# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2019

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# **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

# ITEM NO. 1 - DELEGATE'S REPORT-FINANCIAL ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 16 April 2019

Author: Councillors Smith and Chirgwin

File #: 03.16.06 Approval: Mayor

This training session, run by Local Government NSW and hosted by Albury City Council, reviewed and highlighted the degree of responsibility and competency now expected of those elected as Local Government representatives. At least one Councillor was attending for the second time, specifically seeking clarification on the utilisation of reserves and the raising of levies.

Though there were a number of areas discussed, significant time was spent on depreciation, its use as a tool and its subjectiveness when assessing assets. It was certainly expected that we would be able to at least question the deprecation process, keeping in mind the subjective...if an item was maintained and kept to a standard expected/accepted by the community, then it should not be depreciated.

The management of assets and the reporting to Council of same was highlighted. It appeared to the attendees that perhaps the Works in Progress Report may be able to include an anticipated costing, then an on-completion figure and any variances, why, and the impact on Council's maintenance program budget.

The role of Schedule 7, its reporting, and use as a tool in funding asset replacement was also highlighted. As well as the consideration that should be given to Council's ability and need to borrow.

A digital copy of the presentation has been forwarded to each Councillor and, though just an overview, it highlights the areas covered. Councillors may find the concept of Dashboard Reporting a valuable tool for consideration within our own reporting mechanism, an example of which is on page 14 of the presentation.

The day was very full, the amount of information provided was extensive and the discussions held reinforcing accountability and ignorance being no excuse. Certainly the attendees felt that there was a need for ongoing education in this area

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and that there would be additional benefit from re-attending this workshop following presentation of Council's Audit.

We would strongly urge that Council consider:

- 1. Making this workshop compulsory attendance for all Councillors;
- 2. Arranging an In-House Financial Workshop.

Councillor Gaila Smith **Attendee** 

Councillor Christine Chirgwin **Attendee** 

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# ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### ITEM NO. 2 - GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY UPDATE

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 8 April 2019

Author: John Scarce, General Manager

File #: 03.16.02

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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 receive this report as information.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

## 1. Darlington Point Levee

Attended meeting in Darlington Point on 27 March 2019. In short, stages 5 and 6 are moving forward, as you will see from the separate confidential report to Council.

# 2. Brolga Place

Met with Coleambally Chamber of Commerce and provided three options for the veranda at Brolga Place. The Chamber is consulting with the businesses and owners concerned, and we will meet again early May, to identify which option will proceed.

#### 3. Darlington Point Caravan Park

Progressing in line with Council resolution, and may require a late confidential report.

#### 4. Industrial Relations

Attended the compulsory conference with the NSW Industrial Relations Commission in Parramatta on 1 April 2019. We have a report back conference call with the Commission on 30 April 2019, just prior to commencement of the Council meeting, and as such I will be able to provide details at that time.

#### 5. Medical Centre

Completed in line with Council authorisation.

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# 6. Delegation

I have completed the delegation register form - General Manager to Staff. We will still require specific delegations to specific staff for specific functions to be completed. Overall, the delegations empower staff to undertake their functions in the most streamlined fashion, given the limitations.

#### 7. Performance Reviews

A streamlined system has been presented to the Consultative Committee for discussion with employees. We envisage it will be used for the reviews in May 2019. It has a focus on learning and development, asking what is required and what is desired.

#### 8. Policies

Additional policies and procedures are under development, and some are with the Consultative Committee. The Staff Recognition Policy was provided to the Consultative Committee in March 2019 for their comment. I expect feedback on this Policy at the April meeting.

# 9. RAMJO General Managers' Meeting

The meeting was held in Jerilderie on 9 April 2019. I will verbally update Council at the meeting.

#### 10. Movements

Tuesday 30 April 2019	Council Meeting Darlington Point
Wednesday 8 May 2019	RAMJO Board Meeting – Jerilderie
	METAG - Coleambally
Thursday 9 May 2019	Audit and Risk Improvement
	Committee Meeting – Jerilderie
Monday 13 May 2019	Murrumbidgee Police District Meeting
	at Griffith
Thursday 16 May 2019	MDA Region 9 – Leeton
Thursday/Friday 23/24 May 2019	MAV Future of Local Government
	National Summit-Melbourne
Thursday 30 May 2019	Newell Highway Task Force Meeting -
	Sydney
Sunday-Wednesday 16-19 June 2019	National General Assembly, Canberra

# **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

#### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

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#### **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**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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#### ITEM NO. 3 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 35-18/19

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 1 April 2019

Author: Matt Johnson, Consultant Town Planner, Habitat Planning

File #: DA 35-18/19

Approval: John Scarce, General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has received Development Application DA 35-18/19 for a backpacker and tourist accommodation development at 20 Narrand Street, Darlington Point. An assessment of the application has been undertaken against the requirements of Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as outlined within this report.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant Development Consent to Development Application No. 35-18/19 for a proposed backpackers accommodation development on Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Section 6, DP 758340 and addressed as 20 Narrand Street, Darlington Point dated 21 February 2019, in accordance with Section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and subject to the Conditions Of Consent provided as attachment # 1.

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Applicant: Freedom Rural Pty Ltd

Property: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Section 6, DP758340, 20 Narrand

Street, Darlington Point

Zoning: RU5 Village

Proposed Development: Backpacker and Tourist Accommodation Village

Consent Authority: Murrumbidgee Council

Reason for Report: Objection received to the proposed development and

issues regarding management and ownership of road

reserves.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Date Lodged: 21 February 2019

Exhibition period: 27 February 2019 to 28 March 2019

Submissions received: One (1) submission received from adjoining neighbour

to the west objecting to the development - see

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evaluation section of this report for further details.

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Previous Approvals:

Council previously issued Development Consent for Development Application DA60-17/18 on 12 September 2018 for an almost identical development, however rather than pre-fabricated buildings, the development involved the placement of 'mining dongas' on-site.

#### **LOCATION**

#### SITE AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT DESCRIPTION

The subject land is described as Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Section 6, DP758340 and addressed as 20 Narrand Street, Darlington Point ('the subject land').

The subject land is located within north Darlington Point and is located on the corner of Narrand Street and the unmade Kooba Street (see **Figure 1**).

The property is zoned RU5 Village and comprises a number of individual allotments bisected by Crown Road Reserves. The land is currently vacant, but has been subject to some recent site levelling works as part of the previously approved development for the site.

Land to the north on the opposite side of the unformed Tubbo Street is undeveloped village zoned land, whilst land to the east and south is undeveloped rural zoned land. To the west of the subject land is an unformed Crown Road Reserve, whilst land further west contains a number of single storey residential dwellings, which front Uri and Narrand Streets.



Figure 1 – Location of Subject Land (outlined)

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#### **DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION**

The proposal involves the establishment of a backpackers and tourist accommodation village, which will be able to accommodate up to 40 persons at any one time.

More specifically, the development involves the following works:

- Installation/construction of 10 individual pre-fabricated units (permanent) comprising three (3) bedrooms and a separate kitchen, bathroom, dining and living area;
- Installation of a number of transportable communal buildings including a site office, communal kitchen/dining/lounge area, laundry and swimming pool;
- Construction of 35 visitor and staff car parking spaces, as well as the provision of 3 bus parking spaces in the north east corner of the property. It is noted that these spaces will initially be constructed of hardstand, but, as part of the second stage of the development, will be sealed;
- Erection of a 1.8 metre high security perimeter fence around the boundaries of the site;
- Site landscaping, including perimeter landscaping and internal site landscaping including grassed areas.

Due to the size of the development, the works will be staged commensurate with demand as follows:

- Stage 1 (Year 1) Construction of up to 5 units, perimeter fence upgrades, construction of all-weather sealed car park and establishment of landscaping and lawned areas; and
- Stage 2 (Years 2 and 3) Completion of remaining units, construction/installation of common area buildings, fire pit and pool. Upon completion of works, all car parking areas to be sealed (bitumen) and linemarked.

It is noted that the development will require access over surrounding Crown Road Reserves. Following previous discussions with the landowner and Crown Lands, Council has agreed to seek these Road Reserves to be transferred into Council ownership, where they will be managed and maintained by the landowner.

As outlined above, the development is very similar to a previous approval issued on 12 September 2018 (see DA60-17/18) by Council for the land.

The only difference between this previously approved application and the current application is that the development now involves the construction of permanent accommodation buildings rather than transportable buildings, and the site plan has been slightly revised to relocate the areas of car parking and reduce the total

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number of communal buildings required on-site due to the individual facilities provided in each unit.

An extract of the proposed site plan is provided in **Figure 2** below and a full copy of the submitted plans is included as attachment # 2 to this report.

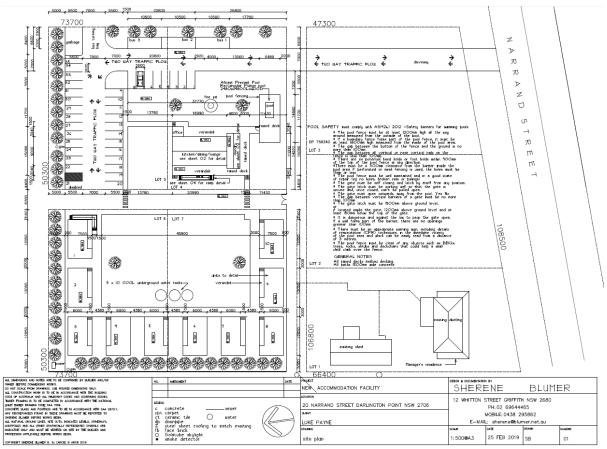


Figure 2 - Proposed Site Plan

#### <u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>

#### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979**

## 4.15 EVALUATION

# (1) Matters for consideration—general

In determining a Development Application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the Development Application:

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# (a) the provisions of:

# (i) any environmental planning instrument, and

The following Environmental Planning Instruments are relevant to the application:

## State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land (SEPP 55)

Clause 7 of this SEPP requires Council to consider whether the land is contaminated prior to granting consent to the carrying out of any development on that land and consider whether the subject land in its current or remediated condition, is appropriate for the proposed development.

The subject land is residentially zoned and is currently vacant. Consequently, no further investigation in this regard is warranted as the land is not known to be contaminated. Council can therefore be satisfied in regard to its obligations under this SEPP.

# Local Environmental Plans

Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013

Clause 2.3 Zone Objectives and Land Use Table

The subject land is zoned RU5 Village under the *Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013* ("the LEP"). The objectives of the RU5 Zone are:

- To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.
- To ensure that development in village areas is compatible with the environmental capability of the land.
- To retain and facilitate the expansion and redevelopment of the existing central business districts of Darlington Point and Coleambally and to further strengthen the core retail functions of these areas.

Clause 2.3(2) requires Council to have regard to the objectives and Land Use Table of the Zone when determining a Development Application. The proposal seeks to establish a backpacker and tourist accommodation development, which is permitted with consent in the RU5 Zone.

The development is also consistent with the objectives of the RU5 Zone as it will provide for a variety of land uses (residential and tourist accommodation), which will support the main commercial centre and tourist development of Darlington

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Point. The land does not contain any particular environmental features and has been designed to minimise impacts on adjoining neighbours.

# Clause 6.2 Flood Planning

Clause 6.2 of the LEP applies to land at or below the flood planning level and seeks to minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of the land. Whilst it is acknowledged that the subject land is classified as being flood prone (low level), this is considered satisfactory in this instance as the proposed buildings will be required to be constructed 500mm above the 1 in 100 year flood level.

## Clause 6.9 Essential Services

Clause 6.9 of the LEP requires that development consent must not be granted unless Council is satisfied that adequate arrangements have been made for the provision of infrastructure and services.

In response, the development will be connected to reticulated services including: water, sewer, electricity, gas and telecommunications. Furthermore, the subject land will be serviced by an internal access road and will be connected to Narrand Street.

(ii) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and

There are no draft planning instruments that apply to the proposed development.

#### (iii) any development control plan,

There is no Development Control Plan (DCP) that applies to the former Murrumbidgee Shire Council area.

(iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and

There are no planning agreements under Section 7.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment (EP&A) Act applicable to the proposed development.

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(iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

There are no matters prescribed by the Regulations applicable to this development.

(b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,

Section 4.15 of the EP&A Act requires consideration of likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on both natural and built environments and social and economic impacts in the locality.

Key areas for consideration in respect to the subject application are outlined as follows:

# Context and Setting

The subject land is zoned RU5 Village and the development proposes residential and tourist accommodation development, which is permitted with consent in this Zone.

Having undertaken an assessment of the proposal, the development is generally consistent with the context and setting of the area in terms of building heights, setbacks and landscaping areas and proposes residential development in a village zone.

#### <u>Streetscape</u>

The proposed development will not adversely affect the streetscape appearance of Narrand Street as it is setback a minimum of 47 metres from this road frontage and will be screened by both landscaping and fencing.

# Natural Hazards

The subject land is identified as being flood prone in Council's latest flood study. Notwithstanding, the proposed development responds to the flooding hazards of the land, with all buildings to be raised 500mm above the 1 in 100 year flood event to ensure the protection of life and property.

#### Utilities and Infrastructure

The land is urban zoned and has access to all reticulated infrastructure and services including: water, sewer, electricity, gas, telecommunications and roads, which can service the proposed development.

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# **Biodiversity**

The subject land does not contain any trees or other vegetation and therefore the development will not adversely affect matters regarding biodiversity.

# Heritage (European and Aboriginal Cultural)

The subject land is not identified within Schedule 5 of the LEP as a heritage item or heritage conservation area. Similarly, the land does not contain any landscape features such as waterways, scarred trees, elevated/terraced ridgelines or caves that would indicate previous occupation by traditional landowners, given the site's location and its previous use for agricultural purposes.

# Air Quality and Dust

Whilst it is acknowledged that the development will generate levels of dust generation during construction, this is considered appropriate in this instance as they will only occur for a finite period of time and will be controlled via conditions of development consent.

Furthermore, whilst it also acknowledged that the developer only proposes to construct the car parking and vehicle movement areas as hardstand in the interim, which could generate opportunities for dust generation, it is noted that these car parking and vehicle movement areas will be sealed (bitumen seal or equivalent) as part of the second stage of the development.

As a means of addressing potential amenity concerns from adjoining neighbours, the applicant has revised the location of the proposed car parking area to only the north east corner of the property. As a consequence, these car parking areas will be located approximately 80 metres away from the closest resident and will be screened by proposed landscaping and fencing, thereby addressing potential amenity concerns.

#### Noise and Vibrations

Similar to the issue of dust generation, matters regarding noise and vibrations will occur for a finite period during the initial construction phase of the project and will be controlled via conditions of development consent.

Matters regarding operational noise generated from the use of the site will also be appropriately addressed and controlled via a Plan of Management, which will be prepared for the site, and seeks to protect the amenity of the area from the operation and use of the site, including the impacts of noise.

