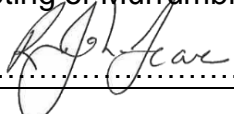
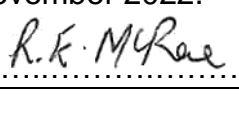


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022**

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 General Manager
  Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Murrumbidgee Local Government Area, and to all Aboriginal Elders, past and present and emerging.

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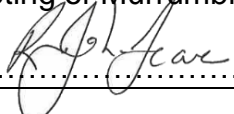
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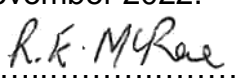
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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO: 1 - DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE ROAD EMERGENCY

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	15 November 2022
Author:	Mayor McRae
File #:	SC218; SC61; SC182
Approval:	Mayor McRae

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council join with Local Government NSW and the Country Mayors' Association of NSW in declaring a Statewide Road Emergency, supporting their call for:
 - a. An acceleration and significant increase in funding from the New South Wales Government for the \$1.1 billion Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Country Bridges program;
 - b. A boost to Road Block Grants funding from the Federal Government to compensate for the damage to the regional road network;
 - c. New funding from the Federal Government to provide Councils with plant machinery and skilled workers to expedite road repairs;
2. The State and Federal Governments acknowledge the Kidman Way as a vital arterial road during times of flood, taking more than its fair share of the diverted traffic from the Newell and Sturt Highways to keep the wheels of commerce turning. With this acknowledgement, they pledge funding to invest in the Kidman Way, moving the focus from maintenance to upgrade
3. Council write to the Hon Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, and the Hon Dominic Perrottet, Premier of New South Wales, seeking immediate support and action.

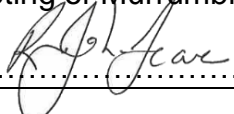
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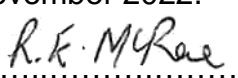
We are all well aware that Murrumbidgee Council LGA is currently being hit by a serious flood event.

And we are not alone. A total of 126 of New South Wales' 128 Local Government Areas have had natural disaster declarations within the last 12 months, according to the President of Local Government NSW, Darriea Turley.

On 3 November 2022, Local Government NSW declared a Statewide Roads Emergency.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

The declaration – and urgent call for the NSW and Federal Governments to increase their existing road funding commitments in the wake of the floods – comes on the back of an estimated \$2.5 billion in road damages and a collapse of the local and regional road network.

I call on Murrumbidgee Council to show our support for this move, and wholeheartedly endorse the Local Government NSW declaration of the Statewide Road Emergency.

The declaration has already been publicly supported by our peak regional body, the Country Mayors' Association of New South Wales.

We have faced, and may continue to face, an unprecedented and unrelenting series of natural disasters that has seen residents and business owners cleaning up again and again, people isolated, workers unable to get to work, and students unable to get to training or school.

Add to this our very real and immediate concern for our primary producers.

This latest rain event has hit our LGA at a critical time. Winter crops, such as wheat, barley, oats, canola and chick peas, are ready to be harvested and the window for planting summer crops, including cotton, corn and rice only lasts a matter of weeks and is being compromised daily.

Livestock are ready to go to sale.

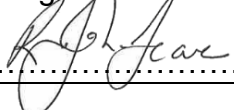
The local and regional road network is critically-enabling infrastructure. It is absolutely vital to our primary producers, and the key to keeping affordable food on the table across New South Wales and beyond.

The Kidman Way has been neglected for too many years, the maintenance budget spent each year is barely keeping to a reasonable standard, in short the Kidman Way is going backwards, and its level of service is dropping. It is essential to heavily invest in the Kidman Way to bring it back to a reasonable standard, and to be recognised as an alternative route when the Newell and Sturt Highways are closed.

Our road network, and the road network of Councils across the state, have disastrous damage. We are facing a task that is beyond the reasonable scope of any Local Government authority. We face an unprecedented disaster that requires an unprecedented response.

We need help. Our community needs help. Other regional and rural communities across the state and beyond need help. We desperately need our leaders to lead. We need to support our peak bodies in their declaration of a Statewide Road Emergency.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

This is an emergency, and it is time to seek help. By supporting this Mayoral Minute you are endorsing that I write to the Hon Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, and the Hon Dominic Perrottet, Premier of New South Wales, seeking immediate action.

R. K. McRae

Cr Ruth McRae
MAYOR

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R. J. Pearce General Manager *R. K. McRae* Mayor

MAYORAL REPORT

ITEM NO: 2 - MAYORAL REPORT

Council Meeting	22 November 2022
Report Date:	16 November 2022
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

It has been a busy 5 weeks since my last report for Council.

The weather is testing us unreasonably, and the last month has seen our LGA impacted from the Murrumbidgee River in the north to the Billabong and Wangamong Creeks in the south, and everywhere in between.

The rivers are full, the creeks are full, the vast agricultural landscape is sodden and immersed in water, and some of our residents have experienced inundation in their homes and workplaces. Our road network is being truly tested, and what is clearly apparent is that the recovery and remediation process across all facets of our business is going to be a long haul, not a short sprint.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of Council's staff - to those of you on the front line the last month has been a challenge, whether it be our roads teams, water and sewer operators, town maintenance or our management and customer service staff, we thank you for always having our communities best interests at heart.

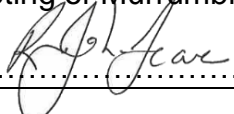
The General Manager and I attended the LGNSW Conference in Cessnock. Many of our counterparts were missing due to the widespread and unrelenting weather event we are all experiencing with varying degrees of impact, some for the second and third time.

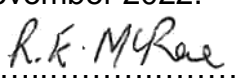
There many common themes from our business papers, some of which are RFS Red Fleet, affordable social housing, road funding, health access, renewable energy, planning pathways and beaurocracy, connectivity and the tyranny of isolation, and much more.

At our most recent Councillor Workshop we had a tour of Coleambally.

Guided by the Coleambally Councillors this, and previous, town tours have proven invaluable and has given us all insight into the unique and different communities we are dealing with. It is very helpful to be able to identify places and issues when they are raised at the Council table.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

On 27 October Council was delighted to recognise 6 of our long serving and hard working staff - we add our congratulations and thank them for their commitment to Murrumbidgee Council and the previous Jerilderie Shire and Murrumbidgee Shire Councils. Staff recognised were Julie Conn- 10 years, Sue Mitchell -20 years, Kerrie Weymouth - 10 years, Shawn Gras - 10 years and Brian Wilson and Terri Connor on their retirements.

I would like to congratulate the Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival on the success of their 3 day event.

I attended the 50 Mile Meal on the Saturday night and the hardworking committee are to be congratulated on the fabulous feast we all enjoyed and the informative accompaniment of the producers that was part of the evening.

The SES, in collaboration with Murrumbidgee Council, convened a Community Meeting in Darlington Point on 10 November - this was an opportunity for SES Acting Southern Region Manager Shane Hargraves to address a group of 150 concerned citizens.

As the lead organisation, the SES are on the frontline informing those at risk and assisting those that experience impacts during any natural disaster. There were many issues raised and further community engagement will address these concerns.

Prior to the community meeting, Tom Dimec, Director of Infrastructure, the Deputy Mayor and I, had the opportunity to view the flood impact from the SES helicopter - it is a staggering amount of water and moving at a rapid pace within the river and spreading widely.

The Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremonies on 11 November in each of our towns are a very visible reminder of the sacrifice of our forebears and the very real need to value peace - never has it been more important with the volatile and high risk global dynamics at play.

It was my pleasure to award the Sir John Monash Bursary to James Clarke from Coleambally. His insightful and informed essay was wise beyond his years. This Bursary will be a great investment in a young man who will make a difference.

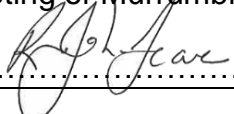
Our Council have been receiving weekly briefings from Resilience NSW who will look to be greater engaged in the recovery process from these flooding events.

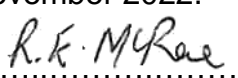
Below are a list of Meetings I have attended since the last meeting of Council:

18 October 2022
Coleambally Town Tour

20 October 2022
Jerilderie CWA AGM, Jerilderie

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

22 - 25 October 2022
LGNSW Conference, Cessnock

27 October 2022
Staff Recognition Ceremony, Jerilderie

28 October 2022
Meeting with The Pretoris Group, Jerilderie

29 October 2022
Taste Coly 50 Mile Meal, Coleambally Club, Coleambally

2 November 2022
AGM - Jerilderie Independent Living Limited, Jerilderie
AGM - Visit Riverina (via zoom) (was to be held in Jerilderie but relocated on-line due to flooding of roads)

4, 11 and 18 November 2022
Resilience NSW Briefings for Councils - On Line

8 November 2022
Council Workshop, Darlington Point
Meeting with Office for Regional Youth, Jerilderie
(Meetings also held in Coleambally and Darlington Point)

9 November 2022
SDLAM- SAG YANCO Creek Modernisation Project Meeting - On Line

10 November 2022
SES and Council Community Meeting, Darlington Point

11 November 2022
Remembrance Day Service Jerilderie
Awarding of the Sir John Monash Bursary - James Clarke

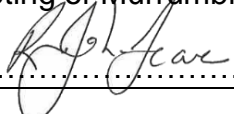
17 November 2022
Toganmain Woolshed Restoration Project Meeting, Darlington Point

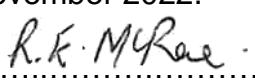
21 November 2022
NSW - RFS Meeting, Jerilderie



Ruth McRae
MAYOR

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 3 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	11 November 2022
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and the revised Media and Communication Policy be adopted by Council.

1. Kerbside Collection Three Streams

This item will be a standing item until fully implemented on 1 July 2023.

The truck we ordered is set to arrive in Australia in April 2023, they will require approximately 6 weeks to fit the garbage compactor, as such we are not set to receive the garbage truck until middle of June 2023.

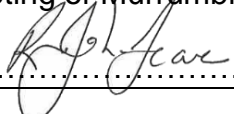
We are working on a contingency plan in case the unit arrives later. We will most likely utilise the truck we have, with us having to unload our current unit more often. So, we are confident we can still commence on 1 July 2023, the pick-ups might just take a little longer.

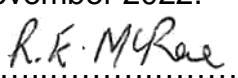
We have also received budget costings for our wheeled bins. A 240 litre bin is \$44, the kitchen caddy is \$6 a 360 litre bin is \$76 and a 120 litre bin is \$39.

