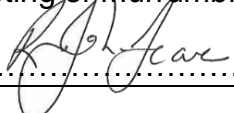


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023**

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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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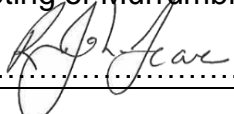
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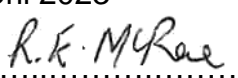
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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	4 April 2023
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and Council adopt the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Management Plan as presented.

1. Kerbside Collection Three Streams

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

We have received advice from Sulo, the bin manufacturer, that the wheeled carts will arrive third week in May. This will give us a clear 4 weeks in which to have them delivered.

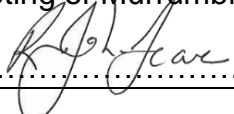
We have also received expressions of interest from community groups, at least one per township, to deliver the bins and change out lids. Garry Stoll, Director of Planning Community and Development, will be making the appointment in the next couple of weeks, so we can ensure that once the bins arrive we can start delivering.

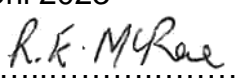
From our rating record we are already aware of which businesses utilise Council's service of kerbside collection, as such each of those businesses will be contacted in the next couple of weeks to see if they have any additional requirements for extra bins.

Residential properties can just contact us with requests for additional bins.

As mentioned in my last report, our first Waste to Art community competition was launched on 23 March 2023. The competition uses a fun cultural activity to showcase reused and recycled waste materials. This exciting and innovative challenge invites schools, preschools, community groups and individuals to

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transform rubbish into art and design. The competition is open till 12 noon Friday 16 June 2023, not the 2 June 2023 as mentioned in my previous report.

2. Equal Opportunity Policy and Plan

The Equal Opportunity Policy was presented to the Consultative Committee on the 8 February 2023, and then circulated to every staff member.

We receive one submission, seeking to include “expressing milk” within the policy. On review of the Anti-Discrimination Act this is covered under the definition of breast feeding, which is already contained within the policy.

As such, there is no changes to the Policy or Plan which was presented and workshop by Council on 14 February 2023.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Equal Opportunity Policy and Management Plan as presented.

3. Acting Director of Infrastructure

Tom Dimec, Director of Infrastructure, is on leave from 17 April till the 22 May 2023. During his absence I have engaged Mr Ray Davy to act in the position of Director of infrastructure.

Council knows Ray, with him being our Project Manager for the Young Street subdivision. Ray will continue as project manager of Young Street during this period.

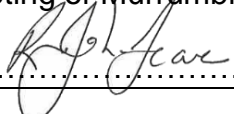
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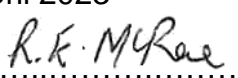
19 April 2023 – Medical Appointment – Albury
20 April 2023 – Annual leave
21 April 2023 – RAMJO General Manager Meeting
24 April 2023 – Annual leave
2 – 5 May 2023 – LGNSW Employment Seminar & Award Briefing - Sydney
12 May 2023 – RAMJO Board Meeting
17 May 2023 – Riverina Murray Development Forum - Wagga
25-26 May 2023 – Country Mayors Association - Sydney
12 - 16 June 2023 – ALGA General Assembly - Canberra

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership - Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTIONS

As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Management Plan

ITEM NO. 2 - REVISED KEEPING OF ANIMALS IN URBAN AREAS POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	4 April 2023
Author:	Director Planning Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This policy informs Murrumbidgee Council residents of Council's regulatory powers concerning the keeping of domestic animals within the towns of Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The revised Keeping of Animals In Urban Areas Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment;**
- 2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the revised Keeping of Animals In Urban Areas Policy be presented to Council for adoption.**

BACKGROUND

The revised Keeping of Animals in Urban Areas Policy was a consultation document to the Councillor workshop on the 28 February 2023.

Changes were requested by Council in relation to the number of certain animals permitted to be kept in the urban areas of Murrumbidgee Council.

Amendments were made to the policy, which was again presented to Council at its workshop of 28 March 2023.