# Traffic, Access and Parking

Matters regarding traffic, access and parking have been addressed as part of the development, and the development provides 35 car parking spaces on-site, as well as three designated bus parking spaces.

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The site layout has been redesigned since the original approval was issued to now limit car parking to the north east corner of the site, rather than across the whole northern boundary of the property to reduce amenity impacts on adjoining neighbours and reduce the amount of road sealing.

As outlined above, the development seeks to stage the sealing of this car parking area until stage 2 of the development, which will allow for initial site establishment works to be completed. This is considered appropriate in this instance given the large upfront costs associated with these works and the relatively isolated location of the development.

The application was also referred to the NSW Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) for comment and they did not raise any objection, subject to the inclusion of a number of conditions of development consent.

#### Waste Management

Matters regarding waste management will be addressed as part of the Plan of Management and can be controlled via conditions of development consent.

# Safety, Security and Crime Prevention

Matters regarding safety, security and crime prevention through environmental design have been considered as part of the overall development of the site. More specifically, the development will have security lights and site fencing, as well as an on-site manager.

#### Soils

The proposed works will not adversely affect soil quality or other land resources.

# Social Impacts

The development will have an overall positive social impact as it will provide for the residential and tourist needs of the community. In addition, the development has been located and designed so as to minimise the social and amenity impacts on adjoining neighbours, including the location of proposed car parking areas, accommodation buildings etc.

A Plan of Management will also be prepared for the development to ensure that it will not adversely affect the amenity of adjoining neighbours.

#### **Economic Impacts**

The proposed development will support the economic growth and commercial viability of Darlington Point through direct employment and demand for goods and services.

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### Construction Impacts

Standard conditions associated with construction works will be included as part of the conditions of development consent.

## (c) the suitability of the site for the development,

The subject land is village zoned, and the development seeks to achieve residential and tourist accommodation development. The subject land can be serviced with all required reticulated services and contains no environmental features with the exception of being flood prone, which the development can be designed to accommodate.

# (d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the Regulations,

As outlined above, the Development Application was publicly notified from 27 February 2019 until 28 March 2019.

During this period, one (1) submission was received during this public notification period from an adjoining residential neighbour located to the west. A copy of this submission is included as attachment #3 to this report.

It is noted that this submission is largely the same as an objection lodged against the previous Development Application that was approved for the site. Notwithstanding, below is a summary of the issues raised and a town planning response.

#### Issue No. 1: Visual appearance of the development

The proposed works have an industrial appearance and will detract from the overall appearance of the area, particularly in recognition of previous works approved onsite.

#### Planning Response:

Concerns regarding the potential negative visual appearance of the proposed development are acknowledged.

Following an assessment of the proposed works, the development is considered to have an industrial appearance given the use of chainmesh fencing and barbed wire, as well as the use and installation of shipping containers on-site. Whilst the use of such materials in an industrial area would be considered acceptable, given the site's highly prominent location on the main street, as well as the fact that it is located within a heritage conservation area, the development is not acceptable in this instance.

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Further details regarding the proposed impacts of the development are discussed within this report.

# Issue No. 1: Security and Safety

Concerned about the safety and security of neighbouring properties and property owners as a result of the proposed development.

# Planning Response:

Concerns regarding safety and security are acknowledged and have been assessed as part of the determination of this application. In response to potential safety and security concerns, the site will be managed in accordance with a Plan of Management, which will address, amongst other things, safety and security to ensure that there is no disorderly behaviour from people occupying the development. Furthermore, the site will be secured via the installation of a solid 1.8 metre high colorbond perimeter fence.

## Issue No. 2: Noise Impacts

Concern was raised about the increased noise in the area as a result of the proposed development.

## Planning Response:

Concerns regarding noise and amenity impacts have also been considered and will be managed via a Plan of Management. In addition, the development has been designed to locate noise generating activities such as communal areas (dining, recreation hall), car parking areas and driveways, away from nearby and adjoining residents' and the site will be buffered by a proposed 1.8 metre high solid colorbond fence and associated perimeter landscaping.

Furthermore, a number of conditions will be included on the development that seek to limit the generation of noise from the site.

#### Issue No. 3: Property Values

Concern was raised regarding the negative impact on property prices.

# Planning Response:

Whilst concerns regarding potential impacts on property prices are acknowledged, it is noted that these are not a relevant town planning consideration.

#### (e) the public interest,

The public interest is a broad consideration relating to many issues and is not limited to the demand upon public services and infrastructure. Council must also have regard for the impacts of development upon natural and man-made assets and the wider community.

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The proposed backpacker and tourist accommodation village is considered to be in the public interest as it will provide alternative accommodation to visitors to the town in a location that is within walking distance of the services of Darlington Point. The development will also provide employment opportunities at the facility itself and has been designed to minimise impact on adjoining residential neighbours.

Consequently, taking into account the full range of matters for consideration under Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as discussed within this report) it is considered that the application is in the public interest.

## 7.12 Fixed Development Consent Levies

The Murrumbidgee Council Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2017 ('the contributions plan') was endorsed by Council on 25 May 2017 and applies to any development over \$100,000.

For development with a total development cost of more than \$200,000, a 1% development contribution levy applies.

As the development has a total estimated project cost of \$875,000, a development contribution levy of \$8,750 will be included as a condition of development consent.

#### **FINANCIAL**

As the subject land is surrounded by Crown Road Reserves, this will require the transfer of this land from the Crown to either the applicant or Council. Given the long timeframe associated with this land being transferred to the landowner (approximately 2 years), Council has agreed to accept ownership of this land as a means to expedite this process.

Whilst it is acknowledged that there is no initial upfront cost to have the land transferred to Council, it is noted that there will be ongoing asset management obligations to Council. In response, it is recommended that the land be transferred into Council's ownership, but the ongoing management and maintenance of this land be the responsibility of the landowner, subject to a lease/license agreement.

#### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

#### Community Strategic Plan

The following themes of the *Murrumbidgee Council Draft Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027* apply in this instance:

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## Economy

The following community strategies are contained under the theme of 'Economy':

- 1. Promoting business and industries growth, diversity and productivity;
- 2. Promoting a regional economy and growth;
- 3. Promoting tourism strategies and opportunities.

The proposed development is consistent with these community strategies as it promotes economic growth, tourism opportunities and provides additional housing within Darlington Point that will benefit the local economy.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Heads of Consideration under section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ensure that all foreseeable risks are reviewed as part of the assessment process for any application.

#### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Internal Referrals

Nil

**External Referrals** 

- Adjoining neighbours see above for further details.
- NSW Roads and Maritime Service (RMS);
- NSW Department of Industry Lands & Water Division (former Crown Lands);

Further details regarding the RMS and Crown Lands responses are outline below:

#### NSW RMS

Consultation was undertaken with the NSW RMS and a response was provided by email dated 11 March 2019 (see attachment # 3). In summary, the RMS did not object to the proposed development subject to the following requirements:

- Access to the site shall be limited to one driveway only for the existing dwelling and the proposed development;
- The driveway shall be constructed as a two-way driveway so as to allow vehicles to pass each other at the intersection of the driveway and Narrand Street:
- The driveway is to be sealed for at least 20 metres from the edge of the carriageway of Narrand Street; and

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 Any gates on the driveway shall be recessed by 20 metres and designed to allow longer vehicles to stand clear of the carriageway if gates need to be opened.

In response, these requirements have been included as conditions of development consent.

NSW Department of Industry – Lands & Water Division (formerly Crown Lands)
Consultation was undertaken with Crown Lands and a response was provided via letter dated 29 March 2019 (see attachment # 3). In summary, Crown Lands objected to the proposed development, which requires access over Crown Road Reserves in order to access the development.

Crown Lands advised that they do not permit any road construction works on Crown Roads, and it was recommended that the Crown Road Reserves be transferred to Council for their management. Crown Lands concluded by stating:

That if the applicant and Council can satisfy the Department that no impact to Crown Land will result from the proposed development and/or the Development Application is modified to ensure the proposal does not impact Crown land and/or the Crown roads are either transferred to Council's control or closed and purchased by the proponent, then the objection will be formally withdrawn and no further action or consultation would be required.

In response, Council has agreed to seek a transfer of the Crown Road Reserve to Council so as to provide legal access to the development site.

In order to achieve this transfer of land, Council endorsement/resolution is also required to seek a transfer of this land. Attached is a completed application form and associated map identifying the Crown Road/s to be transferred (see attachment # 4).

#### **OPTIONS**

- 1. Approve the Development Application with conditions;
- 2. Approve the Development Application without conditions;
- 3. Refuse the Development Application.

It is recommended that Council adopt option 1, being to approve the development subject to the attached Conditions of Consent.

#### CONCLUSION

The development seeks approval for a backpacker and tourist accommodation village at 20 Narrand Street, Darlington Point.

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The development has been assessed against the relevant planning requirements of the *Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013*, as well as other relevant planning instruments including Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Having undertaken this assessment, Development Application 35-18/19 for a proposed backpackers accommodation development on Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Section 6, DP758340 and addressed as 20 Narrand Street, Darlington Point dated 21 February 2019 is considered appropriate and recommended for approval subject to the attached draft conditions of Development Consent.

As discussed in this report, Council approval/resolution is also sought to transfer a portion of Crown Road Reserve from Crown Lands to Council so as to provide legal access to the development site.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 1: Conditions of Development Consent;

Attachment # 2: Plans:

Attachment # 3: Copies of submissions received;

Attachment # 4: Completed Application Form to Transfer Crown Road/s and

map.

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#### ITEM NO. 4 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 39-18/19

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 3 April 2019

Author: Matt Johnson, Consultant Town Planner, Habitat Planning

File #: DA 39-18/19

Approval: John Scarce, General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has received Development Application DA 39-18/19 for the demolition of an existing dilapidated shed and construction of a new 18m x 9m storage shed and 15m x 6m verandah at 25 Powell Street, Jerilderie. An assessment of the application has been undertaken against the requirements of Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as outlined within this report.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Council grant development consent to Development Application No. 39-18/19 for the demolition of an existing shed and construction of a new 18m x 9m storage shed and 15m x 6m verandah at 25 Powell Street. Jerilderie dated 21 February 2019, in accordance with Section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and subject to the Conditions of Consent provided as attachment # 5.

# PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Applicant: John Bryce

Property: Lot 10, DP69, 25 Powell Street, Jerilderie

Zoning: **RU5 Village** 

Proposed Development: Demolition of existing shed and construction of new

shed and verandah

Consent Authority: Murrumbidgee Council

Reason for Report: Objection received to the proposed development and

the subject land is located within a heritage

conservation area.

**BACKGROUND** 

Date Lodged: 19 December 2018

Exhibition period: 20 March 2019 to 2 April 2019

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Submissions received: One (1) submission received from adjoining neighbour

to the west objecting to the development - see

evaluation section of this report for further details.

Previous Approvals: No recent approvals have been issued for the site.

#### LOCATION

# SITE AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT DESCRIPTION

The subject land is described as Lot 10, DP69 and addressed as 25 Powell Street, Jerilderie ('the subject land').

The subject land is located within Jerilderie and is located on the northern side of Powell Street and to the south of Billabong Creek (see **Figure 1**).

The property is zoned RU5 Village and contains an existing single storey dwelling, a dilapidated shed, as well as ancillary landscape plantings.

To the north of the subject land is the Billabong Creek and the rear of the Jerilderie Public School, which fronts Bolton Street. To the immediately east is a single storey dwelling at 27 Powell Street, whilst further east along Powell Street are a number of commercial businesses.

Land to the south of the subject land on the opposite side of Powell Street is the Jerilderie Visitor Information Centre and a public toilet block fronting Jerilderie Street. To the west of the subject land is a commercial bed and breakfast, which contains a number of separately detached buildings and structures, including a relocated Nissen hut that has been painted with a mural.



Figure 1 – Location of Subject Land (outlined)

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#### **DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION**

The proposal involves the demolition of an existing shed and construction of a new shed and verandah.

More specifically, the development involves the following works:

- Demolition of existing 12m x 6m dilapidated shed that is currently falling over;
- Construction of a new 18m (I) x 9m (w) x 3.6m (h) colorbond shed located 900mm from the western side boundary. The shed will be slate grey in colour and has been located in generally the same location as the previous shed:
- Construction of a new 15m (I) x 6m (w) x 3.7m (h) freestanding verandah to be located at the rear of the existing dwelling; and
- Associated tree removal works in order to construct the proposed new shed. It
  is noted that the more established vegetation located towards the front of the
  property will be retained to help screen the development.

An extract of the proposed site plan is provided in **Figure 2** below and a full copy of the submitted plans is included as attachment # 6 to this report.



Figure 2 - Proposed Site Plan

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# **SUSTAINABILITY**

#### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979**

#### 4.15 EVALUATION

(1) Matters for consideration—general In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

# (a) the provisions of:

## (v) any environmental planning instrument, and

The following environmental planning instruments are relevant to the application:

# State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land (SEPP 55)

Clause 7 of this SEPP requires Council to consider whether the land is contaminated prior to granting consent to the carrying out of any development on that land and consider whether the subject land in its current or remediated condition, is appropriate for the proposed development.

The subject land is residentially zoned and has been developed for residential purposes. Consequently, no further investigation in this regard is warranted as the land is not known to be contaminated. Council can therefore be satisfied in regard to its obligations under this SEPP.

#### State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017

The development involves the removal of vegetation and the land is not in a rural zone. Accordingly, the provisions of this SEPP apply.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the development does involve the removal of vegetation, having completed a biodiversity assessment under the Office of Local Government's Biodiversity Assessment and Approvals navigator, the works do not require the preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report.

Furthermore, the vegetation to be removed is non-native and works do not exceed the biodiversity offset scheme threshold and will not have an adverse environmental impact on a threatened species.

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# State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt & Complying Development Codes) 2008

The proposal is not classified as exempt or complying development and therefore requires development consent.

## Local Environmental Plans

Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012

## Clause 2.3 Zone Objectives and Land Use Table

The subject land is zoned RU5 Village under the *Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012* ("the LEP"). The objectives of the RU5 Zone are:

 To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.

Clause 2.3(2) requires Council to have regard to the objectives and Land Use Table of the Zone when determining a Development Application. The proposal seeks to demolish an existing shed and construct a new shed and verandah, which is permitted with consent in the RU5 Zone.

The development is also generally consistent with the objectives of the RU5 Zone as it supports an existing residential dwelling associated with a rural village.

