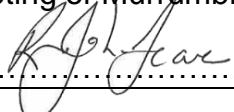
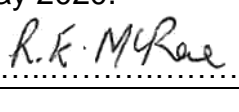


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020**

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RECORDING & WEBCASTING OF MEETING

The Office of Local Government, NSW Circular 20/09 of 25 March 2020 informed Councils of amendments made to the Local Government Act 1993, which allows Councils to meet remotely to assist them to manage the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus at their meetings and to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order. These amendments will operate for a period of six months, but may be extended to 12 months by regulation if required.

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MAYORAL REPORT

ITEM NO. 1 - MAYORAL REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	20 May 2020
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

Eight weeks into the formal time frame of “The COVID-19 Pandemic” we find ourselves cautiously easing restrictions at Stage 1 Level.

As an organisation, we are always mindful of minimising the risk for our Council staff and our community as a whole.

A sense of normality, evidenced by the return for our school children to their school lives, the gradual re-emergence of our cafes, eateries, hotels and many small businesses, albeit with very tight operational capacities, gives us hope and encouragement to persevere.

Our communities are being well supported by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Their daily information briefs keep us abreast of our region’s status - it would appear that our community’s adherence to the strict lockdown criteria sees us placed in a favourable position.

It is imperative that we continue to embed in our psyche vigilance around social distancing, personal hygiene, available testing and mindfulness for our elderly and vulnerable citizens.

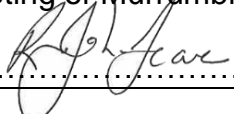
The mobile testing van has visited Jerilderie and will continue to visit many sites across the Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

There is much activity in our agricultural sector with sowing in full swing, predicted rains will hopefully eventuate and a productive season will follow.

Our Major Projects continue to progress – this very visible evidence is reassuring during these difficult times - our General Manager’s pictorial updates keep us in the loop and assure us of the progress of projects.

Continuing to conduct Council business in the virtual medium becomes no less challenging. Sometimes it works sometimes it doesn’t, but it would be substantially more challenging without this technology.

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Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council staff for keeping the wheels turning and ensuring that our community's services are being delivered.

I would also like to thank our Councillors for being the necessary eyes and ears that our communities expect.

I sincerely hope that within the next month we are able to keep moving forward - our well health will dictate the speed at which this happens.

Below please see a list of Webinars, ZOOM , Microsoft Teams and Blue Jeans Meetings I have linked into.

1 May - RAMJO Water Committee Meeting

- Final look at Water Position Paper before it is presented to the RAMJO Board
- discussion regarding allocation of monies for upgrade of logo and sanctioning of preferred - consultants to develop
- discussion around initiative to advocate for an allocation of water specifically for rice production

6 May - LGNSW COVID-19 Meeting

LGNSW Advocacy/information update

- Recycling infrastructure - huge problem, regional opportunity, waste export bans ,
- Emerging stockpile issues (glass)
- Resourcing the regions during the Pandemic-more \$\$\$ to existing stakeholders eg RFDS
- Vital acknowledgement of a high functioning NBN, need to bolster capacity to enable
- Successful working from home and home schooling/remote learning
- Opportunistic roads infrastructure money
- Budgets delayed from 1 July to October
- Regions need to be competitive in ability to attract stimulus money
- JOBKEEPER initiative very welcome
- Re-introduction of facilities usage, sporting grounds etc

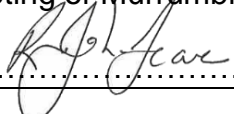
Guest Speaker, Mark Coulton - Federal Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government.

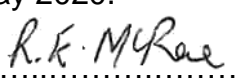
11 May - LGNSW COVID-19 Meeting

LGNSW Advocacy/information update

- Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) should be 1% of the total Commonwealth Tax Revenue. As a support, FAGs should be brought forward PLUS an additional payment.

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- Federal Government making large amounts available for identified roads projects - 73% of Councils had submitted projects (ours was Bencubbin Ave)- will be critical in enabling recovery.
- \$450M available for Councils affected by bushfires - stimulus for employment
- Importance of Telehealth in combatting COVID-19

Plight of the Homeless - Senator Gareth Ward

- Issue of those who are really stateless - Temporary Visa's, International Students and Backpackers
- Backpackers
- Eviction freeze, longevity to crisis funding, increase in need for social housing = tradies
- Equity in access to health care
- Real opportunity for redirecting resources to the regions - boost to manufacturing
- Rates- hardship policies, land valuations
- Need for our Local Members to support our Councils

Guest Speaker Jason Clare -Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.

12 May

- Sustainable Economic Growth in Regional Australia (SEGRA)
COVID-19 - Its Impacts and the Road to Recovery

- 1 Identify the productive capacity of the Region- Promote the "Shared Values Collective Strength Mantra"
 - 2 A co-ordinated approach involving 3 tiers of Government
 - 3 Ensure the recovery plan's scale and scope is flexible and adaptive- identify the gaps
 - 4 Make sure the initiatives are place based and solution driven
 - 5 Maximise the opportunity to skill build
 - 6 Money into the Regions must be socialised
 - 7 Importance of JOBKEEPER initiative
 - 8 Clearly identify challenges – population, skills shortages, connectivity etc and balance with liveability
- Welcome and meeting with staff of mobile COVID-19 testing bus - 28 people tested in town

13 May - RAMJO Board Meeting

- James Bolton - Director of Regional NSW:
 - formation of the 'Regional Cluster -incorporating LLS, DPIE, and Public Works

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- COVID activity -business engagement/packages eg Casella Wines and Corowa Whiskey
- Hand Sanitiser
- Bushfire Recovery Packages - SCCF Rd3 Announcements 50 in Riverina/Murray
- Cameron Templeton - OLG Relationship Manager
 - Stimulus Packages - release of guidelines -all will qualify
 - LG Amendments - Hardship Policy more leniency with time frames
 - Planning for reopening of businesses
 - Mixed messaging Prime Minister/Premiers
 - Fixing Local Roads funding with TfNSW reviewing applications
- Water Sub Committee -Chris Bilkey
 - AIM - To be the considered voice at the table
 - Presenting a respectful regional focus
 - 2 Areas of importance - Advocacy - for adaptation and Innovation; and Strategy – to enable greater inflows into the Basin.
 - Logo change, MDA support.
- Energy Sub Committee- George Cowan

Identify Low Hanging Fruit = Savings for member Councils.
 Project Definition - How it will run, does your Council want to be involved?
 Energy Plan Overhaul - DPIE and its sustainable communities - team led.
- Presentation of the RAMJO BUDGET 2019-2020

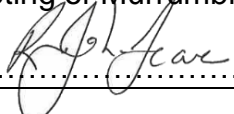
No recurrent funding for Joint Organisations going forward.
 To be engaged and derive the available benefit we will have to contribute more.
- Brett Stonestreet spoke to the need for a Regional Economic Prospectus.
- Leeton Shire Council's proposal - with support from Ricegrowers to advocate for a water Allocation exclusively to grow rice - seeking RAMJO support - further meeting required.

14 May – Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) Teleconference

Jill Ludford, Chief Executive

- Number of cases remains at 45
- Encouragement to increase testing across whole Region
- Mobile van testing uptake and call for continuation of such
- MLHD Hotline the preferred contact number - it gives you a definite pathway
- Respiratory Clinics- Wagga, Griffith, Deniliquin and Gundagai
- Easing of restrictions = risk
- Flu vaccine - shortage
- Aged Care Services - still tightly controlled.

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.......... Mayor

15 May - Audit Risk and Improvement Committee

- Key messages from Brad Bohun - a clean opinion-a true and fair result, well done.
- Health of the Council- Surplus \$ 6.6 million (grants and contributions - capital) an increase in income for the 2019 year.
- Cash at Council \$31M - External restrictions water and sewer
- Unrestricted cash is \$ 991,000 - we need it to be \$ 1.5 million - ALERT
- Low levels of debt.
- Resourcing in Finance Team needs to be rectified – Accountant's position advertised Assets Register still to be completed
- Plant and Equipment discussion
- Harmonising of Policies and Procedures needs to be completed
- Return visit by June 2020
- Compliance requirements going forward
- Expressions of Interest - internal audit
- Crown Land Register happening and Organisation Risk Management Register

18 May - LGNSW Live Event

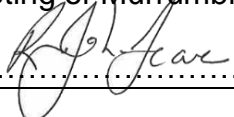
- Linda Scott
 - Advocacy across - Waste and Recycling, Water Security, Emergency Services Levy, Disaster Recovery, LG Stimulus, 2 bills being debated around Building Standards
- Guest Speaker Jodie McKay, Opposition Leader
 - -Local Government financial support
 - -postponement of LG elections
 - -Bipartisan collaborative approach to handling COVID-19
 - -Natural Disasters, Regional Tourism, International Trade, Economic Recovery,
 - -need for a 'Road Map To Recovery'
- Guest Speaker Greg Warren- Opposition Local Government Minister
 - Covered off on Disaster Recovery, Local Government Elections, supply issues, forced Council Amalgamations, rescue/stimulus initiatives, Government business, Council run child care facilities, Emergency Services Levy, Waste Levy, and communities access to such.

19 May – Mayor and General Manager Fortnightly Catch Up

Discussions around:

- COVID-19 Action Plan – Management Committee's next move for easing restrictions/re-entry

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- Recruitment - Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) - Newell Highway/Scott Bucholtz
- Water Position Paper - RAMJO
- Bencubbin Avenue Project
- Domestic Water Usage

21 May

Office of Local Government Webinar
Melinda Pavey will be the Guest Speaker

RAMJO Water Committee Meeting

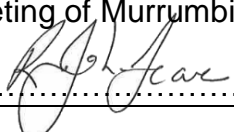
25 May - Drought Outlook-Water Availability Meeting

Stay safe everybody.



Ruth McRae
MAYOR

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DELEGATE'S REPORTS

ITEM NO. 2 - RIVERINA SPRAY DRIFT STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	18 May 2020
Author:	Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholder Group Secretary
File #:	SC92
Approval:	Councillor Brown

The SOS Riverina Spraydrift meeting was held by video link on Monday 18 May 2020. 10 members joined the session, with 2 apologies.

There are SOS groups now established in new areas, including the Gwydir Valley, Mungundie, Moree and St George, as well as the original Macquarie Valley and the Riverina.

Sponsorship has been gained from a NSW Government Department to employ a full time officer to coordinate training programmes in the different districts.

A meeting was held with the apiarists to try and coordinate the location of hives to stop spray damage, but they run a secret society and are having issues with their "Bees Alive" app software.

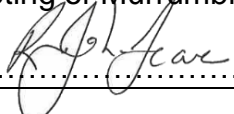
Serious drift problems occurred with a big planting program in the Gwydir Valley and on the Liverpool Plains in February after the drought breaking rains.

The Certificate IV spray programs to be run by the Tocal College (Yanco), have been postponed because of the COVID-19 shut down. These programs will be for the Agro advisers and spray operators.

The Committee remains active, fulfilling its role to prevent spray drift.

Councillor Pat Brown
Delegate

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO. 3 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	18 May 2020
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorise the design and construct tender proposal for the Brolga Place redevelopment.
2. Grant to the General Manager 5 days annual leave and private use of lease back vehicle in the State of Queensland. Further, the General Manager is to advise the Mayor of leave dates when determined.
3. Sell the remainder of the high security water to the Jerilderie Sports Club for \$200ML.

OFFICER COMMENT

1. COVID-19

Attached is the latest version of the COVID 19 action plan.

We have started to relax some of the restrictions.

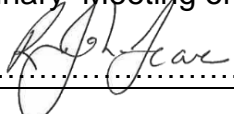
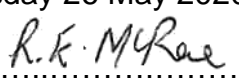
We are constantly monitoring messages from the State and Federal Governments as our triggers to make any further changes.

The system of working remotely is performing well.

2. Projects

During the last month Councillors have been provided with photos of the progress of various projects, and this practice will continue.

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Brolga Place – Attached is a tender for design and construct for the Brolga Place redevelopment.

