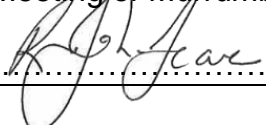



**REPORTS TO MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022**

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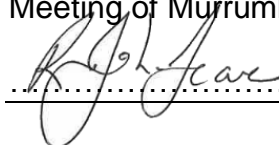
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## MAYORAL REPORT

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	17 February 2022
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

It seems forever since we were formally inducted as the second Council of Murrumbidgee Council.

While not desirable, and acknowledging we had absolutely no say or influence as to when the Local Government election was held, it has now been and gone, and we look forward to working collaboratively with our Management Group and their teams to make Murrumbidgee Council the best it can be.

Unfortunately, our programmed Councillor Induction Workshop set for 13 and 14 January, 2022 was postponed for the health interests of our Councillors, Management and facilitator.

I am sure that you will by now have received mid monthly workshop notifications and Council meeting and workshop notifications for 2022.

To ensure we are best informed and on top of things, it is really important that we prioritise these dates so that we can best represent our communities and ensure our two- way communication is as it should be.

COVID 19 - The current Omicron variant continues to dictate how we go about our daily business - per head of population our three communities have not escaped unscathed, with 267 positive reported cases as at 14 February 2022 (data from the Service NSW COVID Resources). We are assured by those in the know that these figures are well short of the actual numbers.

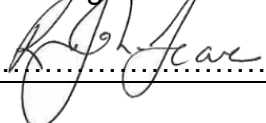
Students have returned to school and already many communities across NSW are reporting cases in both children and teachers alike.

Our continued vigilance in this space to manage this challenging virus is a community responsibility, and we encourage each and every person to be diligent and mindful of each other as we go about our daily business as normally as possible.

Following the Christmas /New Year break most trades and services are back at the coalface.

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Many of our major projects are reaching end stage/completion.

- Skatepark/pump track in Jerilderie (end of February);
- Jerilderie Early Learning Centre (April);
- Sweatbox Gym and Coleambally Sports Precinct Development as a whole will hopefully be completed by the end of February, with Council then completing some soft Landscaping to enable functional use to occur;
- Bencubbin Ave redevelopment - kerb and guttering 75% complete;
- Channel Nine Road upgrade has had 2kms of shoulder rehabilitation work completed.

### A Community Overview

Our Australia Day events were again derailed by covid. Coleambally held an on-line event, which was very successful. Jerilderie and Darlington Point announced their Award winners, with presentations to be organised. Our Award winners make a significant and valuable contribution to our communities, and we thank them for their generosity. Our thanks to Australia Day ambassador, Ms Viv Kartsounis, who was unable to attend in person, but provided a video of her address, which can be viewed on Council's facebook page.

The 9th Riverina Fishing Classic was successfully held - our congratulations to the APEX Club of Darlington Point and the many volunteers required to ensure the success of this annual event.

The Coleambally Active Farmers Group will be hosting the 2022 Active Farmers Games on 12 March, 2022 at Coleambally. Let's all get behind them to ensure it is the best it can be.

The Feasibility Study required to drive the Darlington Point Daycare/PreSchool development has commenced.

An online survey has been created and a much broader scope of catchment has been rolled out that includes schools, pre-schools, industry and reaches out to surrounding towns and neighbouring LGA's - I encourage all to complete this survey. It will ultimately determine the prioritisation of this project.

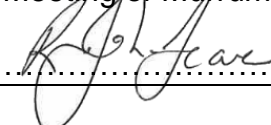
Committees have been notified of their Councillor representatives.

There may have been a couple of meetings that have occurred that have slipped through the cracks, but we will be on track from here on in. If for some reason a delegate is unable to attend, please contact one of us, particularly Councillor Black or myself to attend. This is our connection to a very important wider network.

There is much happening in the water, renewable energy, RAMJO space evidenced by the hectic meeting schedule listed below.

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Unfortunately the decision was made not to expose ourselves unnecessarily to the still significant numbers of covid cases, and we have chosen not to attend the LGNSW Special Conference at the end of February. This again is disappointing - holding it in a regional setting would have been far more preferable and yet still a calculated risk. I look forward to getting together in a regular fashion at both workshops and meetings.

Below are a list of meetings attended through January and February 2022.

10 January

Jerilderie Australia Day Committee Meeting

13 January

Extraordinary Council Meeting – Australia Day Activities

17 January

Director of Planning, Community & Development

18 January

Meeting with Water Minister, Kevin Anderson, Member for Albury Justin Clancy, Andy and YACTAC members Tanya Thompson and Trevor Clarke

19 January

Coleambally - signing of Australia Day Certificates

Jerilderie - meeting with concerned ratepayer/community member

21 January

Norm Brennan's Funeral, Deniliquin

27 January

Murray Socio Economic Activation Taskforce (RDA Murray) via Zoom

31 January

Darlington Point - Citizenship Ceremony

Coleambally - Sweatbox Gym Meeting

1 February

South West Renewable Energy Zone - Teams Meeting

4 February

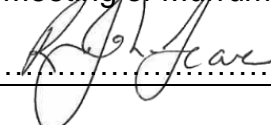
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Jerilderie

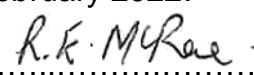
7 February

Meeting with Helen Dalton MP, General Manager and I at Griffith

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8 February  
Newell Highway Taskforce Committee via Zoom  
SOS Riverina Valleys Meeting via Zoom

9 February  
Morundah - Yanco Creek Modernisation Project Meeting - SDLAM Meeting 16

15 February  
Jerilderie - Meeting with General Manager, Deputy Mayor and I

16 February  
- Kidman Way Promotional Committee Meeting – via Zoom  
- MDA Region 2 Meeting via TEAMS  
- LGNSW Mayoral Meeting -ALGA President Linda Scott/NGA June 2022  
- Phone meetings with - Angus Mackie Water Minister's Office  
- Steve Crowe,Vivia Energy

17 February - Meeting with Russell Ford and Kate Sleigh - Lions Club Project

*R. K. McRae*

Ruth McRae  
**MAYOR**

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*[Signature]*.....General Manager

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

# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

## ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	14 February 2022
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

### BACKGROUND

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

### RECOMMENDATION

**The contents of the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and Council:**

- a) **Propose to make the Covid 19 Vaccination Policy:**
  - i. consulting with staff on the draft policy;
  - ii. endorsing draft policy at the March meeting of Council.
- b) **Authorise the General Manager to implement the housing replacement strategy.**

#### 1. COVID-19

Attached is our COVID 19 action plan, reflecting that we are relying on the current Public Health Orders and the Local Government Splinter Award and Policies to be developed.

#### 2. Covid 19 Vaccination Policy (draft)

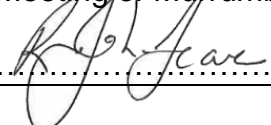
Presented is a draft COVID 19 Vaccination Policy mandating vaccination.

As we keep hearing from health professionals, vaccination is a key to stopping the covid virus.

The policy mandates full vaccination for all Elected Representatives, staff, new hires, consultants, contractors, work experience and volunteers.

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## Definition

Fully Vaccinated – elected representatives, employees, contractors, volunteers and work experience who are up-to-date with the initial double dose course and booster vaccinations, as well as those who are medically contra-indicated and cannot have the vaccine.

## **Recommendation:**

### **Propose to make the Covid 19 Vaccination Policy:**

- i. **consulting with staff on the draft policy;**
- ii. **endorsing draft policy at the March meeting of Council.**

## 3. Housing Replacement Strategy

A strategy to replace the existing residential housing stock, by building new and selling existing.

Council owns 7 homes which this strategy would apply.

## **Recommendation:**

**Council authorise the General Manager to implement the housing replacement strategy.**

## 4. Australian Citizenship Ceremony

A Citizenship Ceremony was held in Darlington Point on Monday 31 January 2022 for the following conferees:

- Mr Marcelo De Castro Bandohan and his son Marc Arden Nioko
- Mrs Hussai Rasooly

The Ceremony was conducted as prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 2007 and the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007.

## 5. Movements

25 February 2022 – RAMJO Board Meeting, Jerilderie

26 February 2022 - 6 March 2022 - Annual Leave

23 - 24 March 2022 - Councillor Induction – Darlington Point

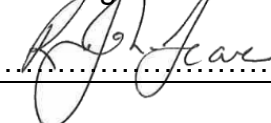
9 - 25 April 2022 - Annual Leave

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

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## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

N/A

## **FINANCIAL**

N/A

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

## **OPTIONS**

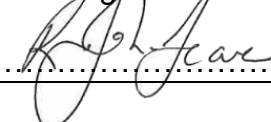
As per the recommendations.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 1: COVID Action Plan  
Attachment # 2: Covid 19 Vaccination Policy (draft)

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## ITEM NO. 2 - STREET SAFETY CAMERAS CCTV POLICY DRAFT

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	10 January 2022
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC89; SC49
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Council with the opportunity to review the draft Street Safety Cameras CCTV Policy Draft, for recommendation to place draft policy on exhibition for 28 days seeking public comment, with a further report to Council.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The draft Street Safety Cameras CCTV Policy be placed on exhibition for a period of 28 days seeking public comment, as per Section 160 of the *Local Government Act NSW 1993* Public Notice and Exhibition of Draft Local Policy. Following completion of exhibition period, a further report be tabled before Council.**

### BACKGROUND

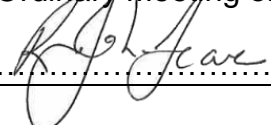
An investigation of the former Murrumbidgee Shire Council and Jerilderie Shire Council Policy Registers has shown that there are no policies related to Street Safety Cameras (CCTV).


The draft Street Safety Cameras CCTV Policy outlines the effectiveness in reducing or preventing crime. CCTV should be part of a broader crime prevention and community safety strategy. CCTV should not be used on its own as a means of addressing crime and antisocial behaviour in public places, as this lessens its effectiveness. The draft Policy allows Council to install CCTV in public areas with associated signage for the prevention crime to Council property and infrastructure. It also outlines the responsibilities concerning the management and usage of the recordings. The Policy also outlines procedural information.

The following procedure is to be used to assess the need for CCTV and to implement its installation:

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1. Is there a need for CCTV?
  - Determined by documented evidence of high risk or unlawful incidents occurring or recurring, or the potential for them to occur
  - Conduct a comprehensive safety and security audit of the location
  - Determine if and how the installation of CCTV fits within a broader crime prevention strategy
  - Are Police supportive of installation in the location?
  - Is the collection of personal information lawful?
2. Consider both the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA) and Workplace Surveillance Act 2005
  - Street cameras must conform with PPIPA
  - There will be times when Council staff are captured on CCTV going about their duties in a “place” where they work. In such cases the provisions of the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005 and Council’s Workplace Surveillance Policy must be followed
3. Set Objectives for the CCTV Program
  - This will determine how it is to be implemented
  - Include how the scheme is to be evaluated
4. Community Consultation
  - Initial consultation should occur when the community is informed of the intention to investigate the use of CCTV for a nominated area
  - All groups likely to be affected by the proposal for CCTV should be consulted
  - Additional consultation may need to be undertaken to provide opportunity for any concerns about the proposed installation.
5. Establish a Trial Period (where possible or feasible)
  - A trial period will ensure that the system is operating effectively and meeting its objectives
  - The trial period will also provide the opportunity to review and refine system operation and suitability of components
6. Location of and Selection of Cameras

Effective location of cameras and selection of type of camera is essential for the success of any CCTV program

7. Control Centre

If a control centre is established it must meet the requirements of the Security Industrial Act 1997

8. Erection of Signs

- Signs informing the public of the existence of CCTV must be erected.
- As a minimum, signs must include the contact details for the ownership of the scheme, the purpose of the scheme and hours of operation.

9. Complaints

Complaints should be attended to by observing Murrumbidgee Council's Complaints Management Policy & Procedures.

