-20 Consolidated	2018-19 Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 30 SEPTEMBER 2019	1,082,399.21	902,970.76
ADD - Receipts - 31 October 2019	939,882.58	1,033,351.90
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	1,926,559.71	1,105,699.34
ADD - Cancelled	2,337.00	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	3,737.15	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-41,081.63	-22,993.22
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-3,092,598.35	-1,869,557.92
LESS - Payroll	-484,165.87	-506,017.21
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-682.11	-8,614.71
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Investments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	0.00	-757.67
LESS - Fuel Card	-306.12	-825.67
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-438.90	-438.90
CASH AT BANK 31 OCTOBER 2019	335,642.67	632,816.70
CASH AT BANK 31 OCTOBER 2019	201,160.33	446,996.73
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	205,287.84	192,906.97
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	426.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	0.00	-7,513.00
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-75,659.61	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	4,854.11	0.00
CASH AT BANK 31 OCTOBER 2019	335,642.67	632,816.70
Add Investments	30,302,736.89	24,485,049.72
Total Cash and Investments	30,638,379.56	25,117,866.42
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	144,178.22	204,084.68
Water Fund	1,549,920.51	2,148,643.10
Sewer Fund	3,272,407.56	3,832,499.94
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	85,505.06
Unexpended Grant Funds	2,086,602.39	1,307,705.73
Plant Reserve	2,183,176.00	1,050,810.64
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,790,000.00	1,620,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	3,328,189.00	4,713,542.69
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	375,450.00	0.00
New Council Implementation Fund	844,115.01	463,369.24
Stronger Communities Fund	11,183,957.59	8,285,247.85
General Fund	3,806,579.28	1,406,457.49

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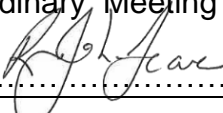
 General Manager

 Mayor

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS – 31 OCTOBER 2019

Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	702,742.47	1.70%	02-Dec-19	8/20
St George	541,235.10	1.85%	22-Dec-19	5/20
Bendigo	784,826.76	1.75%	18-Nov-19	3/20
Bendigo	1,035,616.87	1.60%	22-Nov-19	4/20
NAB	502,527.40	1.25%	17-Dec-19	10/20
NAB	902,465.75	1.90%	28-Dec-19	6/20
IMB Ltd	505,311.74	1.50%	08-Jan-20	14/20
ANZ-Les Wallis	45,438.28	1.64%	28-Dec-19	13/20
St George	506,004.14	1.58%	04-Jan-20	12/20
IMB Ltd	502,306.16	1.85%	16-Jan-20	15/20
SUNCORP	1,052,038.11	1.65%	03-Feb-20	9/20
St George	500,000.00	1.85%	03-Feb-20	7/20
NAB	404,556.23	1.70%	27-Mar-20	11/20
IMB Ltd	603,290.96	1.60%	06-Jan-20	20
IMB Ltd	517,591.07	1.50%	12-Feb-20	21
IMB Ltd	615,081.79	1.60%	07-Jan-20	24
Bendigo	602,797.81	1.50%	06-Feb-20	26
Bendigo	800,000.00	1.60%	07-Jan-20	28
ANZ	1,113,420.20	1.50%	06-Apr-20	29
ANZ	808,702.93	1.64%	25-Nov-19	30
Bendigo	403,221.92	1.70%	06-Nov-19	34
Bendigo	605,803.54	1.05%	16-Dec-19	35
IMB Ltd	604,549.32	1.55%	23-Jan-20	36
Bendigo	3,925,399.65	1.30%	16-Apr-20	38
ANZ	804,512.39	1.73%	25-Nov-19	39
Bendigo	2,523,914.33	1.65%	16-Feb-20	40
Bendigo	2,111,429.38	1.50%	16-Jan-20	42
IMB Ltd	814,218.65	1.55%	27-Feb-20	44
Bendigo	5,463,733.94	1.30%	16-Apr-20	45
Total Investments	30,302,736.89			
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.24%		
	2018/19	2.37%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	1.59%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,052,038.11	3.47%		
ANZ	2,772,073.80	9.15%		
Bendigo	18,256,744.20	60.25%		
IMB Ltd	4,865,092.16	16.05%		
NAB	1,809,549.38	5.97%		
St George	1,547,239.24	5.11%		
TOTAL	30,302,736.89	100%		