This was chosen after we had produced different versions for the Chamber of Commerce and businesses to consider. The Chamber then provided us with an alternative which, on preliminary investigation, proved feasible, being the option to have solar panels on the verandah roof.

The design and construct is an all-inclusive works document, to let, in one contract, all the works to be performed, and giving sufficient scope to have quotes for the first agreed structure, a verandah over the existing shop roof, or any other design the tenderers wish to offer, no tender will be non-conforming on design, all will be considered and evaluated for the proposal as presented.

I recommend that Council authorise the design and construct tender proposal for the Brolga Place redevelopment.

3. Young Street Subdivision

The engagement of an appropriate firm to assist with all the design and development approval documentation continues.

As part of the development, Council requested the linking of Young Street with Britt's Road. Before any work can commence on design, we need to ensure the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is supportive of such, hence the Manager, Planning & Environment has a separate report to today's meeting.

4. Organisational Structure Review

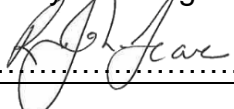
I have indicated that with the potential of holding gatherings of 100 as the third stage on the road out of COVID 19 restrictions, there could possibly be a September, rather than a December, timeline on the new Organisational Structure. Once we have the ability to hold a gathering inclusive of all staff, we will hold such a meeting to present the new organisational structure.


Between now and the June Council meeting I will have further structures to present to Council for feedback, these are as a result of various conversations I have had about the subject.

5. RAMJO

The RAMJO Board approved the 2020/21 budget on the 13 May 2020, it has taken on a service delivery model to ensure its sustainability into the future. Our membership has increased slightly, with the adoption of a minimum membership fee of \$10,000.

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The Board was successful in receiving a \$150,000 grant to deliver some of the strategic priorities. The areas of focus is energy and procurement. Murrumbidgee Council is participating in both projects, the fee for the energy works was set at \$5,000.

As part of the drought funding second round, Council need to prepare mitigation plans for future events. We set aside \$50,000 of the drought grant to do it alone, RAMJO provided a \$25,000 proposal for each Council requiring the plans to be developed. As such, Murrumbidgee has now opted into this service to be delivered/administered by RAMJO.

The viability of Joint Organisations across the State is a matter of concern. With no State funding of the operations, member Councils need to contribute. Under the COVID 19 stimulus, the State Government has made it that if Councils are a member of a Joint Organisation, they must fund it for the next two years. If not, Councils are ineligible for any stimulus for the State.

6. Newell Highway Taskforce

Meeting held on the 12 May 2020 via video link.

TfNSW has established three regions (from 5), Murrumbidgee falls within the Southern Region. However when it comes to the Newell Highway, the Western Region Director has the sole responsibility for all things Newell. This was a very good strategic move, when it comes to consistency of decisions on the Newell Highway.

Inland rail is not budging on agreeing with grade separation of the inland rail and Newell Highway, or for any other road for that matter. The State Government is however of the opinion that it must occur. Time will tell.

Overtaking lanes continue to be built, 12 out of the 20 finished or close to finished.

State has given additional money as stimulus to TfNSW to spend, as such, extra length, especially through the Hills (Pilliga) and wider roads with larger centre lines.

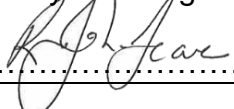
7. Annual Leave and Vehicle out of State Use

As the COVID-19 restrictions ease, I may be in a position to return my mother to Mackay, Queensland.

As such I am requesting 5 days leave and private use of my lease back vehicle in Queensland.

I have no idea when this will be, word today was that Queensland borders may not open until September, however there may be earlier possibilities.

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I recommend Council grants to the General Manager 5 days annual leave and private use of lease back vehicle in the State of Queensland. Further, the General Manager is to advise the Mayor of leave dates when they are determined.

8. High security water – Jerilderie

Early on in modelling the Jerilderie township water use, we held onto approximately 40ML of water (our numbers were trending that we would use between 525ML and 535ML, we have a Town supply of 500ML)

The water restrictions in place, plus rain, saw a low usage for month of April. As such, we are confident that we will not require to transfer this portion of the high security water to the town supply, like we had to last year.

As such, I am proposing that we sell the water to the Sport Club at a discounted rate of \$200ML.

The alternative would be to place on the open market.

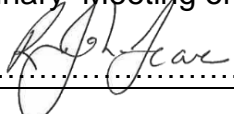
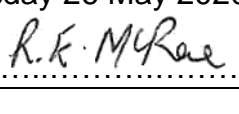
I recommend that Council sell the remainder of the high security water to the Jerilderie Sports Club for \$200ML.

9. Other Things On The Go

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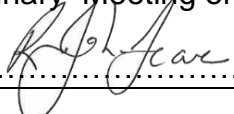
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Meetings attended since last Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Meetings - 4 • RAMJO GM Executive - 2 • RAMJO GM - 1 • RAMJO Board - 1 • Meetings with Mayor and/or Councillors - 1 • Residents and Ratepayers - 0 • Architect - 3 • Health Minister CMO - 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLHD - 1 • LGNSW - 4 • LG Professionals - 1 • Individual Staff Meetings - 2 • Newell Taskforce - 1 • ARIC - 1
Salary Steps Structure	Provided a single page document to the Consultative Committee. No reply from Union to date	
Management Team Performance Reviews	(2019/20) Completed (2020/21) Commencing	
Young Street Subdivision	Progressing	
Drought Grant	Applied - provided additional information to requests	
Writing proposal for Qualification Based	Stalled	

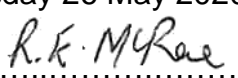
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Assessment for Engineering Services	
Land sale contracts from Solicitors	As required
Caravan Park Redevelopment	MDBA application submitted, unsure of when decision will be made
Darlington Point Office	Commenced
Coleambally Hall	Written to users of Hall for feedback
Review agendas and business papers	As required
Demolish Coleambally Lions Park Toilet Block	No progress month of May
Multipurpose Health Centre Coleambally and Ambulance Station Darlington Point	No date set
Completion of surveys	Nil – May 2020
Policies	<div> Commenced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Disposal • Business Continuity • Communication Devices • Complaints Management </div> <div> Not Commenced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection • Community Festival and Events • Corporate uniform • Councillor and Council Staff Interaction • Community Engagement Framework • Drinking Water Quality • Rates and Charges Hardship • Records Management • Related Party Disclosure • Statement of Business Ethics </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities • Enterprise Risk Management • Fraud and Corruption Prevention • Gifts and Benefits • Internal Reporting • Leasing of Council Residential Properties • Media • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) • Procurement • Public Interaction and Meeting Disclosure • Road Risk Management • Social Media • Signs as Remote Supervision • Stormwater Risk Management </div>
	Code of Meeting Practice – Adopted April 2020 meeting
	Motor Vehicle - Consultative Committee input received last meeting
	Policies to be reviewed due to inconsistencies (not commenced): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Strategy

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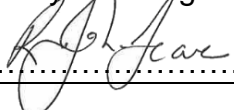

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet, Intranet, Email and Computer Use Management • Privacy Management (Some policies may have only minor inconsistencies, eg referencing the incorrect management position, eg Assistant General Managers)
	New Policy – Alcohol and Drug Policy - Continuing consultation – wrote letter to unions in relation to their objection to zero BAC in policy
Citizenship Ceremonies	As required

General Manager - Distance by road travelled – 20 April 2020 to 18 May 2020 – 309km

Human Resources:

Description	Comment
Meetings	4 x Management Group 1 x Consultative Committee on 23 April 2020
Employee Engagement Survey - 2020	Decided to move forward with this project and provide reports and results by email. Reports issued to Management Group on Friday 1 May 2020 and all staff on Wednesday 6 May 2020. Detailed analysis provided in reports but key theme arising from staff comments relates to poor communication. Communication will be the priority issue to start to be addressed in the Improvement Action Plan. Survey results shared with Chairman of Consultative Committee.
Recruitment	Five recruitment projects on hold due to COVID-19 responses. Five preliminary interviews conducted via phone for Accountant. Second interview of one applicant conducted via phone on Thursday 7 May 2020. Suitability to be determined.
Training	2020 Budget = \$250,000 YTD Expenditure = \$243,6000 at 17 April 2020 All training other than essential Level 1 training has been cancelled or postponed. 2020/2021 training budget will need to align Salary System Grades and Steps.
Position – Grades and Steps	Project with General Manager – United Services Union (USU) have indicated broad support verbally – awaiting several questions for clarification.
Time in Lieu Policy	Draft Time in Lieu Policy prepared and distributed to Management Group for feedback – feedback received 8

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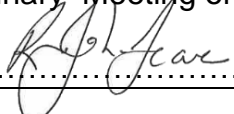
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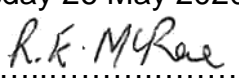
	May 2020 – preparing final proposed Policy and procedure for consideration.
Performance Appraisal	Draft form for use in 2020 with the Management Group for comment – will move towards alignment with Salary System Grades and Steps criteria.
Local Government (State) Award 2017 - Allowances	Working with payroll officers on identifying and understanding what Award allowances currently being paid, or not. Will reconcile actual payments with Award entitlement and eligibility and provide outcome report to General Manager – important that payroll officers are involved as they have historical knowledge and will need comprehensive understanding of applying or challenging entitlements in the future.
Working Remotely – COVID-19	Working remotely continues for most indoor staff – Department Managers to ensure each case is being managed and to maintain regular contact with their staff – will be monitored and reviewed in light of Federal and State Government current directives and relaxations.

Media and Communications:

Description	Comment
Preparing and distributing E-Newsletter (monthly)	April issue - compiling stories and monitoring all grants. April analytics: 446 recipients, 41.7% open rate, 55.9% click through rate.
Preparing and distributing community newsletter (bi-monthly)	May-June issue
Preparing and distributing staff newsletter (monthly)	April issue
Preparing and distributing media releases and liaison with the media. Monitoring of media	4 x media releases Responding to media enquiries: 9 March analytics: 11 dedicated articles /multiple mentions, 6 mentions/small quotes (one negative LTE). Total increase of 10 from February.
Co-ordinating communications campaigns for Council activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 • Land Use Plan and survey • Youth week • Anzac Day driveway service • Community grants • Water restrictions Jerilderie • Water main flushing
Preparing Council's digital artwork (promoting activities and initiatives and COVID-19 impacts)	9 x social media tiles

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Co-ordinating Council's online presence (social media), including Council announcements and positions vacant and also promoting community events and announcements. This includes Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.	Facebook analytics: An average of 5 posts per day, 39 new likes in April (total of 1,256). 6,634 engaged users (increase of 103% on March). Organic reach of 41,867 people (increase of 54% on March). Instagram: 265 followers (18 new followers), 74% female, 79% aged 25-54.
Co-ordinating Council's online presence (Website), including improvements, administration and maintenance.	Ongoing – continual process of updating, reviewing and adding new material. Liaising with provider to make improvements. Website traffic (Google Analytics): 2,335 users. Page views: 7,214.
Advertisements	April Mayoral Message 3 x Council advertisements 2 x Facebook ad campaigns
Grant applications	None
Community issues and questions	Responding to messages received on Council's social media channels (5 messenger comments, 3 Facebook)
Assisting with business/tourism promotion	Proof 1 x e-newsletter
Attending formal meetings	3 x Management Group 2 x MLHD 1 x Council meeting
Representing Council at community events	None
Administration	Budget costings for communications Reviewing policies x 4

10. Movements

Annual leave 5 days – July/August/September?

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

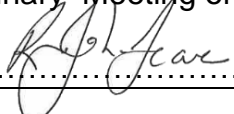
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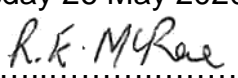
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FINANCIAL

N/A

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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

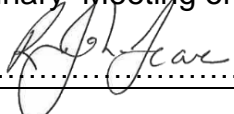
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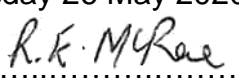
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Attachment # 1: COVID 19 Action Plan updated 20 May 2020

Attachment # 2: Tender Documents/Plans Brolga Place Coleambally

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ITEM NO. 4 – LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	14 May 2020
Author:	Consultant Town Planner – Habitat Planning
File #:	SC98
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting of 25 February 2020 it was resolved to place the draft Murrumbidgee Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) on public exhibition for 28 days. This exhibition period concluded on 5 May 2020.