10. Code of Practice, Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures

A detailed Code of Practice, protocols and standard operating procedures covering all aspects of the management of the operations of the CCTV system will need to be developed.

11. Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing

Compliance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act should be regularly audited.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

NIL

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

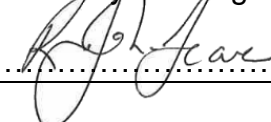
- NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Public Places
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)
- Privacy and Personal Information Regulation 2005
- Surveillance Devices Act 2007
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
- Workplace and Surveillance Act 2005 (NSW)
- Murrumbidgee Council Workplace Surveillance Policy
- NSW Local Government Act 1993


## **FINANCIAL**

No financial implications of the draft Policy.

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## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **STRATEGIC THEME 3: OUR INFRASTRUCTURE – WHAT WE HAVE BUILT**

Our community is well serviced and connected to well-planned built, social and community infrastructure developed and maintained according to community and public safety needs and priorities and partnerships.

#### Strategies:

- 3.1 Responsible, Sustainable Asset Management
- 3.2 Infrastructure (Council buildings and facilities) which Meet Community and Public Safety Needs

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Council assets and infrastructure can be protected to a degree from vandalism.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Draft Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days seeking public comment, and receive a further report upon completion of the exhibition period.

## **OPTIONS**

- 1. Council adopt the recommendation.

Implications: This will allow Council to advertise the draft policy and seek public comment.

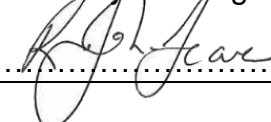
- 2. Not adopt the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment # 3: Street Safety Cameras Policy draft (CCTV)
- Attachment # 4: Guidelines for the Evaluation of Street Safety Cameras (CCTV)
- Attachment # 5: Request for a copy of recorded material from Council's safety cameras

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## ITEM NO. 3 – SUPERANNUATION FOR COUNCILLORS

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	17 January 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Schedule 1.3 of the Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 provides for Council to make superannuation contribution payments to superannuation accounts nominated by Councillors from the financial year commencing 1 July 2022.

### RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) Superannuation contribution payments be made for Councillors at the contribution rate as prescribed under the Commonwealth Superannuation Legislation for employees of the Council from July 2022; and
- b) Councillors provide written nomination of the details of the suitable scheme or fund to which contributions are to be made.

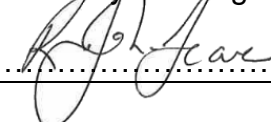
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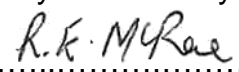
The above Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 allows for the insertion of section 254B – Payment for superannuation contributions for Councillors - to the current *Local Government Act 1993* as below:

- (1) A Council may make a payment (a superannuation contribution payment) as a contribution to a superannuation account nominated by a Councillor, starting from the financial year commencing 1 July 2022;
- (2) The amount of a superannuation contribution payment is the amount the Council would have been required to contribute under the Commonwealth Superannuation Legislation as superannuation if the Councillor were an employee of the Council.
- (3) A superannuation contribution payment is payable with, and at the same intervals as, the annual fee is payable to the Councillor.
- (4) A Council is not permitted to make a superannuation contribution payment-
  - (a) unless the Council has previously passed a Council resolution, or
  - (b) if the Councillor does not nominate a superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates, or

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- (c) to the extent the Councillor has agreed in writing to forgo or reduce the payment.
- (5) The Remuneration Tribunal may not take superannuation contribution payments into account in determining annual fees or other remuneration payable to a Mayor or other Councillor.
- (6) A person is not, for the purposes of any Act, taken to be an employee of a Council and is not disqualified from holding civic office merely because the person is paid a superannuation contribution payment.
- (7) A superannuation contribution payment does not constitute salary for the purposes of any Act.
- (8) Sections 248A and 254A apply in relation to a superannuation contribution payment in the same way as they apply in relation to an annual fee.
- (9) In this section-
- Commonwealth superannuation legislation** means the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* of the Commonwealth.
- Superannuation account** means an account for superannuation or retirement benefits from a scheme or fund to which the Commonwealth Superannuation Legislation applies.

## OFFICER COMMENT

From 1 July 2022, the superannuation contribution rate for employees will be 10.5%.

Payment of superannuation will be distributed to a superannuation clearing fund and disbursed as per nomination details provided, as per superannuation regulations currently in operation.

Council officer's will require written notification of superannuation fund name, ABN and USI, together with a Councillor's full name, date of birth and membership number.

## SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

## STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

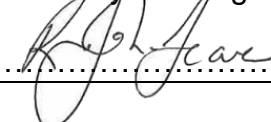
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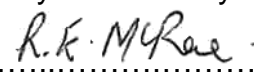
## FINANCIAL

It is anticipated that the cost of Councillor superannuation would be approximately \$15,000. This will need to be included within the upcoming operational plan and delivery program.

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## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Operational Plan and Delivery Program.  
Long Term Financial Plan

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

## **OPTIONS**

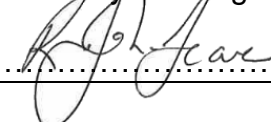
1. As per the recommendation:  
Superannuation contribution payments be made for Councillors at the contribution rate as prescribed under the Commonwealth Superannuation Legislation for employees of the Council, from July 2022;
2. Not adopt the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 4 – QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – DECEMBER 2021

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	11 February 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manger

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is the Quarterly Budget Review for the period to 31 December 2021, including a statement of financial performance, a proposed balance sheet, a statement of cash flows for each Fund, an income and expenditure statement by function, a forecast capital budget review by function and a variation report.

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

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Quarterly Budget Review Report be noted, and variances to the budgets, as outlined in the attachment, be approved.**

### BACKGROUND

The Statement of Financial Performance indicates a surplus from ordinary activities of \$13,938,131 compared to the previous budget estimate surplus amount of \$13,688,126. With the exclusion of capital grants income, the Statement of Financial Performance indicates a surplus of \$1,032,521.

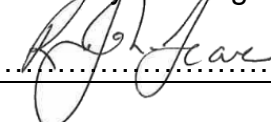
The variance, attributable to additional grant funding of \$3,249,705, with decreased grant funding for water supply upgrades of \$2,897,592, coupled with increases in operational expenditure of \$121,355, are itemised at pages 27-29 of the attachment.

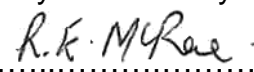
The forecast Statement of Cash Flows for the General Fund indicates a decrease of cash held of \$1,423,681, an additional variation decrease of \$485,830 from the previous budget review.

These variation results can be identified at items 1-26 of pages 27-29 of the attachment.

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The Sewer Fund cash flow indicates an increase in funds held of \$181,701, being an increase of \$180,000 from the previous budget estimate.

This variation results from the deferral of sewer works at Oaklands Road, Jerilderie.

The Water Fund cash flow indicates an increase of cash in the amount of \$87,957 a decrease of \$50,000 from the previous estimates.

This variation is a result of the purchase of a water intake valve at Jerilderie.

### **OFFICER COMMENT**

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Murrumbidgee Council for the quarter ended 31 December 2021 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2022 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.



Vicki Sutton  
Responsible Accounting Officer  
Murrumbidgee Council

11 February 2022

Date

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

### **FINANCIAL**

The full list of the variances to the budgeted figures can be viewed at pages 13-29 of the attachment.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

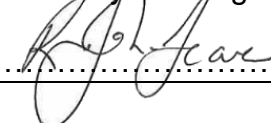
Management Group

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 6: Quarterly Budget Review

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**ITEM NO. 5 - STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – DECEMBER 2021**

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	20 January 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC137
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

Under the terms of the funding deed, Council provided for grants in the amount of \$1,414,822 to local community organisations.

Council has also determined a further \$15,440,204 for the major projects component of the Stronger Communities Fund.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the contents of the Stronger Communities Fund Report be noted, and an amount of \$46,345.40 savings for the Jerilderie Civic Hall upgrade be transferred to the Jerilderie Pre School and Long Day Care Centre project.**

**BACKGROUND**

As at 31 December 2021, of the 55 community grants projects provided for, 54 have now been financially completed, with some minor works still to be undertaken on 1 project.

Of the further 36 major projects determined, 20 projects have been completed, with a further 14 commenced or nearing completion.

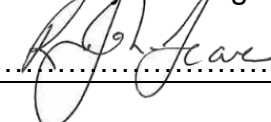
**OFFICER COMMENT**

The attachment indicates the current position of all SCF funded programs as at 31 December 2021.

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

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The Jerilderie Pre School & Long Day Care Centre is recognised with no expenditure at this stage, however the building is progressing utilising alternative funding streams.

The Jerilderie Civic Hall project is showing \$46,345.40 still available to be spent. The additional works proposed for this project are likely able to be funded from alternative grant projects to be undertaken.

Accordingly, the savings from this project could be utilised for the proposed additional costs required for the Jerilderie Pre School and Long Day Care Centre.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

NIL

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **FINANCIAL**

Council has reinvested an amount of \$857,090.00 in interest on the unexpended grant funds into the funding pool.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Management Group, Council and Community.

## **OPTIONS**

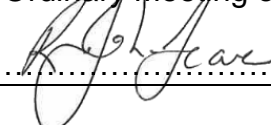
Adopt the recommendation that an amount of \$46,345.40 savings for the Jerilderie Civic Hall upgrade be transferred to the Jerilderie Pre School and Long Day Care Centre project.

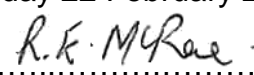
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 7: Stronger Communities Fund Grant Information at 31 December 2021.

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## ITEM NO. 6 – COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	11 February 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC241
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the first three months of a new Council, Councillors undertake an induction program and become familiar with their responsibilities in the planning process, and review the progress report on the Community Strategic Plan from the previous Council. Background information to support a revision of the Community Strategic Plan is presented to Councillors via reports/discussion papers/workshops etc. The General Manager oversees a revision of the Community Engagement Strategy, in consultation with Councillors.

Three to six months after election, a community engagement program is undertaken which includes Councillor leadership and involvement, and a draft Community Strategic Plan is prepared. The Resourcing Strategy is reviewed in light of the draft Community Strategic Plan and work commences on the Delivery Program.

Six to nine months after election, the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan are finalised and adopted. The Resourcing Strategy is updated to enable the achievement of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and is adopted.

### RECOMMENDATION

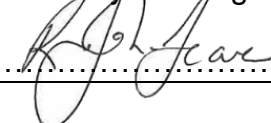
**Council adopts the Communications Plan for the Community Strategic Plan review.**

### BACKGROUND

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework changed the way Councils in NSW planned, documented and reported on their plans for the future. This came into practice in 2009.

In essence, the IP&R framework begins with the community's, not Council's, aspirations for a period of at least 10 years. It includes a suite of integrated plans that set out a vision and goals and strategic actions to achieve them. It involves a reporting structure to communicate progress to Council and the community, as well as a structured timeline for review to ensure the goals and actions are still relevant.

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Council's current Community Strategic Plan (CSP) was adopted in June 2018.

Attached is a Communications Plan for the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) review, as well as Murrumbidgee Council's End of Term Report for 2017-2021, which is to be reviewed as part of the process.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Local Government Act 1993
- NSW Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation for Local Government

## **FINANCIAL**

N/A

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

- Community Strategic Plan
- Delivery Program
- Operational Plan
- Resourcing Strategy

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Consultation with the community, Council and staff will be undertaken as part of the review.

## **OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation.

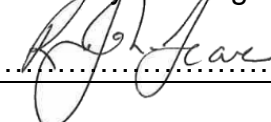
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 8: Communications Plan for the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) review.