# Clause 2.7 Demolition requires development consent

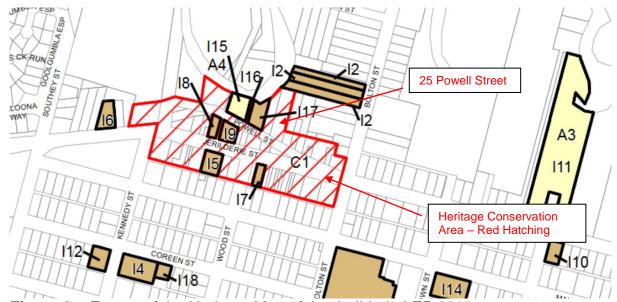
Clause 2.7 of the LEP requires that the demolition of a building or works may be carried out only with development consent unless the works are exempt development under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.* The proposed works are not classified as exempt development and the applicant is seeking development consent.

#### Clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation

The subject land is located within Heritage Conservation Area *C1 – Jerilderie Main Street Conservation Area* (see Figure 3). Accordingly, the provisions of Clause 5.10 of the LEP apply.

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**Figure 3 –** Extract of the Heritage Map of the Jerilderie LEP 2012. An extract of the relevant sections of this clause are outlined as follows:

# 5.10 Heritage conservation

**Note**. Heritage items (if any) are listed and described in Schedule 5. Heritage conservation areas (if any) are shown on the <u>Heritage Map</u> as well as being described in Schedule 5.

# (1) Objectives

The objectives of this clause are as follows:

- (a) to conserve the environmental heritage of Jerilderie,
- (b) to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,
- (c) to conserve archaeological sites,
- (d) to conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance.

# (2) Requirement for consent

Development consent is required for any of the following:

- (a) demolishing or moving any of the following or altering the exterior of any of the following (including, in the case of a building, making changes to its detail, fabric, finish or appearance):
  - (i) a heritage item,
  - (ii) an Aboriginal object,
  - (iii) a building, work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area,
- (b) altering a heritage item that is a building by making structural changes to its interior or by making changes to anything inside the item that is specified in Schedule 5 in relation to the item,

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- (c) disturbing or excavating an archaeological site while knowing, or having reasonable cause to suspect, that the disturbance or excavation will or is likely to result in a relic being discovered, exposed, moved, damaged or destroyed,
- (d) disturbing or excavating an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,
- (e) erecting a building on land:
  - (i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or
  - (ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,
- (f) subdividing land:
  - (i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or
  - (ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance.

# (4) Effect of proposed development on heritage significance

The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause in respect of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. This subclause applies regardless of whether a heritage management document is prepared under subclause (5) or a heritage conservation management plan is submitted under subclause (6).

# (5) Heritage assessment

The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development:

- (a) on land on which a heritage item is located, or
- (b) on land that is within a heritage conservation area, or
- (c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),

require a heritage management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.

In accordance with clause 5.10(4) of the Jerilderie LEP 2012, Council is required to consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. As the proposed development is located within a heritage conservation area, a Statement of Heritage Impact has been prepared in support of the proposed development.

A summary of the Statement of Heritage Impact is outlined below in italics:

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"From the Main Street Conservation Area study the buildings on 30 Powell Street are defined as being of no significance and detracting from the overall streetscape.

The dwelling to the east is defined as being of no significance and detracting from the streetscape.

The buildings to the west have all been relocated to the site or developed since the street study was undertaken.

The buildings to the south are the bakery and 63 Jerilderie Street, both of which were redeveloped by way of adaptive reuses in the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The closest listed heritage item is the Blacksmith's Shop at 17 Powell Street."

In order to minimise the impacts of the proposed works from a heritage conservation perspective, the Statement of Heritage Impact outlines the following:

"The only part of the proposed development that will be visible from a public place will be the proposed shed. To reduce the impact of the proposed shed, the mature trees between Powell Street and the proposed shed will be retained and the colour of the proposed shed, slate grey, has been chosen to ensure the building does not detract from overall Powell Street streetscape".

More specifically, the Statement of Heritage Impact assesses the potential impacts of the proposed works as follows:

"Shed:...There will be some visual impact on the streetscape... Parts of the subject site are flood prone. This limits the location for the shed. The site has been chosen to ensure the structure is not built within the flood planning area and the impact to the Powell Street streetscape is minimised.

Verandah: the structure will have no impact on the streetscape as it will not be visible from a public place".

Following a review of the submitted Heritage Impact Statement and proposed works, as well as an inspection of the subject land, the works are considered to be satisfactory from a heritage conservation perspective as outlined below:

- The existing dilapidated shed is of no heritage significance;
- The proposed verandah is located at the rear of the dwelling and will not be visible from Powell Street. Furthermore, the verandah will be a similar height to the existing house and will be constructed of similar materials; and

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- The proposed new shed, although larger than the existing shed, is considered satisfactory as:
  - It has been located and positioned generally consistent with the existing shed on-site:
  - It proposes to construct the new shed 0.9m from the western boundary as compared to the existing shed which is located on the boundary;
  - It will be largely screened from view to Powell Street due to the retention of existing mature vegetation contained on-site;
  - It will be painted a dark recessive colour (slate grey) to help the building better blend with the natural environment; and
  - It does not directly adjoin any individual heritage items, nor will it detract from any adjoining heritage items.

# Clause 6.2 Flood Planning

Clause 6.2 of the LEP applies to land at or below the flood planning level and seeks to minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of the land. Whilst it is acknowledged that a portion of the subject land is classified as being flood prone, this is considered satisfactory in this instance as the proposed buildings are located outside of the flood planning area.

# Clause 6.4 Terrestrial Biodiversity

Clause 6.4 of the LEP applies to land identified as "Biodiversity" on the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map. Whilst it is acknowledged that a portion of the subject land is classified as being 'biodiversity' land, this is considered satisfactory in this instance as the proposed buildings are located outside of this area and will therefore not adversely impacts matters regarding biodiversity.

#### Clause 6.4 Terrestrial Biodiversity

Clause 6.4 of the LEP applies to land identified as "Biodiversity" on the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map. Whilst it is acknowledged that a portion of the subject land is classified as being 'biodiversity' land due to its proximity to Billabong Creek, this is considered satisfactory in this instance as the proposed buildings are located outside of this area and will therefore not adversely impacts matters regarding biodiversity.

#### Clause 6.6 Riparian Land and Watercourses

Clause 6.6 of the LEP applies to land identified as "Watercourse" on the Watercourses Map. Whilst it is acknowledged that a portion of the subject land is classified as being 'watercourse' land due to its proximity to Billabong Creek, this is considered satisfactory in this instance as the proposed buildings are located

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outside of this area and will therefore not adversely impact matters regarding watercourses.

# Clause 6.7 Wetlands

Clause 6.7 of the LEP applies to land identified as "Wetland" on the Wetlands Map. Whilst it is acknowledged that a portion of the subject land is classified as being 'wetland' land due to its proximity to Billabong Creek, this is considered satisfactory in this instance as the proposed buildings are located outside of this area and will therefore not adversely impacts matters regarding wetlands.

#### Clause 6.9 Essential Services

Clause 6.9 of the LEP requires that development consent must not be granted unless Council is satisfied that adequate arrangements have been made for the provision of infrastructure and services.

It is noted that the subject land is already developed and therefore has access to relevant infrastructure and services.

(vi) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and

There are no draft planning instruments that apply to the proposed development.

(vii) any development control plan,

<u>Jerilderie Development Control Plan 2012</u>

#### Section 2 Plan Objectives

The following objectives of the DCP represent the policy framework established to guide all future development within the Jerilderie Shire:

- To manage development such that it encourages orderly and sustainable growth whilst having regard to character, amenity, rural and agricultural productivity and environmental values associated with the Shire;
- To ensure that all development has regard to and reflects the principles of ecologically sustainable development;
- To provide a basis for assessing development applications;
- To provide certainty and confidence about the quality of development within the Shire.

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The proposed development is considered to be generally consistent with the Plan Objectives of the DCP as the development has been located and designed to have regard to the character and amenity of the area as outlined within this report.

# Section 2.1 Village Development Objectives Residential Development

The following objectives apply to residential development:

- To ensure that new alterations to existing residential development do not significantly detract from the amenity, privacy and views of other dwellings and public view corridors;
- To manage the potential for land use conflict between residential and other uses. New and or sensitive land uses should be located an acceptable distance from hazardous or offensive developments, unless an appropriate buffer has been established:
- To ensure that the scale of residential development is appropriate for lot sizes and in relation to other dwellings in the vicinity;
- To maximise the energy efficiency of dwellings;
- To improve stormwater management.

The proposed development is generally consistent with these objectives for the reasons outlined below:

Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed new shed is larger than the existing shed on-site (162m<sup>2</sup> vs 72m<sup>2</sup>) and is also taller, the shed has been located and designed so as to try and protect the amenity of the adjoining property to the west, as well as more widely the Jerilderie Street Heritage Conservation Area.

The proposed shed is generally located within the same area as the existing shed, but has a larger building footprint. As a means of softening and screening the development, the shed will be constructed of a dark recessive colour (slate grey) and will be largely screened via existing well-established landscaping.

Whilst opportunities to relocate this structure further south towards Powell Street were explored, so as to further minimise potential impacts such as overshadowing on the adjoining development to the west, this would require all of the vegetation along the western boundary to be removed, which would make the development much more visually prominent.

The proposed development is therefore not expected to adversely affect the privacy and amenity of the adjoining building to the west, which contains no windows and will be largely screened from public view by landscaping.

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- The proposed new shed and verandah has been located and positioned so as to minimise potential land use conflicts and is located in a similar position to the existing shed located on-site.
- The subject land is not bushfire prone and the works are located outside of the flood planning area, which covers the rear portion of the lot.
- Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed shed is quite large, the works are still considered to be generally consistent with the scale of surrounding residential development, which includes a number of other outbuildings and structure on neighbouring residential properties.
- The proposed works do not relate to a residential dwelling and therefore consideration of energy efficiency is not required. Notwithstanding, the works do adjoin a small accommodation building to the west (B&B). Whilst it is acknowledged that this building contains no windows in the eastern elevation of the building fronting the development, it does contain a number of north facing windows that may be impacted by the development.

Having assessed the proposed development and inspected the site, whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed works may result in some additional overshadowing due to the height of the shed (3.6m), the adjoining dwelling still maintains an unobstructed northern orientation.

Matters regarding stormwater management have also been assessed and can be appropriately addressed in this instance. Although the proposed development will result in an increase in the total roof catchment area on-site, it is noted that the proposed shed and verandah will both be connected and discharged to Council's stormwater system in Powell Street.

This will ensure that stormwater does not run-off into adjoining properties and will be controlled via the inclusion of a number of conditions of development consent.

#### Section 2.5 Heritage Conservation Objectives

The following objectives apply to items of heritage significance (including heritage conservation areas):

- To identify heritage buildings and encourage the conservation and enhancement of these items:
- To promote public awareness of the significance of heritage items;
- To provide for public involvement in matters relating to the conservation of Jerilderie's environmental heritage;

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- To ensure that alterations, additions and infill developments are sympathetic and respectful of the values of the heritage sites;
- To control the demolition of heritage items or buildings and archaically record these buildings in circumstances of demolition;
- To comply with the basic principle and procedures of the Burra Charter.

The **Burra Charter** defines the basic principles and procedures to be followed in the conservation of Australian heritage places.

As previously outlined, the subject land is located within Heritage Conservation Area C1 – Jerilderie Main Street as identified within Schedule 5 of the LEP.

An assessment of the heritage impacts of the development has previously been provided in response to Clause 5.10 of the LEP, which largely addresses the general heritage conservation objectives of this Section of the DCP.

In summary, the development seeks to demolish an existing shed and construct a new shed and verandah on land located within the Jerilderie Main Street Heritage Conservation Area.

A Statement of Heritage Impact has been submitted in support of the proposed development and following a review of this document and the submitted plans, the development is considered to be generally consistent with the heritage objectives of the DCP.

#### Section 3.2 Notification

The following objectives apply to the notification of development applications:

- To clearly demonstrate the process for notification and/or public exhibition of development applications under various circumstances;
- To provide an opportunity for public involvement in the development process;
- To ensure that the views of interested persons are considered before determining development applications.

The development application was publicly notified from 20 March 2019 until 2 April 2019. A notification letter was sent to adjoining owners advising them that they may make a submission.

One (1) submission was received from an adjoining owner during this public notification period opposing the development.

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Further details regarding this submission and a town planning response is provided later in this report.

# Section 4 RU5 Village Zone Development

# Section 4.1 Residential Precinct

# Section 4.1.1 Land Use Table

The proposed development is permitted with consent in the RU5 Village Zone.

# Section 4.1.2 Minimum Lot Size

Not applicable, as the development does not propose subdivision.

#### Section 4.1.3 Provision of Essential Services

Not applicable, as the development does not propose subdivision and the property is already connected to reticulated services.

## Section 4.1.4 Prescribed Standards for Residential Development

Section 4.1.4 of the Jerilderie DCP provides the relevant controls that residential development must comply with. An assessment of the proposed development against these controls is provided in the following table:

Consideration	Prescribed Standard	Compliance Assessment
Front setback & Dual Frontage	5 metres	Complies, as the proposed shed will be setback 21 metres from Powell Street.
Side Setbacks	900mm	Complies, the proposed shed will be located 900mm from the western side boundary, whilst the proposed verandah will be located 1.5m from the eastern side boundary.
Rear Setback/ Laneway Setback	900mm	Complies, the proposed development will be located at least 70 metres away from the rear boundary.
Floor Space Ratio	1:2 or 50% of the area of the land	Complies, total floor area of all development does not exceed 50% of the site area.
Private Open Space	Minimum area of 4mx4m	Complies, the development retains a minimum private open space area of 4m x 4m.
Maximum Height	8.5 metres or three storeys	Complies, the development has a maximum wall height of 3.6 metres and roof pitch of 4.475 metres.
Onsite parking	2 spaces per domicile	Complies, the development will provide for the storage and parking needs of the property.

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Landscaping	Soft landscaping must cover a minimum of 20% of the lot	Complies, more than 20% of the site will still remain soft landscaped.
Overshadowing	The development is not to overshadow neighbouring developments. Shadow diagrams will be required by Council for 2 or 3 storey developments.	Whilst it is acknowledged that the development involves the construction of a large shed adjacent to an adjoining residential development, the development is not expected to create any significant adverse impacts with regards to overshadowing as the property to the west still has unobstructed northern solar access that remains unimpeded by the development.  Although the proposed development will create additional overshadowing during a small portion of the day, this is considered
		appropriate in this instance as the adjoining property still maintains 3 hours of unobstructed solar access.
Privacy	Privacy of neighbouring properties is to be maintained. Development should be designed to ensure privacy is maintained. Measures such as privacy screens, opaque glass and landscaping should be considered if privacy will be an issue.	Complies, the development will not create issues of privacy or overlooking as it involves the construction of a shed with no windows and a verandah at the rear of the existing dwelling.
BASIX	A Building Sustainability Index Certificate may be required with your application. Please visit www.basix.nsw.gov.au for further information.	Not applicable, the development is not a BASIX affected development.
Environmental Impacts	Complete Statement of Environmental Effects to define if there is any adverse environmental impacts.	Complies, a Statement of Environmental Effects has been prepared in support of the application, which addresses the relevant environmental impacts.
Compliance with Building Code of Australia	All applications are required to comply with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia	A condition will be included ensuring compliance with the Building Code of Australia.