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..... General Manager

..... Mayor

ITEM NO. 19 - CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	18 November 2019
Author:	Executive Assistant
File #:	SC6
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Arrangements are in place to conduct a Citizenship Ceremony on Thursday 19 December 2019. The ceremony will take place at the Jerilderie Chambers, commencing 11.00am. Conferees are Mr Sunil Desham and Mr Edgar Orquillas.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Australian Citizenship Ceremony Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Citizenship ceremonies are generally public ceremonial occasions which provide an important opportunity to formally welcome new citizens as full members of the Australian community. Citizenship ceremonies fulfil legal requirements prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 2007 and the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007. They are conducted under the authority of the Australian Government Minister responsible for citizenship matters.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code provides guidance for Council. It sets out legal and other requirements for conducting Citizenship Ceremonies, as well as the roles and responsibilities of those conducting ceremonies.

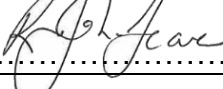
SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

In NSW, the Mayor and General Manager are person authorised to receive a pledge of commitment under subsection 27 (5) of the Australian Citizenship Act 2007 and Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007.

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FINANCIAL

Estimated \$300.00

INTEGRATED PLANS

Action 1.1.4.2 - Conduct Australian Citizenship Ceremonies in accordance with guidelines set by the Department of Immigration.

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Mayor and General Manager

OPTIONS

1. Host the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies;
2. Forego the right to host Citizenship Ceremonies.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 20 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, OCTOBER 2019

Council Meeting: 26 November 2019
Report Date: 14 November 2019
Author: General Manager
File #: SC210
Approval: Manager Planning & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, October 2019, be noted.

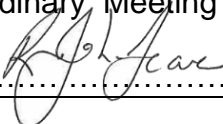
BACKGROUND

DA No.	Property Location	Description	Value	Determination Date
CDC03-19/20	16 Nowranie Street Jerilderie Lot 4 DP 661764	Carport	\$5000	31/10/19
CDC04-19/20	30 Mahonga Street Jerilderie Lot 1 DP 339854	Verandah off Existing Shed	\$5000	31/10/19

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 21 - BIOSECURITY / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	15 November 2019
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	SC92
Approval:	Manager Planning & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Biosecurity Officers during the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Biosecurity, Saleyards, Truckwash and Stock Control Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Jerilderie:

Weeds

- Treated town tip for flies; will monitor over next few weeks to see benefits;
- Treated St Barnaby's Thistle along Elliott Lane, multiple treatments required;
- Inspect and treat RGP sites for Spiny Burr - will monitor after last rain event.
- St John's Wort inspections on going, monitoring after last rain event;
- Treated Khaki Weed on MR321 and local roads;
- 6 properties inspected, 8 High Risk sites inspected, 120km local roads and 275km High Risk Pathways inspected;
- In process of completing Weed Management Capacity Audit;
- Yanco Creek landholder dollar for dollar funding agreements being finalised, completion early December.

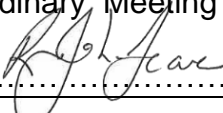
Truck Wash

- Worked well during the sales, but we have had power outages a couple of times since which affects the pump. Essential Energy are looking into the problem.

Stock Control

- Report of sheep on Gilbert Road, also in landholders' properties. Met with owner of sheep on site who stated he was aware of the complaint. Will be

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addressing the fencing issues, he had the sheep out on the road moving them to be shorn. He requested I supply his phone number to the other people so they have direct contact if something happens. Both parties agreed.

- Four sheep 8km north on Newell Highway. Contacted owner who returned sheep to paddock.

Saleyards

- Two sales held within the last month – 4 October and 1 November, with both sales having good numbers. October saw 19,249 sheep sold and 658 passed in. November saw 9,421 sheep sold, with 456 passed in.

Coleambally & Darlington Point:

Weeds

- 5 High Risk Pathway inspections;
- 16 private property inspections;
- 9 Red Guide Post site inspections;
- Boxthorn treated around Coleambally, Coleambally Demo Farm and Four Corners;
- Prickly Pear treated around Coleambally;
- 2 Mesquite plants treated;
- Silverleaf Nightshade treated on Yamma Road;
- Spiny Burr treated around Coleambally Water Tower;
- Sealed roads sprayed, including Yamma Road, Eulo Road and Donald Ross Drive;
- Sprayed levee bank rocks area for Fleabane twice;
- Sprayed stormwater drains at Darlington Point and Coleambally;
- Sprayed walking tracks throughout Coleambally;
- Sprayed Darlington Point sewer ponds;
- Sprayed Coleambally tip for flies;
- Sprayed Darlington Point walkways for ants;
- Attended 1 training course.