Attachment # 9: End of Term Report for 2017-2021

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## ITEM NO. 7 – LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	11 February 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC79
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enquiries have been received expressing an interest in leasing Council land in Jerilderie. Two enquiries have been received for lease of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 DP 858670, South Coree Road and one for the lease of Lot 80 DP 1225744, 17.24 acres which is earmarked for Stage 3 of the Wunnamurra Estate.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council advertise the lease of:-**

- **Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 DP 858670, Jerilderie;**
- **Lot 80 DP 1225744, Jerilderie;**
- **Lot 546 DP 1131332, Coleambally; and**
- **Lot 210 DP 1013704, Coleambally.**

### BACKGROUND

Following the enquiries regarding leasing of land in Jerilderie, a review of all Council vacant land leases was undertaken, and two further blocks were identified as potential leases. They are:-

- Lot 546 DP1131332, Calrose Avenue, Coleambally (53.21ha) – formerly Lions Club lease/Garbage Depot Site
- Lot 210 DP1013704, Calrose Avenue, Coleambally (4.38ha) – formerly Saleyards Site

### SUSTAINABILITY

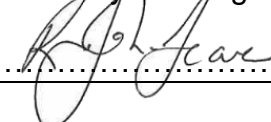
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### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

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## **FINANCIAL**

Leasing of the land would increase that income stream for Council.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan – Strategic Theme 3 – Our Infrastructure  
Strategy 3.1 Responsible, Sustainable Asset Management

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Lots will be advertised to the wider public to provide transparency.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Manager, Planning and Environment

## **OPTIONS**

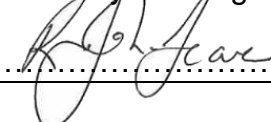
1. As per the recommendation
2. Advertise only part of the lots recommended
3. Not lease any of the properties listed

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 8 – SHIRE HALL, DARLINGTON POINT

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	14 February 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC79 & SC80
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 2005 the Darlington Point Shire Hall was made available for an Anglicare Centre on a rent-free basis, subject to the Centre paying electricity and garbage charges. Recent works carried out on the hall have meant that Anglicare have vacated the premises, and it has been suggested that once the upgrade has been completed the hall revert back to public use.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council determine if the Shire Hall, Darlington Point is to be retained for public use or maintained as the Anglicare Centre.**

### BACKGROUND

Following Council merger in 2016, \$400,000 was allocated to the upgrade of the hall from the Stronger Communities Fund. A structural inspection was carried out and rectification works followed from this report. Due to these works, the hall was made unavailable so that the repairs could be completed safely.

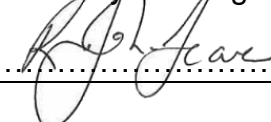
Council assisted Anglicare to relocate to St Paul's Church while the repairs were being undertaken and made a container available for storage. There are still items in the hall belonging to Anglicare that would not fit in storage.

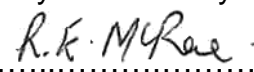
Roofing and structural repairs and stormwater replacement have been carried out, as well as repairs and painting of the façade. Works still to be completed are refurbishment of the kitchen, internal painting, external landing and concreting of footpaths around the building.

Discussions were held with the Mayor and Murrumbidgee Ward Councillors regarding the possibility of the hall being returned to use by the wider community once all of the repairs/upgrades were completed. Alternative sites for the relocation of Anglicare were investigated after this meeting, with no suitable locations being found.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

N/A

## **FINANCIAL**

If the hall was to be made available for public use, income would be received for rental depending on the number of occasions of hire.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Murrumbidgee Council Operational Plan and Delivery Program  
Strategy 3.2.1      Manage and maintain community and sporting building facilities for the benefit of the community.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Mayor and Murrumbidgee Ward Councillors

## **OPTIONS**

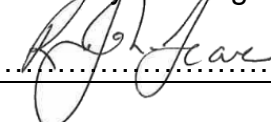
1. The current arrangement with Anglicare be maintained.
2. The current arrangement with Anglicare be discontinued and the Shire Hall revert back to public use.
3. Assistance be provided to Anglicare to apply for funding for a purpose built relocatable building to house the Anglicare Centre on the grounds of St Paul's Church.

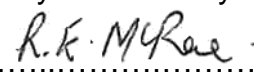
## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 9 - REQUEST FOR DONATION/SPONSORSHIP

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	15 February 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC131
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request has been received from the Two Rivers Run Committee for donation/sponsorship of the Ian Sneddon Two Rivers Run Charity Event to be held from 20 TO 26 March, 2022.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council donate \$500 to the Ian Sneddon Two Rivers Run Charity Event from the Section 554 Councillor determined donations budget.**

### OFFICER COMMENT

The event will begin and end at Corowa and will travel through Jerilderie, Morundah and Coleambally. The event will raise much needed funds for donation to Motor Neuron Disease (MND) research. Ian Sneddon, a former Jerilderie Shire Councillor, was the main instigator in starting the Two Rivers Run Tractor Trek, and was keen to run the event as a charity fundraiser. Sadly, Ian passed away just prior to the 2019 event after suffering from MND for a short period of time.

This biennial event was to be held in April 2021 but was postponed due to COVID. It will now be held in March this year.

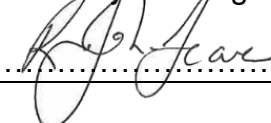
A letter was sent to Council before the planned 2021 event requesting consideration of a monetary donation or sponsorship of the event. This letter is now attached as the committee has emailed and advised that their requirements will still be the same, and have asked that their previous request for sponsorship be presented to Council.

Each year Council makes available \$20,000 for community grants and another \$10,000 from the Coleambally Solar Fund Grants, and these are due to be advertised at the end of February which does not leave time for the Committee to apply for these funds.

Council also has an amount of \$4,400 in Section 554 Councillor determined donations of which \$700 has been expended on school presentation sponsorships.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

N/A

## **FINANCIAL**

Funds available in budget under Section 554 Councillor determined donations.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan

Strategic Theme 1 – Our Community

Strategy 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.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

## **OPTION**

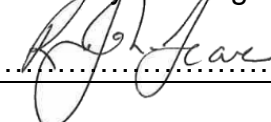
1. As per the recommendation
2. Donate an amount greater than the recommendation
3. Donate an amount less than the recommendation
4. Make no donation to the event

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 10: Letter from Two Rivers Run Committee regarding monetary donation or sponsorship

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# REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

## ITEM NO. 10 - AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	4 February 2022
Author:	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee
File #:	SC130
Approval:	Committee of Council

1. Present Mr David Maxwell (Chair); Mrs Gaila Smith, Mr John Burge, General Cr Ruth McRae, Finance Manager, Mrs Vicki Sutton, Asset Manager, Mr Stephen Goodsall, and Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia (via video link)

2. Apologies Scarce. An apology was received from General Manager, Mr John

The apology be accepted.

Moved: John Burge

Seconded: Gaila Smith

### CARRIED

3. Declaration of Interest - NIL
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Friday 5 November 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Gaila Smith

Seconded: John Burge

### CARRIED

5. Business Arising

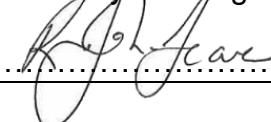
#### Item 9.3

- Gaila Smith is present today as a member of the Committee. Council has appointed Councillor Robert Black to commence his membership at the conclusion of this meeting.

- Noted that Council has initiated action seeking applications for Committee Members for the ARIC Committee – it has been advertised in the Southern Riverina News, Area News and TenderLink.

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6. External Audit

6.2 Water Billing Cycle Cut Off Report

A revised version of the Water Billing Cycle Cut Off Report has been issued this morning to Committee Members.

The Committee approve the position paper for use until such time as there are reasonable grounds to consider that the position has changed.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

6.3 Excess Annual Leave Policy (draft)

That the draft Excess Annual Leave Policy be recommended for approval, subject to minor amendments arising from the Committee's discussions:

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

10.25am Mr Brad Bohun joined the meeting.

6.1 NSW Audit Office – Final Management Letter 2021

That the NSW Audit Office Final Management Letter 2021 be received and noted and the uncompleted items be included in the Audit Follow Up Matrix.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

**CARRIED**

10.42am Mayor Ruth McRae departed the meeting.

10.47am Mr Brad Bohun left the meeting.

7. Internal Audit

That the final Contract Management Report be provided to the May Meeting.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

8. Other Reports

8.2 2020/2021 CIP Review Contractor Management Workbook

The report be received and noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

**CARRIED**

8.3 2020-2021 CIP Review Event Management Workbook

The report be received and noted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

8.5 2021 Murrumbidgee Council WHS Self Audit Report

The report be received and noted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

8.4 2021 Murrumbidgee Council WHS Self Audit Action Plan

- a) Noted that inaccuracies arose in the completion of the workbook arising from inexperience in completing such workbooks ;
- b) Receive and note the Action Plan as presented;
- c) Uncompleted items be transferred to the Audit Follow Up Matrix.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

**CARRIED**

8.1 Murrumbidgee Council WHS Meeting Minutes 8 December 2021

There was discussion in relation to a number of matters that would normally form part of the WHS Committee's area.

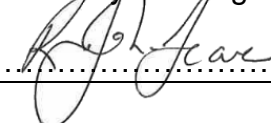
That the Work Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of 8 December 2021 be received and noted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

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## 8.6 Enterprise Risk Management Policy

The Enterprise Risk Management Policy be recommended to Council for adoption, subject to the minor changes as discussed.

Moved: John Burge                      Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

## 8.7 Risk Management Plan

- a) The Committee notes that the risk reporting regime does not make provision for regular periodic reporting to Council.
- b) That subject to the above and with other minor amendments as discussed the Risk Management Plan be recommended to Council for adoption.

Moved: Gaila Smith                      Seconded: John Burge

**CARRIED**

## 8.8 General Manager's Confidential Report (verbal)

NIL

**CARRIED**

## 8.9 Any other reports

NIL

## 9. ARIC Operations

### 9.1 Audit Follow-Up Matrix

Audit Follow Up Matrix was provided to Committee 20 December 2021.

- 1) The Committee expresses concern that the Asbestos Register is not expected to be completed until June 2028.
- 2) Notes the remainder of the Audit Follow Up Matrix and authorises the removal of the completed items.

Moved: John Burge                      Seconded: Gaila Smith

**CARRIED**

9.2 Forward Meeting Plan 2022

The Forward Meeting Plan 2022 be adopted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

**CARRIED**

10. General Business

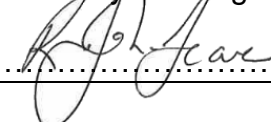
This meeting completed the inaugural appointments of Committee members and the Chairman thanked all members for their contributions during the establishment process.

Next Meeting: Council Chambers, Jerilderie – 10.00am Friday 6 May 2022

Meeting concluded: 12.05pm

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## AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

### Chairman's Summary – 4 February 2022

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In accordance with the Committee's November resolution (and accepted by Council) Mrs Gaila Smith attended the meeting as the Councillor representative, notwithstanding that she had not been returned at the December election. The purpose of this was to enable her to be involved through to the final completion of the 2020/21 external audit, including the Final Management letter.

Council has appointed Cr Robert Black as the Councillor representative on the Committee, and Mayor Ruth McRae continues to attend *ex officio* whenever possible.

#### External Audit

While waiting for Mr Brad Bohun to join the meeting by video link, the Committee considered reports on a couple of matters that have appeared in previous external audit management letters. The first related to recognising accrued income for the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies, for water supplied between the April meter reading and 30 June. The paper demonstrated that this was insignificant in amount, and the Committee strongly endorsed the view that it should not be considered for adjustment in future years.

A policy proposed for dealing with excess balances of untaken annual leave was discussed at length. It was suggested that this policy should directly refer to the existing policy in relation to *time in lieu* and the scheduling of extended periods of leave. The question of staff under-resourcing is a matter for Council and outside the ambit of this Committee. Subject to amendments arising from our discussions, the policy was recommended for approval.

Mr Brad Bohun introduced the external audit Final Management letter, noting that the running sore of RFS assets is being addressed at State level, and that the other items relating to the effectiveness of the finance function had significantly improved during the year.

#### Internal Audit

It was noted that the next audit was scheduled for completion in time for the May meeting.