# Section 9 Heritage Development

# Section 9.1 Matters for Consideration

In assessing a development proposal, Council will consider the following:

The heritage significance of the building, work or Aboriginal object to Jerilderie;

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- The extent to which the carrying out of the development in accordance with the consent would affect the significance of the building, work or aboriginal object and its setting;
- Whether any stylistic, horticultural or archaeological features of the building or work or its setting should be retained;
- Whether the building or work constitutes a danger to the users or occupiers of that item or to the public;
- The colour, texture, style, size and type of finish of any materials (or signage) to be used on the exterior of the building compared to other period buildings in the vicinity and the existing fabric of the structure;
- The style, proportion and position of openings for any windows and doors which will result from, or be affected by, the carrying out of the development;
- The pitch and form of any roof or other architectural feature of the structure;
- The appropriate management, establishment or reinstatement of landscape features; and the style, type and height of any fencing;
- Compliance with the principles of the Burra Charter.

The subject land is located within a heritage conservation area (local item) and therefore Council must consider the matters for consideration outlined in Section 9.1 of the DCP. The subject land is not identified as an individual heritage item and the proposed shed to be demolished does not have any heritage significance. Notwithstanding, consideration needs to be given to the impact of the proposed works on the wider heritage conservation area.

As previously outlined, a Statement of Heritage Impact has been prepared in support of the proposed development, which concluded that the proposed works will not create an adverse impact on the heritage significance of the area.

The subject land has been identified as containing 'no significance' in the main street conservation area study and there is no established theme or character in the area in terms of roof pitches or other architectural elements.

In order to minimise the potential appearance of the development, the proposed shed will be constructed of a dark recessive colour and will be located behind dense landscape screenings so as to largely screen the proposed shed from public view.

The proposed works will not have an adverse impact on any adjoining or nearby heritage items and the development is not expected to detract from the overall heritage conservation as it is located on the periphery.

(iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and

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There are no planning agreements under Section 7.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment (EP&A) Act applicable to the proposed development.

(iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

There are no matters prescribed by the Regulations applicable to this development.

(b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,

Section 4.15 of the EP&A Act requires consideration of likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on both natural and built environments and social and economic impacts in the locality.

Key areas for consideration in respect to the subject application are outlined as follows:

## Context and Setting

The subject land is zoned RU5 Village and the development proposes ancillary residential development (shed and verandah), which is permitted with consent in this Zone.

Although the development seeks to construct a larger shed as compared to the existing shed on-site, this is considered satisfactory in this instance as both the proposed shed and verandah are located at the rear of the property and will be screened from view by either the existing dwelling or dense landscaping on-site.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed shed is located within proximity to the western boundary, the development complies with all the requirements of the DCP in terms of setbacks and building heights.

## **Streetscape**

The proposed development is not expected to adversely affect the streetscape appearance of Powell Street as it will be setback 21 metres from this street and will be screened by either the existing dwelling or the existing dense landscaping onsite.

## Natural Hazards

The subject land is identified as being flood prone in Council's latest flood study. Notwithstanding, the location of the proposed development is located outside of this flood area. No other natural hazards apply to the subject land.

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## Utilities and Infrastructure

The land is urban zoned and has access to all reticulated infrastructure and services including: water, sewer, electricity, gas, telecommunications and roads, which can service the proposed development.

## **Biodiversity**

The proposed development will involve the removal of a number of trees and shrubs in order to construct the proposed shed. Having undertaken an inspection of the property and the trees to be removed (planted non-natives), the removal of this vegetation will not have an adverse environmental impact.

It is noted that the proposed shed has not been relocated further forward towards Powell Street as this would require the removal of additional, more significant vegetation, which is supported in this instance.

## Heritage (European and Aboriginal Cultural)

The subject land is located within the Jerilderie Street Heritage Conservation Area as identified within Schedule 5 of the LEP. As a consequence, a Statement of Heritage Impact has been prepared and the works are not considered to have an adverse impact on the heritage significance of this area. Further details regarding the heritage impacts of the works are discussed within this report.

Matters regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage have also been considered and are appropriate in this instance as the area of works have already been previously disturbed as part of the construction of the existing shed and the ongoing management and maintenance of this property.

## Air Quality and Dust

Whilst it is acknowledged that the development will generate a small amount of dust during demolition and construction works, this is considered appropriate in this instance as it will only occur for a finite period of time and will be controlled via conditions of development consent.

## Noise and Vibrations

Similar to the issue of dust generation, matters regarding noise and vibrations will occur for a finite period during the demolition and construction phase of the project and will be controlled via conditions of development consent.

## Traffic, Access and Parking

The proposed works will not adversely affect existing traffic, access and parking arrangements and will in fact increase the amount of covered car parking available on-site.

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## Waste Management

The development will result in a number of wastes during demolition and construction, and this will be controlled via the inclusion of a number of conditions of development consent.

## Safety, Security and Crime Prevention

Matters regarding safety, security and crime prevention through environmental design have been considered, and are considered appropriate in this instance as the development only relates to the construction of two ancillary residential structures.

## Soils 8 4 1

The proposed works will not adversely affect soil quality or other land resources.

## Social Impacts

The proposed development is not expected to have any adverse social impacts due to the nature of the development, being a storage shed and verandah. Whilst it is acknowledged that the works are located within proximity to the property to the west and the development seeks to construct a larger shed than what currently exists, the amenity impacts of the proposed works are considered to be acceptable in this instance.

More specifically, the proposed shed contains no windows, is setback 900mm from the boundary and adjoins a building that contains no east facing windows. Whilst it is noted that the development will create a greater level of overshadowing, this is considered appropriate in this instance as the adjoining accommodation building still maintains unobstructed northern orientation. The development will also be largely screened from public view via existing dense landscaping on-site and adjoining buildings.

## Construction Impacts

Standard conditions associated with construction works will be included as part of the conditions of development consent.

## (c) the suitability of the site for the development,

THE SUBJECT LAND IS VILLAGE ZONED AND THE DEVELOPMENT SEEKS TO ACHIEVE ANCILLARY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE SUBJECT LAND CAN BE SERVICED WITH ALL REQUIRED RETICULATED SERVICES AND CONTAINS NO ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEING FLOOD PRONE, WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN LOCATED OUTSIDE OF.

(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,

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As outlined above, the development application was publicly notified from 20 March 2019 until 2 April 2019.

During this period, one (1) submission was received from an adjoining residential neighbour located to the west. A copy of this submission is included as attachment # 7 to this report.

Below is a summary of the issues raised and a town planning response.

Side boundary setback

Concern is expressed as to the fire rating of the side wall and the impact this may have on potential future development on the adjoining land.

The side wall setback is compliant with the development control and does not require a fire rating as it is not a habitable building. The shed will have no impact on development on the adjoining lot.

Northern wall

The submitter is concerned as to the location of the northern wall of the proposed shed and seeks confirmation as to this location.

The siting of the shed is compliant with the planning controls and considered acceptable from a town planning perspective. The owner has been requested to place pegs on the ground indicating the shed corners to assist the submitted in identifying the shed's positioning. This will be undertaken prior to the Council meeting and provide the submitter with the opportunity to withdraw the objection, or not.

#### Stormwater

As for all buildings, the approval for the shed will include a condition requiring stormwater collected from the roof to be conveyed to a point of discharge nominated by Council. This discharge point will ensure stormwater is discharged without any impact.

#### Heritage impacts

Concern is expressed that the dimensions of the proposed shed are such that it will have an unacceptable visual impact from a heritage perspective.

The planning assessment of the application concurs with the assessment and conclusions drawn in the Heritage Impact Assessment that the impact of the development is not unacceptable from a heritage perspective.

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## (e) the public interest.

The public interest is a broad consideration relating to many issues and is not limited to the demand upon public services and infrastructure. Council must also have regard for the impacts of development upon natural and man-made assets and the wider community.

The proposed new shed and verandah is not expected to adversely affect the public interest as it will be largely screened from view and has been located and positioned so as to minimise the impacts on adjoining neighbours and avoid environmentally sensitive or visually prominent locations.

Consequently, taking into account the full range of matters for consideration under Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as discussed within this report) it is considered that the application is in the public interest.

## 7.12 Fixed development consent levies

The Murrumbidgee Council Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2017 ('the contributions plan') was endorsed by Council on 25 May 2017 and applies to any development over \$100,000.

For development with a total development cost of more than \$200,000, a 1% development contribution levy applies.

In accordance with Section 1.7 of the contributions plan, the proposed works are exempt from the imposition of a levy as it relates to Class 10 structures.

#### **FINANCIAL**

The development is not expected to create any financial impositions or obligations for Council.

#### INTEGRATED PLANS

## Community Strategic Plan

The following themes of the *Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027* apply in this instance:

### Community

The following community strategies are contained under the theme of 'Community':

1.2 – Protection and Embracing Cultural Identity and Heritage.

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The proposed development is identified as a heritage conservation area and, as outlined within this report, the proposed development is not expected to adversely affect the heritage significance of this area.

#### Environment

The following community strategies are contained under the theme of 'Environment':

 2.3 – Maintaining a Balance between Growth, Development and Environmental Protection

The proposed development will not have an adverse environmental impact and balances the needs between development and environmental protection. More specifically, the proposed works have been located outside of the flood planning area and the development only involves the removal of a number of non-native landscaping trees.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Heads of Consideration under section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ensure that all foreseeable risks are reviewed as part of the assessment process for any application.

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Internal Referrals

Building Surveyor

## **External Referrals**

Adjoining neighbours – see above for further details.

## **Applicant**

 Advised of issues raised in objection and provided with the opportunity to make modifications. The applicant was also requested to peg out the shed for the benefit of the objector so as the siting could be visually confirmed.

## **OPTIONS**

- 1. Approve the Development Application with conditions;
- 2. Approve the Development Application without conditions;
- 3. Refuse the Development Application.

It is recommended that Council adopt option 1, being to approve the development subject to the attached Conditions of Consent.

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#### CONCLUSION

The development seeks approval to demolish an existing shed and construct a new shed and verandah at 25 Powell Street, Jerilderie.

The development has been assessed against the relevant planning requirements of the *Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012*, as well as other relevant planning instruments including Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Having undertaken this assessment, Development Application 39-18/19 for a proposed demolition of a shed and construction of a new shed and verandah on Lot 10, DP69 and addressed as 25 Powell Street, Jerilderie dated 19 December 2018 is considered appropriate and recommended for approval subject to the attached draft conditions of development consent.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 5: Conditions of Development Consent

Attachment # 6: Plans

Attachment # 7: Copies of submissions received

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## ITEM NO. 5 - BACKFLOW PREVENTION POLICY

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 12 March 2019

Author: John Scarce, General Manager

File #: 03.06

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the February meeting of Council it was resolved that the draft Backflow Prevention Policy be exhibited in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Policy was exhibited for a period of 28 days, with a submission period of 42 days. There were no submissions received during this time, however Council's Trade Waste Consultant did make a recommendation as noted in the officer comment.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Murrumbidgee Council Backflow Prevention Policy be adopted, incorporating the amendments to Cross Connection as recommended by Council's Liquid Trade Waste Consultation.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2014, the Department of Primary Industries released circular LWU17, which recommended that Councils should continue to enforce requirements for installation, repair, maintenance, testing or commissioning of backflow prevention devices to safeguard their public water supply systems.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

The former Jerilderie Shire Council policy has been updated to cover the three towns. The Policy will allow Council to enforce the installation, repair, maintenance, testing and commissioning of backflow prevention devices to protect the town water supplies.

Although there were no submissions received from the public, Council's Trade Waste Consultant, Monique Aarts recommended the final version of the Policy have specific reference to liquid trade waste management, combining the issues

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regarding commercial, industrial and mixed developments with the existing paragraph titled "Cross Connection", which reads:

### **Cross Connection:**

Where, in the opinion of Council, a potential or physical cross-connection is found in the water service at any property, the property owner shall, upon written advice by Council, ensure that such a cross connection is immediately disconnected or altered to comply with Council's requirements or otherwise be removed. Failure to comply within the period nominated by the Council may result in the immediate restriction or disconnection of the property from Council's water supply.

## Replace with:

## **Cross Connection:**

A hazard exists wherever it is possible for contaminants to enter a drinking water service or supply. This is via any potential cross-connection between the drinking water service and pipes, fixtures or equipment containing chemicals, liquids, gases or other substances which may be harmful to health or safety. Commercial, industrial and mixed developments can pose particular risks to public health through cross connections.

Where the hazards are unknown for a commercial, industrial or mixed development or where access for inspection is restricted, the hazard rating will be designated as High, requiring the property owner to install a testable backflow prevention device. Where multiple processes occur on a site, the hazard rating for containment should be based on the process with the highest hazard rating. In those instances where a property is served with both a drinking and non-drinking water supply, an appropriate level of backflow prevention containment should be installed.

Where, in the opinion of Council, a potential or physical cross-connection is found in the water service at any property, the property owner shall, upon written advice by Council, ensure that such a cross connection is immediately disconnected or altered to comply with Council's requirements or otherwise be removed. Failure to comply within the period nominated by the Council may result in the immediate restriction or disconnection of the property from Council's water supply.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

There are no statutory requirements to have a Backflow Prevention Policy, however it is recommended by the Department of Primary Industries.

#### **FINANCIAL**

There are no financial implications to Council, however there may be additional costs to developers and businesses requiring a trade waste approval.

#### INTEGRATED PLANS

The Backflow Prevention Policy will ensure that Council maintains a safe potable water supply in the three towns within our Local Government area.

Strategy 3.2.4 - Manage Public (Safety) Liability and Risk Associated with Public Infrastructure.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Backflow Prevention Policy is a compliance policy designed to manage risk to the reticulated water system.

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Council's Trade Waste Consultant, Monique Aarts; Community consultation via exhibition of draft policy.

#### **OPTIONS**

- 1. Adopt the Backflow Prevention Policy with changes recommended by Council's Trade Waste Consultant; or
- 2. Place the Draft Backflow Prevention Policy on exhibition for a second time, and containing changes as recommended by Council's Trade Waste Consultant; or
- 3. Adopt the Draft Backflow Prevention Policy as exhibited.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 6 - STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - MARCH 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019
Report Date: 12 April 2019
Author: Finance Manager

File #: 03.13.08A

Approval: General Manager

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has previously determined priority projects for the \$10,000,000 Stronger Communities Fund Round 1 and \$4,365,000 Round 2 provided by the State Government as a result of amalgamation.