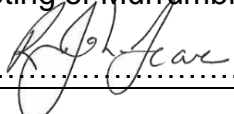
OFFICER COMMENT

The revised Keeping of Animals in Urban Areas Policy sets out how Murrumbidgee Council will regulate powers concerning the keeping of animals in Village, Large Lot Residential and Industrial Zoned areas.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Council's Code of Conduct
- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government Regulation 2005
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
- Non Indigenous Animal Act 1987, and Regulation 2006
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979
- Companion Animals Act 1998
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Impounding Act 1993
- Food Act 2003

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026 as follows:

Strategic Activities: 1. Our Identity: People and Place

1.4.7 Work with the community to ensure responsible animal management and compliance with relevant legislation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

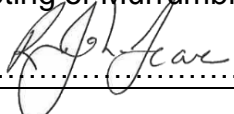
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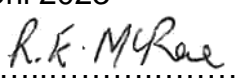
1. The revised Keeping of Animals In Urban Areas Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment;
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the revised Keeping of Animals In Urban Areas Policy be presented to Council for adoption.

Option 2

Council not adopt the revised Keeping of Animals in Urban Areas Policy.

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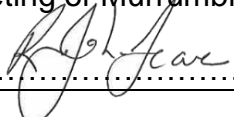
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 2: Revised Keeping of Animals In Urban Areas Policy

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ITEM NO. 3 - PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	4 April 2023
Author:	Director Planning Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report introduces, for consideration, the revised Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy for Murrumbidgee Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The revised Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.**
- 2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the revised Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy be presented to Council for adoption.**

BACKGROUND

This policy is applicable to any person or business owning a swimming pool within Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area, and informs residents of Council's Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program in accordance with the requirements of Section 22B of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* and the *Swimming Pools Regulation 2018*.

OFFICER COMMENT

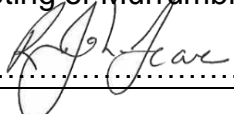
A person subject to the registration of a swimming pool is subject to this Swimming Pools Inspection Program Policy.

The policy sets out how Murrumbidgee Council will carry out regulatory responsibilities as the appropriate regulatory authority (ARA) using the inspection frequency procedure stated within the policy.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Swimming Pools Act 1992 No.49
- Swimming Pools Regulation 2018

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026 as follows:

Strategic Activities: 2. Our Natural Environment: Sustainable Living

2.3.4. Promote best practice public and environmental health services.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

1. The revised Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the revised Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy be presented to Council for adoption.

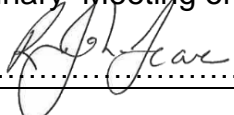
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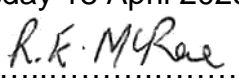
Council not adopt the Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 3: Revised Private Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy

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ITEM NO. 4 - UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE SYSTEMS POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	4 April 2023
Author:	Director Planning Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report introduces, for consideration, the draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Policy for Murrumbidgee Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.**
- 2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems Policy be presented to Council for adoption.**

BACKGROUND

This draft policy applies to any Underground Petroleum Storage System actively operating in Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area.

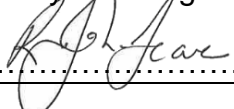
The draft policy is to inform residents and business owners of Council's regulatory responsibilities as the appropriate regulatory authority (ARA) for the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2019* (the *UPSS Regulation*). As Council is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority (ARA), it is responsible for ensuring UPSS sites comply with the requirements of the Regulation, utilising a risk-based inspection and monitoring process.

OFFICER COMMENT

This draft policy has been developed based on the Inspection Monitoring Plan provided by Golder Associates Pty Ltd in consultation with RAMJO and REROC.

The draft policy sets out how Murrumbidgee Council will carry out regulatory responsibilities as the appropriate regulatory authority (ARA) using a risk based process to protect the environment and human health from pollution and/or

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contamination that a Underground Petroleum Storage System (UPSS) may cause should a leak occur.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The draft policy will identify how Council will undertake the inspection and monitoring of underground storage systems whilst complying with the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2019* (the *UPSS Regulation*).

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026 as follows:

Strategic Activities: 2. Our Natural Environment: Sustainable Living

2.3.4. Promote best practice public and environmental health services.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

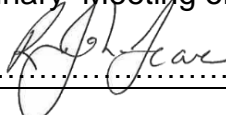
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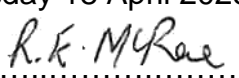
Option 1 (recommendation)

That:

1. The draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems Policy be presented to Council for adoption.

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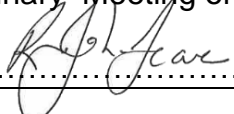
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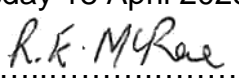
Council not adopt the draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems Policy.