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## Other Reports

Following disappointing Statewide Mutual CIP workbook reviews for *Contractor Management* and *Event Management*, documentation was upgraded and the workbooks resubmitted. The Committee reviewed the consequent reports, noting the significant improvement.

The report from the Statecover WHS self-audit and the resulting action plan were basically considered together. The Committee accepts that the results were seriously skewed by the inexperience of the officer in completing such workbooks, and that these cannot be relied upon as accurate assessments of Council's current WHS situation, but will follow up the uncompleted actions recorded.

The minutes of the WHS Committee were reviewed and the following points were noted during discussion:

- There was no record of the Statecover WHS report and action plan being considered.
- After investigation, incident reports should be referred to WHS Committee for consideration.
- WHS Committee should receive incident report statistics.
- WHS Committee is responsible for monitoring the documentation of safe working practices.
- WHS Committee should be advised of and monitor the training programs for gaining and maintaining necessary qualifications and licences.

## Enterprise Risk Policy & Risk Management Plan

These important components of Council's risk management processes were reviewed in detail. The Risk Management Policy is effectively a rewrite of the Policy adopted by Council in 2017 without, however, changing the basic thrust of its predecessor. The Risk Management Plan is a new production which develops the themes and sets out the processes by which the Risk Management Policy is to be put into effect. Some minor amendments were suggested, the most significant of which was that the risk reporting regime (Plan, pages 28-29) should specifically include some form of regular reporting to Council.

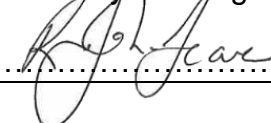
Subject to any minor amendments arising from the Committee's discussions, both the Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Plan were recommended to Council for adoption.

## Committee Operations

The Audit Follow-up Matrix had been revised and duplicated items removed, significantly reducing its length, and some items were identified as completed and due for removal. Concern was expressed that the estimated target date for the establishment of the asbestos register was not until 30 June 2028 and we asked that it be reviewed and expedited if possible.

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The forward meeting plan was considered at the November meeting and a large number of additional items inserted to improve the coverage of the Committee's responsibilities. The fair copy of the plan after the changes was adopted.

This meeting concludes the inaugural appointments of independent members to the Committee, and Mr John Burge has indicated that he will not seek reappointment. Mrs Gaila Smith, not having been re-elected to Council, has been replaced by Cr Robert Black as Councillor representative and the Mayor has been re-elected to that position. I thank them for their contributions. Applications have been called for appointment as independent Chair and members of the Committee, and I intend to apply for reappointment to the position of Chairman.

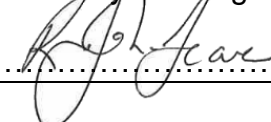
I suggest that it is important there be continuity in the approach and operations of the Committee, and urge that Council stagger the completion dates of the new appointments (which in fact will be required by the proposed new regulations). I also recommend that two independent members other than the Chair be appointed, again as will be required by the proposed regulations.

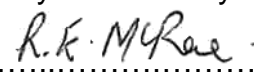
I, and the other retiring members of the Committee, express our thanks to staff, particularly General Manager John Scarce and Finance Manager Vicki Sutton, for their support throughout what has been at times a challenging initial period of the Committee's existence.

David G Maxwell  
**CHAIRMAN**

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## ITEM NO. 11 - HERITAGE DARLINGTON POINT MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	5 December 2021
Author:	Heritage Darlington Point Secretary
File #:	SC24
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Commenced at 10.00 am

**Present:** Shirley Norris (chair) Roger McGann, Ken Geltch, Sue Porter, Laurie Finley, Sue Mitchell, Joy Schubert, Geoff Schubert., Mona Finley; also guest Patrick Mitchell.

**Minutes of Meeting** 10 October 2021 tabled, passed (Sue P/Joy)

**Business from Minutes:** All ongoing matters to be dealt under General Business.

**Correspondence:**

Outward: Nil

Inward:

1. 11 Oct. – Ken Martin, RSL (email) -- has two WWI honour boards, previously @ D.Pt Uniting church; seeking place to house them (0427 871 950).
2. 15 Oct. – Origin Energy – feed-in tariff plan ending (Rang 19/11/21 to renew plan – 18c per kw/hr for 12 months from 24/11/21).
3. 30 Nov. – Origin Energy – new agreement.
4. 30 Nov. -- RAHS -- Affiliation dues \$82.00, to pay before 31/12/21.
5. 3 Dec. -- Origin Energy – account, \$60.48 to pay (Increased power usage recently?)

RAHS e-newsletters:

1. 14 Oct. -- Events Oct-Nov. Zoom session 3 Nov., author Gideon Haigh, *A Brilliant Boy*..... re H.V. Evatt. Zoom session 6 Nov. 'Exciting New World, Australian Life in 1920s-30s'.
  2. 11 Nov. – Events Nov.-Dec. Zoom session 7 Dec. 'Finding Your Aboriginal Ancestors'.
- Correspondence accepted (Mona/Roger)

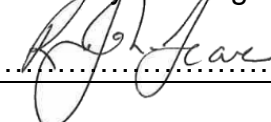
**Treasurer's Report:** No movement in or out; balance remains \$ 8183.69  
To pay: RAHS Affiliation, \$82.00 and Origin Energy, \$60.48.  
\*Noted that Petty Cash now stands at \$65.55, following purchase of 5 x storage crates, \$94.95.

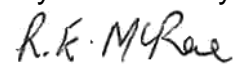
Request that \$100.00 be transferred to P.C. from general account (moved Mona/ Laurie)

**General Business:**

1. Flooring, Old Shire Chambers: Shirley and Mona inspected samples at Leeton Floors; selected Gerflor Loftex 'Opera' (parquetry pattern). New quote: \$9879.00. To be laid mid-Jan. 2022 \*Mona to check with Leeton Floors re allowance required at bottom of doors.
2. Preparation of building : Builder David Jackson quoted \$2111.45. Work carried out 16 Nov. to adjust uneven floorboards in doorway, refix skirting board, close off redundant exterior door, reposition section of wall panel.
3. Disabled Access Ramp: Completed by Steve Fattore and members of Men's Shed. Front steps to be replaced, to complement ramp. Mona contacted Steve, 19 Nov. – he

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said has busy schedule, will complete soon, Dec. (?)

4. Windows, Police Residence: H. McLachlan has installed 3; one still to be installed.

5. Further Upgrade:

(a) Quote of \$17,160.00 received from Brady, to paint interior of Old Shire Chambers and 3 exterior walls of Police Residence . Can commence job, March 2022.

(b) Veranda Paving, Police Residence: Quote of \$2420.00, Bli Bli Concreting; to replace cracked paving; possibly Rock Salt finish.

The meeting was then adjourned for members to make tour of inspection of building, and of storage shed.

List made of items to be moved: also consideration given to items to be disposed of – duplicated items, broken/incomplete items, items not fit for purpose.

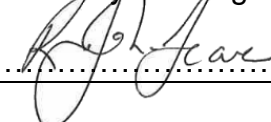
Possible “Trash or Treasure” sale suggested. No date set.

**Meeting closed:** 11.15 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** 6 Feb. 2022

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**ITEM NO. 12 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	4 November 2021
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

**Meeting commenced 5.00pm**

**Present:** Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Isabell Milne, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Joan Ferris, Chris Girdwood, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, Garry Borger, Margie Borger, Graham Mills, Ruth McRae, Judy Knight.

**Apologies:** Polly Fisher, Dot Mills, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Michelle Read.

Moved: Graham Mills                      Seconded : Margie Borger                      that the apologies be accepted.

Carried.

**Minutes of the previous AGM :**

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

Carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

- NIL

**Treasurers Report tabled:**

**Business arising from Treasurers Report:**

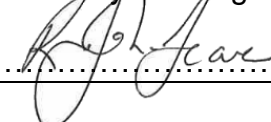
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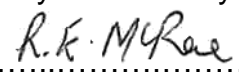
Accepted on the motion of: Richard Wright                      Seconded: Garry Borger

Carried.

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**Presidents Report tabled:**

Accepted on the motion of : Faith Bryce

Seconded: Joan Ferris

Carried.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

Cr Ruth McRae declared all positions vacant and conducted the election of Office Bearers.

**President:**

Faith Bryce  
Accepted.

Nominated by: Judy Knight

Seconded: Elaine Forbes

**Vice President:**

Margie Borger  
Accepted.

Nominated by: Margie Borger

Seconded: Joan Ferris

**Treasurer:**

Richard Wright  
Accepted.

Nominated by: Sadie Herrick

Seconded: Graham Mills

**Secretary:**

Sadie Herrick  
Accepted.

Nominated by: Faith Bryce

Seconded: Joan Ferris

**Publicity Officer:**

Wendy Hurd  
Accepted.

Nominated by: Margie Borger

Seconded: Gwen McLaughlin

**Auditor:**

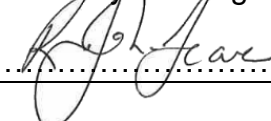
Murrumbidgee Council. Moved: Richard Wright  
Vicki Sutton be approached to conduct audit.  
Carried.

Seconded: Isobel Milne

**Meeting Closed: 5.14pm**

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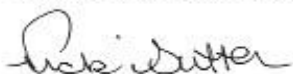
**JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2021**

<b>Income</b>	
Proceeds from Raffle	455.00
Fines & Travel Income	73.60
	<u>528.60</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Mower Fuel	25.52
Trailer Registration	262.00
Floral Tributes	100.00
	<u>387.52</u>
<b>Nett Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u><u>141.08</u></u>

**Balance Sheet**  
**for the year ended 30th June 2021**

<b>Reconciliation as at 30/6/21</b>	
Balance brought forward 1/7/20	9879.37
Add Receipts for year	528.60
	<u>10407.97</u>
Less Expenditure for year	387.52
Cash Book Balance as at 30/6/20	<u><u>10020.45</u></u>
<b>Represented by</b>	
Bendigo Bank Account numbered 151806379	10020.45
Less outstanding cheques	0.00
Cash Book Balance as at 30/6/21	<u><u>10020.45</u></u>

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



Vicki Sutton - Honorary Auditor

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**ITEM NO. 13 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	4 November 2021
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

**Meeting commenced 5.15pm**

**Present:** Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Joan Ferris, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, Garry Borger, Margaret Borger, Graham Mills, Chris Girdwood, Isabell Milne, Ruth McRae, Wendy Hurd.

**Apologies:** Polly Fisher, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Michelle Read.  
Moved: Ruth McRae                      Seconded: Chris Girdwood that apologies be accepted.

Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of:  
Gwen McLaughlin      Seconded: Isabel Milne.

Carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Raffle was organised and went off extremely well. Thanks to all.
- Kate Hardman was contacted re Park Run.

**Treasurers report as tabled:**

As per AGM.

**Business arising from Treasurers Report:**

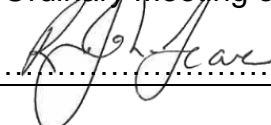
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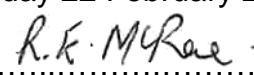
Moved: Richard Wright      Seconded: Chris Girdwood that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted.

Carried.

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## Correspondence:

### Inwards:

- 6.7.2. St Joseph's Social & Fundraising C/tee re helpers for community functions.
- 15.7.21 Tom Dimec re strategy plan for Luke Park/Lake Jerilderie.
- 27.7.21 Jerilderie Portsea C/tee re sponsorship for (hopefully) 2023.
- 22.7.21 email from Jer Preschool re letter of support for Playground Project at new Jerilderie Early Learning Centre.
- 29.10.21 Letter from Council re Australia Day Nominations 2022

### Outwards:

- NIL

## Business Arising out of Correspondence:

- Sadie to contact Cath Rorarto re helpers for wakes. Ask for more clarification.

Moved: Garry Borger      Seconded: Ann Wright      that correspondence be accepted.