Under the terms of the funding deed, Council provided grants in the amount of \$1,414,822.24 to local community organisations.

Council has also determined a further \$13,687,726.33 for the major projects component of the Stronger Communities Fund Rounds 1 and 2.

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

### RECOMMENDATION

The contents of the Stronger Communities Fund Report be noted.

## **BACKGROUND**

As at 31 March 2019, of the 55 community grants projects funded, 96% are now complete. Two projects are substantially complete, with some minor works still to be undertaken. The Jerilderie Pre School Kindergarten project has been combined, pending other major project developments and funding.

Of the 38 major projects determined, 11 projects have been completed and two projects have only minor works to be finalised.

85 megalitres of high security water has been sourced for the Jerilderie Town Water Supply. Contracts and transfer agreements are currently being prepared.

### OFFICER COMMENT

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Following advice of successful grant applications for Safe and Secure Water for Jerilderie and Darlington Point of up to 90% funding, further discussions will need to be undertaken in relation to the necessity of the proposed funding of water treatment upgrades currently listed within the priority projects.

Staff are awaiting further advice and the development of updated estimates before determinations can be undertaken.

Tenders for 2 projects are provided under separate reports. These two projects, whilst originating from Stronger Country Communities funding, are partially funded from the Stronger Communities Fund.

## <u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

It is a requirement that quarterly updates be provided to Council, with six (6) monthly reports to the Office of Local Government.

#### **FINANCIAL**

Interest in the amount of \$590,410 has been added to the available funds as at 31 March 2019.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The Management Team and General Manager have undertaken various community consultations, and engaged consultants to undertake design and costings of various projects.

Tenders are currently being considered for two projects that will require funding from both this Fund and the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 1.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #8: Stronger Communities Fund Grant information at 31 March 2019.

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## ITEM NO. 7 - YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 16 April 2019

Author: Sue Mitchell - Manager Corporate and Community

File #: 02.23

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

National Youth Week was held between 10 and 18 April, 2019. The NSW Government invites all Councils in NSW to jointly fund Youth Week activities in their area. Murrumbidgee Council conducted a "Cinema Experience" at the Jerilderie Civic Hall on Sunday 14 April, including two movies, cinema style food and supper, games and prizes, photo booth and lucky door prizes. A bus was advertised departing from both Darlington Point and Coleambally. Eden Hercus, a staff member from the Jerilderie office, organised all activities and supervised the children at the event.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Youth Week Activities Report be noted, and thanks be extended to staff member Eden Hercus for the generous amount of time given to ensure our youth enjoyed the activities provided.

## **BACKGROUND**

Since the creation of Murrumbidgee Council in May 2016, Youth Week activities have been held each year in different locations. In 2017 the area's youth travelled to Go Jump in Shepparton. In 2018 skate events were held in both Darlington Point and Coleambally.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

A bus was advertised to pick up youth from both Darlington Point and Coleambally to participate in the 2019 event. Only two young people from Coleambally expressed interest in attending and when contacted to advise that the bus would be cancelled but that a car would be available to take them to Jerilderie, they declined to attend. As this is the first weekend of the school holidays, and many junior sporting activities were held on that day, participant numbers were low.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

## **FINANCIAL**

The NSW Department of Family and Community Services provided a grant of \$1,861 in order for Council to undertake Youth Week activities.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Murrumbidgee Council Operational Plan

1.3 Creating Community Opportunities and Equitable Access to Council and Community Services and Programs:

Strategy 1.3.1 Foster current sporting, social, recreational and cultural events and activities increasing participation and inclusion.

Action 1.3.6 Promote and celebrate national events.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

All schools in the Local Government Area were contacted to advise of the activities to be held. Local youth provided input into the choice of movies selected. Neighbouring Councils were contacted to see whether Council could participate in their events, so as to offer a wider variety of activities.

#### **OPTIONS**

NIL

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### 8 - MINUTES OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE ITEM NO. **GENERAL MEETING**

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 4 April 2019

Author: Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary

File #: 02.09

Committee of Council Minutes Approval:

Faith Bryce (chair), Ian Sneddon, (in our hearts) Sadie Herrick, Present: Isabell Milne, Richard Wright, Joan Ferris, Joan Kuschert, Chris Girdwood, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, June Scammell, Garry Borger, Margaret Bird, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Bruce Crittenden, Colin Sweeney. Faith welcomed Margaret to the fold. You are now a fully fledged member Margaret.

Apologies: Robyne Sneddon, Ann Wright, Fred Scammell, Dot Mills, Graham Mills, Ruth McRae, Sarah Gurciullo, Alan Knight, Jan Crittenden, Polly Fisher, Lisa Brackenrig.

Moved June S Seconded Chris that the apologies be accepted. Carried

Members gave a 1 minute silence tribute to Sneds.

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

## **Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Sadie to get more signs for garbage bins
- June S enquired about the old BBQ picnic table and bench seats. Gone.

## Treasurer's report as tabled:

Donations have been received from some sponsors for Show & Shine.

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

Carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

NIL Inwards:

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## **Outwards:**

- Letter to Johann Pereira re quote for picnic table and bench seats.
- Emails to members re KNSWB stuff.
- Info to Justin Williams re rubbish bins for Litter Grant.

Moved Garry Seconded Chris that correspondence be accepted. Carried.

## **General Business:**

Rose Replacement Project. There are 60 roses at \$20 each required.
They will be planted when watering pipe has been renewed. Holes will be
dug by a very kind person, then a working bee to be organised to do the
planting. (I hope someone tells me which way is up with a plant!)

Moved Faith/Joan F that committee agrees to order and purchase roses.

Carried.

- Rubbish bin at Old Swimming Hole Ashton St needs to be replaced.
- Photography workshop was a success.
- Raffle rosters to be organised at this meeting.
- Chris G informed meeting that new sprinkler/s are needed for Willows.
   Faith will purchase.
- A very big thank you to Chris G and Joan F (& Billy) for working on the Memorial Garden. You have saved a whole working bee. Thanks so much for 'just doing it'.
- A working bee on Horgan Walk Thurs May 9 at 5.00pm. If we get enough helpers, it should only take an hour. Clean Office too.
- Faith to organise tribute to Sneds at funeral. Flowers? Donation to MND?
- Sadie to organise a sympathy card.

## **Show 'n Shine Update:**

- Need to get locals to attend. Push the Family Day theme.
- Faith suggested a specific Market Flyer.
- Art Show will contribute to a good day.
- Great feedback from last year's Show 'n Shine.
- Sadie to do a letter/email to Public School re borrowing tables.
- Colin will write to IGA re donation of drinks and ice.
- Sadie to send reminder to Apex re assistance required on day and a reply about running the Mini Rail.
- Trophies are ordered.
- Colin presented accounts (postage and trophies)
- Tidy Towns to organise BBQ.

Members took flyers to distribute on their travels

Next Meeting: May 2, 2019 at Office, 6.00pm

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## JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

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# Account QuickReport As of April 4, 2019

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## ITEM NO. 9 - MINUTES OF THE RIVERINA SPRAY DRIFT STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 3 April 2019

Author: Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholder Group

File #: 03.16.06

Approval: General Manager

Venue: Bittern Rm Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Research Station Rd Hanwood

- Welcome- Meeting Opened at 12.35 by chair with a welcome to attendees-Kevin Sternberg, Craig Bretherton, Neil Bull, Honi Anderson, Matt Toscan, Gerry Wilcox and Iva Quarisa.
- 2. Apologies: Grant Delves, Brian Bortolin, Pat Brown, Peter McGrath, Patricia Fabiano (EPA guest), Asela Atapattu (EPA guest), Tony McAlary (Macquarie SOS Chair guest) due to fog in Sydney.
- 3. Presentation from Macquarie SOS Chair Tony McAlary- held over to next meeting. Question for Tony how MSOS was funded? Can we use MSOS resources eg logo (modified).
- 4. How can EPA assist? Patricia & Asela Atapattu- held over to next meeting. Question- any funding opportunities eg Environmental Trust?
- 5. Other funding sources-

Neil Bull - FRRR highly unlikely that they will be able to fund. However, Andrew Lieschke from Riverina LLS suggested they may be able to assist (possibly up to \$5,000).

**ACTION:** Iva - letter to Riverina LLS offering a position on this committee **ACTION:** Iva- letter to RLLS seeking funding

- 6. Initial activity-
  - Riverina Field Days- one pager about the RSDS Group & our objectives, with logos of participating/supporting organisations at bottom. Refer to MSOS for inspiration- Raising the awareness of off target sprays and how minimise and reduce the incidence of spray drift. Across all industries and wider community. Contact details- Twitter, email for anonymous reporting or other contact.

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- IREC Machinery Demo Day May 16<sup>th</sup> include spray equipment and a demonstration boom to show different nozzles on droplet size and driftable fines (similar to presenters at the Bayer Cotton Grower of the year field day).
- 7. Twitter and other publicity:

Twitter account set up Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholder Group@DrfitSprayplease share and tweet with links.

**ACTION**: Iva to set up Facebook page.

**ACTION:** Kevin & Iva (any farmers??) to speak to Greg Murphy from WIN.

8. Other business:

Anonymous reporting of drift events- set up email address riverinaspraydrift@gmail.com reporting details to include:

Date, location, estimated area affected, crop impacted, optional- name and contact details. *All information will be strictly confidential*. Ask why don't you want to report it?

**ACTION:** Honi to send Iva CA spray drift form

**ACTION:** Iva set up email account - <u>riverinaspraydrift@gmail.com</u>

9. Next meeting- early May Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> (**TBC**) 12.30pm with light lunch- invite all who came to original meeting.

Meeting closed 1.26pm.

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## ITEM NO. 10 - MINUTES OF THE MID MURRAY ZONE BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019

Report Date: 27 September 2018

Author: Rural Fire Service Mid Murray Zone

File #: 05.03

Approval: General Manager

Participants:	Present	Apology	Absent
Mark Dalzell – Edward River Council – Chairman	✓		
Doug Adamson – NSW RFS – CSO	✓		
Tony Whitehorn – NSW RFS – Manager,	✓		
Executive Officer			
Nick Turner – RFS		✓	
Andrew McCurdy – FCNSW		✓	
Stewart Alexander – FRNSW		✓	
John Paul – FRNSW		✓	
Martin Smith – FRNSW		✓	
Faith Bryce – Murrumbidgee Council		✓	
Des Bilske – Murray River Council		✓	
Andrew Browning – NSW RFS – Volunteer		✓	
Peter Bisset – DPI Crown Lands	✓		
Kelly Williamson – FCNSW		✓	
Damien Connell – Murray River Council	✓		
Frederick Groenwald – Murray River Council	✓		
Tim O'Kelly – NPWS	✓		
Robins Mares – NPWS		✓	
Craig Moffitt – Murrumbidgee Council		✓	
Vicki Sutton – Murrumbidgee Council		✓	
Denis Gelle – Murrumbidgee Council		✓	
Greg White – Essential Energy		✓	
Mac Wallace – Edward River Council		✓	
Michael Todd – Edward River Council		✓	
Oliver McNulty – Edward River Council		✓	
David Lang – RFS – Volunteer		✓	
Paul Condon – NSW Police		✓	
Trent Swinton – NSW Police		✓	
David Clarke – LLS	✓		
Andrew Holmes – RMS		✓	
Kevin Adams – RFS		✓	

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	Item		Action
1.	Welcome	Mark Dalzell opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.	
2.	Apologies	Apologies accepted as per attendance sheet.  Moved: Peter Bissett Seconded: Tim O'Kelly Carried	
3.	Disclosure	Nil to report	
4.	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting	Accept motion that minutes of previous meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 as a true and correct record of that meeting.  Moved: Peter Bissett Seconded: Damien Connell	
		Carried	
5.	Business arising from the previous minutes	Tony circulated CPP maps for Cummeragunja, Moama and Mathoura.  Confirmation of maps and plans supported by BFMC out of session following BFMC meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
6.	Correspondence	<ul> <li>In: via e-mail</li> <li>Information on HR funding 2018-19</li> <li>Notice of FAFT workshop for Mid Murray postponed to 2019</li> <li>Information from Kelwyn White re CPP for Moama, Mathoura and Cummergunja</li> <li>Out</li> <li>Nil</li> </ul>	
		Moved: Seconded: Peter Bisset Carried	
7.	Report from working groups	Nil to report	
8.	Report from sub committees	Nil to report	
9.	Other business	Nil to report	
a.	Progress on BFRMP strategy/tasks – agency reports	<ul> <li>No change to BFRMP. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) still not approved due to ongoing council amalgamation issues.</li> <li>Peter Bisset Lands – annual APZ work at Deniliquin, 4 Post and Mathoura has been</li> </ul>	
		planned, all internally funded. Grazing licences ongoing.	

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		•	David Clarke – LLS HR by stock grazing across MMZ. Now moving stock off stock routes due to lack of feed. Seeking a grant for to provide water for stock between Deniliquin and Moama. Drought conditions have led the lack of feed on stock routes.	
		•	Tim O'Kelly – NPWS fire preparation up and running with staff training planned. Some risk with park visitors over school holidays. Solid fuel ban in NP will commence 14/10/2018 unless conditions get very hot. High volumes of water in the Murray River and forest areas. Murray Council asked if NP could notify or sign roads inaccessible due to water. Tim advised they could and would.	
		•	Damien Connell – Murray River MRC happy with HR funding in budget and can now commence HR work on road reserves. MRC will be using private contractors and will provide copies of invoices. No funding in budget Moama HR. CPP plans done by Kelwyn have been well received by locals. RMS are concerned the planned burn near the Moama bridge will cause traffic problems.	
		•	Tony Whitehorn – RFS Tony explained the planned burn near the bridge at Moama. First planned burn in MMZ for some time and burn will be done when wind is suitable. Working with council on plan for Moama expansion due to population and housing.	
		•	Mark Dalzell – Edward River ERC will commence HR work with the ploughed break north on the Cobb Highway in two to three weeks. HR funding is OK with several areas being followed up for funding.	
b.	Operations Coordination Plan	•	No change. Operations coordination plan, not updated due to ongoing council amalgamation issues	
С	Monthly HR reports from BRIMS	•	Nil entered in BRIMS, no works reported complete. Annual HR budget tabled	
d	Annual Works Plan	•	Spreadsheets on Council HR works presented to meeting	

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е	Fire Trail Register	<ul> <li>No additions to fire trail register since previous meeting, Mid Murray Zone register up to date</li> <li>FAFT meeting planned for Mid Murray post season 2019</li> </ul>	
f	Grant	<ul> <li>Successful hazard reduction funding in zone budget</li> <li>Edward River Council \$49,630.00</li> <li>Murray River Council \$75,728.00</li> <li>Murrumbidgee Council (former Jerilderie) \$23,800.00</li> <li>Discussion on transferring funding to areas of need within LGA</li> </ul>	
g	Issues Register	• Nil	
h	Any Further Items	<ul> <li>Pre-season checklist almost complete, contact book is at the printer, foam supply is sufficient, tanker servicing almost complete, radio repeaters have been checked.</li> <li>No pre-season exercise or local IMX as new FCC will not be ready.</li> <li>Slab at new FCC will be poured next week.</li> <li>Table top exercise when new FCC is operational</li> </ul>	
10.	General Business	Bush Fire Danger Period commences 1st October 2018, initial start time is 2.00 pm will change to 4.00 pm start time when conditions warm up	
11.	Close	Meeting closed at 2.05 pm  Next meeting in Deniliquin March 2019, date TBA.	