During the exhibition period, six (6) submissions were received from Government agencies and public authorities. No submissions were received from members of the public.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **The Murrumbidgee Local Strategic Planning Statement (as amended) be adopted by Council.**
2. **A copy of the final Murrumbidgee Local Strategic Planning Statement be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment to be published on the NSW Planning Portal.**

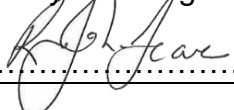
BACKGROUND

Following amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) in 2018, all Councils are required to prepare an LSPS. The purpose of the LSPS is to establish a 20-year vision for land use planning in the Local Government area based on the special characteristics which contribute to local identity, shared community values and how changes are to be managed.

The State Government's rationale for requiring an LSPS is to shift the NSW planning system into a strategic-led planning framework that provides a connection between the key strategic priorities identified at a regional spatial scale and those at the local level. For Murrumbidgee, this means linking the State Government's *Riverina Murray Strategic Plan 2036* (introduced in 2017) with local strategic planning.

Four key themes were identified to support the implementation of the LSPS consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan and the Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2036:

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- Built environment;
- Natural environment;
- Infrastructure;
- Economic growth.

The preparation of the LSPS requires community consultation and this has been undertaken with attendance at community gatherings in the three townships, as well as formal public exhibition.

OFFICER COMMENT

The LSPS has no statutory role in the day-to-day administration of Council's planning function, but will inform the new Strategic Land Use Plan and Local Environmental Plan for the amalgamated Council area.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Section 3.9(1) of the EP&A Act requires all Councils to prepare a LSPS and review it at least every seven years.

Section 3.9(2) of the EP&A Act requires the LSPS to include:

- a) the basis for strategic planning in the area, having regard to economic, social and environmental matters,
- b) the planning priorities for the area that are consistent with any strategic plan applying to the area,
- c) the actions required for achieving those planning priorities,
- d) the basis on which the Council is to monitor and report on the implementation of those actions

Section 3.9(3) of the EP&A Act makes provision for "*Councillors of a ward are to be given a reasonable opportunity to participate in the preparation of the provisions of the statement that deal with the ward*" and endorsed by those Councillors.

Section 3.9(5) of the EP&A Act requires the LSPS to be published on the NSW Planning Portal.

Section 3.33 of the EP&A Act requires the LSPS must be taken into account by Council when considering or preparing a Planning Proposal to amend a Local Environmental Plan.

The final LSPS has to be adopted by Council by 1 July 2020.

FINANCIAL

The LSPS has been prepared externally by planning consultants Habitat Planning at Council's cost. The budget for the task is part of Habitat Planning's ongoing provision of higher-level planning services to Council.

The cost of implementing the LSPS will depend on whether Council opts to undertake any of the recommended actions.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 2.1 Protecting existing natural environments for future generations

2.1.1 – Ensure the conservation of the Council's natural beauty and ecology for future generations and visitor attractions.

Strategy 2.3 Maintaining a balance between growth, development and environmental protection.

2.3.1 – Stimulate the conservation of important heritage assets of Murrumbidgee Council.

2.3.2 – Encourage and support sustainable land use, planning and development.

2.5.3 – Ensure best practice public and environmental health controls.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Preparation of an LSPS is a requirement of the EP&A Act, failure to do so would result in non-compliance.

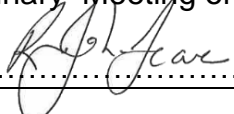
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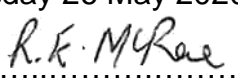
The draft LSPS was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days on Council's website and in the local newspapers. A media release was also distributed.

Six (6) submissions were received during the exhibition period from Government agencies and public authorities. Agencies to respond included:

- Cancer Council NSW (2 submissions)
- Transport for NSW
- Heritage NSW
- Planning, Industry & Environment – Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)
- Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture Division

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All Government agencies and public authorities generally supported the recommendations contained within the draft LSPS. Where appropriate, the LSPS has been amended to address specific issues raised in submissions.

It is noted that both Heritage NSW and BCD (formerly OEH) requested Council undertake a European heritage study/review of current heritage listings and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study to inform the preparation of Council's consolidated Local Environmental Plan. Similarly, BCD also requested, amongst other things, the preparation of a biodiversity strategy, a review of current biodiversity mapping, as well as the identification of offset areas and promotion of biodiversity certification of new development areas or spot rezoning sites.

These matters will be further considered as part of Council's strategic planning process.

Given the relatively defined area of future development and growth, being generally limited to the three main townships and their immediate surrounds, it is recommended that both heritage and biodiversity investigations be limited to these areas. This will still achieve the outcomes sought by the relevant Government agencies but will be focussed on the areas likely to be subject to future development.

It is noted that there are already safeguards in place as part of the planning system that ensure appropriate consideration is made of heritage and biodiversity impacts in development. These include the *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*, the *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* for rural areas and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017* for urban areas.

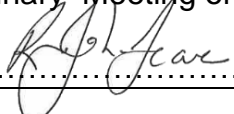
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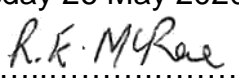
No option, as preparation of an LSPS is a requirement of the EP&A Act.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 3: Draft Murrumbidgee Local Strategic Planning Statement (as exhibited)

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ITEM NO. 5 – COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	18 May 2020
Author:	Sue Mitchell – Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC136
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council allocates \$20,000 for Community Grants.

RECOMMENDATION

That funding recipients under the 2019/20 Community Grants Program be determined.

BACKGROUND

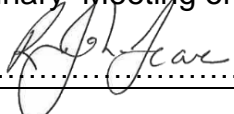
Council advertised for applications from community organisations seeking financial assistance under Council's Community Grant Program. Fourteen (14) applications were received as at the closing date of 15 May 2020, for a total requested amount of \$26,011. The maximum grant amount advertised for each application for 2019/20 is \$2,000.

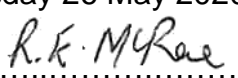
The Community Grant guidelines state that Council may offer a grant of less than the amount requested. Council must now determine which grants are to be approved, and whether they be for the amount requested or a lesser amount.

Following is a summary of applications received for community grants 2019/20 for Council determination:

	Organisation	Amount Requested	Purpose
1	Coleambally Central School P&C	\$1,870.00	School Uniforms
2	Coleambally/Darlington Point Junior Rugby League	\$1,941.00	Training and safety equipment
3	Country Education Foundation of Coleambally-Darlington Point Inc.	\$2,000.00	Education grants

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4	Coleambally Preschool Assoc. Inc.	\$ 900.00	Outdoor Kitchen
5	Cypress View Lodge	\$2,000.00	Internet Server
6	Darlington Point Landcare	\$2,000.00	Replanting of trees
7	Darlington Point Public School P&C Association	\$2,000.00	Darlington Point Public School Breakfast Club
8	Jerilderie Apex Club	\$2,000.00	Install solar lighting at Jerilderie Racecourse
9	Jerilderie District Race Club	\$2,000.00	Install solar lighting at Jerilderie Racecourse
10	Jerilderie Preschool & Kindergarten Inc.	\$2,000.00	Smart Board
11	Riverina Classic Catch and Release Fishing Competition	\$2,000.00	Fingerlings
12	St Joseph's Primary School Jerilderie Social & Fundraising Committee	\$1,300.00	Build compost area for vegetable garden and oiling of timber cubbies
13	St Peter's Primary School Coleambally	\$2,000.00	Goal posts for sporting field
14	Taste Coleambally Food and Farm Festival	\$2,000.00	Colour Run and 50 Mile Meal

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

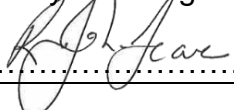
Community Grants has a budget of \$20,000.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Operational Plan

1.3.5 Strengthen community pride through honours and awards nominations and ensure Council-provided grants and in-Kind support is efficiently and equitably distributed to support community and sporting groups efforts and activities.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Grants advertised in local papers and on Council website and facebook.

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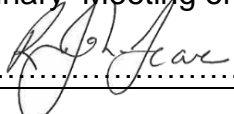
Funding recipients under the 2019/20 Community Grants Program be determined, with:

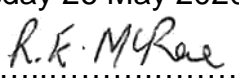
1. Fourteen (14) organisations to receive requested funding, or a lesser amount, under the Community Grants Program, up to \$20,000.
2. Applications to be awarded in order of merit up to a total of \$20,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 4 : Fourteen (14) grant applications.

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ITEM NO. 6 – COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY FUND

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	18 May 2020
Author:	Sue Mitchell – Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC136
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Coleambally Solar Farm is committed to contributing to the Riverina region by providing financial support to community groups to build capacity and grow the region.

Coleambally Solar Farm (CSF) commits to provide \$20,000 each calendar year to the Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund to provide support to local projects that benefit and strengthen the Riverina region and align with certain community growth focus areas. \$10,000 each year will be distributed to the Murrumbidgee Community Experimental/Demonstration Farm and \$10,000 will be distributed to projects through an open and competitive program.

RECOMMENDATION

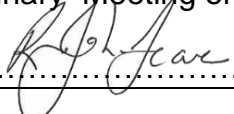
That recommendations for funding recipients under the 2020 Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund be determined by Council and presented to Coleambally Solar Pty Ltd.

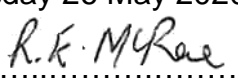
BACKGROUND

Council has a Memorandum of Understanding with Coleambally Solar Pty Ltd in regard to the establishment, facilitation and operation of the Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund. Council is responsible for managing, facilitating, advertising, marketing and any other management activities in respect of the CSF Community Fund. Council is also to provide recommendations to Coleambally Solar Farm Pty Ltd as to which applications should receive funding, providing copies of those applications to CSF.

Council advertised for applications from community organisations seeking financial assistance under the Community Fund. At the close of applications on 15 May 2020, eight (8) applications had been received for a total requested amount of up to \$22,800, with \$10,000 available for distribution.

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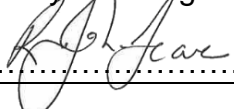
Applications for grants of between \$500 and \$3,000 will be awarded to projects:


- (a) based on merit, skills and expertise, and taking into account diverse representation of views and backgrounds. Coleambally Solar Fund will give consideration to factors such as gender, abilities, age and cultural background; and
- (b) which align with at least one of the following community growth areas:
 - (i) Environmental sustainability – inspiring participation, development and uptake of new technologies and ideas;
 - (ii) Health and wellbeing – contributing to improved health and wellbeing outcomes in regional communities;
 - (iii) Strong connected communities – community participation, involvement and connection;
 - (iv) Sport and recreation – increasing participation in sport and recreational activities;
 - (v) Arts and culture – fostering creativity and connection in the community through art and culture;
 - (vi) Skills, education and training – addressing local skills development and adding value to educational opportunities.

Following is a summary of applications received for the Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund for 2020, and this is now presented to Council for recommendation:

	Organisation	Amount Requested	Purpose
1	Coleambally Central School P&C	\$3,000.00	Covered Outdoor Learning Area
2	Country Education Foundation of Coleambally-Darlington Point Inc.	\$3,000.00	Education grants
3	Cypress View Lodge	\$3,000.00	Server Hardware and Licensing
4	Jerilderie Apex Club	\$3,000.00	Install solar lighting at Jerilderie Racecourse
5	Jerilderie Preschool & Kindergarten Inc.	\$3,000.00	Smart Board
6	St Joseph's Primary School Jerilderie Social & Fundraising Committee	\$3,000.00	Expand vegetable garden, including garden shed and chicken coop
7	St Peter's Primary School Coleambally	\$3,000.00	Goal posts for sporting field
8	Taste Coleambally Food and Farm Festival	\$1,800.00	Advertising in Murrumbidgee Trails

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Coleambally Solar Farm Pty Ltd will provide funds to Murrumbidgee Council to distribute.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Memorandum of Understanding

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Grants advertised in local papers and on Council website and facebook.