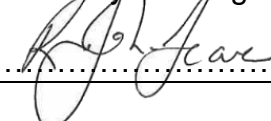
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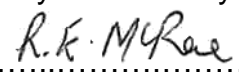
## General Business:

- Sadie to speak with Kate Hardman re what financial assistance is required to get the Parkrun happening. Discussion on whether Tidy Towns or another body could source a defibrillator to assist with project.
- Working Bee – Memorial Park in readiness for Remembrance Day 11.11.21. meet at Park, 5.00pm and if time permits attend to Bush Tucker Trail and other garden beds. Bring cobweb brooms for tidying up Tidy Towns Office.
- Garden Award- Best Garden – certificate presented to Gwen. (Sadie left trophy at home. OMG!)
- Christmas Lunch Meeting to be held at Sports Club Thursday December 2, 2021 at 12.00 and Restaurant happy to do a banquet. **Numbers to Faith please.**
- Discussion re Australia Day Awards. Members to consider who to nominate. There are plenty of wonderful people out there who do so much for their community. They usually go unnoticed but do a fantastic job. Think about it.
- Margie Borger mentioned the idea of a Family Picnic Day at our beautiful Luke Park. Discussion led to perhaps coinciding with the Fishing Club Day or having a Welcome to Jerilderie Day for those who have recently chosen to make JTown their town. Maybe ask Council for advice/assistance?
- Discussion on a raffle for 2022. An idea raised: Buy or donate a tree. Contact Council for direction. Tidy Towns Committee to work with Council as a project, to assist with beautifying the second stage of Wunnamurra Estate with trees of Council's choice.

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Action: Sadie to contact Council.

- Meeting agreed that it was fabulous to be able to have that social interaction again as a caring community group.

Meeting Closed: 6.00PM

Next Meeting: Thursday December 2, 2021

At: Jerilderie Sports Club

Time: 12.00 for banquet lunch

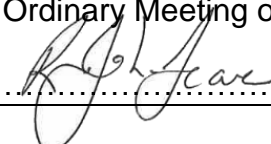
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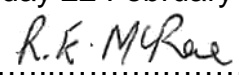
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**ITEM NO. 14 - NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

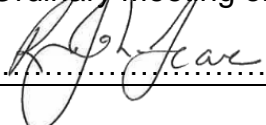
Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	8 February 2022
Author:	Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Secretary
File #:	SC12
Approval:	External Committee


**1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES and ATTENDANCE**

The meeting opened at 10.03am. The Chair formally welcomed Kristy Hartwig and Amellia Crook

Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Chair)	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord (Vice Chair)	Councillor, Bland Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Peter Dawson	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Kristy Hartwig	Assistant Regional Director, Transport for NSW
John Scarce	General Manager, Murrumbidgee Council
Nijole Bentley	Director, Department of Infrastructure
Amellia Crook	Acting Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure
Richard Jane	Director Engineering, Forbes Shire Council
Laurena McNeil	
Rod Hannifey	Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance Coordinator
Lisa Moon	Treasurer, Newell Highway Promotions Committee
Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Chair)	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord (Vice Chair)	Councillor, Bland Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council

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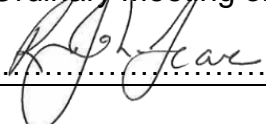
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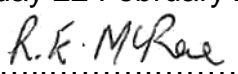
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<b>Attendees name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Cr Peter Dawson	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Kristy Hartwig	Assistant Regional Director, Transport for NSW
John Scarce	General Manager, Murrumbidgee Council
Nijole Bentley	Director, Department of Infrastructure
Amellia Crook	Acting Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure
Richard Jane	Director Engineering, Forbes Shire Council
Laurena McNeil	
Rod Hannifey	Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance Coordinator
Lisa Moon	Treasurer, Newell Highway Promotions Committee

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Cr Norm Brennan	Mayor, Edward River Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Cr Katrina Humphries	Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor, Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Ron Campbell	Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Steven Karaitiana	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Councillor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Robert Black	Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Chris Roylance	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Alistair Lunn	Director, Transport for NSW
Paul Polansky	Senior Manager Transport Technical Solutions, Transport NSW
Stewart Todd	General Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Ray Smith	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Shane Wilson	Deputy General Manager, Narrandera Council
Kevin Tighe	Director Technical Services, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Ian Dinham	Director Engineering, Moree Plains Shire Council
Megan Turner	Gunnedah Council
Shane Burns	Director Infrastructure, Narrabri Shire Council

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Apologies	Organisation
Allan Lawrence	Director Engineering Services, Moree Plains Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Lauren Redden	Administration Officer, Narrandera Council
Warren Clarke	CEO, National Roads
Barry Heins	Director Engineering, Narrandera Shire Council
Allan Magill	Vice Chairman, National Roads
Lila Fisher	Project and Development Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council
Mick Savage	Roads and Transport Directorate Manager
Peter Dale	Economic Development Manager, Narrandera Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Senior Projects Engineer, Dubbo Regional Council
Kelly Hendry	Destination Development Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Marina Uys	Bland Shire Council

That the apologies be received and noted.

**Moved** - Cr Denis Todd **Seconded** - John Morris  
**Carried**

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 9 November 2021 be confirmed as true and accurate.

**Moved** - Cr Tony Lord **Seconded** - Cr Denis Todd  
**Carried**

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

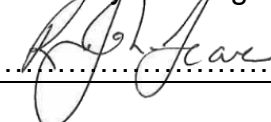
Rod Hannifey raised the following issues:

a. Plans for Tycannah Creek Rest Area upgrades have been received from Paul Polansky of Transport for NSW. Per the design, every single tree there will be knocked down for herringbone parking (instead of parallel parking). If this is the case, Rod will start a revolt as this is the only bay with some shade. Paul Polansky is also not happy with the design and suggested that Rod raise this issue in this meeting.

Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW apologised that it had taken 12 months to get these plans to Rod. Kristy acknowledged that the Tycannah Creek Rest Area upgrades have been worked into the design but there needs to be more consultation.

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Kristy will liaise internally as well with Suzie and the Freight Group. Tycannah Creek Rest Area works Stage 2 to remove trees will include developing landscaping plans. But there is no funding for Stage 2 at this point.

The Chair proposed that Transport for NSW get the stakeholders together into a workshop on truck rest stops including John Morris and Rod Hannifey. Kristy Hartwig agreed that a workshop is a good way forward for consultation.

b. Overtaking lanes on Newell. Rod would like to know why and where they were chosen. The next one to be done is north of West Wyalong whereby he would like the parking bays retained. Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW will take this matter on notice and clarify whether we are losing the parking bay on the north bound side only or whether we are losing the parking bays on both sides.

**Moved** - John Morris **Seconded** - Rod Hannifey  
**Carried**

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Executive Summary**

The following outwards correspondence relates to the NHTF.

##### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

##### **Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted. Individual Councils need to make representations to the mobile network operators to make their coverage issues known for their respective sections of the Newell Highway.
2. Rod Hannifey will compile a list of mobile black spots along the Newell Highway so that this Taskforce can make representations in addition to Local Council representations.

**Moved** - John Morris **Seconded** - Cr Tony Lord  
**Carried**

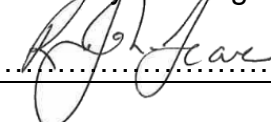
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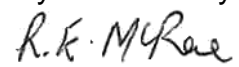
##### **Executive Summary**

The following Inwards correspondence including media releases that are of interest to the NHTF.

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## Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

## Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

**Moved** - John Morris **Seconded** - Cr Tony Lord  
**Carried**

## 7 AGENDA ITEMS

### 7.1 TRANSPORT FOR NSW PRESENTATION

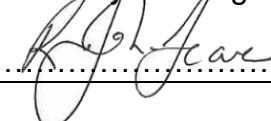
#### Executive Summary

Kristy Hartwig, Acting Regional Director, Transport for NSW gave an update on current projects

1. West Wyalong to Forbes Flood Immunity
  - This project is in the strategic and concept design phase.
  - The flood model is being finalised
  - The project team will be meeting with Councils this month to provide an update on the project and collect further data to finalise the model
  - Further consultation with the community and stakeholders will be taking place in the next few months as options are developed.
2. Grade separation - Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) funding
  - Four (4) sites in NSW have been identified for grade separation where the NSW road network crosses the inland rail route
  - The level crossing at Tichborne on the Newell Highway has been selected as one of the four (4) priority sites (along the Olympic Highway at Illabo, Castlereagh Highway at Curban and Tomingley Road at Narromine)
  - Investigation work is continuing to develop options for the four (4) sites
  - Funding has been committed to develop all four (4) sites ready for construction however all four (4) sites may not be delivered due to funding constraints
3. Parkes Bypass
  - The start of 2022 will see an exciting leap forward for the Parkes Bypass with work starting on the new Victoria Street Bridge

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- To ensure work is completed safely, Victoria Street will be closed between Moulden Street and Reedsdale Road for up to 15 months with traffic detoured via Ross Road and Condobolin Road
- An official sod turn event celebrated the start of major work on the project in November 2021 attended by Deputy Premier Paul Toole MP, Federal Member for Riverina The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Parliamentary Secretary Sam Faraway MLC as well as Alistair Lunn and members of the project team from Transport NSW and Georgiou Group
- Next steps on the project including Victoria Street evacuation works, the installation of project signage on 11 February, pile pad construction, piling outside the rail corridor and commencement of work at Billy Mac Place

#### 4. Newell Highway Program Alliance

- The Joint NSW and Australian Government funded program will result in about 60 kms of new overtaking lanes with a time saving of 33 minutes from the Victorian border to the Queensland border
- To date twenty one (21) overtaking lanes have been built with another six (6) in construction and thirteen (13) in planning
- Gullifers Rest Area will re-open in March after the completion of zone 2 safety works. Construction of OTLs to begin shortly afterwards
- OTLs at Daroolbalgie are expected to begin construction within the next fortnight with Pilliga Rest Stop construction to begin early March

#### 5. New Dubbo Bridge

- Project is in Delivery Readiness phase with 100% detailed design completed in December
- Tender documents are currently being prepared including IFT design
- Assessment of existing infrastructure (drainage) was completed in November 2021
- Additional geotechnical investigations were completed in November 2021
- Addendum to REF to be completed in Q1 2022
- Tenders for the main construction contract are scheduled for Q2 2022
- Planning to award a main construction contract in December 2022
- Construction on main contract works is planned to commence in early 2023
- Preparing for early works to commence in Q2 2022

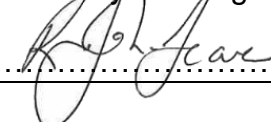
Rod Hannifey's concern is that with the construction of the Dubbo Bridge, Dubbo won't get a bypass unless Dubbo Council includes a bypass in their Transport strategy. Currently there are no truck stops in Dubbo. John Morris has done a lot of lobbying on this.

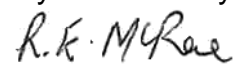
#### 6. Coonabarabran bypass

- The proposed eight (8) km bypass to the east of Coonabarabran, will improve connectivity and safety for road users and increase freight efficiency by allowing for high productivity vehicles such as 36.5m B-triples and Type 2 road trains
- The concept design has been finalised
- The detailed design for Stage 1 (Newell Highway Oxley Highway Intersection upgrade) has commenced with construction expected to start in 2024.

