

AGENDA

Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at 3.00pm Council Chambers, Jerilderie

Attendees:	Councillor Ruth McRae, Mayor Councillor Robert Black, Deputy Mayor Councillor Troy Mauger Councillor Robert Curphey Councillor Judith Saxvik Councillor Tim Strachan Councillor Gavin Gilbert Councillor Christine Chirgwin General Manager, John Scarce Director Planning, Community & Development, Garry Stoll Chief Financial Officer, Kaitlin Salzke
Apologies:	Councillor Faith Bryce
Minutes:	Executive Assistant, Julie Conn
Guests:	
Agenda Topics:	 Acknowledgement of Country Recording of Meeting Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors Confirmation of Minutes Disclosure of Interest Declarations Notice of Rescission Notice of Motion Mayoral Minute Mayoral Report Delegates' Reports Officers' Reports for Consideration Reports/Minutes of Council Committees Officers' Reports for Noting Questions with Notice Meeting of Council in Confidential Session Items without Notice Closure

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RECORDING & WEBCASTING OF MEETING

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DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 21 September 2022

Author: Cr Faith Bryce

File #: SC217

Approval: Cr Faith Bryce

On 20 September 2022, I attended the Mid Murray Zone Jerilderie Captains Meeting at the RFS Station, Jerilderie. Apologies were noted from Mayor McRae and Councillor Mauger.

Points to come from the meeting were:

- Most brigades have reported little activity, road accidents have been prominent.
- Most Brigades have small numbers of new members joining.
- After two sheds were the subject of break ins last season, security was discussed.
- Director of Infrastructure, Tom Dimec has met with Chris Barron on fire retention. Due to the continued weather pattern, deciding on a delayed start.
- Discussion on high fuel load, mentioned secondary air strip in excellent condition, replacement of decommissioned foam products, permit procedures, PPC compliance.
- Staff at Deniliquin now at capacity.
- Two new systems being introduced
 - A new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. All call-outs to be done through Sydney.
 - A new rating, colour coded, system .

ATTACHMENTS

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Information Flyer Fire Danger Ratings Flyer

Faith Bryce COUNCILLOR

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Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Information Flyer

NSW RFS is in the process of transitioning to a new integrated dispatch system to improve our response time to incidents by ensuring the nearest, most appropriate resources are dispatched.

What is CAD and when is this coming?

- Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) is an integrated dispatch system that will bring together our existing dispatch
 processes and systems to enhance the way we respond to emergency incidents
- The computerised call receipt and dispatch system (Vision 5) will help streamline the dispatch process and improve our response time by ensuring the closest, most appropriate resources are dispatched
- CAD has already been rolled out in two phases and this roll-out will continue for the remaining Non-Centralised Dispatch Districts, with completion expected by September 2022.
- The transition from a non-centralised to centralised dispatch system through CAD, as well as succeeding
 integrations and enhancements, will bring about significant and positive changes to the way we respond to
 incidents, and ultimately support our members to better serve our communities.

NOTE: As CAD is rolled out to each of the Non-Centralised Dispatch Districts, you will be engaged directly with communications, support materials and information sessions to help prepare for the upcoming transition.

What will be new with the introduction of CAD?



Dispatch by appliance

The dispatch process will now be based on appliances rather than Brigade / District boundaries, so that the nearest most appropriate (and capable) resources are dispatched to an incident.



Inter-CAD Emergency Messaging System (ICEMS)

ICEMS will allow information to be passed automatically through CAD. In the initial phase, ICEMS will be the primary system of communication between NSW RFS and FRNSW to facilitate more seamless information sharing. Linking ICEMS with other agencies is being considered in the future phases.



Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)

As the current system (Noggin OCA) currently is unable to tell where the appliances are, where available, AVL will now provide CAD with real-time data on the location and availability of appliances (whenever they are within a GRN coverage area).



Status Panels

As CAD is rolled out to each of the 16 Non-Centralised Dispatch Districts, the status panels will also go live at the same time. This will be an optional tool to use in addition to the existing radio network and communications for providing appliance status updates when within a GRN coverage area.

What are the benefits?



Faster, more effective response

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Better informed decision-making



Consistent dispatch process



Alignment with other Emergency Services

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How will CAD work?