The time line for ordering and delivering the bins to Council is around 7 weeks. We will be sending letters to residents of Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie regarding bin sizes in the new year.

Council has also applied for the FOGO grant as authorised by Council last meeting.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

2. Flood Information Session

As Council is aware, today after this meeting we will be holding a come and go meeting where the community of Darlington Point can speak with us about the recent flooding.

Based on information presented by Cr Curphey, we are asking for anyone to send in photos of the recent flooding on their property or surrounds, we are just asking that they identify the location of the photos they send.

In addition, I propose that we hold similar come and go sessions in every community early in the new year. We need to find out as much information as possible from this event so that we can refine our responses in the future.

3. Media and Communication Policy - Revised

The revised Media and Communication Policy is presented for adoption. It was placed on public exhibition, following endorsement of the draft document at the September 2022 Council meeting. No public submissions were received and hence no changes have been made since the draft document was endorsed.

Recommendation

The revised Media and Communication Policy be adopted by Council.

4. Movements

24 November 2022 - MDA Region 9 – Griffith

24 November 2022 - RAMJO Health Sub Committee – Leeton

25 November 2022 - On line

10 December 2022 - 8 January 2023 - Annual Leave

3 -5 February 2023 - Council Strategic Planning Workshop - Albury

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership - Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

N/A

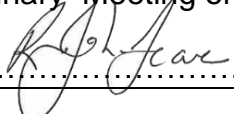
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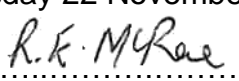
The information contained in the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Revised Media and Communication Policy.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 4 – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	7 November 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, at a meeting of the Council.

Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia will be attending the meeting to present the financial statements to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2022, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

Council was presented with the draft financial statements at the October 2022 Council meeting.

During the audit process, two changes of note were made to the financial statements:

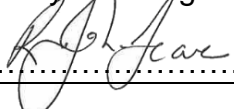
1. The disclosure in relation to Rural Fire Service fire fighting equipment was amended to wording suggested by the NSW Audit Office, and now reads:

Council recognises the land and buildings used by the Rural Fire Service situated within the Local Government area, however, it does not account for Rural Fire Service plant or other equipment.

2. Assets and liabilities were each increased by an amount of \$206,000 to reflect funds held on behalf of the Jerilderie Monash Committee.

The auditor's reports have now been included. As expected, the audit opinion was modified in relation to the RFS fire fighting assets. Council's General Manager and Chief Financial Officer are continuing to liaise with relevant stakeholders in relation to this issue.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

OFFICER COMMENT

The Consolidated Income Statement indicates an operating surplus for the year of \$6,831,000 for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The Statement of Financial Position indicates total net assets of \$318,160,000.

The Statement of Cash Flows indicates a net increase of cash and cash equivalents for the year of \$7,030,000.

The total of cash, cash equivalents and investments on hand equates to \$30,285,000.

Performance ratios indicate the financial performance of the Council against defined industry benchmarks.

All ratios met or exceeded the benchmark, with the exception of own source operating revenue, which was 36.20% compared to a target of 60%. This is consistent with prior years, and is reflective of Council's reliance on grant funding and limitations in its ability to raise revenue.

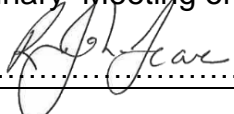
Also of note was the improvement in Council's operating performance ratio, which exceeded the benchmark of 0% for the first time since 2017.

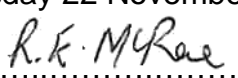
The independent auditor's report states that:

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the 'Basis for Qualified Opinion' section of my report:

- *the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)*
- *the financial statements:*
 - *have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division*
 - *are consistent with the Council's accounting records*
 - *present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards*
- *all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained*
- *no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.*

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

The 'Basis for Qualified Opinion' is not reproduced here, and we refer to the report contained within the financial statements for Councillor's information, noting that we disagree with the NSW Audit Office's assessment of this matter.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The financial statements are presented in accordance with s419 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FINANCIAL

Financial information is contained within the audited financial statements.

The presentation of these statements itself has no financial impact.

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

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

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

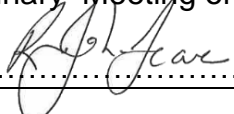
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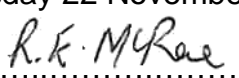
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Accountant
- NSW Audit Office
- Crowe Australasia

Public submissions in relation to the audited financial statements are to be received within 7 days of this meeting.

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

..........Mayor

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That the audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2022, be adopted.

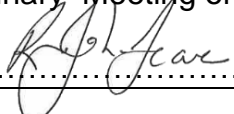
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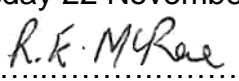
Any other resolution of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 are provided as a separate document.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 5 – QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2022

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	14 November 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manger

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is the Quarterly Budget Review for the period to 30 September 2022, including a statement of financial performance, a proposed balance sheet, a statement of cash flows for each fund, an income and expenditure statement by function, a forecast capital budget review by function and a variation report.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

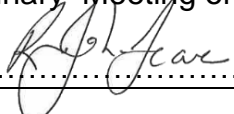
The Statement of Financial Performance indicates a surplus from ordinary activities of \$14,020,056 compared to the original budget estimate surplus amount of \$7,370,114. With the exclusion of capital grants income, the Statement of Financial Performance indicates a deficit of \$3,092,355.

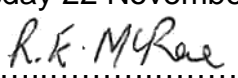
This variance is attributable to additional expected grant income of \$8.3m, which substantially includes grant funding of which Council has previously been made aware, but which had not been expended at 30 June 2022, and consequently had not yet been recognised as income. It also includes \$67,000 of new grant funding received.

Increases in operational expenditure amount to \$1.6m which is expenditure expected in relation to the non-capital component of the grant funding above.

The forecast Statement of Cash Flows for the General Fund indicates a decrease of cash held of \$10.5m for the 2023 financial year, an additional variation decrease of \$10.3m from the original budget. This is a result of the expenditure of the grant funding and the revote of uncompleted works from the previous financial year.

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.....General Manager

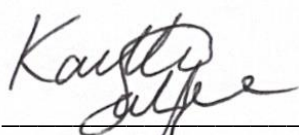
.....Mayor

The Sewer Fund cash flow indicates a decrease in funds held of \$85,190, being unchanged from the original budget estimate.

The Water Fund cash flow indicates an increase of cash in the amount of \$164,285, unchanged from the original estimates.

OFFICER COMMENT

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Murrumbidgee Council for the quarter ended 30 September 2022 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2023 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.



Kaitlin Salzke
Responsible Accounting Officer
Murrumbidgee Council

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

The full list of the variances to the budgeted figures are included in the attachments, and predominantly relate to the recognition of grant funding and related expenditure.

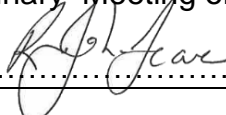
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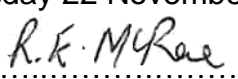
The above report addresses the current operational plan, together with variances noted therein.

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

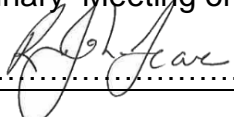
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Management Group

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 2: Quarterly Budget Review

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 6 - REVIEW OF BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	9 November 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised *Business Continuity Policy* is proposed to be adopted, with several changes to the existing policy.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Business Continuity Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

The current *Business Continuity Policy* was adopted by Council on 21 September 2017 and is the overarching policy in the Business Continuity Management System. There is further work to be done in developing the other plans that will ultimately comprise Council's Business Continuity Management System.

The main changes proposed to the policy include:

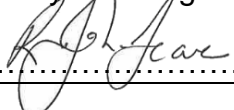
- Removing specific references to AS/NZS 5050:2010 Business Continuity – Managing Disruption Related Risk, and instead refer to best practice more generally.
- Updating the review/update period for relevant plans to 'at least annually' rather than quarterly, mindful that Council has no dedicated business continuity resources.
- Updating the time frame for exercising of plans to 'on a regular basis' rather than 'at least annually'. Given the anticipated scope of these plans, and Council's limited resources, it would be impractical to test all such plans annually.
- Replace the explanatory graphic under 'Policy Implementation' with an updated graphic.

The balance of the changes relate to formatting are considered minor.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations

FINANCIAL

The development of robust Business Continuity Management, of which this policy forms a part, will assist in mitigating potential financial losses in the face of potential business disruptions or outages.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

5.1.5 Complete Council's Business Continuity Plan

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Policy establishes the framework for Council's approach to business continuity, which aims to assess, prevent, and mitigate the risks of any potential disruptions to Council's operations.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Statewide
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised *Business Continuity Policy* be adopted by Council.

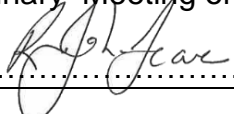
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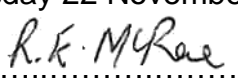
Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 3: Revised Business Continuity Policy

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 7 - FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	9 November 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy* is proposed to be adopted to replace the existing *Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy*. Several changes to the policy are proposed, which are detailed below.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Fraud and Corruption Control Policy be adopted by Council.

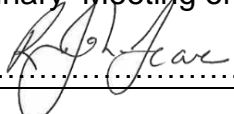
BACKGROUND

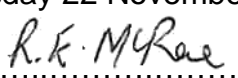
The current *Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy* was adopted by Council on 27 July 2017, and is generally a sound policy.

After review of the NSW Audit Office's *Fraud Control Improvement Kit* and ICAC's *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy Guidance*, a number of changes are proposed to strengthen the policy, including the following:

- Expand the scope of the policy to include consultants, contractors and outsourced service providers performing work for Murrumbidgee Council (as well as Councillors, staff, volunteers and delegates, who are already included).
- Replace the definitions of fraud and corruption with those used by ICAC, which are more readable.
- Identify that the responsibility for the policy and fraud and corruption control framework lies with the Chief Financial Officer, and the responsibility for fraud and corruption awareness training lies with the People & Culture Officer.
- Document the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee's role in the fraud control framework (i.e. advice and monitoring).
- Document the expectation that the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with relevant Managers and Directors, will develop a *Fraud Control Plan* based on the fraud risk register.
- Remove the 'Fraud and Corruption Mitigation Practices' section of the Policy as it is expected that, where relevant, these will be detailed in the *Fraud Control Plan* to be developed.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

- Bring the review of Council's fraud and corruption risk and control strategies in line with the review of the Policy itself (rather than every three years).

Changes to the formatting and ordering of the policy have also been made, and positions descriptions updated.