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## ITEM NO. 11 - MINUTES OF THE MID MURRAY ZONE BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 28 March 2019

Author: Rural Fire Service Mid Murray Zone

File #: 05.03

Approval: General Manager

Participants:	Present	Apology	Absent
Mark Dalzell - Edward River Council - Chairman	✓		
Doug Adamson - NSW RFS - District Coordinator	✓		
Tony Whitehorn - NSW RFS - Manager, Executive	✓		
Officer			
Nick Turner - RFS		✓	
Andrew McCurdy - FCNSW		✓	
Kellv Williamson - FCNSW	✓		
Stewart Alexander - FRNSW		✓	
Frank Finlay - FRNSW	✓		
Martin Smith - FRNSW		✓	
Faith Bryce - Murrumbidgee Council		✓	
Des Bilske - Murrav River Council		✓	
Andrew Browning - NSW RFS - Volunteer		✓	
Peter Bisset - DPI Crown Lands		✓	
Kelly Williamson - FCNSW		✓	
Scott Barber - Murrav River Council	✓		
Frederick Groenwald - Murray River Council		✓	
Mick Lalor - NPWS	✓	✓	
Robins Mares - NPWS		✓	
Craig Moffitt - Murrumbidgee Council	✓		
Gaila Smith - Murrumbidgee Council		✓	
Ruth McCrae - Murrumbidgee Council	✓		
Les Barrow - Essential Energy		✓	
Mac Wallace - Edward River Council		✓	
Oliver McNulty- Edward River Council		✓	
David Lang - RFS - Volunteer		✓	
Paul Condon - NSW Police		✓	
Trent Swinton - NSW Police	✓		
Scot Vale - LLS (Skype)	✓		
Andrew Holmes - RMS		✓	
Kevin Adams - RFS		✓	

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_	Item		Action
1.	Welcome	Mark Dalzell opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.	
2.	Apologies	Apologies accepted as per attendance sheet.	
		Moved: Scott Barber Seconded: Frank Finlay Carried	
3.	Disclosure	Nil to report	
4.	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting	Accept motion that minutes of previous meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 as a true and correct record of that meeting.  Moved: Tony Whitehorn Seconded: Mark Dalzell Carried	
5.	Business arising from the previous minutes	Nil to report	
6.	Correspondence	In: via e-mail Information on round 2 Hazard Reduction (HR) funding 2018-19 HR reimbursements for HR funding 2018-19 HR funding 2019-20 Notice of proposed FAFT workshop for Mid Murray Zone (MMZ) CPP for Moama, Mathoura and Cummergunja State Mitigation Service (SMSS) works completed Southern 80 2019 debrief notes Out	
		Forward HR funding to councils     Request for information from councils re HR reimbursements     Notice of proposed FAFT workshop for Mid Murray Zone (MMZ) Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019  Moved: Mick Lalor Seconded: Kelly Williamson Carried	
7.	Report from	Nil to report	
8.	working groups Report from sub	Nil to report	
^	committees	Peter McKechnie (Director Regional Services west & south) will	
9.	Other business	make a decision on amalgamation issues with former Jerilderie Shire area following the NSW election.	
g. a.	Progress on BFRMP strategy/tasks – agency reports	make a decision on amalgamation issues with former Jerilderie Shire	¥
	Progress on BFRMP strategy/tasks –	<ul> <li>make a decision on amalgamation issues with former Jerilderie Shire area following the NSW election.</li> <li>No change to BFRMP. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) still not approved due to ongoing council amalgamation issues.</li> <li>Scott Vale Lands – annual Asset Protection Zone (APZ) work at Deniliquin, 4 Post and Mathoura completed. Grazing licences</li> </ul>	
a.	Progress on BFRMP strategy/tasks – agency reports	<ul> <li>make a decision on amalgamation issues with former Jerilderie Shire area following the NSW election.</li> <li>No change to BFRMP. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) still not approved due to ongoing council amalgamation issues.</li> <li>Scott Vale Lands – annual Asset Protection Zone (APZ) work at Deniliquin, 4 Post and Mathoura completed. Grazing licences ongoing.</li> <li>No change. Operations coordination plan, not updated due to ongoing council amalgamation issues</li> <li>All council and SMSS works entered into BRIMS, BRIMS report tabled</li> <li>NPWS all roads and trails graded.</li> <li>Southern Border or MMZ GIS layers for fire trails?</li> <li>FAFT trail classifications could be an issue, presently trails are strategic or tactical.</li> <li>FCNSW Fire trail maintenance is ongoing with most trails graded.</li> </ul>	
a. b.	Progress on BFRMP strategy/tasks – agency reports  Operations Coordination Plan  Monthly HR reports from	<ul> <li>make a decision on amalgamation issues with former Jerilderie Shire area following the NSW election.</li> <li>No change to BFRMP. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) still not approved due to ongoing council amalgamation issues.</li> <li>Scott Vale Lands – annual Asset Protection Zone (APZ) work at Deniliquin, 4 Post and Mathoura completed. Grazing licences ongoing.</li> <li>No change. Operations coordination plan, not updated due to ongoing council amalgamation issues</li> <li>All council and SMSS works entered into BRIMS, BRIMS report tabled</li> <li>NPWS all roads and trails graded.</li> <li>Southern Border or MMZ GIS layers for fire trails?</li> <li>FAFT trail classifications could be an issue, presently trails are strategic or tactical.</li> <li>FCNSW Fire trail maintenance is ongoing with most trails graded.</li> <li>Funding through grants funding for Bonum Sandhill trail.</li> </ul>	

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		Zone register up to date  FAFT meeting planned for Mid Murray Zone on 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	
f	Grant	Successful hazard reduction funding in zone budget     Edward River Council \$49,630.00     Murray River Council \$75,728.00     Murrumbidgee Council (former Jerilderie) \$23,800.00     Second round funding granted to Murray River and Edward River councils     2019-20 grants claims close Friday 29 April 2019	1
g	Issues Register	Comment by NPWS and FCNSW on fire trail classifications could be an issue locally. To be discussed at FAFT workshop.	
h	Any Further Items	Nil to report	
10.	General Business	<ul> <li>Bush Fire Danger Period ends 31st March 2019.</li> <li>NPWS solid fuel ban ends 31st March 2019</li> <li>FCNSW solid fuel ban ends 17th April 2019</li> <li>Southern Border has extended BFDP to end of April 2019</li> <li>Tony Whitehorn RFS – Councils need to get HR reimbursements in before Easter.</li> <li>MMZ had a fairly quiet fire season with no major incidents</li> <li>Thanks to all for providing plant, people and equipment when requested</li> <li>Thanks also to FC and NP for efforts in controlling fires on their land</li> <li>The decision on Murrumbidgee amalgamation to be made following NSW by Peter McKechnie</li> <li>Handover of new Fire Control Centre (FCC) will be on 15th April 2019, next BFMC meeting will be at the new FCC</li> <li>A number of exercises will be run to test Operations (Ops), Incident Management Team (IMT) and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Doug Adamson has won the District Coordinator position (2IC) in the MMZ through the RFS OPO program</li> <li>Doug's previous position (6/7) is now vacant and will be advertised locally as no one was available through the RFS OPO pool</li> <li>Les Barrow – Essential Energy         <ul> <li>Boundary changes being drawn up for southern area</li> <li>A central point for BFMC contact will be advised when changes complete</li> <li>Aerial patrols of power lines are ongoing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Kelly Williamson – FCNSW thanks to the RFS Mid Murray Zone for support throughout the fire season including an extended job at Marywood         <ul> <li>RFS support allowed time for out of area FC crews to travel to Perricoota. Marywood fire went on for three weeks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mick Lalor – NPWS also thanked RFS MMZ for assistance through the fire season         <ul> <li>A total of eight fires over the summer mostly started by lightning.</li> <li>Largest fire only burnt two hectares</li> </ul> </li> <li>Scott Barber – Murray River Council commented on e-mails being sent from RFS and the problem with acronyms. Can make documents difficult to understand</li> <li>Doug Adamson RFS – reminded councils that Hazard Reduction</li> </ul>	
11.	Close	reimbursements are now due, need to be in before Easter  Meeting closed at 1.45 pm	
		Next meeting in Deniliquin September 2019, date TBA.	

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## ITEM NO. 12 - MINUTES OF THE WESTERN RIVERINA LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 28 March 2019

Author: Western Riverina Library Committee

File #: 07.01.01

Approval: General Manager

## 1. Attendance

## 1.1 Attendees

Name	Title		Council	
Karen Tagliapietra	Library Manager		Griffith City Coun	cil
Cr Mike Neville	Councillor		Griffith City Coun	cil
Helen Underwood	Librarian		Carrathool	Shire
			Council	
Cr Bev Furner	Councillor		Carrathool	Shire
			Council	
Robyn Howard	Librarian		Hay Shire Counc	il
Sue Mitchell	Corporate and Co	mmunity	Murrumbidgee C	ouncil
	Services Manager		_	
Rhonda Cox	Librarian		Murrumbidgee C	ouncil
Cr Gaila Smith	Chair		Murrumbidgee	
			Council	
Susan Killham	Manager Co	mmunity	Narrandera	Shire
	Development and Lib	orary	Council	
Cr Barbara Bryon	Councillor		Narrandera	Shire
			Council	

## 1.2 Apologies

Name	Title	Council
Max Turner	Director Business, Cultural	Griffith City Council
	and Financial Services	
Cr Anne Napoli	Councillor	Griffith City Council
Robert Rayner	Director Corporate and	Carrathool Shire
	Community Services	Council
Mark Dowling	Director Corporate Services	Hay Shire Council
Cr Jenny Dwyer	Councillor	Hay Shire Council
Cr Michael Rutledge	Councillor	Hay Shire Council
Martin Hiscox	Deputy General Manager	Narrandera Shire
	Corporate and Community	Council

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### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Gaila Smith, seconded by Robyn Howard that the minutes of the WRL Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2018 be confirmed.

## 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

See Appendix A – Western Riverina Libraries Action Report (attachment # 9)

### 4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

- 5. Items of Business
- 5.1 Correspondence

Nil.

## 5.2 Regional Library Manager's Report

See Appendix B - Regional Library Manager's Report (attachment # 10)

## 5.2.1 2019-20 WRL Budget

Information received.

## 5.2.2 Indyreads

Information received.

## 5.2.3 WRL Librarian's Meeting – 25 Feb 2019

Information received.

## 5.2.4 South West Zone Librarian's Meeting - 13 Mar 2019

## South West Zone Draft Strategic Plan

Feedback on the South West Zone (SWZ) Draft Strategic Pan to be forwarded to the SWZ Secretary on behalf of the WRL Committee:

A formalised SWZ Strategic Plan is welcomed

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- WRL cannot grow complacent and we need to contribute to ensure that our Libraries continue to grow
- Opportunities to utilise State Library of NSW skills, training and resources need to be explored further
- Councillors have a role to play to encourage staff participation in training and ensuring that adequate budgets are in place to support this

## 5.3 Carrathool Shire Library Manager's Update

## 5.3.1 Library programs

## Be Connected technology training for seniors

Carrathool Shire received an Activation grant and a Get Online Week grant through the Be Connected program. The grants have funded:

- The purchase of iPads
- Two events, including catering, advertising and staff costs, collectively attended by 32 people
- Further one-on-one training sessions

Grant targets require training 15-30 people over a 10 month period. To meet targets, outreach promotion has been more effective than solely advertising programs: reach out to people/groups within the community, make connections, and encourage involvement.

At the conclusion of the program, staff experience suggests that the audience for beginner level training will be exhausted and community need will progress to the next level. The challenge will be in meeting this need when Library staff don't have next level expertise.

### Senior's Week

113 people attended a Senior's Week luncheon on 21 February 2019.

Jo Henwood, a professional storyteller from Sydney, attended the luncheon and three local schools to present historical events through stories, such as the story of the First Fleet.

## Book Week 2019 – Reading is my Secret Power

Following a successful Book Week 2018 program with author Lisa Shanahan, the Councils of Carrathool, Hay, Murrumbidgee, and Narrandera will collaborate on a similar program in 2019 and host author Anna Fienberg.

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## 5.3.2 New staff

Angela Higgins commenced as a part-time Library Assistant in January 2019. Angela is a trained school teacher with skills and suggestions on how the Library may better serve local schools.

## 5.3.3 Storytime Pod

Carrathool utilised Local Special Projects funding to purchase a Storytime Pod in February. The Pod comes preloaded with stories, activities and puzzles in eight different languages and has proven popular with young children.

## 5.3.4 Mobile Library grant application

A Carrathool and Narrandera Shire Council grant application through the Regional Cultural Fund for a new Mobile Library was unsuccessful.

Another attempt will be made through the Public Library Infrastructure Grants in 2019-20.

## 5.4 Griffith City Library Manager's Update

## 5.4.1 Progress Report: Local Studies Digitisation Project

- Local Studies Collection Development Policy endorsed by Council
- Local History Volunteer Statement of Duties adopted and volunteers sought from the local Genealogical and Historical Society
- Engaged W & F Pascoe to commence digitising items to Trove standards, including newspapers, maps, oral histories, etc.
- Investigated equipment capable of digitisation to National Library of Australia Image Capture Standards. Due to expense of equipment, project will commence by prioritising outsourcing. Progress and ongoing equipment requirements will be re-evaluated mid-project.
- In May volunteers and Collections staff begin evaluating items for inclusion in the collection and suitability for digitisation. An evaluation checklist will assist to identify: relevance to the local area; further descriptive details, particularly for photographs; and, copyright restrictions.
- Currently investigating digital preservation platforms, such as ReCollect, that allow: improved public access and browsability of digitised resources; and, ongoing preservation of digital records, including migration to new file formats as technology evolves.

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## 5.4.2 Regional Library Manager maternity leave arrangements

Karen due to finish 17 May 2019 and recruitment for the Library Manager (12 month maternity relief) position is currently underway.

Pending a successful appointment, the plan is to commence a two week handover on 6 May. Handover will include a tour of WRL branch Libraries to view facilities and meet colleagues.