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7. Newell Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrades Narrabri to Moree (Stage 1)

- Funding from Australian Government \$199.17M with NSW Government contributing \$58.03M
- Stage 1 works include:
- Upgrading four (4) priority sections along the Newell Highway with 27.3 km of new road pavement
- Intersection improvements, widening of road shoulders
- Provision of five (5) additional overtaking lanes
- Two (2) new heavy vehicle rest areas in Section 1
- Tenders are being assessed for the main construction contract which is expected to be awarded in March 2022
- Construction is 3.5 years (from June 2022 to Jan 2026) with 640 new jobs estimated during construction

8. Newell Highway Upgrade Pilliga Widening Concept Design

- \$8.8M to develop design concepts for the widening of the Newell Highway through the Pilliga
- This project will ultimately reduce travel times, improve journey reliability and improve safety along the Newell Highway for road users
- Transport for NSW has partnered with Arup to lead the concept design work
- Project timeline:
- Survey and geotechnical investigations are being carried out which will take approximately six (6) months to complete Sept 2021 to March 2022
- Project design options are being developed to inform a preferred concept design
- by November 2022
- Following confirmation of the preferred option, the community will be invited to comment on the Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) by June 2023
- Concept Design work is expected to be completed by early 2024

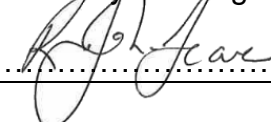
Rod Hannifey raised the issue of pavement failure at "12-mile hill" and the brand new culvert 22 km south of Goondiwindi wherein the southern end has sunk by 4 to 6 inches. There is also a savage dip 35 km to Moree, which was only completed in the last 6 months. Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW will make notes and take this feedback on board. The recent rains and wet weather have created a lot of challenges and Transport for NSW is reviewing pavement types to determine where would be appropriate to put more resilient pavement down eg south of Forbes.

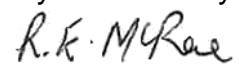
Cr Phyllis Miller raised the issue of the quality of work, whether Transport for NSW does an assessment of the completed work? Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW confirmed that they are aware of quality issue with early works.

Cr Tony Lord raised the issue of the flood from the latest rain which was more severe in southern part of the creek. He queried whether this has been taken into account in the concept design. Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW confirmed that this has been taken into account and they are aware that water is behaving differently from the 2016 flood event.

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Rod Hannifey raised the issue of the intersection at Boggabilla. 15 years ago, Rod highlighted that the Bruxner Highway needs to be a priority but the works on the bypass got delayed. Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW clarified that she had no idea on the timeline.

Rod Hannifey raised the issue of toilets at the truck rest area in Dubbo, at the top end of town. Dubbo Regional Council had informed him that this was the responsibility of Transport for NSW. Rod would like this to be a priority because there is no parking in Dubbo for a truck driver to get a meal or use toilets except for the Bowling Club and it's not well marked in any case.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

**Moved** - John Morris, **Seconded** - Cr Tony Lord  
**Carried**

## **7.2 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Summary**

Nijole Bentley Director, Infrastructure and Amellia Crook Acting Assistant Director gave an update.

Nijole has been consumed with Budgets including negotiations with Transport for NSW and various Ministers. ROSI funding is also in negotiations.

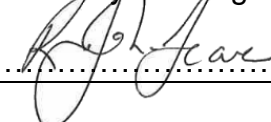
On Australian government funded projects:

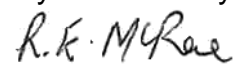
- Overtaking lanes project has been affected by the weather and recent floods. Variations will remove four (4) lanes and put four (4) new lanes in, this will not impede the funding.
- Parkes bypass sod turn in January 2022, so far the work has been fairly smooth sailing
- Heavy duty pavement upgrade rest stops will be incorporated into the project as part of the scope
- Dubbo bridge construction contract will be awarded late 2022 with major construction to begin in 2023
- ROSI there are thirteen (13) projects with \$5M in the bucket which has not been allocated. Funding is needed for eight (8) projects.

The Chair asked if there was funding to address mobile phone black spots for the full length of the Newell. Amellia Crook will check if funding might be under a sub program.

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John Morris asked when we expect to be driving on the Parkes bypass. Target completion is late/ end 2024.

John Scarce asked if there is any strategic direction for the Victorian end of West Wyalong and if there are some priorities they need to look at. Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW will check with the Alliance.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. Amellia Crook will check if funding for mobile blackspots for the full length of the Newell Highway might be under a sub program.
3. Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW will check with the Alliance about strategic direction for the Victorian end to West Wyalong.

**Moved** - John Morris, **Seconded** - Cr Tony Lord  
**Carried**

## **7.3 NEWELL HIGHWAY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

### **Executive Summary**

The Chair acknowledged that Kelly Hendry is moving on and thanked her for her contribution. Lisa Moon, Treasurer gave an update.

The Promotions Committee has been very quiet as Committee members are scarce. This Committee is still trying to find a Chair and would appreciate if other Mayors could seek support from their teams. Lisa is happy to take any inquiries as to the role of the Chair.

In the meantime, this Committee is still concentrating on the website which is looking fantastic. The objective is to try to link accommodation and meals to their website.

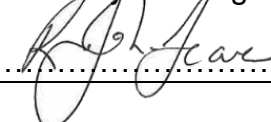
There are still a lot of brochures in stock. The inventory should last for 12 months. Then the Committee will assess if more brochures should be procured or whether the focus should be online.

Lisa will pass on the Chair's best wishes to Kelly Henry.

The Chair suggested that this Taskforce follow up with Dubbo Regional Council again if they can Chair this Committee.

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## Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That this Taskforce follow up with Dubbo Regional Council if they can chair the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.

## Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

**Moved** - John Morris **Seconded** - Tony Lord

**Carried**

## 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Richard Jane mentioned that local Councils have one (1) month to make a submission to the Central West and Orana Plan and the Transport Plan. Cr Phyllis Miller would like a working party throughout Central West and Orana whereby elected members get involved. Forbes Shire Council managed to get an extension to end of February 2022. Cr Miller would like the growth in Parkes and Forbes to have more prominence.

Parkes Shire Council has made its submission already, but the Chair mentioned that another submission specific to this Taskforce might be necessary in particular the population decline needs to be debunked. It was agreed that the Newell Highway Taskforce put in submission highlighting the importance of the Newell.

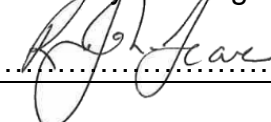
- b. Richard Zane mentioned that the Transport plan is very lightweight and focused on public transport. There needs to be a focus on the Special Activation Precinct (SAP) freight networks and bringing road networks up to standard.

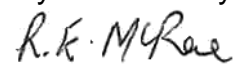
Kristy Hartwig from Transport for NSW clarified that there are two (2) plans. The Transport plan is open till 31 March 2022 and the team is happy to do individual briefings where required. Councils are encouraged to look at it individually and to make a joint submission with their Joint Organisation (JO).

- c. Cr Denis Todd mentioned that for the next Taskforce meeting on Tuesday 9 May 2022 in Coonabarabran, he is keen to have dinner on the night before on Monday 8 May 2022. He is also keen to organise a tour to the proposed bypass and intersection with Oxley Highway.
- d. John Morris mentioned that the newly elected Councillors on the Dubbo Regional Council will put a submission in to Transport for NSW for a bypass in Dubbo.
- e. Rod Hannifey mentioned that a truck driver got fined when parking for 15 minutes for amenities and that and he will contact the Warrumbungle Shire Council again. Cr Denis Todd will take that on board.

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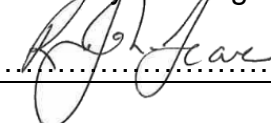
## 9 NEXT MEETING

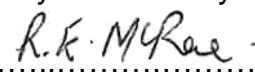
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 May 2022 in Coonabarabran with dinner on Monday 9 May 2022, subject to Covid.

The meeting closed at 11.17am

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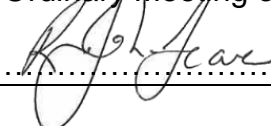
**ITEM NO. 15 - COLEAMBALLY AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

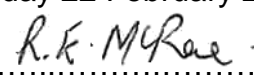
Council Meeting: 22 February 2022  
Report Date: 11 January 2022  
Author: Coleambally Australia Day Committee Secretary  
File #: SC5  
Approval: Section 355 Committee of Council

Present: Alison Hayes, Caroline Martin, Danielle Mannes, Kim Mannes, Christine Chirgwin, Penny Sheppard, Jane Strachan  
Apologies: Kate Sheppard, Ali Simmons

1. Ambassador is hiring a car.  
Penny to get bag to Alison tomorrow. Alison to get Earth Treasure and Prickle Hill produce from Lynne Stuckings. CEF CDP have donated a Coleambally Conversations book.
2. Forms required by Council have been completed. Alison & Penny met with Sam Star.
3. Covid plan is not mandatory. Jane to do anyway. Alison to do risk assessment. Will get copy of club's evacuation plan.  
People must wear masks indoors, check in with QR code, sit with spacing of 2sqm, no singing.  
Everyone to look out for any changes to regulations between now and 26<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sue Mitchell has applied for grant – each town to receive \$3000. Breakfast will be free.
5. Jodie or Alison will open club at 7am to set up on the day.
6. Lions to assist on the day. Penny to send list to them for next board meeting (13.01.2022).
7. Probably catering for 100 (20 less than last year.) Smaller tubs to be used for fruit salad. Bottled water and fruit juice to be served.
8. Ali will organise live streaming of presentations. Need to let Cypress View know so that they can setup for residents to watch.
9. Ruth will be attending – to give a short speech and introduce ambassador.
10. RSL will lend flag on stand. Caroline has it with her – Alison to take to club for the day.
11. Roy Duffell is organised for Australia Day.
12. Kate will make Aussie themed biscuits for Australia Day.
13. Kim to take engraving to Griffith tomorrow. Engraving to be billed to Murrumbidgee Council Coleambally Australia Day.
14. Competitions judged – Kim to do certificates. Penny to send certificate drafts from previous years to Kim.

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Alison to pick up prize money next week. Prizes are being sponsored by Coleambally Finance Group Ltd – need to acknowledge on the day.

### **COLOURING IN**

GROUP	1st	2nd	3rd
Preschool	Jacob Burke	Harper Pound	Adele Wilson
K-1	Charlotte Shields	Layla Heath	Marty Carroll
2-3	Maddison Pound	Neve Jones	Blake Pound
SENIOR	Trish Talent	X	X

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Criteria for judging:

- Appropriate to theme
- Quality – clear, good focus, lighting
- Composition – layout
- Creativity – colour, perspective
- Content

	1st	2nd	3rd
Primary	Izzy Star	X	X
Secondary	Alana Jones	Sally Evans	X
Adult	Kate Warren	Nancy Morris	Lundy Rowan

### **POETRY**

Years 4-6

1st	2nd	3rd
Breanna Witham	Andrew Fattore	Nevaeh Pardy

Entries are to be displayed in the gym.

Kim to notify prize winners.

Breanna to be asked to read poem on Australia Day.

#### 15. Nominations for awards judged.

Letters to nominees to contain covid warning as required by government at this stage.

Australia Day Council very keen we should continue with planning and will keep committees up to date with changes in covid requirements. Penny to do certificates. Council office will laminate. Have frames for those that require them.

16. Danielle to emcee the program.

Nominees in different categories to be read out by:

Reader	Award (s)
Christine Chirgwin	Sub-junior sportsperson Junior sportsperson Sportsperson Sporting Team of the Year
Jane Strachan	Event of the Year Citizen of the Year
Alison Hayes	Cultural Award Environmental Citizen of the Year Award
Danielle Mannes	Young Citizen of the Year
Kim Mannes	Competition winners – colouring in, photography, poetry

17. Follow up publicity – Danielle to write up when she does program. Penny to email last year's information to Danielle and Jane to give an idea of what's needed.

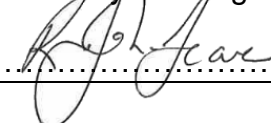
18. Jane and Danielle working on program.

Flyer to go out on 19<sup>th</sup> January – need to check with Carissa how many days before she needs flyer and how many to print. Council will print then need to be folded.

19. There will be an ambassador's dinner. Sue to discuss with Darlington Point Committee on Thursday Night and let us know.