The policy will also be renamed the *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy* to more accurately reflect the contents and intent of the policy.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations
- Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988
- Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994 NSW

Murrumbidgee Council

- Codes of Conduct
- Statement of Business Ethics
- Enterprise Risk Management Policy

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

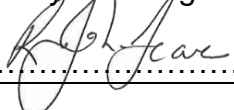
RISK MANAGEMENT


The Policy details Council's approach to fraud and corruption risk assessment, prevention, mitigation, discipline and investigation.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

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

..........Mayor

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy* be adopted by Council.

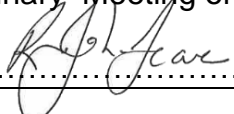
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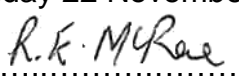
Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 4: Revised Fraud and Corruption Control Policy

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 8 - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	14 November 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC50
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council must prepare an Annual Report within 5 months of the end of the financial year and submit the Report to the Minister of Local Government.

The report will outline the Council's achievements in implementing its Delivery Program through that year's Operational Plan, and report on the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken to achieve the objectives in that year.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2021/22, and the Report be published on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Report outlines Council's activities in accordance with the statutory reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for the 2021-22 financial year, and includes additional information so as to provide Councillors and the community with a greater snapshot of Council's achievements over this 12 month period.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Annual Report contains comments and lists achievements and actions completed under the 2021-2022 Operational Plan from all service areas of Council during the 2021-2022 year.

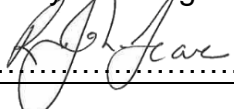
SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading by example

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

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Director of Infrastructure
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Manager
- Infrastructure Manager
- Asset Manager
- Manager Economic & Tourism Development
- Corporate & Community Services Manager
- Media & Communications
- Environmental Health Officer
- Executive Assistant
- Accountant
- People and Culture Officer
- Tourism and Events Officer
- Revenue Officer

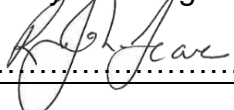
OPTION

Council is required, under the Local Government Act 1993, to submit an Annual Report to the Minister of Local Government. Council may resolve to submit the Annual Report as presented, or undertake changes as deemed necessary before lodging it to the Office of Local Government.

ATTACHMENTS

The 2021/22 Annual Report will be provided under separate cover.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 9 - AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	8 November 2022
Author:	Senior Planner
File #:	SC34; SC49
Approval:	Director Planning, Community & Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the amendments to the Murrumbidgee Council Development Contributions Plan and seek a resolution from Council to place the plan on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

The amendments to the Development Contributions Plan (Section 7.12 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979) be adopted, the Plan be endorsed and placed on public exhibition, with a further report to Council following exhibition period.

BACKGROUND

The Murrumbidgee Council Development Contributions Plan (Section 7.12 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979) came into effect on 25 May 2017, and while there is no provision within the document to undertake a revision, it is good practice to review the plan in light of any changes to legislative or regulatory requirements or changes to the capital works programme listed in the plan.

The current contributions plan was formulated under a standard contributions plan template and includes the following sections which are determined by Council;

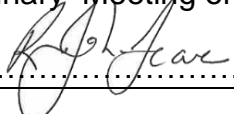
1. The contribution rate (up to a maximum of 1% over \$200,000).
2. The types of development that the contribution will and will not apply to.
3. The community projects for which the contribution will be collected to fund.

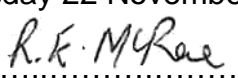
OFFICER COMMENT

Upon review by Council officers, the following amendments have been made, which are highlighted in red text in the attached document.

- Updating references and clauses to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 throughout the plan.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

These amendments are administrative only and can be made without the need to exhibit the changes.

- Revising Clause 1.7 by removing the general exemption for buildings that are classified as Class 10 structures under the Building Code of Australia, and enable Council to impose a levy for Class 10 structures involving frost fans, wind farms, solar panels and battery installations associated with wind or solar farms or battery storage facilities.

Other Class 10 structures such as residential sheds and garages would remain exempt from contributions.

The amendments to clause 1.7 go beyond an administrative change and represent changes that may increase the pool of funds that can be then directed into the capital works program.

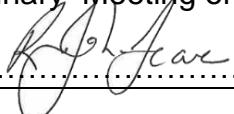
In terms of the wind and solar farms and battery storage facilities, which are typically State Significant Development (SSD), these amendments would enable Council to inform the consent authority that a contribution is payable and where necessary enter into a planning agreement.

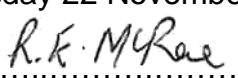
- Updating the Works Program

The current Murrumbidgee Council Development Contributions Plan lists the following projects that were identified to be funded under the plan.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED TIME FRAME	PRIORITY
Community Facilities				
1	Monash Park Upgrades Jerilderie *	\$232,000	2019/2020	Low
2	Complete Restoration of Police Stables Jerilderie	\$25,000	2018/2019	Medium
3	Upgrade Jerilderie Swimming Pool *	\$1,800,000	2019/2020	Medium
4	Yamma Hall Upgrade *	\$70,000	2018/2019	High
5	Upgrades to Lions Park Coleambally	\$35,000	2020/2021	Low
6	Upgrades to Lions Park Darlington Point *	\$304,000	2020/2021	Low
7	Upgrade works to Willows Museum *	\$120,000	2019/2020	Medium
8	Upgrade works to Coleambally Sports Precinct	\$1,000,000	2020/2021	Low
9	Upgrade works to Darlington Point Sports Grounds	\$1,000,000	2019/2020	Medium
10	Civic Hall Upgrade Jerilderie – Kitchen *	\$175,000	2019/2020	Medium
11	Splash Park – Darlington Point *	\$300,000	2020/2021	Low
12	Civic Hall Darlington Point Upgrades	\$250,000	2019/2020	Medium
13	Coleambally Community Hall Upgrades	\$185,000	2020/2021	Low
14	Jerilderie Medical Centre	\$300,000	2020/2021	Medium

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 General Manager

 Mayor

Road Works				
1	Donald Ross Drive	\$1,200,000	2019/2020	Medium
2	Bencubbin Avenue	\$2,300,000	2018/2019	Medium
3	Harvey Wells Road	\$400,000	2019/2020	Low
4	Upgrade to Boyd Street Intersection	\$250,000	2017/2018	Medium
5	Upgrade works to Brolga Pace	\$450,000	2018/2019	Medium
6	Morundah Road	\$557,000	2020/2021	Low
7	Greens Road *	\$292,000	2020/2021	Low
8	Britts Road	\$300,000	2020/2021	Low

* Completed projects

Council will be aware that a number of these projects have been completed, or are nearing completion.

It is proposed that Council considers consolidating the list of projects that developer contributions will be collected to fund:

1. Provision of Medical Centres
2. Provision of child care facilities
3. Hall and Council facilities upgrade works
4. Parks upgrade works
5. Council road upgrade and improvement works

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2021

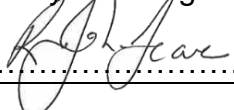
FINANCIAL

Section 7.12 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 provides a mechanism whereby Council levy a monetary contribution on certain development (both in terms of type and value of works) which can be used for purposes that would benefit the community. Since the adoption of the plan, Council has received \$580,969.00 in contributions, which included \$78,839.00 in the past financial year. Presently the balance is \$485,969.

INTEGRATED PLANS

2.3.2.3 Review, utilise and update Council's Section 7.12 Developer Contribution Plan.

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

.......... Mayor

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Director Planning, Community & Development
- Executive Team

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The amendments to the Development Contributions Plan (Section 7.12 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979) be adopted, the Plan be endorsed and placed on public exhibition, with a further report to Council following exhibition period.

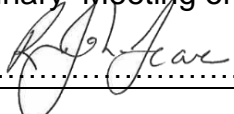
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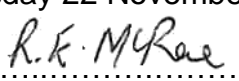
Any other resolution of the Council

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 5: Draft Development Contributions Plan (Revision #1)

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 10 - LIQUID TRADE WASTE REGULATION POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	28 October 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy is proposed for adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be adopted by Council, after which it be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for approval.

BACKGROUND

All Councils in NSW are required to adopt and implement a Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy to approve and regulate liquid trade waste discharges from commercial and industrial premises that discharge into Council's sewage system.

The draft Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy (revision 1) was adopted by Council at the July 2022 Council meeting. It was then identified that some regulations detailed within the Policy had changed. Revision 2 of the policy was placed before the Council meeting of 27 September 2022.

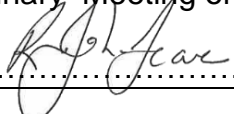
Murrumbidgee Council placed the revised Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy (revision 2) on public exhibition for the period 1 October – 28 October with submissions invited up until 5.00pm on 28 October. No submissions were received.

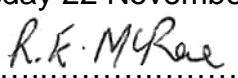
OFFICER COMMENT

In 2021, the NSW Government released revised liquid trade waste management guidelines, aligning the requirements for liquid trade waste disposal with the national framework for Wastewater Quality Management.

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy updates the Council's 2016 Trade Waste Policy in accordance with the 2021 NSW Guidelines.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

SUSTAINABILITY

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy provides a framework to manage and control the discharge of liquid trade waste into the sewage treatment facilities in Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie and will ensure compliance and concurrence with liquid trade waste quality standards that are regulated by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority.

Failure to comply with these quality standards may expose Council to regulatory action from the EPA.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Water Management Act 2000

FINANCIAL

Failure to achieve compliance may expose Council to regulatory action from the EPA.

The revised Policy maintains the existing liquid trade waste disposal fees.

INTEGRATED PLANS

3. Our built environment – liveable places

3.4 We operate our local utilities according to best practice standards and priorities.

3.4.1.5 Operate all Sewage Treatment Plants to ensure compliance with EPA requirements

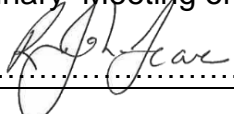
RISK MANAGEMENT

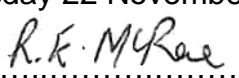
Compliance with the 2021 NSW Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines is a statutory requirement for Council. Failure to comply will expose Council to the risk of penalties.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Director of Infrastructure
- Environmental Health Officer
- Councillor Workshops

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OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be adopted by Council, after which it be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for approval.

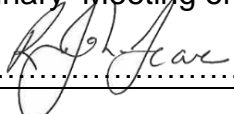
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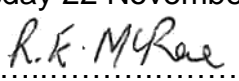
Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 6: Revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy.