NSW RFS will receive

inbound incidents in CAD

via ICEMS in addition to

radio / phone calls.

Appliances Recommended

CAD will recommend which NSW RFS appliances should be dispatched considering attributes, location and availability.



Appliances Dispatched

Appliances will now be dispatched based on the closest, most appropriate and capable resources, using real-time data in CAD, to improve our response time to incidents.



Brigade of Jurisdiction & Duty Officer Paged

The Brigade of jurisdiction and District Duty Operations Officers will be alerted for every incident to maintain situational awareness.

What will this mean for our people?

What's new? What are the benefits? Triple 0 calls from FRNSW can be passed via · Instant and seamless communication between RFS and FRNSW for quicker sharing of OCC will dispatch the initial response and will OCC information, resulting in faster initial dispatch page to alert the Brigade of jurisdiction and response Duty Officer for every incident Operators) Decreases reliance on manual processes (e.g. Communications Operators can see the closest phone call) available unit and track location via AVL in CAD Minimises duplication of incident information District resources and statuses will be visible in District / Area Districts will have better visibility of their the CAD system at all times; AVL will provide Office resources and attributes real-time data on the location and availability of Information will be more accurate, accessible vehicles (for GRN coverage areas) and reliable to support better informed decision-Area command staff will provide assistance and making for dispatch support to Districts as required CAD will help facilitate a more effective way of Increased collaboration and communication Districts & communicating between Districts and the OCC between Districts and OCC will result in a more **FCCs** Communications Brigade members and District coordinated and consistent approach to Duty Operations Officers will work more closely dispatch Camms with the OCC when managing incidents, In the future phases, CAD will enable the providing situational awareness and local remaining 19 Districts to transition onto operational knowledge centralised dispatch Members will still be paged in the same way · Brigades will continue being able to provide Status panels will serve as an additional tool to operational advice to support responses as Brigade provide a quicker notification of vehicle status required Members updates (for Brigades within the GRN footprint) Reduced radio traffic whilst providing live to respond to incidents* information in regards to vehicle status and Staff on CAD has been integrated with ACTIV to provide Members will be able to respond to incidents real-time availability of members attending to more effectively as Brigades will be able to have incidents better visibility on their response capability

*Note: Status panels will promote an action in the CAD system.

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FIRE DANGER RATINGS

KNOWING THE FIRE DANGER RATING MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

The Fire Danger Ratings give you an indication of the consequences of a fire, if a fire was to start. They do not indicate the chance of a fire occurring, although this is a common misconception.

The higher the rating is, the more dangerous the conditions will be.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Fire Danger Ratings have four levels, which are:

MODERATE

PLAN AND PREPARE

At MODERATE, most fires can be controlled. Plan and prepare and be ready to act if there is a fire.

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BE READY TO ACT

At **HIGH**, be ready to act, Fires can be dangerous, so be alert for fires in your area,

EXTREME

TAKE ACTION NOW

TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY

At EXTREME, fires will spread quickly and become extremely dangerous. If a fire starts, take immediate action, If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.

CATASTROPHIC

FOR YOUR SURVIVAL

LEAVE BUSH FIRE RISK AREAS

Under CATASTROPHIC conditions, if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas, Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the niskt before.

NO RATING - On days when there's minimal risk, the white bar meaning 'No Rating' will be used. Report any fires to 000.

YOU CAN FIND OUT THE FIRE DANGER RATING FOR YOUR AREA BY:

- By visiting the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr
- Listening to your local news

- Checking the Fires Near Me App
- Calling the Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 15 September 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

- The General Manager be authorised to set the terms and conditions, and enter into lease, for Lot 2 DP 858670 and Lot 5 DP 858670 for the purpose of a 4.95MW Solar Farm
- 2. The General Manager's interest in becoming a member of the Albury/Wodonga Branch, CPA Australia be supported by Council;
- 3. Council deny permission to hold any event in the area of:
 - a) the cark parks in front of the Punt Road shops;
 - b) the closure of Carrington Street and Punt Road;
 - c) Fig Tree Park and the closure of Stock Street;
 - encouraging the use of CWA Park and the newly refurbished Murrumbidgee Shire Hall, with automatic permission of Council (subject to Traffic Committee approval) to close McAlister Street, to facilitate holding public events in this location.
- 4. The General Manager be authorised to set the terms and conditions, and enter into lease, for Lot 542 Coleambally.
- 5. The revised Media and Communication Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days, seeking public comment.
- 1. Solar Project Jerilderie

In 2013 Jerilderie Shire entered into a lease over Lot 2, DP 858670, South Coree Road, Jerilderie. In addition, Development Approval DA06-15/26 was approved by Council to install a 1.5MW solar project on the 12 January 2017.