Stock Control

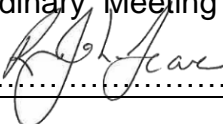
- 1 cow out on MR321 and cows on Sturt Highway all returned to owner.
- Sheep on Bencubbin Avenue returned to owner.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management:

- Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Council's weed management program;

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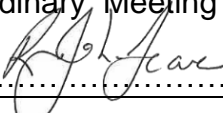
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- Action 2.6.2.1 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;
- Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestation inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 22 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 19/10/2019 to 18/11/2019

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira and William Wade, Operations Managers
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 19 October to 18 November 2019.

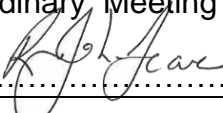

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

BACKGROUNDWorks Completed In Period

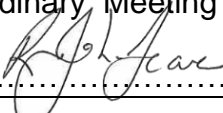
		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
Regional Roads	Guideposts installed			
RR552 – Conargo Road				
RR564 – Berrigan Road				
RR323 – Oaklands Road				
RR59 – Urana Road				
RR596 – Morundah Road	Construction to widen shoulders on each side of Seg 28 – 2.61km and Seg 29 – 2.34km. Formation to increase from 5.7m to 10m. Sealed travel way to increase from 5.7m to 8m.	400,000	86,345	TfNSW
RR356 – Berrigan Oaklands Road				
RR183 – Whitton Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control.			
Carrathool Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control			

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MR321 – Kidman Way	<p>Tar patching on various segments.</p> <p>Roadside vegetation control.</p> <p>RMS Heavy Patching – Traffic control, stabilisation of existing material with slag lime blend on below areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segment 180 – 7 patches • Segment 60 – 5 patches • Segment 50 – 5 Patches <p>RMS shoulder grading on Segment 180, Segment 50 and Segment 60.</p>			
H17 – Newell Highway	<p>Rubbish collection</p> <p>Roadside vegetation control at Waddi intersection.</p> <p>Spraying of roadside vegetation.</p>			
Local Road Maintenance	<p>Grader Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britts Road • Four Corners Road 			
	<p>Tar Patching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Nine Road • Anderson Road • Donald Ross Drive 			
Construction	Please refer to Regional Roads - RR596 – Morundah Road above.			
Resheeting	Four Corners Road - 100mm gravel/road base added to existing surface for 4.2km.	115,000	46,335	Council
	Graham Road – 100mm gravel/road base added to existing surface, 7m width, 10.65km length.	230,000	207,334 (final)	Roads to Recovery
	Telephone Gate Road – 100mm gravel/road base added to existing surface, 6m width, 3.85km length.	85,000	80,850 (final)	Council
	Old Corrowa Road – 100mm gravel/road base added to existing surface, 7m width, 4.52km length.	50,000	38,443 (final)	Roads to Recovery
Town Streets	<p>Darlington Point, Coleambally & Jerilderie:</p> <p>Roadside vegetation control throughout town.</p> <p>Tar patching throughout town streets.</p> <p>Town streets swept by street cleaner.</p>			

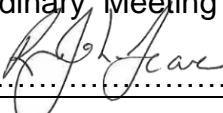
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Resealing Programme	To commence January 2020			
Town Maintenance	<p>Darlington Point</p> <p>Vegetation control on asset protection zones around town.</p> <p>Fire breaks around town slashed.</p> <p>Darlington Point pool car park. Approximately 80m² of patching completed.</p> <p>Cleaning out of stormwater drain along Britts Road.</p>			
	<p>Coleambally</p> <p>Vegetation control on asset protection zones around Coleambally.</p>			
	<p>Jerilderie</p> <p>The town maintenance crew have been busy with utility realignment works on Jerilderie main street.</p>			
Parks and Gardens	Parks and gardens maintained throughout Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.			
Water & Sewerage	<p>Darlington Point</p> <p>Water main breakage and repair behind medical centre repaired. A length of 6m was removed and replaced.</p> <p>Water main flushing completed to clean the water mains of any dirt, debris, iron and manganese build-ups and dirty water.</p> <p>Darlington Point bore returned to site and installed after being serviced.</p>			
	<p>Coleambally</p> <p>One (1) sewerage pump station choke cleared.</p> <p>Coleambally bore returned to site and installed after being serviced.</p>			
	<p>Jerilderie</p> <p>500m utility realignment from O'Neill Street to Brown Street to provide clear access for TfNSW to rehabilitate the main street in the future.</p>	140,000	84,142	TfNSW