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ITEM NO. 11 - LEASING OF COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	9 November 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy, with minor changes to update formatting, and inclusion of a dot point regarding keeping of the properties in a neat and tidy manner, was presented to Council at the October workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy was originally adopted in August 2018, to protect Council's interest by prescribing reasonable conditions to apply to the rental or lease of Council owned residences to Council staff or non-Council staff.

The proposed revised Policy includes updated formatting, addition of the standard review clause and inclusion of an additional dot point under Standard Leases – "All Council's residential properties should be kept in a neat and tidy manner and any damages or issues are to be reported to Council immediately".

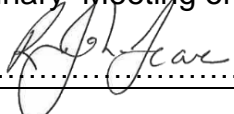
The changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current policy, and as such it is considered that this policy is not required to be publically exhibited.

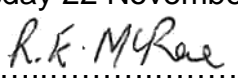
The proposed changes were presented to Councillors at the workshop of 18 October 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993
Residential Tenancies Act 2010

FINANCIAL

Section 8 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, states that Council's Charter includes:

- To raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, income earned from investment (including rental income from assets), and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Our Built Environment

3.1.1 Efficiently manage, maintain and enhance Council's assets.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy be adopted.

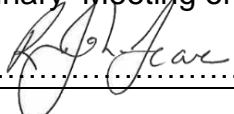
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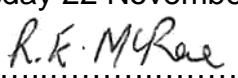
Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 7: Revised Leasing of Council Residential Properties Policy

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ITEM NO. 12 – PRIVACY MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	9 November 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Privacy Management Policy, with minor changes to update formatting and responsible officers was presented to Council at the October workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Privacy Management Policy be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The Privacy Management Policy was originally adopted in November 2017, to detail how the organisation deals with personal information and health information it collects, to ensure that it complies with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*.

The proposed revised Policy includes updated formatting and content, including responsible officers and addition of the standard review clause.

The changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current policy, and as such it is considered that this policy is not required to be publically exhibited.

The proposed changes were presented to Councillors at the workshop of 18 October 2022.

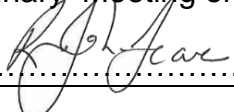
SUSTAINABILITY


N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading by Example

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Privacy Management Policy be adopted.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 8: Revised Privacy Management Policy

ITEM NO. 13 - REVISED COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AND EVENTS POLICY

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	11 November 2022
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	SC49
Approval:	Director of Planning, Community and Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Murrumbidgee Council Community Festival and Events Policy, renamed Murrumbidgee Council Events Policy, is proposed for public comment.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Events Policy (formerly Community Festival and Events Policy), as presented, be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the current Community Festival and Events Policy in July 2017.

Staff have reviewed the Policy, which focused on the funding of events held in the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area (though this is covered through the Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants program), and have made significant changes.

The revised Events Policy (formerly Community Festival and Events Policy) provides direction for the delivery of events in the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area, and the provision of Council support to event organisers.

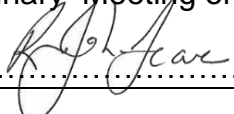
Council recognises the need for safe and successful events, and seeks to work collaboratively with groups and organisations to develop and provide a range of events for our community.

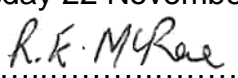
OFFICER COMMENT

Please be aware of the following point and the implications:

- Listing specific roads in the 'Events Policy' may indicate to event organisers that if their event isn't held on these specific roads, is held on land adjacent to the specific roads or if they change the route of their event to not be on the specific road, they don't need to obtain approval from the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic

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Committee or a Council resolution to proceed. The suggested best management practice would be to make the wording in the Events Policy more inclusive and to ensure events held on or adjacent to major roads have been approved by the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Road Act 1993
- State Environmental Planning Policy Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)
- Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth)

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan

Our economy – Creating our own opportunities
Support and encourage events and activities for locals and visitors

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

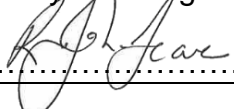
- Councillor Workshop
- General Manager
- Director Planning, Community & Development

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Events Policy (formerly Community Festival and Events Policy), as presented, be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.

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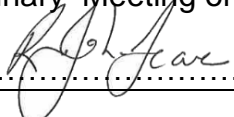
Option 2

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 9: Revised Events Policy

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ITEM NO. 14 - CHILD SAFE (CHILD PROTECTION) POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	9 November 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Child Safe (Child Protection) Policy, with changes to incorporate the 10 child safe standards adopted in NSW following the Children's Guardian Amendment (Child Safe Scheme) Bill 2021, was presented to Council at the October workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Child Protection Policy be renamed the Child Safe Policy and be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

The Child Protection Policy was originally adopted in May 2017, to ensure that Murrumbidgee Council complies with the requirements of the legislative framework covering the protection of children, specifically:

- *NSW Ombudsman Act 1974 (Part 3)*
- *NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*
- *NSW Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*

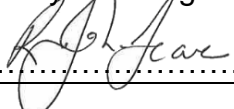
Since that time the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian introduced the Child Safe Standards to improve the way organisations provide services for children and young people to prevent and respond to child abuse that may occur within organisations.

The Child Safe Scheme and the Child Safe Standards

Councils, as leaders in the community and providers of spaces and services which children and young people access, have a responsibility to ensure Councils are child safe institutions.

A key outcome of reforms has been the adoption in NSW of the 10 Child Safe Standards, and subsequent legislation. The Children's Guardian Amendment (Child Safe Scheme) Bill 2021 passed Parliament on 10 November 2021, and

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triggers new responsibilities for all Council staff, volunteers and Councillors to protect and listen to their youngest residents and workers.

Essentially, it stipulates that certain organisations, including all Councils, will be required to implement the 10 child safe standards and become 'child-safe' organisations. The standards focus on education and training across the organisation, policies and processes, and engagement with children, young people and their families.

The standards are based on recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The revised Policy includes formatting and content recommended by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. The proposed changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current policy

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NSW Ombudsman Act 1974 (Part 3)

NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998

NSW Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Children's Guardian Amendment (Child Safe Scheme) Bill 2021

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Our Identity – People and Place

4. We encourage healthy, active and safe communities.

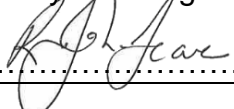
RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Councillor Workshop

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OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Child Protection Policy be renamed the Child Safe Policy and be adopted by Council.

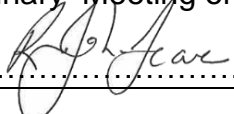
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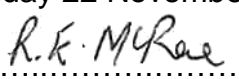
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment #10: Revised Child Safe (Child Protection) Policy

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ITEM NO. 15 - CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	11 November 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Customer Service Charter, with minor changes to update formatting, operating hours, contact details and addition of the standard review clause was presented to Council at the October workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Customer Service Charter be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The Customer Service Charter was originally adopted in August 2018, to set out what the Murrumbidgee Council community may expect when dealing with staff, and processes for communicating with the community.

Minor amendments are proposed to the Policy, and include:

- formatting changes;
- changes in opening hours and contact details;
- notes relating to response times; and
- addition of the standard review clause.

The changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current charter, and as such it is considered that this charter is not required to be publically exhibited.

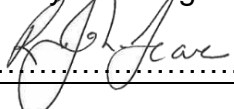
SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Murrumbidgee Council Codes of Conduct

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading by Example

5.1.2 Focus on an excellent customer experience, that provides value for money, quality services, is convenient and simple.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Staff
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Customer Service Charter be adopted.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 11: Revised Customer Service Charter

ITEM NO. 16 - RESCISSION OF CONTAMINATED LANDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	3 November
Author:	Senior Planner
File #:	SC34; SC49
Approval:	Director Planning, Community & Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution from Council to rescind its Contaminated Lands Management Policy on the basis that the policy has the effect of duplicating the obligations that Murrumbidgee Council has under the Contaminated Land Management Act, 1998 (CLM Act) and the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 (EP&A Act) and State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Resilience and Hazards) 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Council rescind its Contaminated Lands Management Policy.

BACKGROUND

The Contaminated Lands Management Policy was originally adopted by Council on 23 March 2017, as a collaborative effort between member Councils of REROC and RAMROC.

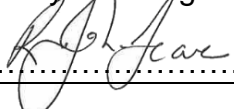
The policy provided a framework for contaminated, or potentially contaminated, land in the Murrumbidgee Council area and largely duplicated the planning and development processes mandated under the CLM Act and SEPP (Resilience & Hazards).

OFFICER COMMENT

Upon review by Council officers, it is recommended that the policy be rescinded for the following reasons:

- Council is bound by legislation to apply and refer to the provisions of the CLM Act, 1997 in terms of its operations.
- Council, in terms of strategic planning and development assessment, is required to consider the provisions of the CLM Act, the EP&A Act, 1979 and the relevant environmental planning instruments, including Chapter 4 of the new SEPP (Resilience & Hazards) 2021 as it relates to the remediation of land, and is applicable to the whole of NSW.

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- Council, in terms of strategic planning and development assessment, relies on the NSW EPA Managing Land Contamination - Planning Guidelines.

Due to this duplication it is proposed that the Policy be rescinded.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act, 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979
- Contaminated Land Management Act, 1997
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

The matter was presented to a Council workshop on 27 September 2022.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

Council rescind its Contaminated Lands Management Policy.

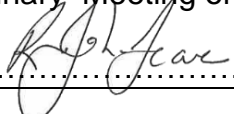
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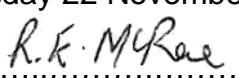
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 12: Murrumbidgee Council Contaminated Land Management Policy (2017)

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 17 – LOCAL HERITAGE GRANT

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	11 November 2022
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	SC195; SC196
Approval:	Director Planning, Community & Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with options for introducing a *Local Heritage Fund* for Murrumbidgee Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff lodge a grant application for \$25,000 for a Local Heritage Fund for Murrumbidgee Council through the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant 2022.

BACKGROUND

Jerilderie Shire Council, in conjunction with the NSW Heritage Office, ran a Local Heritage Fund until 2012. The main aim of the fund was to encourage the conservation of heritage items, and promote a positive community attitude to heritage conservation. Jerilderie Shire Council also operated a free heritage advisory service, which was supported through the NSW Heritage Office during this time.