The Solar Project has not been built today.

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Recently the solar farm plans changed hands, and we have been approached to request the possibility of additionally leasing of Lot 5 DP 858670, to allow a 4.95MW solar farm to be developed.

We recently called for expressions of interest for interested parties to lease to graze Lot 5 DP 858670, among other lots. There has been no acceptance by Council to enter into another lease for Lot 5 as of today.

The DA for the approved solar farm will be sought to be amended, however that is not for this process.

Recommendation

The General Manager be authorised to set the terms and conditions, and enter into lease, for Lot 2 DP 858670 and Lot 5 DP 858670 for the purpose of a 4.95MW Solar Farm

2. Kerbside Collection Three Streams

This item will be a standing item until fully implemented.

Over the next 12 months, we will be undertaking education, as well as facilitating the infrastructure required to deliver on the three stream kerbside collection on 1 July 2023.

Council has been privy to some of the education tools we propose to use during the next 9 months to ensure the project is smoothly transitioned.

Today, Council will also be asked to purchase a new garbage truck so we can deliver the service. It may seem early to be asking for this equipment, however, upon return of the tender documents the delivery time has ranged from 26 to 44 weeks to deliver the truck to site.

Many Councillors have advised of being approached requesting these services be offered to the rural parts of our LGA.

I will commit to have a report to Council by June 2023 identifying how this could be delivered, and at what cost.

When, in the past, I have done high level work on this matter, it was only based on collecting recycling and general waste for the rural areas, as many rural properties have the area to handle FOGO in a personal compost system.

3. <u>Energy Connect Project Update</u>

Council was advised on 14 September 2022 that the Energy Connect (Eastern Section) which is from Buronga to Wagga Wagga has received Environmental Approval.

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The Eastern Section of this project now advances to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for assessment.

4. <u>Audit Office and RFS Issue</u>

With Council's Chief Financial Officer, Kaitlin Salzke, I met with the NSW Audit Office on 12 September 2022, to discuss the recognition of RFS assets in the financial statements of Council.

We have been doing some of the work in identifying the existence of RFS assets in the field. Unfortunately we have not been able to verify the existence of all assets by sighting them. Those we have been able to verify, we have taken a photo and written record.

The message we conveyed to the NSW Audit Office is that we make no suggestion that anything is amiss with not being able to identify assets, it's simply fact that we are unable to identify assets because of their possible location, as not every asset is in a shed with RFS on it.

We advised the NSW Audit Office based on Council's resolution that we will not be able to include the RFS assets in our financial statements because we cannot reliably verify the assets and because of the way the use of the assets are handled, i.e. not by Council.

The NSW Audit Office offered that we place on the financial statements assets we can verify and not worry about the rest. I followed up by stating that does not work, because next year when we do a stock take of the assets even less may be located, causing further adjustments under the solution.

We also identified that we already pay a levy which is used to purchase the RFS assets, so by depreciating them we are actually double expense accounting these same assets, placing a greater impost of our rate payers.

We also questioned that the RFS Annual Report identifies 9 air craft and 24 water craft, amongst other items, which have been purchased by the fund or for the operation of the RFS. The question I asked was "which lucky LGA had to account for the helicopters", as the section of the Act the NSW Audit Office is relying on to place the fire trucks on our books clearly states that all fire fighting equipment purchased is vested in Council. Simple logic, if the aircraft are not on a Council's books, who's books are they on? As the RFS Annual Report clearly states they expense all items as they are vested to Council. So, if the aircraft are capitalised by the RFS then so to can be the fire trucks and trailers.

We did have a lot more questions with no definitive answers, primarily because their mind is set.