WRL member Councils are invited to make suggestions on any additional arrangements to facilitate a smooth transition.

## 5.5 Hay Shire Library Manager's Update

## 5.5.1 Library Programs

- Tech Savvy Seniors: Offering one-on-one sessions answering targeted enquiries
- Senior's Week: High Tea for over 100 attendees at the Hay Services Club.

## 5.5.2 Storytime Pod

Hay Shire Library installed a Storytime Pod in March. The Pod has generated a lot of interest and has been well utilised by young children.

## 5.5.3 Volunteer

Volunteer Alex Jackson helps with Tuesday Storytime sessions and is hoping to study Library and Information Services through TAFE.

## 5.5.4 Progress Report: Youth Space construction

Final stages:

- Furniture on backorder
- Jenny Forster mural due to be installed mid-April
- Computers to be installed
- Local high school students engaged to contribute artwork to generate sense of ownership and encourage visitation
- Progressing through the weeding of Junior Fiction and Young Adult Fiction

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## 5.6 Jerilderie Librarian's Update

## 5.6.1 Progress Report: RFID project

Retrospective tagging of 13,000 items in collection nears completion with only the Reference collection remaining.

At commencement of project in July 2018, 6,000 items were tagged in four days. Since then, tagging trolley has been the cause of substantial delays:

- Technician repairs required 6-7 times with an approximate wait time of one month each time.
- Required the replacement of: hard drive, inverter, battery, RFID pad, and computer.

FE to visit to install RFID hardware on site shortly. Aim for project completion by 30 June.

## 5.6.2 Library Programs

Jerilderie Library runs the following regular programs:

- Storytime Wednesday mornings
- Knitting Thursday mornings
- Movie screening third Wednesday of the month
- Tech support sessions as required

## 5.7 Narrandera Shire Library Manager's Update

## 5.7.1 Progress Report: Youth Space construction

Construction has commenced with the project completion target of 31 May.

Redevelopment features include:

- 6m x 13m extension plus Mobile Library garage
- Resistance fury notebook for gaming programming
- Virtual reality headsets and kit
- Video conferencing and video recording facilities

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- Subscriptions to a range of animation software
- CCTV
- All access toilet

Local technology enthusiast is consulting on the project and will hopefully contribute to future Library programs, such as coding.

Raeco has quoted on furnishings and are negotiating a site visit.

## 5.7.2 Library programs and services

- Tech Savvy Seniors: Social Media sessions
- ANZAC DAY knitted poppies for display
- Seniors Week events focused on encouraging engagement with existing services such as the Gallery, bingo, and Men's Shed, and included Thai Chi and breakfast by the river
- Centrelink kiosk
- Sureway visits two days per week

## 5.7.3 Training at State Library of NSW

Staff member Janelle recently attended the State Library's Collect Connect Community and Beginner's Guide to Family History for Public Library Staff training.

The State Library of NSW reimburses the cost of first class return rail travel for participants travelling from libraries more than 100km away.

## 6. General Business

## 6.1 SWZ Meeting – Narrandera Library – 30 May 2019

Next SWZ Meeting is to be held in Narrandera 30 May 2019.

All WRL branches are encouraged to send a Librarian and Councillor representative.

### 6.2 SWITCH 2019

To be held at the Penrith Panthers 19-22 November 2019.

Registrations open next month.

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## 7. Next Meeting

Suggested dates	dates Thursday 17 October, 20		Narrandera Shire Council	
	Thursday	Carrathool Shire Council		
Office Bearers 2019-2020		Chair	Carrathool Shire Council	
		Deputy Chair	Griffith City Council	
Meeting closed at	12:05 pm			
Confirmed CHAIRPERSON				

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## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### ITEM NO. 13 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT - MARCH 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019
Report Date: 16 April 2019
Author: Finance Manager

File #: 05.13

Approval: General Manager

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

<u>Cash at Bank:</u> Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 March 2019 was \$31,062,612.68 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$3,574,597.70.

<u>Investments:</u> As at 31 March 2019, Council's total invested funds were \$27,488,014.98. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 2.40%. The bulk of Councils investments are held with Bendigo Bank (61.96%), IMB Ltd (18.60%) and ANZ (8.56%), 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 March 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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#### <u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>

#### 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

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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2018-19	2017-18
	Consolidated	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2019	8,686,235.97	1,261,875.27
ADD - Receipts - 31 March 2019	241,004.78	1,156,262.24
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank ADD - Cancelled	570,606.96	838,492.09 0.00
ADD - Cancelled ADD - Adjustments	8,890.00 0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-27,345.96	-34,546.22
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-1,966,966.78	-2,100,327.68
LESS - Payroll	-351,367.70	-331,917.54
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-64,573.89	0.00
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-2,401.45	-2,897.59
LESS - Loan Repayments	-14,645.57	-14,645.57
LESS - Investments	-3,428,672.47	0.00
LESS - Emergency Services Levy	-71,004.27	0.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-3,421.50	-8,185.53
LESS - Fuel Card	-490.82	-1,007.75
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-1,249.60	-1,249.60
CASH AT BANK 31 MARCH 2019	3,574,597.70	761,852.12
CASH AT BANK 31 MARCH 2019	192,636.87	469,007.90
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	3,420,887.98	291,998.62
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	985.60
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-25,974.30	-140.00
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-12,952.85	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 31 MARCH 2019	3,574,597.70	761,852.12
Add Investments	27,488,014.98	23,455,390.68
Total Cash and Investments	31,062,612.68	24,217,242.80
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	203,211.66	203,211.66
Water Fund	2,520,772.39	1,941,358.65
Sewer Fund	3,926,421.38	3,851,602.99
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	90,505.06
Unexpended Grant Funds	2,546,041.22	866,531.95
Plant Reserve	1,608,792.00	1,422,374.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,466,868.00	1,210,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	3,063,581.15	4,900,372.20
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0.00
New Council Implementation Fund	2,433,525.98	986,675.20
Stronger Communities Fund	12,587,001.15	8,595,005.76
General Fund	632,593.75	149,605.33

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTME 31 MARCH 2019	<u>NTS</u>			
Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	312,932.95	2.55%	10-Apr-19	23/19
IMB Ltd	405,667.34	2.60%	11-Apr-19	20/19
IMB Ltd	304,361.55	2.55%	18-Apr-19	25/19
Bendigo	777,100.52	2.00%	18-May-19	26/19
St George	535,906.91	2.00%	22-May-19	28/19
Bendigo	1,025,421.72	2.00%	22-May-19	27/19
NAB	209,496.16	2.00%	30-May-19	29/19
IMB Ltd	203,960.38	2.60%	04-Jun-19	30/19
NAB	311,003.52	2.55%	20-Jun-19	31/19
NAB	400,000.00	2.55%	20-Jun-19	32/19
St George	500,000.00	2.53%	26-Jun-19	33/19
ANZ-Les Wallis	44,977.98	2.20%	29-Jun-19	34/19
SUNCORP	1,035,078.69	2.65%	07-Jun-19	24/19
IMB Ltd	414,980.26	2.65%	31-May-19	20
IMB Ltd	510,714.05	2.60%	15-Jul-19	21
IMB Ltd	605,214.25	2.55%	10-May-19	24
IMB Ltd	700,000.00	2.60%	05-Jul-19	25
Bendigo	519,582.68	2.55%	08-Apr-19	26
Bendigo	605,030.14	2.60%	06-May-19	28
ANZ	1,100,000.00	2.35%	09-Jul-19	29
ANZ	800,000.00	2.30%	29-May-19	30
IMB Ltd	450,000.00	2.55%	12-Jun-19	31
Bendigo	301,512.33	2.00%	16-Apr-19	35
IMB Ltd	400,000.00	2.60%	23-May-19	36
Bendigo	3,855,272.31	2.30%	16-May-19	38
ANZ	407,534.49	2.20%	29-Apr-19	39
Bendigo	2,500,000.00	2.30%	16-Aug-19	40
Bendigo	2,081,950.74	2.30%	16-Jul-19	42
IMB Ltd	804,191.78	2.40%	29-Jul-19	44
Bendigo	5,366,124.23	2.30%	16-May-19	45
<u>Total Investments</u>	<u>27,488,014.98</u>			
Average Interest Rates	2016/17	2.39%		
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.17%		
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.40%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS	HELD			
SUNCORP	1,035,078.69	3.77%		
ANZ	2,352,512.47	8.56%		
Bendigo	17,031,994.67	61.96%		
IMB Ltd	5,112,022.56	18.60%		
NAB	920,499.68	3.35%		
St George	1,035,906.91	3.77%		

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27,488,014.98

**TOTAL** 

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# ITEM NO. 14 - RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT - MARCH 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019
Report Date: 12 April 2019
Author: Finance Manager

File #: 05.33

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on rates and charges collection, showing totals for the initial levy, rebates applied, interest and legal costs incurred and total outstanding as at 31 March 2019.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The contents of the Rates and Charges Collection Report-March 2019 be noted.

#### **BACKGROUND**

	Total
Arrears brought forward	\$ 451,094
2018-2019 Levy	\$5,984,070
Less Pensioner Rebates	\$(100,048)
Interest raised to 31/3/19	\$ 22,329
Debt Recovery costs to 31/3/19	\$ 1,268
Rates & Charges to 31/3/19	\$ 6,358,713
Amount Collected to 31/3/19	\$ (4,697,868)
Total Outstanding (to 31/3/19)	\$1,660,845

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

The percentage of rates collected as at 31 March 2019 equates to 74% with the 4th instalment of rates due 31 May 2019.

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#### <u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>

#### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

**Rates Officers** 

#### **OPTIONS**

NIL

# **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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#### ITEM NO. 15 – LOAN BORROWINGS AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019
Report Date: 12 April 2019
Author: Finance Manager

File #: 05.14

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

Loan No	Original Amount	Purpose	Outstanding At 31/3/19	Interest Rate	Repayment Per Annum	Maturity Date
160	\$200,000	Streetscape	\$ 6,867.29	7.90%	\$28,860.15	12.6.2019
161	\$200,000	Streetscape	\$ 27,986.87	8.14%	\$29,440.40	15.3.2020
162	\$295,000	Streetscape/ Cenotaph	\$ 87,882.00	7.922%	\$43,015.96	27.5.2021
Internal Loan	\$250,000	Real Estate Development	\$125,001.00	Variable	\$25,000.00 plus interest	1.4.2024

The above shows outstanding loan balances at 31 March 2019 of \$247,737.16, including internal loan from the Sewer Fund of \$125,001.00.

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

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

Loans numbered 160, 161 and 162 are loans sourced by the previous Jerilderie Shire Council being fixed term, 10 year loans, for the purpose of partially funding the capital improvements to the streetscape of Jerilderie Street, from Bolton Street to Memorial Park.

The internal loan was sourced from Sewer Funds for the purpose of partially funding the development of Wunnamurra Estate Stage 2. This loan was approved

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by the Minister for Local Government in pursuance of Section 410(3) and 410(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

# **SUSTAINABILITY**

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

#### **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

#### <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

NIL

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#### ITEM NO. 16 – NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – MARCH 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019
Report Date: 12 April 2019
Author: Finance Manager

File #: 03.13.08A

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

	Amended	Expenditure
	Budget	(Mar 2019)
PMO Staffing	\$1,400,000	\$1,566,063
Asset Management	\$330,000	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$74,500	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,800,000	\$1,495,031
Policy Development	\$31,000	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and	\$265,000	\$305,342
accommodation)		
Marketing & Branding	\$92,500	\$92,363
Service Reviews	\$180,000	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$127,000	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,500	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$265,000	\$242,748
GIS Conversion Project	\$80,000	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$60,000	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,500	124,118
Provision for adjustment to new Salary System during 18/19	\$120,000	\$302,920
Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$425,000	
Integrate and update LEP and DCP's	\$350,000	
Provision of Integrated Risk Management Systems	\$150,000	
Provision of project readiness-design briefs and estimates	\$300,000	\$63,292
TOTAL	6,225,000	\$5,016,474

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#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

Project Management Office staffing costs will continue whilst the Human Resources Officer position remains.

Information Technology will continue to be implemented over the next 12 months. Further modules are to be included within the Civica Authority V7 System, including assets and applications. The Records Management System (or Trim) is currently being implemented, with first round training undertaken and system set up underway. Testing is due to be undertaken throughout March and April, with a 'go live' date pushed out until approximately June.

Further GIS conversion will continue, including the outcomes of amalgamation of Land & Property Information data and valuations.

The majority of staff have been transferred to the new salary structure, with a small number of staff adjustments still to be finalised.

# **SUSTAINABILITY**

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

#### **FINANCIAL**

As listed.

#### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

- 5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation
- Action 5.5.2.4 Keep State and Federal Members and agencies updated on Murrumbidgee's issues, challenges and achievements 30 June 2022 with annual review and reporting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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# ITEM NO. 17 - ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 16 April 2019

Author: Economic and Tourism Development Manager

File #: 03.16

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report on economic development and tourism activities during the previous month.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Economic and Tourism Development Report be noted.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Activities in April 2019 were focused on the development of the Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy.

# **Economic Development Activities**

#### Economic Development Strategy

- 1. Held two Destination Management Planning forums in Darlington Point (18 people) and Jerilderie (9 people). Participants brainstormed target markets, tourism strengths and weaknesses, and key opportunities that are essential to success for tourism development for the Murrumbidgee Council area.
- 2. In summary, the key target markets for future tourism development include:
  - Older couples;
  - Caravaners and RV market;
  - Interstate visitors;
  - Bus/coach tours/groups;
  - The key tourism strengths for the Murrumbidgee Council area identified at the forums are:
    - Murrumbidgee River;
    - Location on major traffic corridors (Newell Highway, Sturt Highway and Kidman Way);
    - Unique history;

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- The tourism weaknesses for the Murrumbidgee Council area identified at the forums are:
  - Lack of signage;
  - Lack of accommodation;
  - Lack of promotional material.
- While the key priorities for success in tourism development in Murrumbidgee Council area, include:
  - Business attraction unique operators offering a variety of experiences and offerings to visitors;
  - Farm/agricultural tours;
  - Signage;
  - Coordinated approach to tourism.
- 3. Distributed the Economic Development Survey for business operators for the strategy, via post (157), email (277), website, social media and media release. Received 33 responses to date from the following mediums:
  - Website 5
  - Email 27
  - Social media 1
  - Post 0

#### **New Businesses**

 Assisted with seven enquires for leasing 19 Carrington Street, coordinated an expression of interest for the potential businesses and assisted with the opening of the new business – Darlington Point's new hairdresser.

#### Regional Development Australia

Attended the Country Change campaign online forum.

# Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Station

 Provided letter of support for NRMA for the Transport for NSW Electric Vehicle Charging Program application to install an electric vehicle fast charging station at Jerilderie.