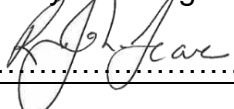
Jerilderie Shire Council's Local Heritage Fund financially co-contributed towards local projects, to which ratepayers and businesses could apply for funding. Works grants could be obtained for:

- External painting of private and publicly owned buildings
- Internal painting of publicly owned buildings
- Repairs to roofing, foundations, verandahs, floor boards and other structural damage i.e. installation of damp proof coursing
- Repairs and replacement of period style fencing

NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant 2022

The NSW Government is looking for innovative ideas to boost public access to the state's most significant heritage places and stimulate local economies across NSW. Each local Council in NSW can apply for a \$25,000 grant to support projects that

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

help identify, conserve and promote heritage in their area. Successful projects must be delivered between July 2023 and May 2025.

Staff are proposing to apply for the Local Government Heritage Grant to introduce a *Local Heritage Fund* for the Murrumbidgee Council area for 2023-2025. The NSW Government funding is biennial. Applications close 2 December 2022.

It is proposed that the *Local Heritage Fund* would comprise of two components:

- Heritage Advisory Service
- Local Heritage Works Assistance Fund

The main aim of the Heritage Advisory Service would be to assist Council and our communities to have appropriate measures and management in place so as to best conserve and present our heritage. The Heritage Advisory Service would provide to ratepayers and business owners in the Murrumbidgee Council area, advice to help in the maintenance and improvement of the Council area's heritage. The Heritage Advisory Service would be jointly funded by the NSW Government and Council.

The Local Heritage Works Assistance Fund aims to provide ratepayers and businesses with financial support for minor works that will assist in protecting, conserving and restoring heritage buildings.

Staff would undertake a full review of the program and its success before applying for future rounds with the NSW Government.

OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

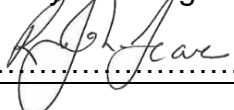
Local Government Act, 1993

FINANCIAL

The NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant Guidelines state that Murrumbidgee Council would be required to match funding for the grant.

The co-contribution from Murrumbidgee Council for the *Local Heritage Fund* has not been budgeted for in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 financial years.

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

.......... Mayor

Staff are planning to apply for \$25,000 (the maximum amount). The Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant of \$25,000 would be split over the two financial years (proposed \$12,500 for 2023-2024 and \$12,500 for 2024-2025).

The Heritage Advisory Service funding will provide successful applicants with funding up to the value (to be confirmed) per site for a Heritage Consultant.

The Heritage Works Assistance Fund will provide successful applicants with funding for minor works on a dollar for dollar basis (\$1 of grant funding for each \$1 of private funding), up to a value to be confirmed, pending funding.

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

Theme One: Our Community

1.2 Protecting and embracing cultural identity and heritage

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Councillor Workshop
- General Manager
- Director Planning, Community and Development

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

Staff lodge a grant application for \$25,000 for a Local Heritage Fund for Murrumbidgee Council through the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant 2022.

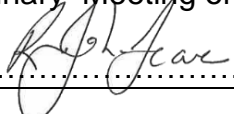
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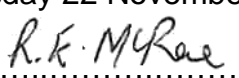
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ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 18 – REVISED SIGNS AS REMOTE SUPERVISION POLICY

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	14 November 2022
Author:	Director Infrastructure
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The revised policy was placed before Council at its workshop of 23 August 2022. It was endorsed by Council at its meeting of 27 September 2022 and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. No submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy be adopted.

BACKGROUND

This policy was originally adopted in June 2018. This Policy recognises the importance of using signs as remote supervision (SARS) to warn users of Council owned, operated or controlled land within the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area (LGA), of the risk and nature of identified hazards in the area.

Murrumbidgee LGA encompasses an area of 6500 square kilometres, and operated or controlled lands are exposed to varying degrees of risk associated with the hazards which exist on the land - both natural hazards and hazards related to developed facilities.

As it is not always possible to fully eliminate the risk from these hazards, it is desirable to provide a warning to land users about the risk and nature of identified hazards. Signs can be an effective way to provide this risk warning.

Using signs as remote supervision also helps Council achieve the objective of meeting the needs of the Murrumbidgee community and its visitors.

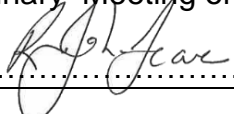
OFFICER COMMENT


The policy has been updated to acknowledge public concern and to communicate to the public any recreational risk. The policy was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. No submissions were received.

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

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

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The policy be updated to comply with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Civil Liability Act 2002* (CLA) and relevant Australian Standards.

Council's duty of care is outlined in Part 5 Section 42 of the *Civil Liability Act 2002* - principles concerning resources and responsibilities of public or other authorities. Section 5M of the CLA states that a risk warning for a recreational activity can be given in writing, including by means of a sign.

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

1.4 We encourage healthy, active and safe communities

1.4.1.1 Provide and maintain Council's current parks and gardens assets

4.2.3 Encourage opportunities for further recreation activities on or around river and waterways.

4.2.3.2 Ensure adequate signage and representation of Council's aquatic locations and facilities - undertake audit of signage and identify inadequacies

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council will conduct a regular site risk audit for all Council owned or controlled river and creek beaches, pools, parks and reserves, skate parks, pump tracks and splash parks.

The site risk audits will include inspection and assessment of defects and appropriateness of existing remote supervision signage, and make recommendations regarding any maintenance, installation or changes to signs.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

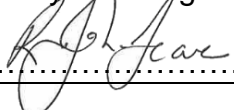
- General Manager
- Director Planning, Community & Development
- Manager Infrastructure
- Councillor Workshops

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy be adopted.

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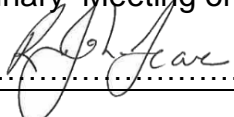
Option 2


Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 13: Revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 19 - AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	24 October 2022
Author:	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee
File #:	SC130
Approval:	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Chair

Minutes

1. Present

Ms Linda MacRae (Chair)
Mr Steven Pinnuck
Cr Robert Black
General Manager Mr John Scarce
Chief Financial Officer, Ms Kaitlin Salzke
Finance Manager Mrs Vicki Sutton
Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia

Minutes: Julie Conn

2. Apologies: Cr Ruth McRae Hong Wee Soh, NSW Audit Office

3. Declaration of Interest: NIL

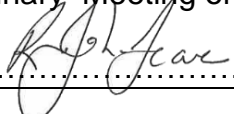
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

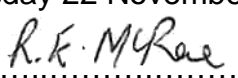
The Minutes of the meeting 22 August 2022, as presented, were noted and adopted.

5. Business Arising:

- i. Council's IT provider to present at an upcoming meeting to provide an overview of Council's system.
- ii. Noted that there was no Landfill Provision included in the 2021/2022 Financial Statements.

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6. External Audit

6.1. Crowe Australasia – External Audit Update

6.1.1. General Purpose & Special Purpose Financial Statements

6.1.1.1. Engagement Closing Report (if available)

6.1.1.2. Conduct Report (if available)

6.1.1.3. Final Management Letter (if available)

6.1.2. Update on Status of Other Engagements

Brad Bohun, Auditor, Crowe Australasia spoke about his continuing discussions with Hong Wee Soh at the NSW Audit Office, and elaborated on the process being followed to complete the Audit. He indicated that the Engagement Closing Report and Conduct Report should be signed off by 31 October 2022. The following matters were discussed:

- Final Management Letter – Brad advised that this may not be completed by the 31 October. The Chair (Linda) requested an explanation for this delay. Brad responded that it is primarily due to the status of some outstanding audit recommendations and the associated risks attached to these.
- The Indexing of infrastructure valuations has been completed although there are several factors that will need to be taken into consideration across the State when the Audit Office undertakes an analysis of the results of these indexed valuations (such as the date some Councils undertook the valuations which was prior to the effects of the indexation being known).
- Brad to provided copies of the Engagement Closing Report, Conduct Report and Final Management Letter to the Chair and Management as soon as they are available. These Reports to be forwarded to ARIC Members 'out of session' and to be formally considered as an item at the next ARIC Meeting.

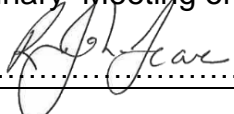
6.2. Draft 2021/22 Financial Statements

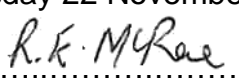
6.2.1. Draft 2021/22 Financial Statements

The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee discussed the draft 2021/22 Financial Statements and noted the following:

- i. The draft Financial Statements were provided to Council at its Meeting on 18 October 2022.
- ii. A qualified audit opinion regarding the Rural Fire Service assets is anticipated.

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- iii. A 'closing meeting' with the Auditors and Management and the formal audit Closing Reports are expected within the next week.
- iv. ARIC expressed its thanks and appreciation to Council staff and the Auditors for their work in preparing the Financial Statements within the specified time frame.

6.2.2. Road Asset Valuation & Methodology – Tonkin Consulting Pty Ltd

The Committee noted the report.

6.3. Rural Fire Service 'Red Fleet' Assets

6.3.1. Correspondence from The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman MP (Minister from Local Government) to Cr Darriea Turley AM (President Local Government NSW)

6.3.2. 'Review of accounting for 'red truck' assets and other fire-fighting equipment in NSW: An independent expert's report'

The Committee noted the information contained in these two items.

At 10.51am Brad Bohun departed the meeting.

7. Internal Audit

7.1. RSD Audit – Payroll Procedures – Project Scope

ARIC agreed with the project scope for the Payroll Procedures Internal Audit review as submitted by RSD Audit.

RSD Audit have tentatively scheduled an on-site visit to commence the Audit from 14 to 17 November 2022. It is anticipated that the Report may be finalised by 19 December 2022.

8. Other Reports

8.1. External Valuations for 2022/2023 FY - Tonkin Consulting Pty Ltd Fee Schedule

Kaitlin provided an update on fees from Tonkin Consulting Pty Ltd.

NOTED

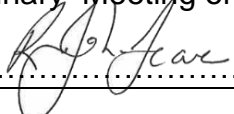
8.2. Excess Annual Leave & Revised Leave Balance Report

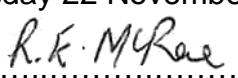
Report to be presented to Committee biannually.

NOTED

8.3. GM Confidential Report (*verbal*) **CONFIDENTIAL** - NIL

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9. ARIC Operations

NIL

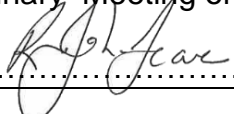
10. General Business

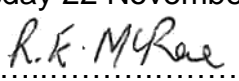
NIL

11. Next Meeting: 12 December 2022 at 10.00am at Council Chambers, Jerilderie
(on line facilities to be available if ARIC Members are unable to attend the
meeting 'in person')

Meeting closed at 11.05am.