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5. CPA Australia

I have expressed interest to join the Albury Wodonga Branch of CPA Australia, my professional body.

The time commitments are 45 minutes a month to attend branch meetings, plus involvement from time to time to run and attend branch functions.

Recommendation

The General Manager's interest in becoming a member of the Albury/Wodonga Branch, CPA Australia be supported by Council;

6. Events in the Central Business District of Darlington Point

There have been concerns raised over the safety of the public gathering at events in the central business district of Darlington Point.

The concerns are associated with the Kidman Way.

In a Council workshop, the specific areas of concern are the cark parks in front of the shops on Punt Road, the closure of Carrington Street and Punt Road, Fig Tree Park and the closure of Stock Street to hold events.

Recommendation to be presented to Council from the Council workshop was to deny Council permission to hold event in this area, and encourage the use of CWA Park and the newly refurbished Murrumbidgee Shire Hall, with automatic permission of Council (subject to Traffic Committee approval) to close McAlister St.

When we refer to events we are referring to events where gatherings of people will congregate, not, for example, a single stall selling raffle tickets.

Recommendation

Council deny permission to hold any event in the area of:

- a) the cark parks in front of the Punt Road shops;
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7. <u>Lease over Lot 542 Coleambally</u>

We have had a request from the current tenant at lot 542, seeking to extend their lease over the area.

Recommendation

The General Manager be authorised to set the terms and conditions, and enter into lease, for Lot 542 Coleambally.

8. Media and Communication Policy - Revised

The revised Media and Communication Policy was workshopped by Council on 13 September 2022. No additional changes were recommended. It is presented to Council for endorsement and to be placed on public exhibition.

Recommendation

The revised Media and Communication Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for 28 days, seeking public comment.

9. Movements

30 September 2022 – Ute Muster Chair's Reception - Deniliquin

10-11 October 2022 - Local Government Professional Event - Griffith

14 October 2022 – RAMJO General Manager's Meeting - Leeton

19 - 21 October 2022 - CPA Congress - virtual

23 - 25 October 2022 - LGNSW Conference - Hunter Valley

4 - 20 November 2022 – Annual leave - working remotely

10 December 2022 - 8 January 2023 - annual leave

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership - Looking to our Future 5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

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RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

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Option 2

Any other recommendation of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Revised Media and Communication Policy

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ITEM NO. 2 - APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 23 August 2022 Author: General Manager

File #: SC64

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current Standing and Special Committees, Section 355 Committees, Advisory and External Committees are detailed for review, determination of memberships and formal adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Council representatives, as detailed in the table, be appointed to Standing and Special Committees, Section 355 Committees, Advisory, External and Internal Committees.

OFFICER COMMENT

Councillors annually resolve their membership and representation on various internal Committees and external bodies. At the Council workshop of 13 September 2022, the list of Committees was reviewed, and it was determined that the following external committees be removed from the list, maintaining staff representation:

- Western Riverina Arts
- Mid Murray Zone Bushfire Management Committee
- MIA Zone Bushfire Management Committee
- MIA Zone Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee

Councillor representation was determined as detailed below:

BACKGROUND

Standing and Special Committees of Council		
Committee Name	Councillor Representation	
Internal Audit, Risk & Improvement	Cr Black and 2 independents-at least	
Committee	one with financial expertise	
General Manager's Review Committee	Mayor and Deputy Mayor	

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Traffic Committee	Cr Black (Chair) (alternate Cr Curphey)
	Voting Delegate – Director of
	Infrastructure, Tom Dimec
	Mr Ian Girdwood represents Mr Justin
	Clancy MP
	Mr Shawn Gras represents Mrs Helen
	Dalton MP
Local Emergency Management Committee	Cr Black (alternate Cr McRae)

Section 355 Committees of Council			
Committee Name	Councillor Representation		
Coleambally Australia Day Committee	Cr Chirgwin		
Jerilderie Australia Day Committee	Cr McRae, Cr Bryce		
Coleambally Townlife Committee	Cr Chirgwin, Cr Strachan		
Darlington Point Townlife / Australia Day	Cr Saxvik		
Committee			
Heritage Darlington Point	Cr Saxvik		
Balmeringa Management Committee	Cr Bryce		
Central Coree Sports Complex Management	Cr Mauger		
Committee	-		
Yamma Recreation Reserve Management	Cr Chirgwin		
Committee			
Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee	Cr Bryce, Cr McRae		