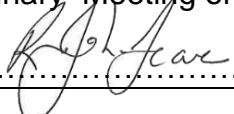
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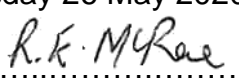
That recommendations for funding recipients under the 2020 Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund be determined and presented to Coleambally Solar Farm Pty Ltd, as detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 5: Eight (8) applications for Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund grants.

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 7 - MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	15 May 2020
Author:	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Secretary
File #:	SC130
Approval:	Chair, Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

1. Present Mr David Maxwell (Chair); Councillor Gaila Smith, Mr John Burge, Mayor Ruth McRae, General Manager, Mr John Scarce, Finance Manager, Mrs Vicki Sutton and Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia.

Welcome to Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia. Brad has replaced Dannielle MacKenzie on the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

2. Apologies Mrs Raylene Slade

Moved the apology from Raylene Slade be accepted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest – NIL
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting 17 February 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

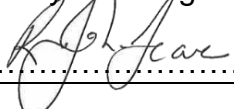
CARRIED


5. Business Arising

Murrumbidgee Council Internal Audit & Risk Management Framework for Local Councils in NSW

The contents of the Murrumbidgee Council submission to Office of Local Government dated 18 December 2019 regarding Internal Audit & Risk

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Management Framework for Local Councils in NSW was discussed and some discrepancies noted.

Moved: John Burge

Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

6. Annual Financial Statements & External Audit

6.1 Auditor's Reports to the Annual Financial Statements – general purpose statements, special purpose statements, rates permissible income, Report on the Conduct of the Audit - (audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2019, were adopted by Council at its meeting of 24 March 2020)

Brad Bohun spoke on the standard suite of Auditor's Reports provided. Key report is Conduct of the Audit.

Brad answered questions put to him by members of the Committee.

Mayor McRae asked Brad how auditors felt Council performance is overall, ie satisfactory, improved, etc. He advised the key messages to take away are:

- Council received a clean audit opinion which says accounts are true and fair.
- Health of Council - Council reported a surplus operating result which was better than previous year, however grants impacted on the result.
- Solvency/Unrestricted cash
- Governance journey
- Resourcing inside Finance Team

The Auditor's Reports to the Annual Financial Statements – general purpose statements, special purpose statements, rates permissible income, Report on the Conduct of the Audit - (audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2019, be received and noted.

Moved: John Burge

Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

6.2 Audit Office – Engagement Closing Report

Councillor Smith – page 5 highlighted Council resourcing. If Councillors are to be responsible for signing off on financial reports, staff resourcing needs to be addressed. Informed it is being managed, yet it remains a significant issue and Auditors have highlighted their concerns. This matter has also been raised at Council meetings.

The General Manager advised that reference checks were currently being undertaken for the appointment of an Accountant.

The Engagement Closing Report be received and noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

6.3 Audit Office of NSW - Final Management Letter

The Letter on the Final Phase of the Audit be received and noted, and uncompleted new issues be transferred to the Audit Follow Up Matrix.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

6.4 Audit Office – Annual Engagement Plan/Audit Strategy

The Audit Office Annual Engagement Plan/Audit Strategy be received and noted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

7 Internal Audit

7.1 Expressions of Interest for Internal Audit

Still to be advertised – has been on hold awaiting outcome of discussions with RAMJO Executive and member Councils. The RAMJO model would be Council's preferred option. Panel appointment may provide a flexible option.

The Committee accept Management's undertaking that it will advertise promptly the Expression of Interest for Internal Audit.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

Brad Bohun departed the meeting.

7.2 Development of an Internal Audits Schedule

No action at this date.

7.3 Data Conversion Report

The Data Conversion Report be received and noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

8 Other Reports

8.1 Statecover WHS Action Plan - No Plan provided.

8.2 Statewide Mutual Continuous Improvement Workbook (self audit) – no update.

8.3 Development of Organisational Risk Management Register – Summary Report – To be developed with Statewide Mutual

Committee requests a report on progress from WHS Officer Raylene Slade to next meeting.

8.4 Office of Local Government Circular 20-12/17 April 2020/A696830 – Modification of Statutory Requirements in response to the COIVD-19 Pandemic.

The Office of Local Government Circular 20-12/17 April 2020/A696830 – Modification of Statutory Requirements in response to the COIVD-19 Pandemic be received and noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

8.5 Any other reports – NIL

8.6 GM confidential report (verbal)

The General Manager's verbal report be noted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

9 ARIC Operations

9.1 Audit follow-up matrix – The Committee discussed the Audit follow-up matrix and noted slippage arising from the problems of the past year and coronavirus.

The Audit Committee follow-up matrix be received and noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

10 General Business

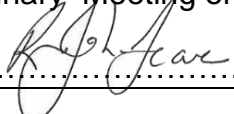
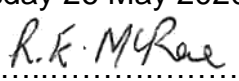
Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Charter – 3.1.2 Attendees non voting, Mayor (ex-officio), General Manager, Finance Manager.

11 Next Meeting Friday 7 August 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.56am.

David Maxwell
Chairperson

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.....General Manager .....Mayor

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 8 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – APRIL 2020

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	15 May 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 30 April 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 30 April 2020.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 30 April 2020 was \$25,525,434.68, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$1,468,768.63.

Investments: As at 30 April 2020, Council's total invested funds were \$24,056,666.05. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 1.30%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (60.56%), IMB Ltd (15.91%) and ANZ (9.02%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

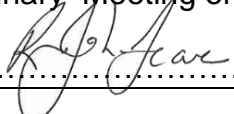
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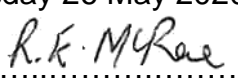
I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 April 2020;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

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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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

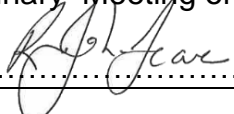
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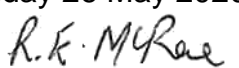
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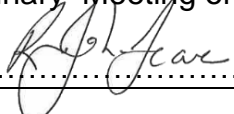
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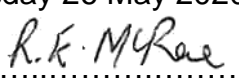
.....General Manager

.....Mayor

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2019-20	2018-19
	Consolidated	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 31 MARCH 2020	518,981.86	3,574,597.70
ADD - Receipts - 30 April 2020	1,775,956.08	655,660.06
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	3,267,337.52	695,234.85
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	50.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-274.95	-2,504.93
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-2,468,993.15	-1,722,277.54
LESS - Payroll	-492,007.29	-343,581.05
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-1,125,414.82	
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-1,713.86	-1,726.61
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Investments	0.00	-1,087,255.54
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-4,393.56	-4,743.39
LESS - Fuel Card	-379.62	-948.50
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-329.58	-1,249.60
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2020	1,468,768.63	1,761,255.45
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2020	200,853.73	201,555.99
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	1,270,092.90	1,563,385.66
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-2,178.00	-2,762.20
LESS Outstanding Autopay	0.00	-924.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2020	1,468,768.63	1,761,255.45
Add Investments	24,056,666.05	28,774,874.90
Total Cash and Investments	25,525,434.68	30,536,130.35
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	156,405.76	203,199.23
Water Fund	2,275,457.67	1,708,801.13
Sewer Fund	4,102,118.81	3,511,723.13
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	926,508.08	2,116,228.94
Plant Reserve	1,518,069.00	1,608,792.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,468,000.00	1,466,868.00
Infrastructure Reserve	3,141,713.00	3,063,581.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	440,720.00	0.00
New Council Implementation Fund	723,225.68	1,127,030.25
Stronger Communities Fund	10,233,969.78	12,560,193.28
General Fund	840,892.90	3,095,909.39

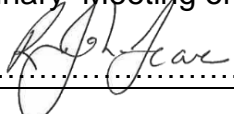
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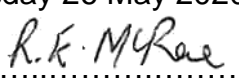
 General Manager

 Mayor

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS				
30 APRIL 2020				
Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	1,003,991.78	1.25%	09-Jun-20	26/20
St George	503,826.71	1.56%	03-May-20	24/20
Bendigo	1,057,655.89	1.45%	22-May-20	25/20
NAB	505,903.40	1.47%	14-Jun-20	27/20
NAB	911,839.78	1.00%	28-Aug-20	32/20
IMB Ltd	509,161.49	1.25%	09-Jul-20	29/20
ANZ-Les Wallis	45,762.64	1.00%	25-Jun-20	28/20
St George	509,924.36	1.05%	18-Jul-20	30/20
IMB Ltd	506,217.28	1.20%	20-Jul-20	31/20
SUNCORP	1,059,171.79	1.50%	02-Jun-20	23/20
IMB Ltd	606,702.45	1.55%	06-May-20	20
IMB Ltd	300,000.00	1.55%	12-May-20	21
Bendigo	605,795.28	1.45%	10-Jun-20	26
Bendigo	804,418.63	1.55%	09-Jun-20	28
ANZ	500,000.00	1.05%	06-Jul-20	29
ANZ	815,710.49	1.03%	22-Jul-20	30
Bendigo	300,000.00	1.20%	16-Jun-20	35
IMB Ltd	401,495.89	1.20%	23-Jul-20	36
Bendigo	3,500,000.00	1.25%	16-Sep-20	38
ANZ	809,088.19	1.40%	23-May-20	39
Bendigo	2,300,000.00	1.50%	16-Aug-20	40
Bendigo	1,000,000.00	1.00%	16-Jul-20	42
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	1.50%	27-May-20	44
Bendigo	5,000,000.00	1.30%	16-Nov-20	45
Total Investments	24,056,666.05			
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.31%		
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.30%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	1.30%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,059,171.79	4.40%		
ANZ	2,170,561.32	9.02%		
Bendigo	14,567,869.80	60.56%		
IMB Ltd	3,827,568.89	15.91%		
NAB	1,417,743.18	5.89%		
St George	1,013,751.07	4.21%		
TOTAL	24,056,666.05	100%		

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 General Manager

 Mayor

ITEM NO. 9 – TIDDALIK WETLAND LAND CLASSIFICATION

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	12 May 2020
Author:	Manager Planning and Environment
File #:	SC84 / SC94
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Reporting on the steps that need to be undertaken to change the classification of part of the land that comprises the Tiddalik Wetland so as to permit a public road.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Tiddalik Wetland Land Classification Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Tiddalik Wetland and Bird Sanctuary is situated on Lot 20 DP 845355, which has an area of 1.97 ha. Originally Crown land - part portion 136 - it was resumed in 1960, under the Public Works Act 1912 for works in connection with the Coleambally Irrigation Area and vested in the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission. There is a transfer notice dated 6/12/1993, and it is thought that this is the date Murrumbidgee Council acquired the land.

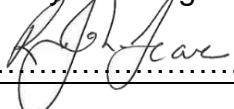
With the coming into force of the 1993 Local Government Act from July of that year, all public land vested in the Council, not being roads, were automatically classified as community land, including Lot 20.

Lot 20 was developed as a drainage detention basin in association with the adjacent stage 1 Barwidgee housing estate because it contained a depression as a result of soil that was taken from the land to build and form the subdivision.

In 2001, with Government funding and supported by the Tiddalik Management Wetlands Committee, the basin was redesigned as a constructed wetland and planted with 10,000 trees.

Council has recently indicated its desire to construct a public road through Lot 20 to connect Young Street and Britts Road, and the current village zoning allows a road to be developed on the land without the need to obtain development consent.

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There are two possibilities for the road to be dedicated and constructed as a public road:

1. Utilising section 47F of the Local Government Act which allows community land to be dedicated as a public road; or
2. By first reclassifying land as operational land under section 27 of the Local Government Act, 1993, then subdividing the land and, through that process, dedicating the land as a public road by registering the plan of subdivision with the Registrar General's office.

Section 27 of the Local Government Act specifies that dependant on the circumstances of the case, land may be reclassified by either making of a Local Environmental Plan or by a resolution of the Council.

OFFICER COMMENT

1. **Section 47F of the Local Government Act** is enabling legislation associated with section 10 of the Roads Act where land can be dedicated as a public road purely by a notice in the Government Gazette.

However this method can only be used when:

- a) The road is necessary to facilitate enjoyment of the land as a wetland;
- b) The Council has considered other ways of accessing the wetland apart from a new road;
- c) There is a Plan of Management which expressly permits the proposed public road.