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Attachment # 4: Draft Underground Petroleum Storage Systems Policy

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ITEM NO. 5 - DRAFT MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	5 April 2023
Author:	Director Infrastructure/Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy is presented to Council for endorsement and to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy be endorsed by Council, and placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days;
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy be presented to Council for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy sets out Council's position on the exercise of its compliance and enforcement actions when dealing with community requests, complaints or instances of alleged illegal activities.

The draft Policy replaces the previous Jerilderie Shire Council Compliance and Enforcement Policy 2012, and is based on the 2015 Model Compliance and Enforcement Policy for Councils, prepared by the NSW Ombudsman's Office.

OFFICER COMMENT

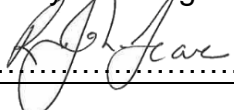
The draft Policy was presented to Council for discussion at the Workshop of 28 March 2023.

The draft Policy provides information and a transparent structure for both Council staff, Councillors and the community on the way that Council will treat and manage compliance matters under a range of NSW legislation.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The NSW Ombudsman's Office strongly recommends that Councils adopt and maintain a policy on how it will manage compliance issues that occur within its area.

FINANCIAL

NA

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council 2022-2026 Delivery Program:

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

There is potential legal and reputational risk to Council should it not have an adopted policy that articulates how it manages complaints and responds to illegal activities.

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That:

1. The Draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy be endorsed by Council, and placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days;
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy be presented to Council for adoption.

Option 2

That Council resolve to consider further amendments to the Draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy before placing it on public exhibition.

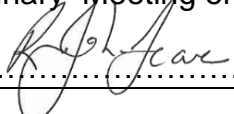
Option 3

Council not adopt a Draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 5: Draft Murrumbidgee Council Enforcement Policy

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ITEM NO. 6 - DRAFT SCHOLARSHIPS, DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	3 April 2023
Author:	Manager Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report introduces to Council, for consideration, a draft Policy on the allocation of Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants. The purpose of this policy is to comply with the provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993; and provide a framework within which requests to Council for financial assistance are assessed.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The draft Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants Policy be endorsed by Council, and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants Policy be presented for adoption.

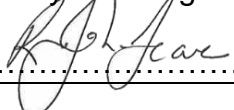
BACKGROUND

Council provides scholarships, donations and community grants. Scholarships are awarded under the Murrumbidgee Council Scholarship Program, the Charles Sturt University Foundation Scholarship and the Sir John Monash Bursary. Council community grants are in the form of one-off grants to community organisations to assist them in the provision of services and projects. As well as this, Council manages grants on behalf of the Coleambally Solar Farm Fund and the Darlington Point Lions Club.

OFFICER COMMENT

Guidelines regarding scholarships and community grants have previously been developed, but an overarching policy covering all of these requests for financial assistance has not previously been adopted. The policy allows for the Murrumbidgee Council Education Scholarship Program, Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants Program, Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund and the

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Lions Club of Darlington Point Community Grant to be advertised jointly in February each year. The Charles Sturt University (CSU) Foundation Scholarship applications are made directly to CSU and the Sir John Monash Bursary is offered in September each year.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The draft policy will comply with the provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

FINANCIAL

Murrumbidgee Council's annual budget includes allocations for scholarships, donations and community grants.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program

Strategic Activities: 1 Our Identity – People And Place

1.1 We work together to support all members of the community

Action 1.1.5.3 Provide Education Scholarships

Action 1.1.5.4 Provide Grants as part of the Grant Program

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

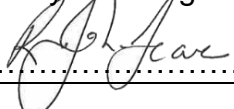
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

1. The draft Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants Policy be endorsed by Council, and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants Policy be presented for adoption.

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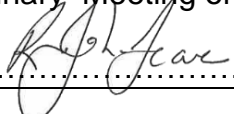
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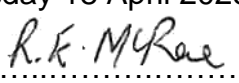
Council not adopt a Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants Policy.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 6: Draft Scholarships, Donations and Community Grants Policy

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ITEM NO. 7 - ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	4 April 2023
Author:	Director Planning Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report introduces, for consideration, the draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy for Murrumbidgee Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.**
- 2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy be presented to Council for adoption.**

BACKGROUND

This draft policy has been developed to guide Murrumbidgee Council to assess, regulate and manage the selection, design, installation, operation and maintenance of new and existing on-site sewage management systems.

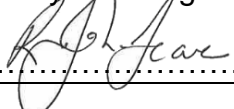
The purpose of the draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy is to:

- Guide landholders towards sustainable on-site management of domestic sewage and waste water;
- Protect and enhance public health and the environment within the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area;
- To enable efficient regulation and monitoring of on-site sewage management systems.