Advisory Committee	
Committee Name	Councillor Representation
Monash Park Users	Cr Mauger, Cr McRae
Coleambally Sports Precinct Advisory	Cr Black (alternate Cr Chirgwin and Cr
Committee	Strachan)
Boat Ramp Darlington Point-Advisory	Cr Curphey, Cr Saxvik and Cr Gilbert
Committee	
Darlington Point Master Landuse Plan	Mayor, Cr Curphey, Cr Gilbert, Cr
Advisory Committee	Saxvik
Murrumbidgee Economic & Tourism	Mayor
Advisory Group (METAG)	
Darlington Point Caravan Park Committee	Mayor, Cr Saxvik, Cr Gilbert
Darlington Point Floodplain Risk	Cr Curphey, Cr Gilbert, Cr Saxvik
Management Committee (formerly DP	
Levee Committee)	

External Committees with Council Representation		
Committee Name	Councillor Representation	
CICL/Coleambally Environmental and Reference Committee (CERC)	Cr McRae (3 year term from 1 July 2020)	
Kidman Way Promotional Committee	Cr McRae (voting delegate) (alternate Cr Chirgwin)	

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Newell Highway Promotional Committee	Mayor (alternate Deputy Mayor)
Berrigan Jerilderie Community Network	Cr McRae
Murray Darling Association	Mayor (alternate Deputy Mayor)
Western Riverina Libraries Committee	Cr Bryce (voting delegate)
South West Zone Library Committee	Cr Bryce
The Riverina (Thrive Riverina)	Cr McRae
Roads and Maritime Services Consultative	Mayor (alternate Deputy Mayor)
Committee	
RAMJO	Mayor (alternate Deputy Mayor)
Riverina Valleys Spot On Spray Group	Cr Mauger (alternate Cr Black)
Western Region Joint Planning Panel	Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Internal Council Committee	
Committee Name	Councillor Representation
Scholarship Committee	Council as a whole
Community Grants Committee	Council as a whole

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993, Section 355

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

Action 5.1.1.4 Ensure Council's Committees, focus groups and advisory bodies are relevant and provide appropriate community involvement

5.5 Investigating Funding, Services and Programs Supporting and Strengthening Communities in the Region

Action 5.5.1.1 Council representatives participate in regular engagement through meetings, events and activities

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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OPTIONS

As per the recommendation

Council representatives, as detailed in the table, be appointed to Standing and Special Committees, Section 355 Committees, Advisory, External and Internal Committees.

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 3 - COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022/2023

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 23 August 2022 Author: General Manager

File #: SC218

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration will need to be given to the date, time and venue of the monthly Council meetings, and also whether Council wishes to schedule a January meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) Council schedule the October 2022 Council meeting for the third Tuesday of the month, due to a conflict with the LGNSW Annual Conference;
- b) Council schedule monthly Council meetings for the fourth Tuesday of the months November 2022 and February 2023 to September 2023;
- c) Council meetings commence at 11.00am;
- d) The meeting venues alternate between Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point, as follows:
 - Darlington Point October and November 2022; February, March, May and August 2023.
 - Jerilderie December 2022; April and July 2022.
 - Coleambally June and September 2022
- e) The December Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Friday 9 December 2022, commencing 9.30am; and
- f) The Councillor/staff annual meeting be held at the Jerilderie Sports Club at 1.00pm, following the December Ordinary Meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND

Each year Council determines the schedule of meetings for the coming twelve months.

OFFICER COMMENT

The fourth Tuesday in October will see the Council meeting clash with the LGNSW Conference, being held from 23 to 25 October 2022 in the Hunter Valley. This conflict necessitates a change to the date for the October Council meeting. I am proposing the 2022 October meeting be held on the third Tuesday.

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The December meeting has, in the past, been rescheduled to allow Council attendance at the staff and Councillor Christmas discussion. The Christmas party this year will be held at the Jerilderie Sports Club on Friday 9 December 2022.