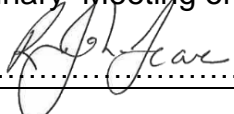
The road is unnecessary for the enjoyment of the land as a wetland and the site has access from both Young Street and Britts Road. There is no Plan of Management for the wetland. Although a draft plan was reported and submitted to the Council on two previous occasions, the Plan was apparently never adopted by the Council. The Council instead resolved that the wetland be further considered as part of the future strategic planning for Darlington Point.

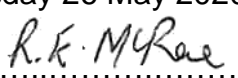
As a matter of interest, the draft plan expressly restricts general vehicular access to the site (apart from for maintenance purposes) and identified other facilities yet to be provided on a staged basis on the site.

The reasons above preclude section 47 being implemented to dedicate a connector road through Lot 20.

2. **Reclassifying the community land as operational to allow disposal or dedication for another purpose.** There are two options to reclassify the land as operational and whether a Council resolution is sufficient or whether a new Local Environmental Plan is required, depends on the circumstances of the case-particularly the date when Council actually acquired the land and how the community land is used, managed or encumbered.

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Community land must be managed in accordance with:

- Any Plan of Management applying to it;
- Any other relevant law or regulation;
- Section 35 of the Local Government Act.

As mentioned, there is no adopted Plan of Management and there appears to be no other relevant law or regulation restricting the proposed road to be constructed on the site (surprisingly, given its historic and current drainage function, the land has not been reserved for drainage purposes).

Section 35 of the Local Government Act requires community land to be managed in accordance with its categorisation. In this case the purpose is for a constructed wetland for drainage detention. The objectives for management of community land categorised as a wetland are to protect biodiversity and ecological values, to restore and rehabilitate degraded land and to facilitate community education of the values and uses of wetlands.

The use of part of the land as a public road is therefore contrary to the use and potential categorisation as a wetland, and should Council wish to develop the road then the land in the first instance does need to be reclassified as operational land.

In my opinion Council could make a resolution to reclassify the site as operational land and does not need to make a Local Environmental Plan to do this.

This is because it appears that Council acquired the land after July 1993 which then became community land and there appears to be no Act, instrument, dealing or encumbrance that restricts the use of part of the land as a public road.

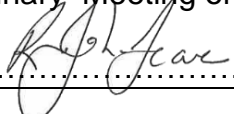
Prior to any such resolution the Council would need to, in accordance with section 34, publicly notify the proposal to reclassify the land and invite public submissions during an exhibition period of 28 days.

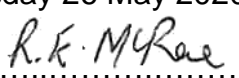
Once the land was classified as operational land then Council would have the ability to dispose of it or use it in any way in accordance with the law.

After a survey, Lot 20 would need to be subdivided in accordance with the proposed road alignment and that part dedicated as a public road. The dedication would occur upon the registration of the plan of subdivision in the office of the Registrar General.

Various assumptions have been made in this report as a result of some difficulty in obtaining file documentation and records of the previous subdivision approvals from Council's land register.

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The assumptions are:

- The Council acquired the land after 1 July 1993;
- The land has not been encumbered or reserved in any way to restrict development of a public road;
- The land has not been set aside as part of any development contribution as part of the Barwidgee subdivision;
- There are no limitations on the use or disposal of Lot 20 as a result of obtaining Government funding for the constructed wetland.

Should any of the assumptions be proved invalid or uncertain, then the reclassification of the land would require the making of a Local Environmental Plan and a public hearing. This process could be achieved under the current strategic planning process for the current land use study and the consolidation of Council's Local Environmental Plan.

The following matters are also aspects that Council may wish to consider:

- There appears to be no traffic impact assessment for the Young Street subdivision that recommends local road network upgrading or other works. This assessment would be required to be submitted with the development application for the revised subdivision layout. The necessity for the public connector road would be best examined after considering any recommendations from that assessment.
- Even though a development application is not required to permit the development of a road on Lot 20 (Tiddalik), the environmental impacts of the proposal are still required to be considered under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. This is normally done through preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors to verify that the proposal can be carried out with minimal environmental impacts.
- The stormwater drainage impacts of the proposal would need to be considered and deemed acceptable.

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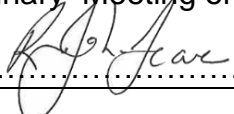
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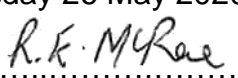
STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The Local Government Act 1993 provides how community land must be classified and used including how community land can be dedicated for the purpose of a public road.

Section 9 of the Roads Act prescribes how a public road can be created by registration of a plan. Section 10 of the Roads Act provides how Council may

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publish a notice in the Government Gazette and dedicate land as a public road under Division 1 or 2 of Part 12.

Section 47F of the Local Government Act provides that community land cannot be dedicated as a public road by notice in the Government Gazette when there is no plan of management for community land and other restrictions.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 governs the making of a Local Environmental Plan for the reclassification of land.

FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications of this report as it represents information only and does not propose works to be carried out.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Delivery Programme

2.3 Maintaining a Balance between Growth, Development and Environmental Protection

Strategy 2.3.2 - Encourage and support sustainable land use, planning and development

2.5 Protecting and Managing Waterways and Catchments

Strategy 3.5.3 Manage stormwater in line with the agreed priorities

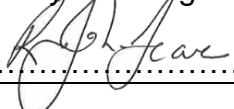
Note:

1. Constructed wetlands and other sustainable water initiatives such as biofilters are part of standard water sensitive urban design practices. These practices are implemented by most Councils and Water Authorities in NSW and would normally form part of the Council's Integrated Water Management Strategy and land use planning guidelines. Adopted measures promote social, economic and environmental sustainability and good corporate governance in line with the quadruple bottom line.
2. Council's strategic planning process is underway and Council, if it wishes, has the opportunity to consider the future of Tiddalik through this process.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The assumptions should be tested in this report to ensure that a Council resolution can be made to reclassify the land. Otherwise proceedings can be taken against the Council.

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Council may wish to consult the Tiddalik Wetlands Management about the proposal to identify any potential issues or trade-offs that might be investigated early in the planning process.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Management Group

OPTIONS

1. That the information contained in this report be noted.
2. Any other resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 10 – FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT – APRIL 2020

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 5 May 2020
Author: Finance Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Finance Manager during April 2020.

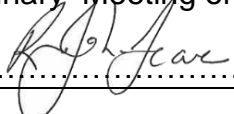
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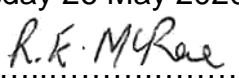
The information contained in the Finance Manager’s Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Description	Action
Meetings	4 x Management Group
	1 x Civica
	1 x Council
	1 x Audit Risk & Improvement
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Monthly Cash & Investments
	Quarterly Budget Review
	Request for Assistance - Hilltop
	Covid-19 Hardship Policy
	Rates & Annual Charges Collection
	Loan Borrowings
	Stronger Communities Fund
	New Council Implementation Fund
	Manager Report
Preparation of financial data	Monthly grant expenditure reviews
	Transport for NSW monthly grant expenditure report
	Rural Fire Services Hazard Reduction Grant
	Mid Murray Zone RFS Hazard Reduction funding application 2019/20
Policies	Investigate and prepare Covid-19 Hardship Policy

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Audit Preparation	Co-ordinate 2019/20 audit schedule with NSW Audit Office and representatives from Crowe. Authorise responses for Management Letter. Source and provide information to external auditors in preparation for 2019/20 audit visits.
Grant Funded Projects	Prepare advice of all current grant funding for distribution to Councillors
Grant Funding Application	Prepare and submit grant funding application for Showgrounds Stimulus Fund
Tenders	Assist with preparation of Request for Tenders for Coleambally Sports Precinct
Prepare Council purchase orders	Advise various staff and prepare orders for grant works expenditures.
Provision of financial advice	Liaise with staff in order to provide financial advice regarding budgets, grants and reserves
Review and authorise payments	Undertake review of payments made to staff and creditors and authorise and undertake bank transfers

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

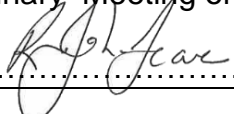
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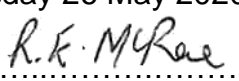
Strategy 5.1 – Transparent leadership, sustainability, accountability and community representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

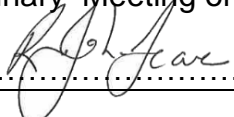
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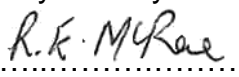
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ITEM NO. 11 – MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT– MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 18 May 2020
Author: Manager Planning and Environment
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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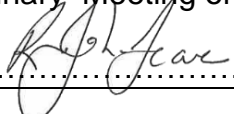
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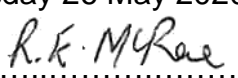
The information contained in the Manager, Corporate & Community Services Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Period from 18 April to 18 May 2020	
Meetings (Management)	3 x Management Group 3 x Planning & Environment Team
Other Meetings/Inspections	5 x development site inspection and enquires, 1 x building inspection, 1 x unauthorised construction
Legislation reviews	3 webinars- biodiversity and planning grants
Complaints	4 - drainage, car junkyard, noise industry, illegal parking and 1 x Order
Consultant	3 x fee review and work progress and general liaison
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	1
Telephone and site inspection and advice	Industrial shed, Exempt and 2 x Complying Development Code State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), Vegetation SEPP and clearing, hazardous industry SEPP, 4 x road proposal, building repair and demolition, structural engineers requirement, menacing and dangerous dogs orders, relocatable dwelling and buildings
Coleambally Lake	No action apart from biodiversity certification investigation for LEP

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Review	Plumbing and inspection checklists, 1 x application subdivision works, 3 x Policy review, old fence and setback policies, conditions of consent DCP, road closure, Tiddalik Wetland and community to operational review, Young Street subdivision development history and current requirements, road construction and road closures, draft floor report
Administration and Management	Working remotely framework - planning, legislation advice, kangaroo permit, sewage and bush fire spatial data, Delivery Program, noise permit public event, LSPS, notification, review historical approvals, files and land transfer
Assessments	DA – fence variation, 4 x DA, 1 x CC, neighbour notification, sign, heritage and conservation area and impacts, subdivision, bushfire assessment subdivision, Wormtech and Rivcott expansion and proposed subdivision
External liaison	Crown Lands, private certifier, legal x 2, Rural Fire Service, Office of Environment and Heritage
Community engagement	Land Use Survey, newsletter - plumbing reactive soils
Projects	Waste audit and landfill environmental management plan
Compliance and complaints	Drainage - roof water and runoff, industrial noise, illegal parking, operating hours, unauthorised development, unauthorised development and construction,

SUSTAINABILITY

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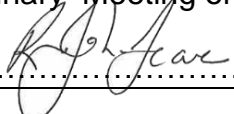
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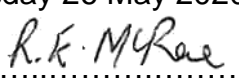
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INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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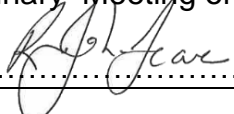
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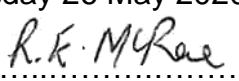
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**ITEM NO. 12 – MANAGER, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES –
MONTHLY REPORT**

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 18 May 2020
Author: Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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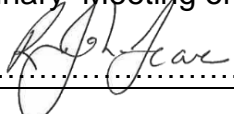
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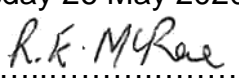
The information contained in the Manager, Corporate & Community Services Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	Management Group Meetings via videolink Council Meeting
Training	Women In Leadership Online Training Civica Authority Administration Training Civica Authority Rates Training
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report Community Grants Coleambally Solar Farm Community Grants
Preparation of Data	Working with Veritech to organise additional staff to be able to work from home and changes required for Darlington Point office renovations.
Community Services	Home Modifications – minor modifications carried out. Home Maintenance – minor maintenance being carried out. Community Transport – Weekly bus to Griffith has been put on hold. Only urgent community transport being undertaken at present time.