#### Solar Farms

 Assisted Neoen with logistics and promotion for the Coleambally Solar Farm Community Celebration for Saturday 6 April.

#### **METAG Actions**

 Attended Darlington Point Town Life Committee on April 16 with draft designs for the Darlington Point town entrance sign. Some minor changes to be made to some of the designs, lighting for the signs at night to be

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explored and local Aboriginal artwork for the signs to be sourced. Further community consultation and feedback will occur with the updated designs.

# **Tourism Activities**

# Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Limited

- Two signs were erected on the entrances to Jerilderie to promote the participation in the RV Friendly Town program.
- Editorial content and images for Jerilderie were submitted for the June 2019 edition of The Wanderer.



#### Thrive Riverina

 Submitted details on the Ned Kelly Show'n'Shine and Markets for the Thrive Riverina May event newsletter and Coleambally Caravan Park for the Pet Friendly edition of the Product Newsletter.

### Kidman Way Promotions Committee

- Provided editorial on Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie for the feature on The Kidman Way in The Wanderer for May 2019. Passed on advertising details to tourism operators to participate in the May edition.
- Sent tourism fliers covering the Murrumbidgee Council area for Kidman Way stand at the Caravan Camping Holiday SuperShow in Sydney.



#### Destination Riverina Murray (DRM)

- Promoted the NSW First Tourism Development Program in Albury on May 9 to tourism operators and event organisers. Offering to subsidise the \$50 participation cost.
- Sent tourism fliers covering the Murrumbidgee Council area for Destination Riverina Murray stand at the Caravan Camping Holiday SuperShow in Sydney.
- Promotion of the 2019 Regional Tourism Awards and encourage operators to enter.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

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# **SUSTAINABILITY**

#### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

#### **FINANCIAL**

NIL

#### INTEGRATED PLANS

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

### Strategies:

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

Theme Four: Our Economy

Strategies:

- 4.1.2 Promote Murrumbidgee and its towns and potential light manufacturing wholesale and retail business opportunities to diversify industry and stimulate employment growth
- 4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile
- 4.2.3 Contribute to regional tourism initiatives and major events in the region
- 4.2.6 Build data and analysis of business and industry in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area
- 4.3.1 Provide professional information services promoting tourism, visitor ventures and activities in our towns
- 4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The Economic and Tourism Development Manager has consulted with the following in the past month:

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Activity	Result
Workshops & Facilitation - Destination Management Planning forum	Darlington Point: 18 (including 7 Councillors) Jerilderie: 9 (including 3 Councillors)
Meetings with local business owners and tourism operators.	Coleambally: 3 Darlington Point: 4 Jerilderie: 9
Meetings with potential business owners	Darlington Point: 3 Jerilderie: 2
Meetings with regional stakeholders	LGNSW Economic Development Network, Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting in Griffith

#### Issues raised from consultation:

- Water
- Attracting and retaining qualified and reliable employees
- Digital connectivity for business, and business opportunities lost due to lack of connectivity.
- Signage for highways
- What grants and funding support are available to businesses

# **OPTIONS**

NIL

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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# ITEM NO. 18 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, MARCH 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 12 April 2019

Author: John Scarce, General Manager

File #: 04.25

Approval: General Manager

### **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, March 2019, be noted.

#### **BACKGROUND**

DA No.	Property Location	Works Undertaken	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA24-18/19	Sturt Highway, Carrathool Lot 1 DP 1198807	Subdivision	3 Lot Subdivision	N/A	7/03/2019
DA29-18/19	Sturt Highway, Carrathool Lot 2 DP 1198807	Subdivision	3 Lot Subdivision	N/A	7/03/2019
DA31-18/19	167 Showground Road Jerilderie Lot 3 DP 66591	Development Consent	Alterations & Conversion to Dwelling	\$90,000	5/03/2019
DA32-18/19	"Huddersfield", Kidman Way Waddi Lot 172 DP 750908	Construction	Construction of 795ML on farm Water Storage Facility \$1,100,000		2/03/2019
DA34-18/19	71 Nowranie Street, Jerilderie Lot 13 DP 609990	Construction	Carport \$1,900		15/03/2019
DA37-18/19	958 Main Canal Road Coleambally Lot 66 DP 750883	Construction	Installation of a 100kw ground mounted Solar PV System \$210,800		28/03/2019
DA42-18/19	1436 Four Corners Rd., Coleambally Lot 2 DP 593064	Construction	Hay shed \$19,800		29/03/2019
SSD8392	Donald Ross Drive, Darlington Point 2706 Lot 160, DP821551; Lots 41, 42 & 64, DP750903; Lot 2, DP 542215; Lots 18, 35 & 36, DP 750903 and Lot 2 DP 628785	Construction (Solar Array only)	Darlington Point Solar Farm 275 MW	\$403,593,462 (Total Project Cost)	17/03/2019

# **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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# ITEM NO. 19 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 20/03/2019 to 16/04/2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 16 April 2019

Author: Johann Pereira, Operations Manager

File #: 03.16.04

Approval: General Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report provided to Council on works in progress during the period 20 March 2019 to 16 April 2019.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

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

# **BACKGROUND**

# **Works Completed In Period**

Regional Roads	
RR552 – Conargo Road	
RR564 – Berrigan Road	
RR323 – Oaklands Road	
RR59 – Urana Road	
RR596 – Morundah Road	Material carted for shoulder widening, 2.35km length, 1.2m width each shoulder. Works currently in progress.
RR356 – Berrigan/Oaklands Road	
RR183 – Whitton Road	
Carrathool Road	

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MR321 – Kidman Way	Rubbish collection, road inspection
	Heavy patching was completed on Segment 400 on MR321. Each heavy patch is excavated then sub base material is lime stabilised.
	Preparation of the road surface of MR321 for the RMS resealing program. Various potholes were patched and intersections swept of debris.
H17 – Newell Highway	Rubbish collection, road inspection.
	Heavy patch in the Newell Highway was patched by Council.
	32m x 8m patch on Jerilderie's main street rehabilitated. 250mm of asphalt dug out, and replaced with DGS20 road base and 7mm seal.
Local Road Maintenance	Grader Maintenance - McLennons Bore Road, Bundure Lane
	Four Corners Road – vegetation cleared along roadside for approximately 4.5km to improve site distance.
	Four Corners Road – the existing road surface is being reformed, stabilised and compacted 4.5km from the end of the sealed section over the sand hills.
Roads to Recovery	Resheeting works commenced on Bonnars Lane in Coleambally. Material was carted to site to resheet 2km of road surface.
	Resheeting works commenced on Harvey Wells Road in Coleambally. Material was carted to site to resheet 3.5km of road surface.
Fixing Country Roads	McDonald Road reconstruction completed.
	Reconstruction on Eulo Road continues with the existing surface being ripped and mixed. The roads shoulders have been built up to improve the drainage of water from the road.
Town Streets	Kerbs and gutters throughout Coleambally streets were cleaned by street sweeper.
	Kerb and gutter of Narrand Street and Uri Street cleaned to allow water to drain from intersection.

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	Hay Road, Darlington Point - roadside vegetation slashed totalling approximately 4km.
	Kerb and gutters within the Jerilderie town area were cleaned by street sweeper.
Resealing Programme	
Town Maintenance	A leaking pipe was repaired in the grounds of the Darlington Point Football Oval near the amenities buildings.
	Drainage channels around Darlington Point parks and gardens were sprayed to control weeds and vegetation.
	Road reserves in towns slashed.
	Tree loppers trimmed back trees throughout Darlington Point and Coleambally.
	Jerilderie
	2 x leaking raw water pipes were fixed on Mahonga Street
	1 x cracked filtered water pipe was fixed on Bolton Street
	1 x leaking raw water pipe was fixed on Coreen Street
	2 x Give Way signs replaced (near hospital & Wunnumurra Estate).
	2 x RV Friendly Town signs installed, (bridge Jerilderie north and near hospital Conago Road)
Staff Training	
Parks and Gardens	All parks throughout the Council are mowed and edged.
Private Works	Water deliveries throughout the area.
	Coleambally farm works.
Water & Sewerage	Water mains in Darlington Point were flushed to clean the water mains of any dirt, debris, iron and manganese buildups and dirty water. By flushing the dirty water out of the mains, Council is taking proactive management steps to deliver clean water to residents' homes.
	Investigation of Jerilderie's Water Treatment Plant by MJM Consulting Engineers was conducted 9 April, and a

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	report will be provided on the structural integrity of the plant.
	The outcome of this report will provide a direction and plan on moving forwards with the refurbishment of Jerilderie's Water Treatment Plant.
Building Maintenance	

# **UPCOMING WORKS**

Local Road Maintenance	Maintenance grading with roller and water truck of the below roads:
	Gaston Road - 5km
	Main Canal Road - 6km
	Egan Road - 2.5km
	Commins Road - 3.5km
	Old Morundah Road - 6.5km
Regional Roads	RR564 – Line marking Segments 4, 5 and 6
	RR59 – Line marking Segments 10, 9, 5 and 4
	RR356 – Rehab 600m of damaged section of road near Wangamong Creek Bridge. 50mm road base, pavement to be stabilised, and finally a 7mm seal.
	RR552 – Weed spraying
Local Roads	Reconstruction of Greens Lane, 1.8km.
	Reconstruction of Channel 9 Road, 1.2km section.
H17 – Newell Highway	RMS to perform a rehabilitation of a 200m section within Jerilderie's main street by June 2019. RMS to decide by May 2019 if the rehabilitation program will be extended by an additional 200m for a total of 400m.
MR321 – Kidman Way	Resealing Segments 10, 190, 200, 210 and 250
Roads to Recovery	4km of resheeting to be undertaken on Green Swamp Road from the Berrigan Road intersection.

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Town Streets	Darlington Point kerb and gutters to be swept.
Resealing Programme	See MR321 above.
Town Maintenance	Essential Energy to inspect proximity of tree branches to power lines within Jerilderie's town streets.
Water & Sewerage	Hunter H2O and Water Treatment Australia to provide costings and options for a refurbishment of Jerilderie's Water Treatment Plant, subject to the results of structural integrity report by MJM Consulting Engineers.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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# ITEM NO. 20 - NOXIOUS WEEDS / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL – APRIL 2019

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 12 April 2019

Author: Biosecurity Officers

File #: 04.21

Approval: Asset Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

### **BACKGROUND**

#### Jerilderie:

#### Weeds

- Completed boxthorn spraying on Jerry's Lane;
- Boree trees treated start of Gilbert Road;
- Trees treated on MR564 Berrigan Road and MR323 Oaklands Road to back of table drain where possible;
- Khaki Weed treated on local roads with Glyphosate, sections Graham and Fairlie Grange Roads and MR564, RR59 and MR321;
- Treated racetrack again for wire weed may require more treatments as it is taking over the grasses;
- Inspections of private property sites and roads, both high risk and local;
- Two landholders have withdrawn from Murray Local Land Service (MLLS) funding due to drought. Will offer this funding to landholders that are currently in the process of undertaking works for their funding. This has been approved by MLLS and will be finalised in the next few weeks, with the extension of the agreements until December 2019. Landholders will have sufficient time to complete works.

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#### Truck Wash

- Working fine, hoping to desilt one pond in the next couple of weeks, weather permitting;
- Treated Noogoora Burr and other weeds in vicinity of truck wash.

#### Stock Control

Two cattle returned to paddocks. Landholders requested to check fence lines.

#### Saleyards

- Watering of yards;
- Treated small patches of Silver Leaf Nightshade;
- Repaired gates.

### **Coleambally and Darlington Point:**

#### Weeds

Weeds sprayed:

- Silver Leaf Nightshade Yamma Rd, MR 321, Sturt Hwy, Donald Ross Drive, Ringwood Road, Morundah Road;
- Spiny Burr Grass DP Cemetery, 11 Mile Pit;
- Bathurst Burr Main Canal Road;
- Boxthorn Four Corners Road , North Boundary Road;
- Athol Pine regrowth Bull Road;
- Fleabane Main Canal Road;
- Red Guide Posts-Spiny Burr Grass-Morely Road, Hogan Road, Martin Bell Road:
- Burn Spiny Burr 11 Mile Pit
- Sealed Roads Boree suckers Pine Drive, MR 321;
- Unsealed Roads Boree suckers Bull Road;
- Coleambally Airstrip Boree suckers;
- Private property inspections 27;
- High Risk Property Inspections 15.

#### Stock Control

- Sheep Donald Ross Drive 2; MR 321 1;
- Goats Sturt Highway 2.

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#### Khaki Weed

Khaki Weed in the southern end of the Council area is patchy, being more common in the Coleambally Irrigation Area, Fairlie Grange Road, Graham Road and the Kidman Way. It is also prevalent towards Berrigan Shire, which has large sections near our boundaries, which makes it impossible to stop the entry into our Council area.

Tyres on all vehicles are potential carriers of the seed, particularly our slashers. Khaki Weed thrives along the edge of sealed roads due to the moisture run off, whereas on unsealed roads it is uncommon.

Treatment is difficult due to the growing season and the chemicals required to treat it are very volatile around sensitive crops such as cotton.

Glyphosate is the safest, however it really only suppresses the plant as it has a very large seed bank which can lay dormant for many years with an annual leaf and perennial tap root.

In a normal season, road shoulder spraying goes a long way to suppressing the weed, but due to the conditions being very dry many roads were not treated and only slashed. Certain roads were treated with Glyphosate when conditions were suitable.

This will be an ongoing issue for many years to come. The plant needs to be treated on a regular basis. It requires continuous follow up on areas where it grows, requiring treatment each time there is a rain event during the growing season.

#### **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 Councils weed management program;
- 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 infestations inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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# CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

#### ITEM NO. 21 - PLANNING SERVICES

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 8 April 2019

Author: John Scarce, General Manager

File #: 04.25

Approval: General Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
  - i. Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
  - iii. Reveal a trade secret.

# ITEM NO. 22 - TENDER-CONSTRUCTION OF LEVEE SYSTEM-AREAS 5 AND 6

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 11 April 2019

Author: Stephen Goodsall, Asset Manager

File #: 04.25.15

Approval: General Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

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# ITEM NO. 23 - TENDER 2019-02 - TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AMENITIES BUILDING AT JERILDERIE RACECOURSE

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 12 April 2019

Author: John Scarce, General Manager

File #: 03.09.36

Approval: General Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

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# ITEM NO. 24 - TENDER 2019-03 - TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AMENITIES BUILDING AT COLEAMBALLY SPORTSGROUND No. 2 OVAL

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 12 March 2019

Author: John Scarce, General Manager

File #: 03.09.37

Approval: General Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

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#### ITEM NO. 25 - COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM

Council Meeting: 30 April 2019 Report Date: 16 April 2019

Author: Sue Mitchell – Manager, Corporate and Community Services

File #: 01.13/05.15 Approval: General Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

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