I suggest that Council hold the December Council meeting at Jerilderie on Friday 9 December 2022, commencing 9.30am.

I also suggest that Council continue with the practice of not scheduling an ordinary January Council Meeting.

Often Council schedules a workshop meeting late in January or early February.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1 Transparent Leadership Through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillors

OPTIONS

- 1. Adopt the recommendation;
- 2. Recommend alternative dates/times for the monthly Council meetings.

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NIL

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ITEM NO. 4 - PROCUREMENT POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 14 September 2022
Author: Chief Financial Officer

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised *Procurement Policy*, with minor changes that do not affect the overall meaning or intent of the Policy, is proposed for adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Procurement Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

As a policy document, the Procurement Policy sets out overarching guidelines to be considered when undertaking the purchase of goods and services for Council; procedural matters are considered separately in the referenced Procurement Manual, which is an internal document that is also currently under review.

The overall intent of the Policy is proposed to be maintained; however, a rewrite of the policy has been undertaken to improve its clarity and readability.

To streamline the policy, procedural information that is a replication of the Procurement Manual has been removed, as has background detail such as the detailed listing of legislation that is adjacent to the procurement function and a summary of the practice of tendering.

The proposed changes were presented to Councillors at the workshop of 13 September 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That the revised Procurement Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

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ITEM NO. 5 - ADOPTION OF REVISED RATES, FEES & CHARGES HARDSHIP POLICY AND RESCISSION OF COVID-19 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 14 September 2022
Author: Chief Financial Officer

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election.

The revised Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy, incorporating elements of the existing COVID-19 Financial Hardship, was endorsed by Council at the July 2022 Council meeting and is proposed to be adopted by Council.

This will then permit the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy to be rescinded with no practical change to the way hardship applications are assessed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy be adopted, and the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy be rescinded.

BACKGROUND

The revised Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy was placed on public exhibition for the period 3 August to 31 August 2022. No submissions were received. This policy now incorporates a number of elements from the existing COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy, specifically, it extends the scope to include all ratepayers, business, individuals, and community groups; and to include all fees, in addition to rates and charges.

Incorporation of these changes into the existing Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy makes the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy redundant; any ongoing hardship arising from COVID-19 would fall under the 'financial hardship' grounds contained within the general policy.

Under the general policy, substantially similar payment arrangements and penalty interest waivers are available.

In addition, the guidelines for granting deferred payment arrangements under the existing COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy rely on the former JobKeeper eligibility criteria (broadly, a loss of 30% or more of revenue compared to the same

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period 12 months prior). As the COVID-19 pandemic has now been ongoing for multiple years, stakeholders who previously experienced a COVID-19-driven decline in turnover may be unable to access hardship concessions under this criteria if they have not experienced a further decline. In this sense, the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy is more rigid than the Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

FINANCIAL

No net financial impact is expected as a result of the proposed policy changes; the practical application of Council's hardship provisions will remain unchanged.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy be adopted, and the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy be rescinded.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

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Attachment # 3: Revised Rates, Fees & Charges Hardship Policy Attachment # 4: COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy

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ITEM NO. 6 - REQUEST FOR TENDER - BROLGA PLACE COLEAMBALLY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 30 August 2022

Author: Director of Infrastructure

File #: SC469

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to go out to competitive tender for staged construction options for Brolga Place, Coleambally.

RECOMMENDATION

Council proceed to staged tender for Brolga Place development as detailed:

Stage 1 - tender for steel structure;

Stage 2 - tender for civil works in front of the shops, including landscaping, pavers and street furniture.

BACKGROUND

The Brolga Place development was successful in securing funding grant of \$1,500,000 from the Stronger Communities Fund (merger money). Additional funding has been made available through the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5, totalling \$870,000 (FY 22/23).

An Encroachment Licence Agreement has been sent out to all property owners. The Agreement has been developed by Council's lawyers, Kell Moore Lawyers and Conveyancers.

Given the program of scoping, design development, tendering and construction, it is proposed to immediately commence procuring scoping and design resources to achieve the overall program and minimise Council's delivery risk.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council proceed with a staged tender to redevelop Brolga Place, Coleambally. The reason for the staged tender is provide a safe guard towards expenditure of grant funding, particularly due to the increasing cost of materials.