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**ITEM NO. 16 - COLEAMBALLY AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting: 22 February 2022  
Report Date: 9 February 2022  
Author: Coleambally Australia Day Committee Secretary  
File #: SC5  
Approval: Section 355 Committee of Council

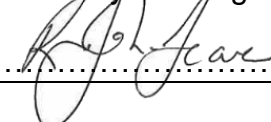
Present: P. Sheppard, A. Hayes, K. Mannes, A. Simmons, C. Martin

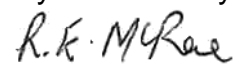
Apologies: C. Chirgwin, K. Sheppard, D. Mannes, J. Strachan

- Alison thanked everyone for their help in organising videoing.
- Minutes of previous meeting  
Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting 11.01.2022 are an accurate record of that meeting.  
Moved: K. Mannes                      Seconded: C. Martin                      Carried
- If we do it on-line again include the art work. Time was a concern (limited to 20 mins.)  
Positive comments re-presentation.  
Cost was \$1600 for Brett's work.  
Darlington Point paid \$2000 for Ambassador's speech video.  
Brett provided tips on how to do it if we choose to do it ourselves.  
Awards were well received.  
There were 350 views, 13 comments, 32 likes for Coleambally video.  
Comments included congratulations to winners and well done to committee.  
Ambassador's video had 141 views, 1 comment, 7 likes
- Consider a powerpoint with nominees/winners to display and include photography entries.
- Have nomination forms on-line. Alison to contact Anne to see what she can come up with regarding more generic forms. Will ask for end of March for Anne to get back to us for proof reading – Alison will circulate.  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 is to be new closing date.  
Committee meeting possibly 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 – to be confirmed.  
Request that completed nomination forms be emailed to [coleamballyaustraliaday@gmail.com](mailto:coleamballyaustraliaday@gmail.com).  
Completed nomination forms delivered to Council office to be scanned and emailed to this address. People can still pick up forms from office or have them emailed to them.

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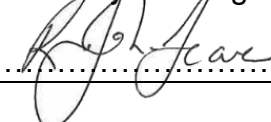
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- Competitions  
Limit photographic entries to 3 per person.  
Leave prizes as is.  
Need new theme for Photography competition – suggestions Salute to Australia, Coleambally in Action – try to keep it local. Keep thinking of ideas.
- Letter of thanks sent to Coleambally Finance Group Ltd for their sponsorship of prizes. Should we ask them to cover cost of chocolates too? Decision to leave as is – if needs be Penny will cover cost.
- Costs of medallions and boxes, engraving as yet not known – to come out of grant.
- Ambassador's gift – contained carry bag, Trudi's cream and Prickle Hill produce – total cost \$63.
- Facebook page – Australia Day Coleambally has been removed.  
Ali to look for new picture for Facebook page – water tower suggested.
- Would like to buy new shields for Cultural and Environmental Awards. Kim has requested a quote from Brad. Sue Mitchell to be asked re-approval to purchase.
- Encourage new committee members – approach people for meeting to vote even if they do not wish to be involved otherwise. Could approach people from various community groups – for example, Sarah Hardy (Gym), Paul Muir (Apex). Kim to mention to staff meeting at school. Advertise in September, put in Council Newsletter (contact Anne for date to submit), Coly Chatter.
- Next meeting: October, 2022 – date to be advised.

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**ITEM NO. 17 - JERILDERIE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	10 January 2022
Author:	Jerilderie Australia Day Committee Secretary
File #:	SC5
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

**Present** – Dean Knight, Rhonda Bryce, Laurie and Joan Blackmore, Geoff Ham, Faith Bryce, Joy Knight, Ruth McRae, Kevin A'Vard.

**Apologies-** Maree and Peter Keating, Janelle Dickson (Council Health and Safety Officer)

Moved Faith Bryce, seconded Laurie Blackmore that the apologies be accepted.  
CARRIED

**Minutes of last Meeting**

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

**Business Arising from Minutes of last Meeting**

Ruth will follow up with Justin Clancy's office re grants for defibrillator. Someone needs to be responsible for using the machine.

**President's Report**

Dean thanked Joan and Rhonda and the committee for the ongoing work over the years.

Moved Dean Knight, seconded Faith Bryce that the President's report be accepted.  
CARRIED

**Treasurers Report**

Balance at 10/01/22 \$14,309.90

Moved Joan Blackmore , seconded Kevin Avard that the treasurer 's report be accepted.

CARRIED

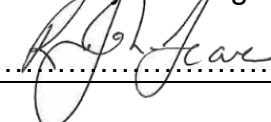
**Elections of Office Bearers**

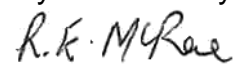
Ruth McRae took the chair and declared all positions vacant.

President

Dean was nominated by Kevin Avard and seconded by Laurie Blackmore  
Dean accepted and with no further nominations was duly elected

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

Secretary

Rhonda was nominated by Joy Knight seconded by Geoff Ham

Rhonda accepted and with no further nominations was duly elected

Treasurer

Joan Blackmore was nominated by Kevin A'Vard and seconded by Joy Knight

Joan accepted and with no further nominations was duly elected.

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

New members are all welcome

**General Business**

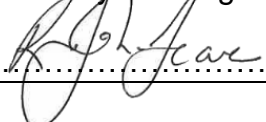
Nil

Meeting closed 7.51pm

Next meeting November/December 2022

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 18 - JERILDERIE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	10 January 2022
Author:	Jerilderie Australia Day Committee Secretary
File #:	SC5
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

**Present** – Dean Knight, Rhonda Bryce, Laurie and Joan Blackmore, Geoff Ham, Faith Bryce, Joy Knight, Ruth McRae, Kevin A'Vard.

**Apologies-** Peter and Maree Keating, Janelle Dickson (Council Health and Safety Officer)

Moved Faith Bryce, seconded Laurie Blackmore that the apologies be accepted.  
CARRIED

**Minutes of last Meeting**

Moved Joy Knight, seconded Joan Blackmore that the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted  
CARRIED

**Business Arising from Minutes of last Meeting**

Electrical cord safety mats purchased by Rhonda

Race stage still required for the event

IGA Voucher- The IGA will donate a \$200 voucher as first prize and we will provide a \$150 voucher as second prize and a \$50 voucher as 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. A thankyou letter to be sent from the committee.

Laurie to purchase raffle tickets

Joy, Ruth and Faith represented our committee re selection of Australia Day awards Winners.

**Incoming Correspondence**

Murrumbidgee Council re Aust Day Nominations

**Outwards Correspondence**

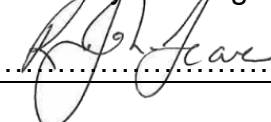
Thank you letters from last event


Moved Faith Bryce, seconded Laurie Blackmore that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor



## **Treasurers Report**

### **As per Annual General meeting**

Balance at 10/01/22- \$14,309.90

Moved Joan Blackmore, seconded Kevin Avard that the treasurer 's report be accepted. CARRIED

## **Outstanding Accounts**

Rhonda for purchase of power cord safety mats-has been reimbursed

Hilary for glow products- Hilary will try to cancel the order but if unable will be reimbursed

Moved Joan Blackmore, seconded Ruth McRae that outstanding accounts be paid. CARRIED

## **General Business**

General discussion re the current covid situation.

- Will our Australia Day event go ahead??
- Will we be exposing our community to unnecessary risk?
- Will the community still want to attend?
- We will need a thorough covid plan, an entrance, exit and QR code.
- Spinning wheel- difficult/impossible
- Can't sell food and drinks.
- Are you prepared to work that night and possibly put yourself at risk?
- We haven't got the numbers on our committee to provide covid marshals.
- State Rules are in place at the moment until the 27<sup>th</sup> January.
- We still need to make money so we can continue the event in the future and this is almost impossible under the current conditions.
- Dean has spoken to Marshall Fireworks and he needs to know our decision. He will be operating under another's insurance policy as his business has been affected greatly during the last 2 years.
- Consider having a similar event later in the year e.g., Queen's birthday long weekend.

**Laurie Blackmore moved that the Luke Park Australia Day Celebrations be regrettably postponed indefinitely due to covid. Seconded Geoff Ham. Unanimously CARRIED**

Australia Day Awards will be presented in a similar format to last year.

We need to put a Public Notice in the SRN (Rhonda)

Local Jerilderie and I live in Jerilderie Facebook pages (Rhonda, Julie, Eden)

Murrumbidgee Council Facebook page. (Ruth, Rhonda)

Cancel Street Stalls. (Rhonda)

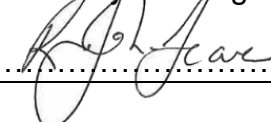
Dean contact Marshall's Fireworks


Laurie will contact AGA and Lions

Dean will talk to Apex as they were thinking of running the mini rail.

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The Murrumbidgee Council received a grant for \$3000 which was to go towards the fireworks. Ruth will follow this up.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Next meeting-?

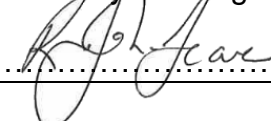
NB – for paper and social media

Jerilderie Australia Day Celebrations Postponed

It is with great disappointment our committee has decided, due to the current covid restrictions and the situation evolving throughout NSW and Victoria, we are unable to hold our Jerilderie Australia Day Celebrations in January this year. It was thoroughly discussed and unanimously decided by our committee to postpone the event.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

## OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

### ITEM NO. 19 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – DECEMBER 2021

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	28 January 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 31 December 2021.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 December 2021.**

#### BACKGROUND

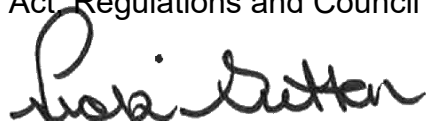
**Cash at Bank:** Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 December 2021 was \$27,783,692.02, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,849,333.41.

**Investments:** As at 31 December 2021, Council's total invested funds were \$24,934,358.61. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 0.21%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (56.07%), IMB Ltd (18.15%) and ANZ (7.48%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 31 December 2021;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.



Vicki Sutton  
Responsible Accounting Officer

16 February 2022  
Date

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.....General Manager



.....Mayor

## **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

## **OPTIONS**

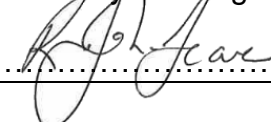
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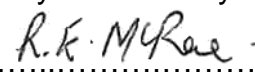
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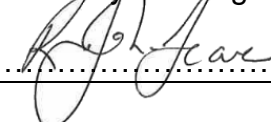
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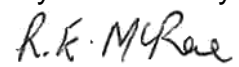
.....General Manager

.....Mayor

<b>STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
	<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK 30 NOVEMBER 2021</b>	<b>1,913,089.75</b>	<b>2,396,410.90</b>
ADD - Receipts - 31 December 2021	580,916.84	184,245.28
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	3,330,459.75	1,602,665.82
ADD - Cancelled	6,200.04	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-1,474.35	-1,008.23
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-1,640,514.37	-2,826,268.67
LESS - Payroll	-381,676.50	-358,486.57
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-941,572.90	-76,442.39
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-2,052.37	-126,183.25
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	
LESS - Investments	0.00	-287,149.85
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-13,800.48	-51.00
LESS - Fuel Card	-242.00	-423.29
LESS - Photocopy Rental	0.00	-329.58
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>	<b>2,849,333.41</b>	<b>506,979.17</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>	249,608.66	109,070.16
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	2,605,518.61	400,446.21
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-1,571.86	-2,537.20
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-4,222.00	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>	<b>2,849,333.41</b>	<b>506,979.17</b>
Add Investments	24,934,358.61	25,626,542.60
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>27,783,692.02</b>	<b>26,133,521.77</b>
<b>Represented by:-</b>		
Trust Account	366,482.84	251,486.70
Water Fund	2,945,844.42	2,300,169.73
Sewer Fund	4,430,889.79	4,022,265.84
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	4,958,611.23	1,874,244.79
Plant Reserve	1,383,537.00	2,183,176.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,070,781.00	1,468,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	2,703,655.00	3,760,189.00
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	406,630.00	493,580.00
New Council Implementation Fund	125,142.19	474,743.59
Stronger Communities Fund	6,255,678.08	7,561,800.99
General Fund	<b>3,062,636.47</b>	<b>1,670,061.13</b>

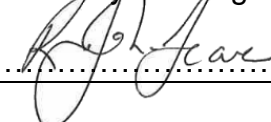
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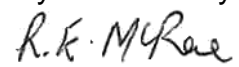
 General Manager