OFFICER COMMENT

This draft policy is applicable to residents of Murrumbidgee Council who own and operate an on-site sewage system which cannot connect to a town reticulated sewage system. Its purpose is to ensure efficient management and monitoring of on-site sewage management systems for the protection of human health and the environment, and to ensure compliance with NSW Legislation within Council's Local Government Area.

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026 as follows:

Strategic Activities: 2. Our Natural Environment: Sustainable Living

2.3.4. Promote best practice public and environmental health services.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That:

1. The draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days seeking community comment.
2. At the completion of the exhibition period, the draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy be presented to Council for adoption.

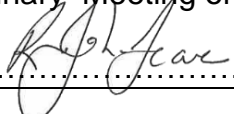
Option 2

Council not adopt the draft On Site Sewage Management Policy.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 7: Draft On-Site Sewage Management Policy

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ITEM NO. 8 - STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	3 April 2023
Author:	Manager Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC131
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Originally Council awarded three (3) \$1,000 scholarships annually to students, one applicant from each of the towns within the Council area (Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie). Depending on the number of applications received and the residential address of applicants each year, Council have, in the past, awarded the scholarships by merit and not specifically one to each town, or have resolved to award more than the three advertised scholarships.

RECOMMENDATION

The Murrumbidgee Council Student Scholarships for 2023 be awarded to Abbey A'Vard, Ally Barlow, Jessica Bellato, Sally Foster, Nathan Hodgson, Julie Schubert and Aisha Tomkinson, with scholarships being funded from the Scholarship Program vote of \$3,000, with additional \$4,000 to come from General Funds.

BACKGROUND

Seven applications for the student scholarships have been received. The Student Scholarship Committee includes all Councillors.

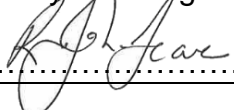
Following is a list of scholarship applications received:

- 1 Abbey A'Vard
- 2 Ally Barlow
- 3 Jessica Bellato
- 4 Sally Foster
- 5 Nathan Hodgson
- 6 Julie Schubert
- 7 Aisha Tomkinson

OFFICER COMMENT

At Council's workshop of 28 March 2023, Councillors reviewed the student scholarship applications.

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SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

The current annual budget allocation allows \$3,000 for this purpose.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program

1.1.5.3 Provide Education Scholarships.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Scholarships were advertised and available to all students within the Murrumbidgee Council LGA.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The Murrumbidgee Council Student Scholarships for 2023 be awarded to Abbey A'Vard, Ally Barlow, Jessica Bellato, Sally Foster, Nathan Hodgson, Julie Schubert and Aisha Tomkinson, with scholarships being funded from the Scholarship Program vote of \$3,000, with additional \$4,000 to come from General Funds.

Option 2

Select one student from each of the towns within the Council area at a total cost of \$3,000.

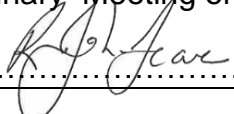
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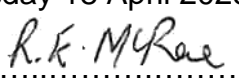
Select three students to receive the scholarships on merit.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 9 - STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – MARCH 2023

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	5 April 2023
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC137
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Under the terms of the funding deed, Council provided for grants in the amount of \$1,409,748 to local community organisations.

Council has also determined a further \$13,993,185 for the major projects component of the Stronger Communities Fund.

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

RECOMMENDATION

The contents of the report be noted and the remaining funds for the Long Day Care Centre at Jerilderie be allocated back to the Major Projects Fund.

BACKGROUND

As at 31 March 2023, the 55 community grants projects provided for have been completed.

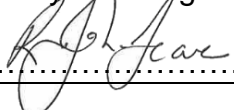
Of the further 36 major projects determined, 25 projects have been completed, with a further 10 commenced or nearing completion.


OFFICER COMMENT

The attached spreadsheet indicates the current position of all SCF funded programs as at 31 March 2023.

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

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The Jerilderie Preschool and Long Day Care project has now been completed, with the total amount for proposed contingencies not being fully expended. Accordingly, the savings from this project should be redirected to the major projects fund.

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

Council has reinvested an amount of \$970,900.00 in interest on the unexpended grant funds into the funding pool.

INTEGRATED PLANS

The operational plan has been amended to include the incomplete programs.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Management Group, Council and Community.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 8: Stronger Communities Fund Grant Information at 31 March 2023.