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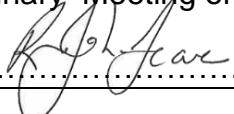
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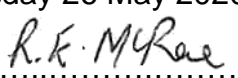
	Community Transport Bus – Wagga trips have been put on hold.
	Meals on Wheels – no centre-based meals, home deliveries to clients – increase in number of frozen meals delivered.
	Respite Groups – Weekly functions have been put on hold. Coordinators have developed a craft program for clients that can be done at home and are contacting clients regularly to check on their welfare.
	Coordinators delivered 40 “care packages” provided by Octopus Investments (Darlington Point Solar Farm) to vulnerable households in Darlington Point and Coleambally.
Library	Although the library is closed, the librarians have been placing orders on-line, returning items, cataloguing as well as organising home deliveries on each Wednesday and Friday. The library staff have developed plans to deal with social distancing requirements when the Library is able to re-open.
Drought Support Officer	Information as below

Drought Support Officer Report

- “Budgeting Masterclass” online sessions have been booked to begin 27 May and will follow weekly for 3 weeks. We have had enough interest to run these workshops online - 20 participants registered. Carmen uses various platforms through her work at Charles Sturt University in Wagga to present sessions so we are confident we can be successful delivering them online. We are hoping that by the final sessions Carmel may be able to come to our area and do one face to face and discuss any concerns/questions the participants may have.
- I have also been in contact with Faith Rogers of Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) about delivering some Mental Health workshops. There are a variety available for different scenarios:
 - Community Support Skills
 - Workplace Support Skills
 - Heavy Industry Support Skills
 - Wellbeing and You
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - Volunteer Wellbeing
 - Getting Through the Dry

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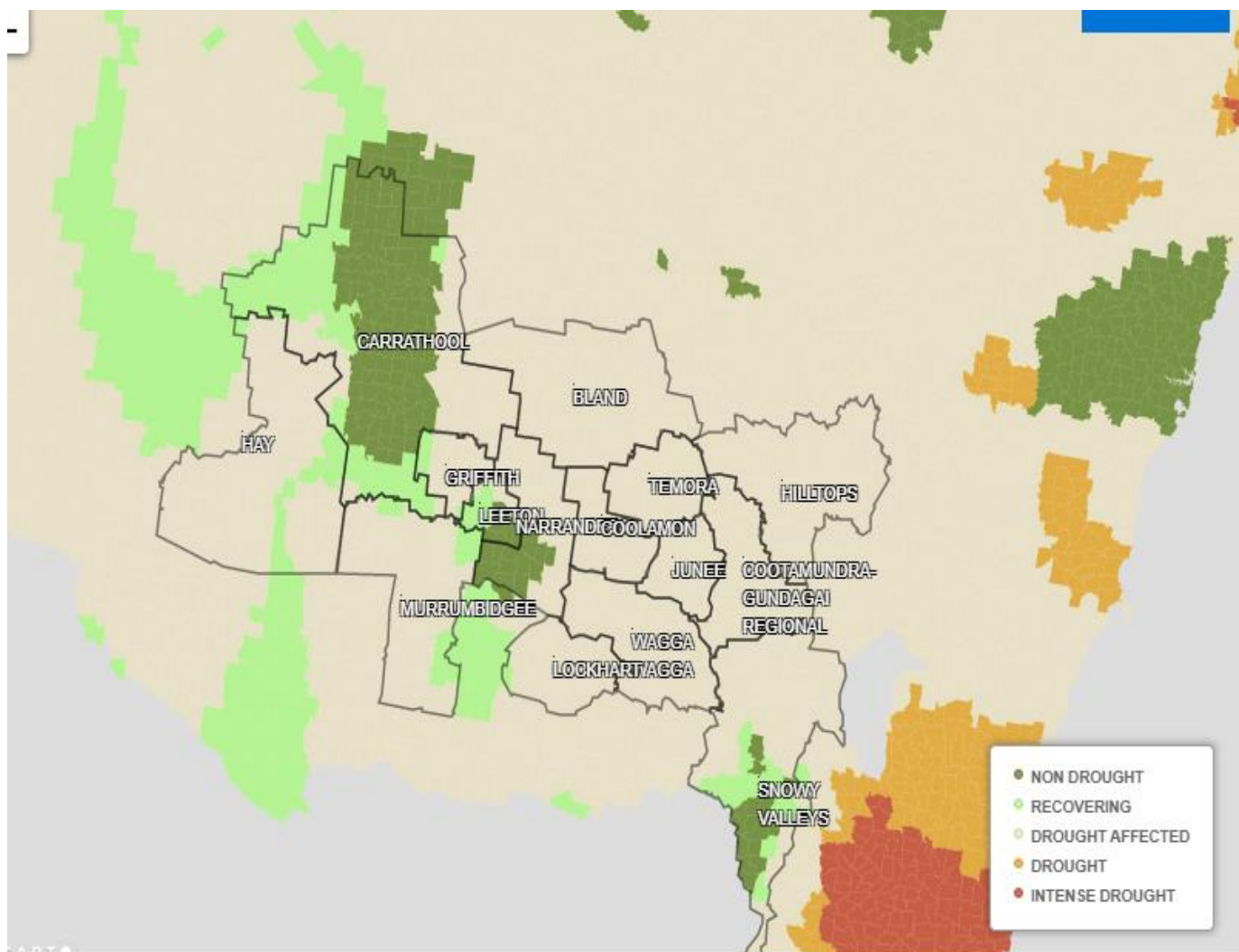
Getting through the Dry” would be the one I would be looking at doing. I thought maybe Human Resources would also be interested to run a staff group day/s in the future considering the current climate. I have spoken to people at other organisations that have participated in some of the programs, and they say they were quite beneficial and well received by everyone.

- Emails were sent out updating our community on the current Drought Assistance as at May 2020. The Government has contributed another \$310m to ongoing support. It was good to see an update as Drought Policy/Assistance has been pushed into the back space as fires and COVID-19 have taken centre- stage. Also if people haven't claimed the \$3000 one-off payment through Vinnies, the Government announced another \$15m towards this, and increased the amount of LGA's that were included.
- Drought Transport Subsidy – Claims for Round 1 funding are now closed. Farmers who applied for the Drought Transport Subsidy in the 2018/19 financial year (R1) are now able to apply for an additional \$50,000 for invoices dated between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
- Farmers who did not apply for the Drought Transport Subsidy prior to 30 June 2019 (R1), can apply for a maximum subsidy of \$50,000 for invoices dated from 1 January 2018 - 30 June 2020. The previous \$40,000 is unavailable now R1 closed.
- Alan from Solutions4All Building Better Regions has been working with us to develop a program to visit schools and our community. Alan has contacted me since the last meeting and has had his grant monies extended due to COVID-19 so is looking at running this in the second half of this year, COVID-19 permitting.

FROM PREVIOUS REPORT - ONGOING

- I have been in talks with Active Farmers regarding a Guest Speaker to present at their final morning. Due to Coronavirus this event has been postponed.
- Art in the Park at Darlington Point is still in the works, but again seeing what comes of Corona virus restrictions. Delayed until allowed to meet in a crowd outside.
- I have been collating a folder with all the events, associated expenses, original invoices, proof of advertising and attendance numbers, so when it is time to finalise the grant all information required from my events are available. I received an email this week regarding the independent audit of the grant and spreadsheets that are required to be completed by the auditors.
- I will also be speaking to AGDATA Aust. regarding Phoenix accounting package training - particularly focusing on Single Touch Payroll (the need for this training was brought to my attention by the Rural Financial Counsellor). They were going to be in our area during May, Agdata is

restricted now coming from QLD but I will try to organize a Zoom conference if they offer such an experience. I will be looking at it in the coming weeks.



Riverina Drought Indicator Map as at 15/5/2020 – Information from DPI website. DroughtHub.

SUSTAINABILITY

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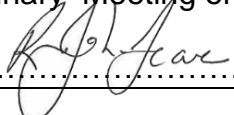
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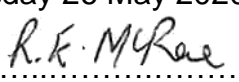
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INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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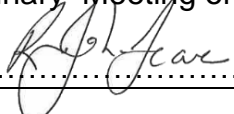
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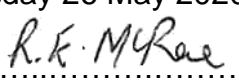
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**ITEM NO. 13 – MANAGER ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT –
MONTHLY REPORT**

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 19 May 2020
Author: Economic & Tourism Development Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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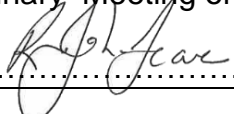
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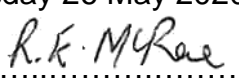
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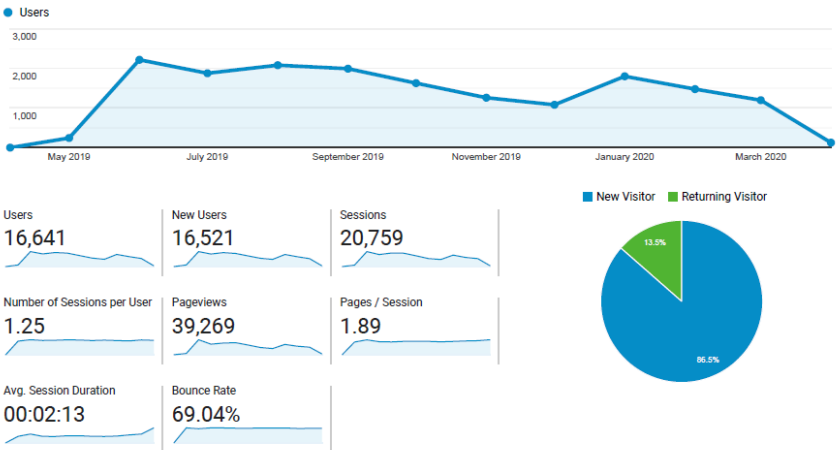

Description	Comment
Economic Development	
METAG	June meeting postponed
Regional Development Australia – Riverina	No action
Regional Development Australia – Murray	No action
Business Murrumbidgee	Liaison with Business Solutions Executive, from Murray-Riverina NSW Business Chamber in relation to set up of Chamber of Commerce (Business Murrumbidgee). Expression of interest received from businesses to be involved from Jerilderie and Darlington Point.
Darlington Point Solar Farm	Assisted Octopus Investments with 40 care packages for vulnerable households in Darlington Point and Coleambally during COVID-19 pandemic. Packages were sourced from 10 local businesses.
Business activities	Business e-newsletter distributed to businesses Tuesday 12 May 2020. Business impact and recovery survey – to form Business Recovery Strategy for three towns. Phone calls with businesses to ascertain impacts of pandemic and discussion around ideas for recovery.

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Tourism	
Destination New South Wales (DNSW)	DNSW digital team has completed the new destination page on the VisitNSW website for Darlington Point (to include Coleambally attractions): https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/riverina/darlington-point
Destination Riverina Murray	See update (attached)
Thrive Riverina	<p>Member meeting teleconference (see attached minutes). Local business featured in the Mothers Day May newsletter.</p>  <p><i>Pamper</i></p> <p>What mum isn't in need of a little pampering right now? Quarantine + home school + trying to work = major stress! Luckily Eclipse the Essential Spa in Griffith has beauty product hampers, wine, food & vouchers available with Australia-wide postage or free local delivery. Made to Thrive is a wellness community offering gift vouchers for their Float experience in Griffith - Australia-wide purchase for experience in Griffith. TLC Bath Products (pictured) has a limited edition Mother's Day Soap Gift Package and other bath products made locally in the Murrumbidgee region with local olive oil - available for local delivery and domestic shipping with gift wrapping and handmade cards.</p>
Newell Highway Promotions Committee	No action
Kidman Way Promotions Committee	No action

Ned Kelly Touring Route	<p>Ned Kelly Touring Route website analytics for past 12 months:</p> 
Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide	<p>Joint Visitor Guide and Destination Marketing project to be undertaken in collaboration with Narrandera, Leeton and Lockhart Shire Councils. Marketing Prospectus has been distributed to tourism operators, businesses and event organisers (see attached).</p> <p>Teleconference 4 May Teleconference 18 May (see attached minutes)</p> 

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Participated in the webinar “The regional economic impacts of COVID-19” – full recording and blog can be found [here](#).