 Mayor

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS				
31 DECEMBER 2021				
Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	0.25%	30-May-22	20
ANZ-Les Wallis	46,110.86	0.05%	25/02/22	21
IMB Ltd	1,013,563.49	0.36%	08/03/22	22
NAB	502,655.66	0.20%	07/03/22	23
IMB Ltd	510,023.59	0.22%	20/01/22	24
IMB Ltd	700,584.93	0.20%	4/01/22	25
Bendigo	500,189.04	0.25%	09/02/22	26
St George	508,831.01	0.32%	03/02/22	27
Bendigo	813,826.21	0.20%	02/02/22	28
ANZ	1,000,000.00	0.15%	24/01/22	30
St George	750,691.64	0.27%	18/01/22	31
NAB	716,993.78	0.05%	26/05/22	32
Suncorp	1,572,519.64	0.32%	28/03/22	34
Bendigo	803,572.19	0.10%	16/01/22	35
IMB Ltd	800,000.00	0.24%	21/02/22	36
Bendigo	3,532,315.28	0.25%	16/03/22	38
ANZ	819,631.59	0.10%	15/01/22	39
Bendigo	2,331,335.17	0.30%	16/05/22	40
NAB	510,835.08	0.05%	07/01/22	43
IMB Ltd	1,000,679.45	0.22%	23/02/22	44
Bendigo	6,000,000.00	0.30%	16/01/22	45
Total Investments	\$24,934,358.61			
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	1.52%		
	2020/21	0.45%		
Average Interest Rates	2021/22	0.21%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,572,519.64	6.31%		
ANZ	1,865,742.45	7.48%		
Bendigo	13,981,237.89	56.07%		
IMB Ltd	4,524,851.46	18.15%		
NAB	1,730,484.52	6.94%		
St George	1,259,522.65	5.05%		
TOTAL	24,934,358.61	100%		

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 20 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2022**

Council Meeting:	22 February 2022
Report Date:	15 February 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 31 January 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 January 2022.**

**BACKGROUND**

**Cash at Bank:** Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 January 2022 was \$28,356,804.35 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$4,479,328.72.

**Investments:** As at 31 January 2022, Council's total invested funds were \$23,877,475.63. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 0.23%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (58.60%), IMB Ltd (21.05%) and NAB (7.25%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 31 January 2022;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.



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Vicki Sutton  
Responsible Accounting Officer

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16 February 2022  
Date

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General Manager

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Mayor

## **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

## **OPTIONS**

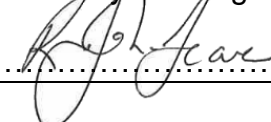
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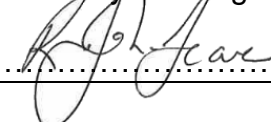
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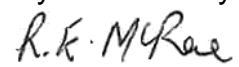
.....Mayor



<b>STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
	<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 DECEMBER 2020</b>	<b>2,849,333.41</b>	<b>506,979.17</b>
ADD - Receipts - 31 January 2021	2,040,718.56	318,085.08
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	1,748,527.41	3,007,147.67
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00
LESS - Adjustments EFT Duplicate Reversed	0.00	-141.00
LESS - Cheques	-246.85	0.00
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-1,033,787.95	-1,425,016.30
LESS - Payroll	-366,382.72	-354,459.70
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-5,168.02	-267,071.73
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-983.39	-1,916.21
LESS - ANZ Account Closed	0.00	-10.40
LESS - Investment	-750,000.00	0.00
LESS - Emergency Services Levy	0.00	0.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-2,540.28	-4,235.79
LESS - Fuel Card	-141.45	-325.10
LESS - Photocopy Rental	0.00	-329.58
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 JANUARY 2021</b>	<b>4,479,328.72</b>	<b>1,778,706.11</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 JANUARY 2021</b>	2,283,758.09	306,326.85
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	2,196,996.89	1,474,766.46
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-1,426.26	-2,387.20
LESS Outstanding Autopay	0.00	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
<b>CASH AT BANK 31 JANUARY 2021</b>	<b>4,479,328.72</b>	<b>1,778,706.11</b>
Add Investments	23,877,475.63	24,114,464.98
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>28,356,804.35</b>	<b>25,893,171.09</b>
<b>Represented by:-</b>		
Trust Account	373,065.84	272,475.50
Water Fund	2,935,268.55	2,249,697.19
Sewer Fund	4,423,982.40	4,010,582.93
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	4,885,325.19	2,514,627.14
Plant Reserve	1,383,537.00	1,591,696.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,070,781.00	1,368,000.00
Infrastructure Reserves	2,703,655.00	3,738,999.00
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0.00
Caravan Park Reserve	70,000.00	0.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	406,630.00	493,080.00
New Council Implementation Fund	107,678.69	467,143.59
Stronger Communities Fund	6,241,818.08	7,417,472.41
General Fund	<b>3,681,258.60</b>	<b>1,695,593.33</b>
	28,356,804.35	25,893,171.09

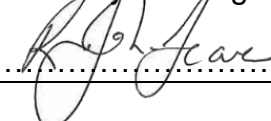
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 General Manager

 Mayor

<b><u>SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS</u></b>				
<b><u>31 JANUARY 2022</u></b>				
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Matures</b>	<b>NO.</b>
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	0.25%	30-May-22	20
ANZ-Les Wallis	46,110.86	0.05%	25/02/22	21
IMB Ltd	1,013,563.49	0.36%	08/03/22	22
NAB	502,655.66	0.20%	07/03/22	23
IMB Ltd	1,010,589.23	0.35%	20/06/22	24
IMB Ltd	701,099.33	0.30%	4/04/22	25
Bendigo	500,189.04	0.25%	09/02/22	26
St George	508,831.01	0.32%	03/02/22	27
Bendigo	813,826.21	0.20%	02/02/22	28
St George	1,001,541.26	0.27%	18/06/22	31
NAB	716,993.78	0.05%	26/05/22	32
Suncorp	1,572,519.64	0.32%	28/03/22	34
Bendigo	803,774.73	0.10%	16/04/22	35
IMB Ltd	800,000.00	0.24%	21/02/22	36
Bendigo	3,532,315.28	0.25%	16/03/22	38
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NAB	510,898.07	0.05%	07/04/22	43
IMB Ltd	1,000,679.45	0.22%	23/02/22	44
Bendigo	6,010,553.42	0.30%	16/08/22	45
<b><u>Total Investments</u></b>	<b><u>23,877,475.63</u></b>			
Average Interest Rates		2019/20	1.50%	
Average Interest Rates		2020/21	0.39%	
Average Interest Rates		2021/22	0.23%	
<b><u>PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD</u></b>				
SUNCORP	1,572,519.64	6.59%		
ANZ	46,110.86	0.19%		
Bendigo	13,991,993.85	58.60%		
IMB Ltd	5,025,931.50	21.05%		
NAB	1,730,547.51	7.25%		
St George	1,510,372.27	6.33%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,877,475.63</b>	<b>100%</b>		

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 21 – RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT –  
DECEMBER 2021**

Council Meeting: 22 February 2022  
Report Date: 20 January 2022  
Author: Finance Manager  
File #: SC165  
Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on rates and annual charges collection, showing totals for the initial levy, rebates applied, interest and legal costs incurred and total outstanding as at 31 December 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report at 31 December 2021 be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

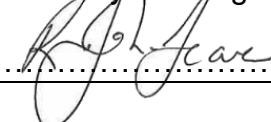
	<b>Total</b>
Arrears brought forward	\$ 387,617
2021-2022 Levy	\$6,255,193
Less Pensioner Rebates	\$(100,532)
Interest & extra charges raised to 31/12/21	\$34,016
<b>Rates &amp; Charges to 31/12/21</b>	<b>\$ 6,576,294</b>
Amount Collected to 31/12/21	\$ (3,816,031)
<b>Total Outstanding (to 31/12/21)</b>	<b>\$ 2,760,263</b>

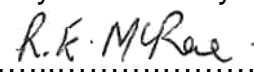
**OFFICER COMMENT**

The percentage of rates and annual charges collected as at 31 December 2021 equates to 58% as compared to 57% for the same period last year.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### Community Strategic Plan

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

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

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Rates Officers

## **OPTIONS**

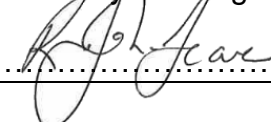
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 22 – NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – DECEMBER 2021**

Council Meeting: 22 February 2022  
Report Date: 14 January 2022  
Author: Finance Manager  
File #: SC59  
Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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

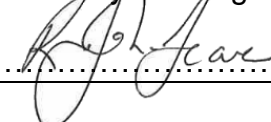
**RECOMMENDATION**

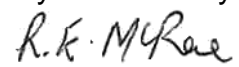
**The contents of the New Council Implementation Fund-December 2021 Report be noted.**

**BACKGROUND**

	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure (Dec 2021)</b>
PMO Staffing	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,091
Asset Management	\$330,000	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$74,500	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,800,000	\$1,759,849
Policy Development	\$31,000	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and accommodation)	\$265,000	\$304,476
Marketing & Branding	\$92,500	\$92,440
Service Reviews	\$180,000	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$127,000	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,500	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$265,000	\$247,948
GIS Conversion Project	\$80,000	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$60,000	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,500	\$124,118
Provision for adjustment to new Salary System during 2018/19	\$120,000	\$335,971

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Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$425,000	\$369,386
Integrate & update LEP and DCP's	\$350,000	\$144,256
Provision of Integrated Risk Management Systems	\$150,000	
Provision of project readiness-design briefs & estimates	\$300,000	\$296,726
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,225,000</b>	<b>\$6,099,858</b>

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

The remaining funds from this project amount to \$125,142, with amalgamation of the LEP and associated works continuing, together with the implementation of an Asset Management System being undertaken.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **FINANCIAL**

As detailed.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Amendment to overall project costing has been authorised within the operational plan and delivery programmes for the current year, as per quarterly budget review undertaken to September 2021.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

## **OPTIONS**

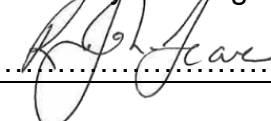
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 23 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022**

Council Meeting: 22 February 2022  
Report Date: 9 February 2022  
Author: Manager, Planning & Environment  
File #: SC210  
Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during December 2021 and January 2022.

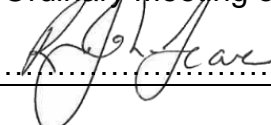
**RECOMMENDATION**

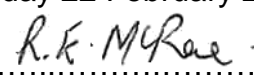
The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation Report, December 2021 and January 2022, be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
DA35-2-18/19	20 Narrand Street Darlington Point	17/12/21	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Tourist & Backpackers Accommodation		The development application was assessed under Section 4.28 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was undertaken and no submissions were received.	
DA23-2021	Kingfisher Avenue Coleambally	16/12/21	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Alterations to Community Hall		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Exhibition and advertisement of the application was undertaken and no submissions were received.	
DA35-2021	4 Bundoora Avenue Jerilderie	10/12/2021	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Verandah & Fence		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was undertaken and no submissions were received.	

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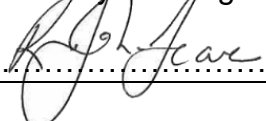
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<b>DA37-2021</b>	<b>Wilson Road Jerilderie</b>	<b>19/01/22</b>	<b>Approved (Delegation)</b>
<b><u>Description:</u></b>		<b><u>Consideration in determining application:</u></b>	
Monitoring Mast		The development application was assessed under Section 4.28 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The application was referred to CASA, no submission was received.	
<b>Modification DA5-2-2021</b>	<b>Darlington Street Darlington Point</b>	<b>19/01/22</b>	<b>Approved (Delegation)</b>
<b><u>Description:</u></b>		<b><u>Consideration in determining application:</u></b>	
Transportable Dwelling		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required.	

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