ITEM NO. 10 - PROPOSED SITE FOR NEW COLEAMBALLY EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	11 April 2023
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC612
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks a resolution to dedicate Council owned land for the purpose of a new Coleambally Early Learning Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council donate part of lots 500 and 501 in DP 1003200 and part of lots 420 and 421 in DP 712822, corner of Brolga and Lorikeet Lanes and Kestrel Road, Coleambally, as the site of a new Early Learning Centre, on the basis that the land will be provided for free at the commencement of construction of the new building, and that the developer is responsible for all development costs.

BACKGROUND

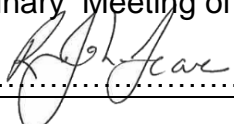
Council will recall that at the workshop on 26 July 2022, Councillors met with representatives of the Coleambally Preschool to discuss the establishment of a Long Day Care Service in Coleambally, in preparation for the imminent closure of the then private day care service in Coleambally.

Following these discussions, the Coleambally Preschool completed alterations to the Youth Hall and have commenced a Long Day Care Centre which opened early this year.

The Coleambally Preschool have now formed a sub committee, with the objective to establish a new built-for-purpose Early Learning Centre in Coleambally.

At the workshop in 2022, Council agreed that it would be willing to provide a suitable site for the new centre.

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OFFICER COMMENT

Staff have identified the following Council owned sites:

1. Part Lot 534 DP 1097168, corner Kingfisher Avenue and Pine Drive (next to the school).
2. Part Lot 86 DP 236144, corner Falcon Road and Kookaburra Avenue (next to the pool).
3. Part Lot 86 DP 236144, Falcon Road (adjacent to the existing centre).
4. Part Lot 534 DP 1097168, Kingfisher Avenue (at the end of Bluebonnet Crescent).
5. Part Lots 500 and 501 DP 1003200 and part of lots 420 and 421, DP 712822 (corner of Brolga and Lorikeet Lanes and Kestrel Road).

During this survey it was also determined that a majority of these sites had issues that would result in increasing the development costs. For example a lack of, or difficulty in connecting to, critical infrastructure such as reticulated sewer, fronting streets with high traffic or biodiversity issues (e.g. removal of large numbers of trees).

A meeting was held between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Director of Planning, Community & Development with representatives of the Preschool sub committee on 5 April to discuss these sites.

At this meeting it was generally agreed that the site on corner of Brolga and Lorikeet Lanes and Kestrel Road (site 5 above) would be recommended to Council as the site of the proposed new Coleambally Early Learning Centre. This site has a total area of 7,500m² and it is not expected that the new centre will need all of this area, with the remaining area set aside for landscaping.

The Coleambally Preschool ELC sub committee are currently seeking grant funding for the construction and development of the new centre. It is expected that the site would not be transferred to the Coleambally Preschool ELC sub committee until such time as the funding was secured.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

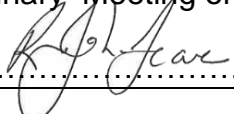
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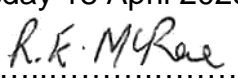
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FINANCIAL

Council's contribution towards the establishment of a new Early Learning Centre will be provision of a suitable site.

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The costs associated with the construction, development and on-going management of the new centre will be at the full cost of the centre operator.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program

Deliverable 5.4.1 Promote funding, services and initiatives to strengthen communities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Nil. The site would not be transferred to the Coleambally Preschool ELC sub committee until such time as the funding was secured.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council donate part of lots 500 and 501 in DP 1003200 and part of lots 420 and 421 in DP 712822, corner of Brolga and Lorikeet Lanes and Kestrel Road, Coleambally, as the site of a new Early Learning Centre, on the basis that the land will be provided for free at the commencement of construction of the new building, and that the developer is responsible for all development costs.

Option 2

That Council consider further sites for the development of the Coleambally Early Learning Centre.

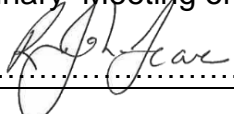
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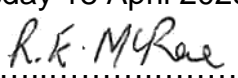
That Council not provide a site for the Coleambally Early Learning Centre.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 9: Site Plan showing lots 500 and 501 in DP 1003200 and lots 420 and 421 in DP 712822

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 11 - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – MARCH 2023

Council Meeting:	18 April 2023
Report Date:	4 April 2023
Author:	Accountant/Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

This report sets out details of all money Council had invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as at the end of March 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

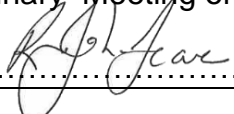
As at 31 March 2023, Council's total invested funds were \$31,730,020, as detailed in the attachment.