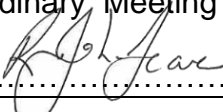
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	Connection of 500kL filtered water reservoir, Nowranie Street.	31,000	25,785	Council
Concreting	Construction of 280m footpath on Jerilderie St, Jerilderie. Jason Wharton.	55,440	49,500 (final)	Drought Funding
	Construction of 200m footpath on Barwidgee Blvd, Darlington Point. Jason Wharton.	39,600	TBC	Drought Funding
	Construction of 110m footpath on McAlister St, Darlington Point. Jason Wharton.	18,150	TBC	Drought Funding
Fabricating	CWA Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to fabricate shade structure over swings and replace picnic table.	35,900	TBC	Drought Funding
	Lion's Park, Darlington Point - Steve Fattore engaged to fabricate 3 structures over picnic tables and BBQ	32,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	Adrian Douglas Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to replace new tables/chairs with new shade structure	22,500	TBC	Drought Funding
	Figtree Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to replace picnic benches and install shade structures.	30,200	TBC	Drought Funding
	South Coree Hall – Brad Belling engaged to fabricate shade structure over equipment.	24,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	Monash Park, Jerilderie – Brad Belling and Mark Anthony engaged to install seating (25) and fabricate fence rails (25).	37,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	Rubbish bins and tree guards, Jerilderie – Mark Anthony engaged and fabrication underway.	40,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	Jerilderie Lake Seating – Kevin A'vard engaged.	12,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	Old RSL/Bakery lawn areas, Jerilderie – Kevin A'Vard engaged. Picnic tables and one shade structure.	20,200	TBC	Drought Funding

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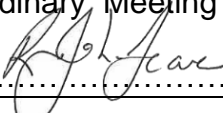

OTHER ITEMS

Darlington Point Cemetery	<p>New trees have been planted along the Carrington Street fence line. An irrigation system has been installed for these trees.</p> <p>Concreting works to start on the week of the 18 November with grounds works and excavation.</p>			
Darlington Point Sewerage Treatment Plant	<p>The sides of the two ponds have been relined with new material and erosion protection has been installed.</p> <p>Council's trucks transported the spoils to the ponds. The spreading of the material around the ponds was completed with the excavator.</p>	50,000		
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans	<p>Proposals for IWCM Plans have been received from Hunter H2O and NSW Public Works. The proposals have been reviewed by NSW DPI Water and comments have been provided.</p> <p>Clarifications have been sent to the consultants before a decision is made as to who to appoint.</p>			

UPCOMING WORKS

		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Local Road Maintenance	<p>All roads within the bus routes to be maintenance graded.</p> <p>Tar patching throughout towns.</p> <p>Darlington Point and Coleambally streets to be swept by street sweeper.</p>		
Regional Roads	<p>Roadside vegetation control after recent rain events.</p>		
H17 – Newell Highway	<p>Continuing utility realignment works.</p>	140,000	TfNSW
MR321 – Kidman Way	<p>Roadside vegetation to be slashed.</p>		
Parks and Gardens	<p>Automation of Luke Park (Jerilderie) sprinkler system</p>	14,500	Council
Water and Sewerage	<p>Flushing of water mains throughout Coleambally.</p>		

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	<p>Jerilderie Water Treatment Plant –</p> <p>(1) Replace filter gravel and sand with sizes and depths as designed;</p> <p>(2) Flush existing underdrains to remove sand and impurities;</p> <p>(3) Convert filter operation from rising level control to constant level control to avoid floc damage;</p> <p>(4) Automate backwash flow control.</p>	150,000	90/10 DPIE/Council
Concreting Works	Jerilderie Street – 50m reconstruction of K&C near bakery. Jason Wharton.	56,000	Drought Funding
	DeMamiel Street – 90m reconstruction of K&C from club entrance. Jason Wharton.	18,900	Drought Funding

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 23 - PLANT PROCUREMENTS

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira, Operations Manager
File #:	SC171
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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 - iii. Reveal a trade secret.

ITEM NO. 24 - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	19 November 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira, Operations Manager
File #:	SC170
Approval:	General Manager

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**ITEM NO. 25 – INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT (IWCM)
STRATEGY**

Council Meeting:	26 November 2019
Report Date:	21 November 2019
Author:	William Wade, Operations Manager
File #:	SC116
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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