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ITEM NO. 20 - MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	20 October 2022
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC20
Approval:	General Manager

Meeting Date: 20 October 2022
Location: E Meeting
Time: 12.00 noon

Please note: Council's Code of Meeting Practice permits the electronic recording and broadcast of the proceedings of meetings of the Council which are open to the public. Your attendance at this meeting is taken as consent to the possibility that your image and/or voice may be recorded and broadcast to the public.

Traffic Committee Members in attendance

Justin Williams	Infrastructure Manager, Murrumbidgee Council (on behalf of Tom Dimec- Director of Infrastructure)
Sgt Jason Hinson	NSW Police
Ms Kim Schultz	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Mr. Shawn Gras	Representing Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray
Ian Girdwood	Representing Justin Clancy, MP, Member for Albury

Non-voting members in attendance

Cr Robert Black	Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council (Chairperson)
Cr Robert Curphey	Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council

Apologies

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

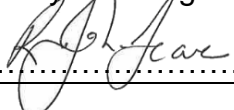
RESOLVED (by consent)


That the Minutes of the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee held on 30 August 2022 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

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(E-meeting to address urgent business items will be conducted in the next month, date and time to be confirmed)

REPORTS OF THE CONVENOR

TC22.08 **Darlington Point Business Connect – Christmas Markets**

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures and detours as detailed in Traffic Control Plan (CM 22/10273) Transport Management Plan (CM 22/10275) Risk Assessment Plan (CM22/10274) Public Liability Certificate (CM 22/10278) Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly (CM 22/10279)

For the event on 19 November 2022 in support of Darlington Point Business Connect Christmas Markets.

Recommendation (by Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures and detours as detailed in Traffic Control Plan (CM 22/10273) Transport Management Plan (CM 22/10275) Risk Assessment Plan (CM22/10274) Public Liability Certificate (CM 22/10278) Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly (CM 22/10279)

For the event on 19 November 2022 in support of Darlington Point Business Connect Christmas Markets.

CARRIED

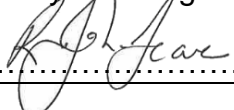
General Business arising from the meeting.

NIL

There being no further business, the E meeting was closed 4.30 pm on Thursday 20 October 2022

Next Local Traffic Committee meeting to be on the 29 November at Jerilderie Council Chambers.

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**ITEM NO. 21 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	3 November 2022
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Meeting commenced 5.15pm

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Judy Knight, Elaine Forbes, Polly Fisher.

Apologies: NIL

Moved: Faith Bryce Seconded : Sadie Herrick that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

Minutes of the previous AGM :

Accepted as read on the motion of : Richard Wright Seconded: Sadie Herrick
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- NIL

Treasurers Report tabled:

Business arising from Treasurers Report:

- NIL

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

Presidents Report tabled:

Accepted on the motion of : Faith Bryce Seconded: Polly Fisher
Carried.

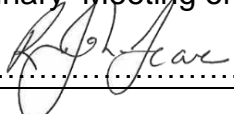
Election of Office Bearers:

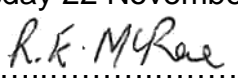
All positions declared vacant and conducted the election of Office Bearers.

President:

Faith Bryce Nominated by: Sadie Herrick Seconded: Judy Knight
Accepted.

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Vice President:

Margie Borger
Accepted.

Nominated by: Sadie Herrick

Seconded: Faith Bryce

Treasurer:

Richard Wright
Accepted.

Nominated by: Faith Bryce

Seconded: Polly Fisher

Secretary:

Sadie Herrick
Accepted.

Nominated by: Faith Bryce

Seconded: Richard Wright

Publicity Officer:

Wendy Hurd
Accepted.

Nominated by: Faith Bryce

Seconded: Elaine Forbes

Auditor:

Murrumbidgee Council. Moved: Richard Wright

Seconded: Faith Bryce

Vicki Sutton be approached to conduct audit.
Carried.

Meeting Closed: 5.15pm

Treasurer's Report

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 30th June 2022

Income		
Fines & Travel Income	113.85	
		<u>113.85</u>
Expenditure		
Mower Fuel	46.55	
Trophies	88.40	
Christmas Party	180.00	
		<u>314.95</u>
Nett Surplus/(Deficit)		<u><u>-201.10</u></u>

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June 2022

Reconciliation as at 30/6/22	
Balance brought forward 1/7/21	10020.45
Add Receipts for year	<u>113.85</u>
	10134.30
Less Expenditure for year	<u>314.95</u>
Cash Book Balance as at 30/6/22	<u><u>9819.35</u></u>
Represented by	
Bendigo Bank Account numbered 151806379	9819.35
Less outstanding cheques	<u>0.00</u>
Cash Book Balance as at 30/6/22	<u><u>9819.35</u></u>

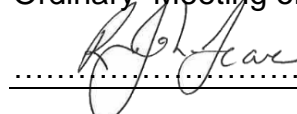
I have audited the income and expenditure statement of the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee and found it to be a true and correct account of the financial position of the committee, according to the books of account and financial records presented to me.

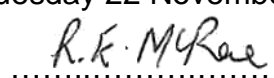


Vicki Sutton - Honorary Auditor

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ITEM NO. 22 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	3 November 2022
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Meeting commenced 5.30pm

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Judy Knight, Elaine Forbes, Polly Fisher.

Apologies: NIL

Moved: Faith Bryce Seconded: Judy Knight that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of: Polly Fisher Seconded: Richard Wright. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Chair thanked all who have been able to assist with working bees.
- Wattle tree still to be planted.

Treasurers report as tabled: As per AGM

Business arising from the Treasurers Report:

- \$250.00 from Jerilderie Race Club for clean up.

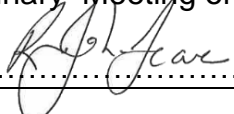
Moved: Richard Wright Seconded: Faith Bryce that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

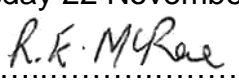
Correspondence: as tabled.

Inwards:

- Letter of thanks from Jerilderie Race Club for clean up.
- Facebook – thanks from Michaela & Lance for their Tidy Towns Garden Award.
- Emails from KAB re Awards Weekend being moved to March 2023 due to floods etc.
- Email from KAB re Jerilderie Men's Shed to receive an Award for their project.

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Outwards:

- NIL

Business Arising out of Correspondence:

- Moved: Polly Fisher. Seconded: Ann Wright that a donation of \$200.00 be given to Jerilderie Portsea Committee.

Moved: Sadie Herrick Seconded: Richard Wright that correspondence be accepted.
Carried.

General Business:

- Thanks to Council, our working bee for Memorial Garden has been downgraded to the removal of a few weeds. Sunday November 6, 2022 at 9.00am.
- We will organise a working bee at the Cemetery to dead head the roses. Date to be determined.
- Plans for Luke Park Masterplan are on display at Council Office. TT members to obtain a copy and to make comments where needed. It looks great.
- Thanks to all who helped with the Gardens tributes. Thanks also to Heidi who produced the Award Certificates.
- Our next meeting will be our Christmas Lunch and break up. We will go to Royal Hotel. Numbers to Faith or Sadie please.
- Christmas Lights Judging will be discussed at Christmas Lunch and we will look at doing something a bit different this year. Maybe the two schools and the Early Learning Centre children to come up with a display?

Meeting Closed: 5.50pm

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President.

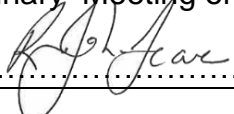
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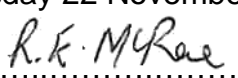
Next Meeting: Thursday December 1, 2022

At: Royal Mail Hotel

Time: 12.00pm

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ITEM NO. 23 - NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

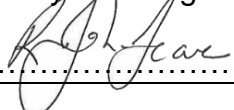
Council Meeting: 22 November 2022
 Report Date: 13 September 2022
 Author: Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Secretary
 File #: SC12
 Approval: External Committee

1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES and ATTENDANCE

The Annual General Meeting opened at 10am.

Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Chair)	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord (Vice Chair)	Councillor, Bland Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor, Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor, Narramine Shire Council
James Painting	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Julia Moscaritolo	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Eloise Chaplain	Director Infrastructure Delivery, Narrabri Shire Council
Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Grant Baker	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
Richard Jane	Director Engineering, Forbes Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Director Technical Services, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Stuart Reynolds	
Paul Polansky	Senior Manager Transport Technical Solutions, Transport NSW
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance Coordinator
Rod Hannifey	Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative
Apologies	Organisation
Cr Matthew Dickerson	Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Mark Johnson	Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Ron Campbell	Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Peter Dawson	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Councillor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Chris Roynance	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Brian Mattiske	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Robert Black	Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Nijole Bentley	Director, Department of Infrastructure
Alistair Lunn	Director, Transport for NSW
Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
John Scarce	General Manager, Murrumbidgee Council
Stewart Todd	General Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Ray Smith	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Shane Wilson	Deputy General Manager, Narrandera Council

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Apologies	Organisation
Ian Dinham	Director Engineering, Moree Plains Shire Council
Shane Burns	Director Infrastructure, Narrabri Shire Council
Lisa Moon	Treasurer, Newell Highway Promotions Committee
Allan Lawrence	Director Engineering Services, Moree Plains Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Warren Clarke	CEO, National Roads
Barry Heins	Director Engineering, Narrandera Shire Council
Allan Magill	Vice Chairman, National Roads
Lila Fisher	Project and Development Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council
Mick Savage	Roads and Transport Directorate Manager
Peter Dale	Economic Development Manager, Narrandera Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Senior Projects Engineer, Dubbo Regional Council

That the apologies be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - John Morris

Carried

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution

That the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 9 February 2021 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - Cr Denis Todd

Carried

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Resolution

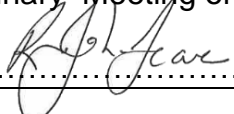
That the Chairman's report be confirmed.

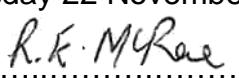
Moved - Cr Craig Davies

Seconded - Grant Baker

Carried

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4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEAERS

Chair - Cr Ken Keith OAM

Deputy Chair - Cr Tony Lord

Secretary - Parkes Shire Council (follows the Chair)

Resolution

That the election of the Office Bearer be confirmed.