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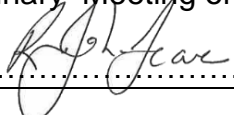
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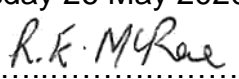
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INTEGRATED PLANS

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

Theme Four: Our Economy

Strategies:

- 4.1.2 Promote Murrumbidgee and its towns and potential light manufacturing wholesale and retail business opportunities to diversify industry and stimulate employment growth
- 4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile
- 4.2.3 Contribute to regional tourism initiatives and major events in the region
- 4.2.5 Support local business with access to available training, workforce skills and technology
- 4.2.6 Build data and analysis of business and industry in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area
- 4.3.1 Provide professional information services promoting tourism, visitor ventures and activities in our towns
- 4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers
- 4.4.1 Raise community awareness of TAFE, university and other regional education providers

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

- 5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

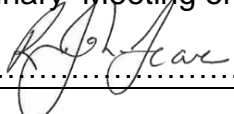
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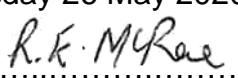
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Issues raised from consultation:

- Truck parking along Southey Street
- Business will pick up for us when there are restaurants open, as there is limited food service available and our customers don't want to microwave their food.
- Social distancing will become annoying for our shop coming into winter, as customers have to stand outside in the cold.
- Council Offices needs to be open and serve the public (especially banking).
- Things will pick up for our business when they re-open the Queensland border, and the caravanners start coming back through town.

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Issues raised from survey:

- “I still haven’t figured out what additional cleaning will be necessary. With shop supplying sanitiser and am wondering about ‘handle at own risk’ ??”
- “Need more water for our farmers”.
- “Increased projects and development plans will definitely boost the business economy as more work gets done and revenue generated is revenue rotated”.
- “Have all businesses on the same page with messaging “be safe”, “social distancing” and use of sanitiser. Maybe Council could do a “welcome to post Covid business pack” include door messaging and sanitiser. Make outdoor dining etc easier. We might need more public seating etc if we are going to be social distancing for a while”.
- “Be seen, face to face, asking how businesses are going, offer help. If businesses continue to be closed...follow up why?”
- “They are doing good, need to be great”

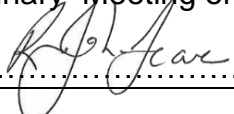
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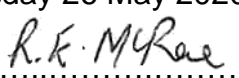
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Attachment # 6: Destination Riverina Murray update
Attachment # 7: Thrive Riverina Minutes
Attachment # 8: Murrumbidgee Trails Marketing Prospectus
Attachment # 9: Murrumbidgee Trails Minutes

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ITEM NO. 14 – OPERATIONS MANAGER - MAINTENANCE – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 15 May 2020
Author: William Wade, Operations Manager – Maintenance
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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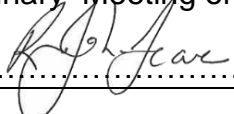
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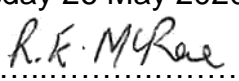
The information contained in the Operations Manager – Maintenance Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	2 x Management Group 1 x Department of Crown Lands
Council Meeting and Reports	Preparation of reports for Council Business Paper
Council Maintenance Works	Managing and scheduling maintenance works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance grading• Town Maintenance• Water and Sewer• Parks and Gardens• Contractors for specialised works
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM)	NSW Public Works have been officially engaged to complete the IWCM for Council. They are unable to attend a start-up meeting with the current travel restrictions in place so I have been collating data for them to start on the proposal. This data includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• network drawings;• historic water quality data;• water usage data;

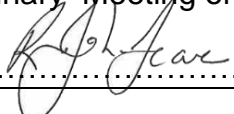
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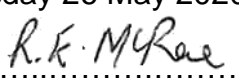
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sewer treatment plant drawings; and • previous water management plans.
Young Street Subdivision	<p>Planning and documentation preparation with other Council staff.</p> <p>Preparation of scope of works documents to engage consultants.</p> <p>Preparation of information for the development assessment.</p>
Darlington Point Cemetery	Rose garden area is being established, with soil brought in and drainage set up.
Council Drinking Water Management Strategy (DWMS) Audit	Preparing information for the DWMS Audit by NSW Health.
Coleambally Depot Redevelopment	Architect has produced a concept plan. Engineers are preparing construction documentation.
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	Comdain Infrastructure have commenced works on site. The vegetation from the site has been cleared with trees removed, earthworks are underway and sheet piling works are underway.
Waste Audit and Study	<p>Preparing methodology and gathering data to undertake a waste study.</p> <p>Arranging concrete crushing to commence at landfills.</p>
Carrington Street – Parking and Drainage	Survey has been completed on Carrington Street (Kidman Way) drainage options from DeMamiel Street through to Boyd Street. Consultation with Transport NSW to be conducted at the next JPA meeting.
RMS Heavy Patching and Shoulder Grading	<p>RMS Heavy Patching is currently ongoing and ensuring compliance with the RMS requirements. Correct plant and materials made available.</p> <p>Correct traffic control, site audits and tool box talks.</p> <p>Additional patches have been ordered by RMS, increasing the length of this program.</p>
Resheeting Program	Resheeting programme ongoing, with trucks carting material and plant being allocated to complete works.
Various Public Requests / Complaints	Dealing with and responding to various enquiries, complaints and requests from the public.
Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Plans	Working with the Department of Crown Lands to finalise plans and allow the rehabilitation works to commence.

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Darlington Point Lion's Park – Amenities Building and Display	Working with the contractor to locate services and provide access to landfill when required.
Darlington Point Football Ground Change Rooms	Working with the contractor to locate services and provide access to landfill when required.
COVID-19 Action Plan	Working on Council's action plan for COVID-19 by scheduling works around the restrictions. Constantly ensuring staff are safe and minimising their possible exposure.

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 Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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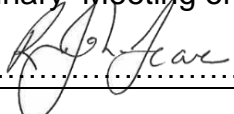
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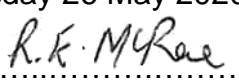
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ITEM NO. 15 – OPERATIONS MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 19 May 2020
Author: Johann Pereira, Operations Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

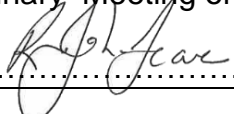
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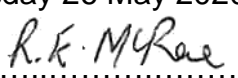
The information contained in the Operations Manager, Construction - Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	3 x Management Group
	4 x operations meetings
	3 x meetings (phone) Glen B (Downer)
	2 x meetings (phone) Erich S (TfNSW)
	3 x meetings (phone) Brett M (TfNSW)
Bencubbin Ave related meetings	1 x phone meeting Alicia Schliebs
	1 x phone meeting Rachel Goudie
	1 x phone meeting Phil Barry
	1 x phone meeting Neil DeMamiel
	1 x meeting Neil & Les DeMamiel
	1 x phone meeting Peter Pound
	1 x meeting Peter Pound
	2 x phone meetings Andrew Jackson
	1 x phone meetings Vic Bellato
	2 x phone meetings Richard Gale
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Works in Progress and Monthly Reports
Jerilderie Water Treatment Plant	Liaising with WTA to coordinate \$150k initial refurbishment works. Stage one of sand filter replacement completed. Final stage of backwash automation to be completed by June 2020.
Resealing	Resealing works completed for 2019/20.

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Resheeting	Coordinating \$620k of resheeting works Council wide to be completed by June 2020.
Roads to Recovery	Coordinating \$1M of R2R works Council wide for June 2020 completion.
Capital Delivery	Coordinating \$4M of capital works to be completed by June 2020.
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)	8 x Permit assessments
Drought Funding	Coordinating \$1M in concreting and fabrication works Council wide for June 2020 completion.
2020/21 Works Program	Preparing Council's annual capital works program for June 2020 meeting.

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 Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

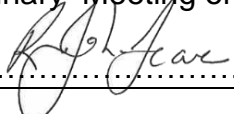
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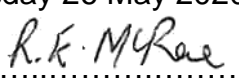
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ITEM NO. 16 – ASSET MANAGER – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
 Report Date: 15 May 2020
 Author: Asset Manager
 File #: SC218
 Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Asset Manager Monthly Report be noted.

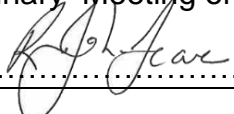
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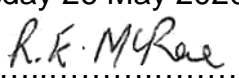
Description	Comment
Meetings	3 x Management Meetings
	3 x LEMO/ LEOCON COVID19 Meeting
	2 x Riverina Murray REOC COVID19 Briefings
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report
RMS	Continue development of Council System Management Plan
	2 x RMS Inspections (MR321)
	4 x RMS Inspections (HWY17)
	1 x RMCC Meeting
Darlington Point Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works
Darlington Point Floodplain Management Project - Construction of Levee	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works
Darlington Point Shire Hall	Further detailed investigation into hall
Assets	Doors – Lolly Shop Jerilderie
	Ladder – Jerilderie Racecourse
	Office Renovations- Darlington Point

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 Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

OPTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 17 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, APRIL 2020

Council Meeting: 26 May 2020
Report Date: 7 May 2020
Author: Manager, Planning & Environment
File #: SC210
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, April 2020, be noted.

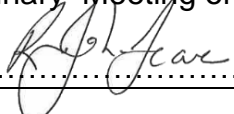
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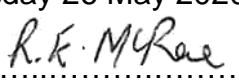
DA/CDC No.	Property Location	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA/CC 2-2020	Lot 427 DP862112 7 Curlew Crescent Coleambally	Carport	\$5,000	2/4/2020
DA 4-2020	Lot 95 DP750872 Pine Drive Coleambally	Alterations to Club/Community Building	\$30,000	8/4/2020
DA/CC 15-2020	Lot A DP400474 77 Nowranie Street Jerilderie	Carport	\$1,200	3/4/2020
DA19-2020	Lot 1 DP 724046 48 Coreen Street Jerilderie	New Dwelling	\$329,542	28/4/2020
SSD/CC 8392-3	Lot 2 DP1249830 315 Donald Ross Drive Darlington Point	Warehouse	\$95,000	2/4/2020
CC 7-2020	Lot 80 DP 750872 4550 Kidman Way Coleambally	Fodder Storage Shed	\$138,105	7/4/2020

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ITEM NO. 18 - BIOSECURITY / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL

Council Meeting:	28 May 2020
Report Date:	15 May 2020
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	SC92
Approval:	Asset Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

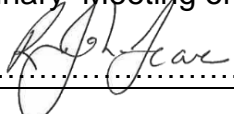
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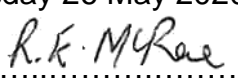
Jerilderie:

Weeds

- On 5 February 2020 Council Biosecurity Officers applied for \$258,000 in funding through the *Communities Combating Pest & Weed Impacts During Drought Program*, round two, for various sites and properties including the Coly trust blocks (\$5000). Funding was declined on 11 May 2020.
- Murray Weeds Action Plan (WAP) 2020/21 has been lodged with coordinator Natasha Lappin and we are currently waiting for feedback on our proposal.
- Inspection programs are ongoing to finalise 2015-2020 WAP commitment, including 13 local roads, 2 high-risk pathways, 2 high-risk properties and 5 local property inspections undertaken in the past month.
- Boxthorn program underway on all roadsides.
- Treated trees on Newell Highway and Kidman Way bridges in mid-April.
- Silver Leaf Nightshade treated along North Coree Road in early May
- Treat and burn heavy infested Spiny Burr site MR323 in May.
- Treated Noogoora Burr at Emery Pit in early May.
- Sprayed town back lanes and drains in early May.
- Sprayed Monash oval for Kikuyu, repeat within 21 days if weather permits (8 May 2020)
- Horehound treatment along local roads in mid-May.

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Truck Wash

Working fine, current lower usage sump has been cleaned.