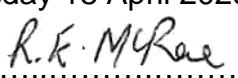
Funds invested with Bendigo Bank were approximately 54%.

Funds invested with IMB Ltd (12.79%) exceeded the counterparty limit of 10% for an BBB-rated institution. All other investments were in compliance with Council's Investment Policy.

Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return (MWRR) outperformed the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark rate for both the month and the financial year to date.

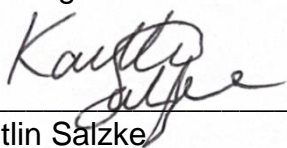
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OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that the investments, with the exception of the Suncorp counterparty limit noted above, have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and the Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy.


Kaitlin Salzke
Responsible Accounting Officer

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

Nil, for information only.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

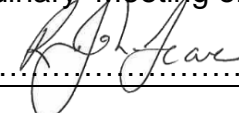
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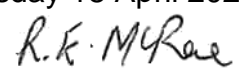
- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Finance Customer Service

OPTIONS

As per the recommendation.

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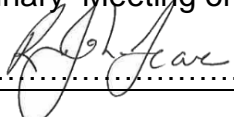

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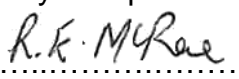

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 10: Investments as at 31 March 2023

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ITEM NO. 12 - NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – MARCH 2023

Council Meeting: 18 April 2023
 Report Date: 5 April 2023
 Author: Finance Manager
 File #: SC59
 Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

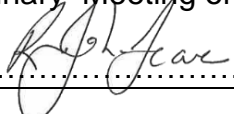
RECOMMENDATION

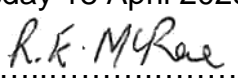
That the contents of the New Council Implementation Fund - March 2023 report be noted.

BACKGROUND

	Amended Budget	Expenditure (Mar 2023)
PMO Staffing	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,091
Asset Management	\$330,000	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$74,500	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,800,000	\$1,815,549
Policy Development	\$31,000	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and accommodation)	\$265,000	\$304,476
Marketing and Branding	\$92,500	\$92,440
Service Reviews	\$180,000	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$127,000	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,500	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$265,000	\$247,948
GIS Conversion Project	\$80,000	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$60,000	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,500	\$124,118
Provision for adjustment to new Salary System during 2018/19	\$120,000	\$335,971
Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$425,000	\$369,386
Integrate and update LEP and DCP's	\$350,000	\$178,398

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 Mayor

Provision of Integrated Risk Management Systems	\$150,000	
Provision of project readiness - design briefs and estimates	\$300,000	\$296,726
TOTAL	6,225,000	\$6,189,700

OFFICER COMMENT

The remaining funds from this project amount to \$35,300 and are earmarked for the amalgamation of the LEP and associated works which are continuing.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

As listed

INTEGRATED PLANS

Amendment to overall project costing has been authorised within the operational plan and delivery programmes for the 2022-23 financial year, as per quarterly budget reviews undertaken to September 2022.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

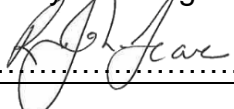
OPTIONS

As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 13 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION - MARCH

Council Meeting: 18 April 2023
Report Date: 4 April 2023
Author: Director Planning, Community & Development
File #: SC210
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during March 2023.

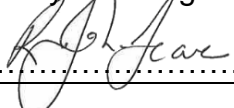

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, March 2023 Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

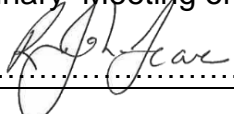
Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
DA3-2023	19 Chant Street Darlington Point	03/03/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Shed extension		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was carried out, agency referral was not required.	
DA8-2023	166 Cattnach Road Coleambally	14/03/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Dwelling		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.	
DA9-2023	1687 Gilbert Road Coleambally	09/03/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling involving the addition of an attached pergola		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.	

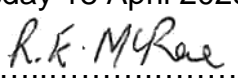
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DA7-2023	19 Kennedy Street Jerilderie	10/03/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Internal alterations to an existing dwelling		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	
DA6-2023	37 Watson Lane Jerilderie	16/03/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Temporary storage of transportable dwelling		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.	
CDC3-2023	50 Conargo Road Carrathool	24/03/23	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Farm Shed		The development application was assessed under Section 4.28 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	

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