Moved - Cr Craig Davies

Seconded - Grant Baker

Carried

5. SETTING OF DATES FOR 2023

Suggested dates were:

Tuesday 14 March 2023 in Narrandera

Tuesday 13 June 2023 in Narrabri including a Strategic Planning session before or after

Tuesday 12 September 2023 in Dubbo

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Craig Davies

Seconded - Grant Baker

Carried

The Chair declared the AGM closed at 10.11am

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 May 2022 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Moved - John Morris

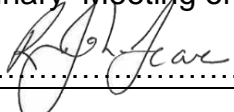
Seconded - Cr Denis Todd

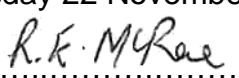
Carried

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair will follow up with Mayor Matthew Dickerson, Dubbo Regional Council regarding the Newell Highway Promotions Committee whereby Mayor Dickerson had previously verbally indicated that Dubbo Regional Council would be happy to get involved.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

9. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Summary

The following outwards correspondence relate to the NHTF.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - John Morris

Carried

10. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Summary

The following inwards correspondence relate to the NHTF.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

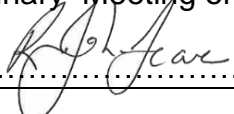
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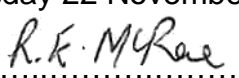
Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - John Morris

Carried

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11 AGENDA ITEMS

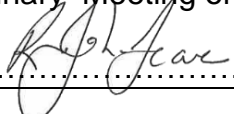
11.1 TRANSPORT FOR NSW PRESENTATION

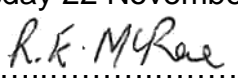
Executive Summary

Paul Polansky, Senior Manager, Transport Technical Solutions, Transport for NSW gave an update on current projects

1. West Wyalong to Forbes Flood Immunity
 - This project is completing strategic design phase.
 - The project team have met with Councils to collect data and feedback to develop options and a strategic business case for the project.
 - A range of options are being considered to address the flooding issues on this stretch of the highway including road raising and installing new drainage systems
2. Grade separation - Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) funding
 - 22 sites in NSW have been identified for investigation into grade separating rail interfaces where the state road network crosses the Inland Rail route.
 - The Federal and State Governments have now committed an extra \$375m to the Inland Rail Grade Separation program (\$562.5m total) allowing for the planning and delivery of as many sites as possible.
 - The first of 4 sites for development are:
 1. Harris Gates (Olympic Hwy near Illabo)
 2. Tichborne (Newell Hwy near Parkes)
 3. Castlereagh Hwy near Curban
 4. Tomingley Road (near Narromine)
 - Planning for the remaining 18 sites has started with strategic investigations occurring to prioritise each site.
 - AECOM has been awarded the contract to develop the concept design for the first 4 projects.
3. Parkes Bypass
 - Construction is well underway on the 6.5km Newell Highway upgrade for the Parkes Bypass
 - Earthworks continue between Condobolin Road & Thomas Street
 - Works are progressing at the Bridge over Rail and Hartigan Avenue, with the Pier Columns at 3 and 5 now poured
 - The final water main package at Thomas Street is underway
 - Electrical relocations at Condobolin Road are ongoing
 - Blasting is expected to be completed late September
 - Next steps: Hartigan Avenue traffic switch onto the new link road
4. Newell Highway Program Alliance
 - The joint NSW and Australian Government funded program will result in about 60 kilometres of new overtaking lanes with a time saving of 33 minutes from the Victorian border to the Queensland border.
 - To date, 23 overtaking lanes have been built with another 10 in construction and 7 in planning.
 - Alleena overtaking lanes will be complete 12 September and Back Creek overtaking lanes by the end of September.
 - Overtaking lanes at Darroobalgie and the first pair of six new overtaking lanes in the Pilliga are now in construction.

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5. New Dubbo Bridge
 - Early works commenced this month (August) with the Brisbane Street and Darling Street intersection upgrade
 - The intersection upgrade will involve realigning Darling Street to intersect with Brisbane Street instead of River Street
 - Test piling in the flood plain is also scheduled to start this year
 - The main construction contract will be awarded in October 2022. Construction on main the contract works is planned to commence in early 2023
6. Newell Highway upgrade at Coonabarabran
 - A proposed eight-kilometre bypass to the east of Coonabarabran, will improve connectivity and safety for road users and increase freight efficiency by allowing for high-productivity vehicles such as 36.5-metre B-triples and Type 2 Road Trains.
 - The concept design has been finalised.
 - The detailed design for the Newell Highway Oxley Highway Intersection upgrade has commenced with construction expected to start in 2024.
 - Construction of the full bypass is not currently funded for delivery
7. Newell Highway Upgrade Pilliga Widening Concept Design
 - \$8.8M to develop design concepts for the widening of the Newell Highway through the Pilliga.
 - This project will ultimately reduce travel times, improve journey reliability and improve safety along the Newell Highway for road users.
 - Project design options are being developed to inform a preferred concept design – by November 2022.
 - Following confirmation of the preferred option, the community will be invited to comment on the Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) by June 2023.
 - Concept Design work is expected to be completed by early 2024.
8. Newell Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrades Narrabri to Moree (Stage 1)
 - Construction commenced on the 18 July with lead contractor Fulton Hogan starting work on the first two sections nearest to Moree in Section 5 and 3
 - The entire project is expected to be completed by early 2026.
 - Initial works include:
 - Compound establishment, weed spraying & vegetation removal and utility works
 - Traffic Impacts
 - Local intersection and lane closures
 - Varying speed restrictions as low as 40km/h during work hours
 - Woolabrar Rest Area just north of Bellata may be closed at times for use as a laydown area - Motorists will be advised to use Tookey Creek Rest Area 3.6 kms north of the Woolabrar Rest Area.
 - With multiple projects along the corridor such as Inland Rail there will be a compounding impact on residents and motorists
 - We will work together to minimise these impacts and communicate traffic delays.
 - For the latest traffic updates visit www.livetraffic.com

9. Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas

- The freight industry is set to benefit from the construction of new heavy vehicle rest areas and existing rest area upgrades along Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree and around Dubbo.
- On 27 April 2022, Transport for NSW met with key industry representatives in a targeted Workshop to make sure the designs and proposed locations meet the needs of users.
- The feedback received was invaluable and on Wednesday 8 June TfNSW presented back to the stakeholders to show how their feedback was incorporated into the revised designs as well as provide an update on the next steps for the Dubbo Rest Area Upgrades.
- Further one on one meetings with drivers were also undertaken to get a user's perspective on what constitutes a good rest area design
- Feedback on rest area designs and locations
 - Narrabri to Moree Rest Areas
 - The feedback from the session was very positive with no request changes to the revised concepts for the new heavy vehicle rest stops or Tycannah upgrades.
 - Based on what we have heard, we will now proceed to detailed design and the construction phase.
 - Dubbo Rest Areas
 - Valuable feedback has been received from industry regarding rest area usage and what facilities should be prioritised as specific locations.
 - We will continue to consult and engage with the industry around the Dubbo Rest Area upgrades and will keep you updated on any future developments.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved - John Morris,

Seconded - Cr Tony Lord

Carried

11.2 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

Executive Summary

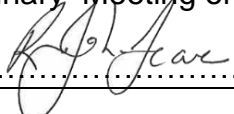
James Painting Assistant Director the NSW & ACT Infrastructure Investment, Department of Infrastructure gave an update on current projects.

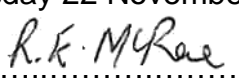
1. Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Projects

These are the ROSI projects that the Australian Government is co-funding along the Newell Highway. The projects either feed into or are adjacent to the Newell.

- Tooraweenah Road Upgrade
 - Coonamble Shire Council is responsible for delivery. Early works have commenced (vegetation clearing) in September 2022. Drainage design and procurement of drainage components are underway.
- County Boundary Road
 - Gwydir Shire Council went to tender in mid-2022, but all three tenders were over-budget. Council conducted value engineering on the design, and revisited aspects such as pavement design and shoulder width, and went to tender again in August 2022, with tenders to be submitted in September. The Department expects an update shortly.
- Entrance to Muginoble Silos Access Road
 - Project in planning.
 - The Department has sent comments on the Project Proposal Report (PPR) to Parkes Shire Council and their consultant (Western Project Services), and we are waiting for a response.
- Peak Hill Road Upgrade – Part 2
 - Project in planning.
 - The Department has sent comments on the Project Proposal Report (PPR) to Parkes Shire Council and their consultant (Western Project Services), and we are waiting for a response.
- Forbes Iron Bridge Upgrade
 - Project in planning
 - The Department is working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to understand the project scope. We noted that the project is adjacent to a grade separating interface project, and TfNSW is reviewing the scopes of both projects to consider the options.

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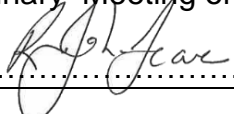
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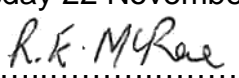
- Peak Hill Road Upgrade – Part 1
 - Project in planning.
 - Cabonne Shire Council is responsible for delivery.
 - Tenders for design and survey closed in August 2022 and are currently being assessed by Council.
 - It is expected that design and survey will be completed in late 2022, with construction to commence in early 2023.
- Pilliga Road Upgrade
 - Project is shovel ready
 - Narrabri Shire Council hopes to start construction in October 2022.
 - A request to sign the funding instrument and release the funding has been submitted to the Minister's office for approval.
- Purlewaugh Road Upgrade
 - Project is under construction
 - Warrumbungle expects Aitken Civil Engineering to complete construction in October 2022.
 - There have been some issues with lime supply, but these appear to be resolved.
- Upgrades to Hargraves Land and Federation Street (in Gilgandra)
 - Project is in early planning
 - The Department is working with TfNSW to understand the options
- Warren Road upgrade, Coonamble to Warren
 - Project is in planning.
 - The Department has provided comments on the Project Proposal Report to Coonamble Shire Council, and we are waiting for a resubmission.

2. Budget Update

- The Federal Budget will be handed down on Tuesday 25 October 2022.
- The Treasurer (the Hon Jim Chalmers MP) and the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (the Hon Catherine King MP) have spoken publicly about the need for 'budget repair' and 'fiscal responsibility'.
- Projects that were committed by the former Coalition Government in the March 2022-23 budget are under review. Any decisions will be announced in the October budget. This means that the following commitments are under review:
 - \$264 million for the Newell Highway Upgrade — Heavy Duty Pavement Upgrades — North Moree.
 - An additional \$20 million for Toowoomba to Seymour — New South Wales —Future Priorities.

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

.......... Mayor

3. Question from Rod Hannifey (Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative)

- Is there a timeframe for Bellata, realignment and improvement for inland rail? (road crossing over rail)

Rod noted surveyors had been seen on site recently. Also a road safety audit was completed a few years ago, and the findings of this should be taken into account.