Stock Control

Nil

Saleyards

Currently locked

Coleambally & Darlington Point:

Weeds

- 4 high risk pathway inspections undertaken in April.
- 17 high risk private property inspections undertaken in April.
- 25 high risk site inspections undertaken in April.
- 29 private property inspections undertaken in April.
- Local road inspections, including Wallin Road, Frazer Road, Ercildoune Road.
- Weeds Control on Conargo Road for Devils Claw and Thornapple.
- Boxthorn treated on Commins Road, Argoon Road, Sturt Highway, Yamma Road, Gaston Road and Conargo Road.
- Mimosa treated on Eulo Road.
- Spiny Burr treated on Main Canal Road.
- Boree suckers sprayed on Kook Road.
- Shoulder spraying of local roads, including parts of Yamma Road, Prickly Road and Eulo Road.
- Weed Control Handbook distributed to 28 property owners.
- Contacted Bernie Starr at Coleambally Irrigation about Boxthorn on trust blocks, they are re-starting spray program as soon as men available.
- Completed new 2021 – 2025 Weed Action Plan (WAP) with Steve.

Stock Control

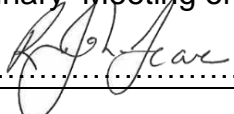
1 Sheep on Kidman Way at Silverwoods.

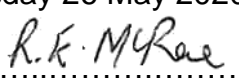
INTEGRATED PLANS

Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management:

- Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Council's weed management program;
- Action 2.6.2.1 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;

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- Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestation inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

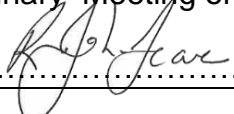
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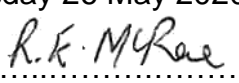
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ITEM NO. 19 - WORKS IN PROGRESS - 21/04/2020 to 19/05/2020

Council Meeting:	26 May 2020
Report Date:	19 May 2020
Author:	Johann Pereira & William Wade, Operations Managers
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

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Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 21 April 2020 to 19 May 2020.

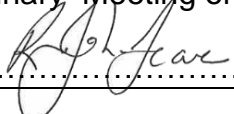
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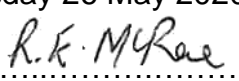
The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

BACKGROUND**WORKS COMPLETED IN PERIOD**

		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
Regional Roads				
RR552 – Conargo Road	Guideposts installed			
RR564 – Berrigan Road				
RR323 – Oaklands Road				
RR59 – Urana Road				
RR596 – Morundah Road				
RR356 – Berrigan Oaklands Road				
RR183 – Whitton Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control			
Carrathool Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control			
MR321 – Kidman Way	Tar patching on various segments. Slashing of roadside vegetation in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segment 400 Coleambally Intersection 	N/A		TfNSW

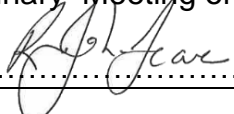
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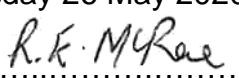
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounds of signs in Darlington Point <p>RMS roadside shoulder grading completed on the below segments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segment 420 • Segment 320 • Segment 310 • Segment 300 • Segment 290 			
H17 – Newell Highway	<p>Rubbish collection</p> <p>Roadside vegetation control at Waddi intersection – slashing and spraying of weeds.</p> <p>Spraying of roadside vegetation.</p>			
Local Road Maintenance	<p>Grader maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Canal Road • Hogan Lane - 1km • Fraser Road – 5km • Main Canal Road – 18km • Wallan Road – 4 km • Boonah Road – 3km • Harveys Well Road – 3 km <p>Water was drained from rural roads after the recent rain events.</p> <p>Guide post replacement and signs replaced on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald Ross Drive • Eulo Road • Four Corners Road <p>Roadside vegetation control including slashing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Bell Road • Jimmy Cull Road • Anderson Road • Wallace Road • Pine Drive • Donald Ross Drive • Main Canal Road 			
	<p>Tar Patching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Nine Road • Darlington Point town streets • Coleambally Town Streets • Jimmy Cull Road • Anderson Road • Eulo Road 			
Construction				

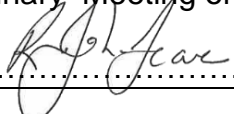
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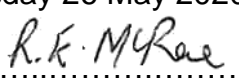
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Resheeting	Commins Road – 1.2km	25,200	3,974	Council
	Hardy Road – 3.61km	88,445	23,931	Roads to Recovery
Town Streets	<p>Darlington Point:</p> <p>Roadside vegetation control throughout town.</p> <p>Tar patching - Darlington Point streets.</p> <p>Table drains around town slashed and sprayed for weeds.</p> <p>Streets swept with street sweeper truck.</p> <p>Tar patching around Darlington Point streets.</p> <p>Vegetation and removal of trees on Britts Road.</p>			
Resealing Programme	Resealing has concluded for 2019/20. To recommence November 2020.			
Town Maintenance	<p>Darlington Point</p> <p>Vegetation control on asset protection zones around town.</p> <p>Firebreaks around town slashed.</p> <p>Garden beds in road medians cleared up and maintained.</p> <p>Tar patching on all town streets</p> <p>Hourly cleaning of public toilets has been carried out as required for COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Public spaces reopened as per the COVID-19 action plan, including skate park, parks and public seating. All safety barriers were removed and new signs installed.</p>			
	<p>Coleambally</p> <p>Vegetation control on asset protection zones around Coleambally.</p> <p>Slashing of vegetation at town entrance.</p> <p>Spraying around town for weeds on walkways, footpaths and drainage channels behind Sandpiper Street.</p>			

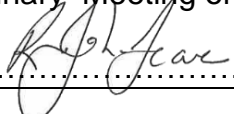

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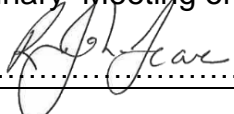
	<p>Hourly cleaning of public toilets has been carried out as required for COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Coleambally tip access roads were maintained, with new material put down and graded.</p> <p>The stormwater drain behind Sandpiper Street and Curlew Crescent was cleared out and reinstated with the excavator. Vegetation was removed from the stormwater drain.</p> <p>Public spaces reopened as per the COVID-19 action plan, including skate park, parks and public seating. All safety barriers were removed and new signs installed.</p>			
	<p>Jerilderie</p> <p>Spraying around town for weeds on ATV along all streets.</p> <p>Hourly cleaning of public toilets has been carried out as required for COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Public spaces reopened as per the COVID-19 action plan, including outdoor gym equipment, parks and public seating. All safety barriers were removed and new signs installed.</p>			
Parks and Gardens	<p>Parks and gardens maintained throughout Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.</p> <p>Additional staff and resources were directed to parks and gardens after the recent heavy rainfall.</p> <p>Automation of Luke Park (Jerilderie) sprinkler system in progress.</p>			
Water & Sewerage	<p>Darlington Point</p> <p>Water mains flushing carried out to remove any sediment build up within the network.</p> <p>A leaking upright fire hydrant was found on Hay Road. The leak was coming from underneath the footpath. The main was shut off to allow for the section to be removed and the hydrant was replaced. This caused a water supply interruption while works were being carried out.</p>			

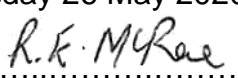
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	Sewerage pump station blockages were cleared.			
	Coleambally Sewerage pump station blockages were cleared.			
	Jerilderie Initial refurbishment of Jerilderie's Water Treatment Plant	150,000	53,575	DPIE
	Bore Coverage: Coverage of bores within the Council: Darlington Point: Bore No 1: 29 m coverage while idle, 25m coverage while running Bore No 2: 29.5m coverage while idle, 25.5m coverage while running Coleambally Bore No 1: 27m cover while idle, 20m coverage while running Bore No 3: 35m while idle, 25m coverage while running			
Concreting	115m of footpath on Betts St, Jerilderie. Jason Wharton	27,500	23,320 (Final)	Drought Funding
	140m of footpath on Mahonga St, Jerilderie. Jason Wharton.	27,700	28,389 (Final)	Drought Funding
Fabricating	CWA Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to fabricate shade structure over swings, playgrounds and replace picnic table. Shade structure over swing set complete. Shade structure over playground to be installed by June 2020.	35,900	14,550	Drought Funding
	Lion's Park - Steve Fattore engaged to fabricate 3 structures over picnic tables and BBQ. On hold at present until toilets are constructed.	32,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	17 older bins in Jerilderie to be replaced with red bins. All completed except for a couple at Caltex. Mark Anthony.		31,684	Drought Funding
	Jerilderie main street seating. To be completed by June 2020.	12,000	12,800	Drought Funding
	Adrian Douglas Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to replace new tables/chairs with new shade structure. Works completed.	22,500	20,000 (Final)	Drought Funding

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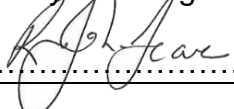

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	Figtree Park, Darlington Point– Steve Fattore engaged to replace picnic benches and install shade structures. Shade structures completed. Picnic tables to be installed by May 2020.	30,200	17,655	Drought Funding
	Monash Park, Jerilderie – Brad Belling and Mark Anthony engaged to install seating (25) and fabricate fence rails (25). Works to be completed by May 2020.	37,000	14,000	Drought Funding
	Tree guards. Mark Anthony and Kevin A'vard engaged. Works completed.	28,100	30,508 (Final)	Drought Funding
	Jerilderie Lake Seating – Kevin A'vard engaged. Concrete slabs to be installed within 2 weeks. Works to be completed by June 2020.	12,000	1,000	Drought Funding
	Old RSL/Bakery lawn area, Jerilderie – Kevin A'vard engaged. Picnic tables and shade structure. Fabrication completed and will be installed by June 2020.	20,200	5,000	Drought Funding
	Bellbird Street, Coleambally. Replace timber benches. Kevin A'vard engaged. Concrete slabs done, benches to be installed by May 2020.	7,500	5,500	Drought Funding
	Netball Courts, Coleambally. Grandstand materials delivered. To be installed by June 2020. Mark Anthony engaged.	30,000	25,000	Drought Funding
	Curlew Street Park, Coleambally. 2 shade structures to be constructed. Shade structure over picnic bench completed. Extension of shade structure over playground equipment in progress. Kevin A'vard engaged. To be installed by end June 2020.	35,000	10,000	Drought Funding
	Skate Park, Coleambally. Concrete footings installed, and shade structure has been fabricated and to be erected. Kevin A'vard engaged. Works completed.	20,000	8,160 (Final)	Drought Funding

OTHER ITEMS

Darlington Point Cemetery	Garden is being installed, with adequate drainage and topsoil. Attached are the two (2) options for the plinth design,			
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plans	NSW Public Works have been formally engaged to complete the IWCM Plan for Council. Council are currently collecting plans, drawings and historical data requested by NSW Public Works.			

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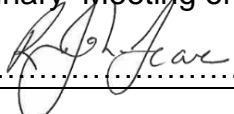

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Coleambally Depot Upgrade	The architect is currently preparing working drawings for the project with staging plans. Engineers have been engaged to start preparing the specification for the project.			
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	The head contractor Comdain Infrastructure has established on site boundaries and signage. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identified vegetation around the ramp area has been removed.Earth works are currently underway Sheet piling is currently underway			
Letter Drop(s)	Letter drop completed in Darlington Point, Jerilderie and Coleambally for ANZAC Day. Letter drop for Jerilderie Bulk Waste Collection			

UPCOMING WORKS

		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Local Road Maintenance	All roads within the bus routes to be maintenance graded. Tar patching throughout towns.		
Regional Roads	Linemarking Conargo Road Segments 5, 6 & 8 Linemarking Oaklands Road Segments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10 Resealing Oaklands Road, Segments 9 & 10 Resealing Conargo Road, Segments 2, 3 & 6	TBC	RRBG
Construction	Bencubbin Avenue, Coleambally	1.3M	Council, SCF, HVSP
Concreting	210m of K&C rehab on Nowranie Street - Jason Wharton.	44,100	Drought Funding
	115m of K&C rehab on Wood Street - Jason Wharton.	24,150	Drought Funding

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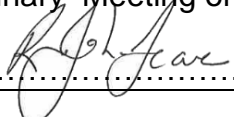
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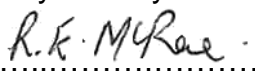
	90m of K&C rehab on DeMamiel Street, including sports club driveway - Jason Wharton.	18,900	Drought Funding
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 10: Darlington Point Cemetery Extension and Plinth Details

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