Action - James and Paul (TfNSW) to speak to respective Inland Rail teams to seek an update on this.

Recommendation

1. Seek an update on Bellata rail crossing
2. Invite Derek Tarry (from the Inland Rail team) to future meetings
3. Notify the Minister's Office that the Newell Highway Taskforce Committee would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the importance of the Newell to the regions, and to discuss potential future projects. The Committee will be making contact.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved - John Morris,

Seconded - Cr Tony Lord

Carried

11.3 NEWELL HIGHWAY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Executive Summary

Lisa Moon, Treasurer of the Newell Highway Promotions Committee has given the following update on current projects.

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair (North) remain vacant on the Newell Highway Promotions Committee and unfortunately the Parkes team have not had the resources in 2022 to pursue interest from Council. However, we are still positive there will be a resolution soon. The customer enquiries and requests for brochures continue to be maintained from Parkes.

The financial situation is quite healthy and therefore, the organisation can continue to maintain a presence online and respond to the customer enquiries pending the recruitment of new members.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Chair follow up with Mayor Matthew Dickerson, Dubbo Regional Council regarding the Newell Highway Promotions Committee whereby Mayor Dickerson had previously verbally indicated that Dubbo Regional Council would be happy to get involved.

Resolution

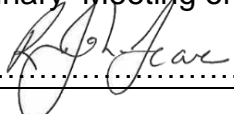
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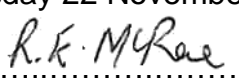
Moved - John Morris,

Seconded - Cr Tony Lord

Carried

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.......... Mayor

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee will write to The Hon Sam Faraway MLC, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and to the NSW Opposition seeking funding for the Newell Highway leading up to the NSW State Elections.

The Committee will write to The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government seeking the Federal government's commitment to the following along the Newell Highway:

- Intersection at Narrandera with irrigation way
- Coonabarabran bypass
- Dubbo bypass
- Heavy duty pavement continued upgrades
- Forbes/ West Wyalong flood immunity
- Poisoned Waterholes Creek, south of Gillenbah
- Inland rail grade separation continued roll out
- Truck rest stops

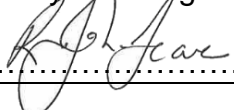
John Morris queried when this Committee was formed. It was formed on 6 July 2009.


13 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 March 2023 in Narrandera

Meeting closed at 11.29pm

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 24 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2022

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	10 November 2022
Author:	Accountant
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as of 31 October 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as of 31 October 2022.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank

Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as of 31 October 2022 was \$30,487,567.39, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$1,036,553.88.

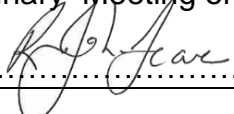
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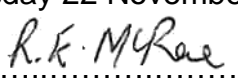
As at 31 October 2022, Council's total invested funds were \$29,451,013.51, as detailed in the attachment. All the investments were in compliance with the revised Investment Policy.

51% of investment funds were held with the Bendigo Bank as of 31 October 2022.

Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return (MWRR) for the month of October 2022 for the financial year to date (1.99% p.a.) exceeded the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark rate for the same period (1.60%). The MWRR for the month of October 2022 was slightly below the benchmark (2.47% compared to a benchmark of 2.91%).

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 31 October 2022;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and the Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy.


Kaitlin Salzke
Responsible Accounting Officer

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

Nil. Report for information only.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

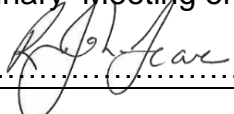
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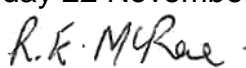
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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Chief Financial Officer

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.....General Manager


.....Mayor

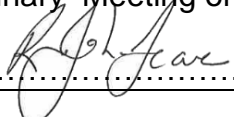
OPTIONS


As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 14: Investments as at 31 October 2022

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**CASH AT BANK 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

ADD - Receipts - 30 October 2022

ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank

ADD - Cancelled

ADD - Adjustments

LESS - Cheques

LESS - EFT - Autopay

LESS - Payroll

LESS - Interbank Transfers

LESS - Emergency Services Levy

LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers

LESS - Loan Repayments

LESS - Investments

LESS - Visa Card Pymt

LESS - Fuel Card

LESS - Photocopy Rental

CASH AT BANK 31 OCTOBER 2022**CASH AT BANK 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank

LESS Outstanding Deposits

LESS Unpresented Cheques

LESS Outstanding Autopay

LESS Reverse Autopay

CASH AT BANK 31 OCTOBER 2022

Add Investments

Total Cash and Investments**Represented by:-**

Trust Account

Water Fund

Sewer Fund

Domestic Waste Management

Unexpended Grant Funds

Plant Reserve

Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve

Infrastructure Reserve

Caravan Park Reserve

Real Estate Development Reserve

Contributions Levy Reserve

New Council Implementation Fund

Stronger Communities Fund

General Fund

Total Cash and Investments**2022-23
Consolidated****2,840,620.84**

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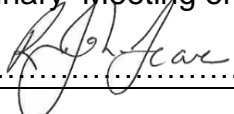
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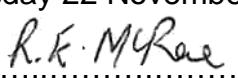
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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 25 - OVERDUE RATES COLLECTION

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	9 November 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC165
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on overdue rates collection as of 30 September 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Overdue Rates Collection Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

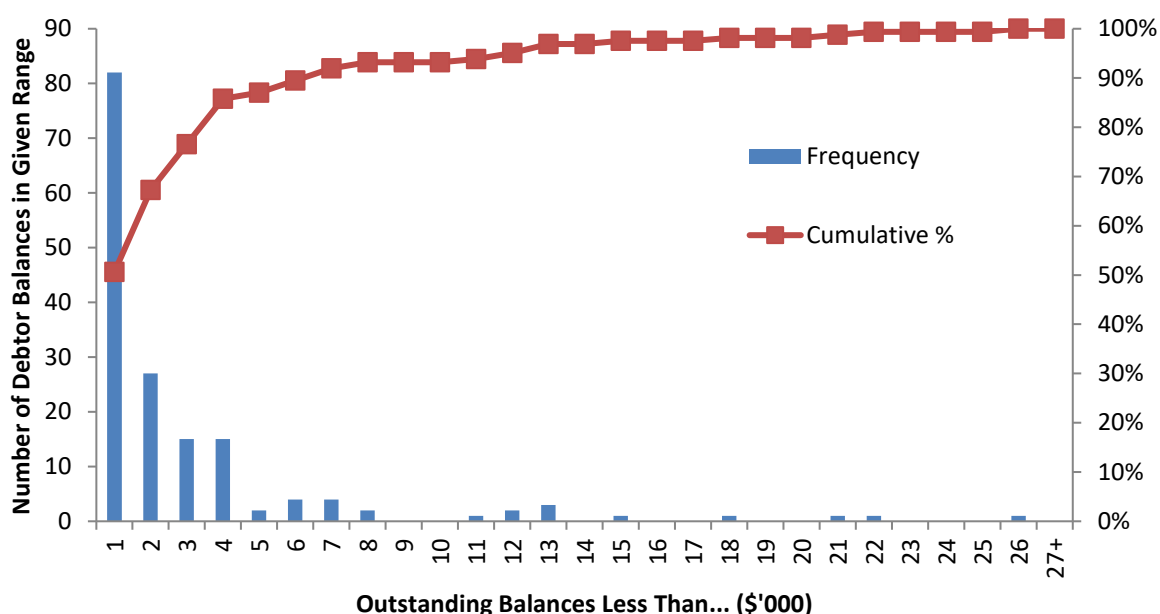
At the October 2022 meeting, Councillors requested additional information regarding the collection of the amount of \$486,431 'arrears brought forward' reported in the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report – September 2022.

OFFICER COMMENT

As noted above, the balance of rates unpaid at 30 June 2022 was \$486,431.

As at 9 November 2022, approximately 19% of this balance has been collected and the amount of prior year rates unpaid has been reduced to \$394,250.

The remaining arrears balance comprises 162 debtors. The balances range from \$0.68 to \$25,479, with a median balance of \$979:



Council has a number of debt collection procedures in place to follow-up on overdue instalments, but these have yet to be formalised in a Debt Recovery Policy.

Council staff have been working with a debt collection agency in relation to the larger debtor balances and, where relevant, consideration has been given to sale of land for unpaid rates and charges pursuant to s 713 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Should such a sale be proposed, this will require resolution by Council.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993 and regulations

FINANCIAL

Information only.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

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.....*R. K. McRae*..... General Manager

.....*R. K. McRae*..... Mayor

RISK MANAGEMENT

Unpaid rates can be recovered by Council pursuant to s 713 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Therefore, the primary risk in relation to unrecovered amounts is a liquidity risk, rather than a credit risk.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Rates Officer

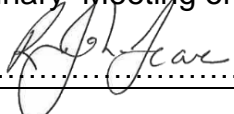
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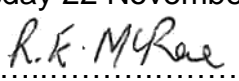
As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 26 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, OCTOBER 2022

Council Meeting: 22 November 2022
Report Date: 10 November 2022
Author: Director Planning, Community & Development
File #: SC210
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during October 2022.

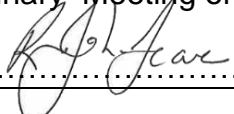
RECOMMENDATION

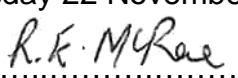
The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, October 2022, be noted.

BACKGROUND

Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
DA37-2022	9 Bencubbin Avenue Coleambally	12/10/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Erection of an industrial shed for use as a vehicle repair station and use of land as a vehicle sales and hire premises, including associated landscaping works and car park.		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	
DA33-2022	1-39 Brolga Place Coleambally	26/10/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Freestanding shade structures within the road reserve.		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and public exhibition was carried out, no submissions were received.	
DA27-2022	85-87 Jerilderie Street Jerilderie	18/10/2022	Refused (Council)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Unmanned 24 hour service station		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification, public exhibition and agency referral was undertaken.	

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 27 - CONVERSION OF LEASE NUMBER I260986

Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	7 November 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC79
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with section 10A(2) (a) and (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to:

- a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business."

ITEM NO. 28 - LIONS CLUB GRANT PROGRAM

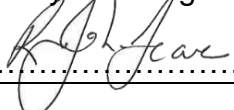
Council Meeting:	22 November 2022
Report Date:	11 November 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC361
Approval:	General Manager

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

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