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

An Encroachment Licence Agreement has been developed.

FINANCIAL

- Grant of \$1.5M through the Stronger Communities Fund
- Additional Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 grant \$870,000

INTEGRATED PLANS

Our Infrastructure

3.1 Responsible, Sustainable Asset Management.

Our Leadership

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

To stage the tendering will assist in good procurement and allow for market value during the construction process.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Councillors
- Executive Team
- Chamber of Commerce
- Individual businesses and community
- Architect
- Councillor Workshops

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

Council proceed to staged tender for Brolga Place development as detailed:

Stage 1 - tender for steel structure;

Stage 2 - tender for civil works in front of the shops, including landscaping, pavers and street furniture.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

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ITEM NO. 7 - REVISED SIGNS AS REMOTE SUPERVISION POLICY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 27 August 2022
Author: Director Infrastructure

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide to Council the opportunity to review the revised Signs As Remote Supervision Policy

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy be endorsed, and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

OFFICER COMMENT

The policy has been updated to acknowledge public concern and to communicate to the public any recreational risk.

SUSTAINABILITY

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

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

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

- **3.2.2** Enhance sporting, recreation and leisure facilities and opportunities 3.2.2.1 Develop masterplans for sporting, showgrounds and recreational facilities and precincts in all towns. Adopt proposed Master Plan Infrastructure.
- 3.2.2.2 Develop business cases (where appropriate) and funding options for new or multipurpose sports and recreation facilities. Engage with local community groups to identify opportunities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy be endorsed, and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, seeking public comment.

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Option 2	
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Attachment # 5:	Revised Signs as Remote Supervision Policy

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ITEM NO. 8 - REVISED STORMWATER RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 20 September 2022
Author: Director Infrastructure

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Stormwater Risk Management Policy is proposed for adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Stormwater Risk Management Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

This policy was originally adopted in June 2018.

This Policy recognises the importance of:

- Promoting an integrated framework for dealing with stormwater disposal;
- Ensuring consistency and fairness in the manner in which the Council deals with developers and landowners;
- Ensuring compliance with legislative requirements under the Local Government Act 1993, the Roads Act 1993, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1979;
- Making the Council's policies and requirements for stormwater disposal readily accessible and understandable to the public.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council's objective is to establish a stormwater management system to a standard that optimises the service life and safety level of the individual assets, giving due consideration to the priorities and resources available.

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993
- Roads Act 1993
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1979
- StateWide Mutual Operational Risk Workbook

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

- 3.4.1 Manage Council's utility assets in line with best practice standards and priorities.
- 3.4.1.8 Complete the annual capital works program on stormwater assets in line with agree priorities. Annual storm water capital works program to be submitted to Council during budget preparations.
- 3.4.1.9 Upgrade stormwater facilities and system in line with agreed priorities. Report on stormwater capital works in line with approved budget

RISK MANAGEMENT

The risk of a poor storm water network may result in minor flooding and poor water quality, with environmental effects such as debris build up.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Stormwater Risk Management Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

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ITEM NO. 9 - REVISED ROAD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 15 September 2022
Author: Director of Infrastructure

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Road Risk Management Policy is proposed for adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Road Risk Management Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

The Road Risk Management Policy was originally adopted in June 2018.

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate that Council has a systematic and documented approach for reducing risks associated with the operation and maintenance of transport assets (roads). This is to ensure that Council's transport assets are maintained at an agreed level that optimises service and safety in consideration with the resources available. Council's transport asset network has been classified into clearly defined classes, with due consideration of classification - traffic volumes, vehicular type, usage and associated safety standards.

This policy:

- Applies the principles of identification, evaluation and treatment of risks to transport asset maintenance.
- Implements a formal system of transport asset inspections which record identified risks including defined hazards.
- Ensures maintenance of a risk register for roads through inspections and incorporated reports of transport asset hazards received from the public and/or employees.
- Implements a method of prioritising the risks identified by the various sources.
- Establishes reasonably practicable response times, in which to effect repairs or provide temporary warnings, for the risks identified based on resources available.
- Provides an objective, defendable and repeatable approach to the maintenance of Council's transport assets.
- Establishes a documented system and process to allow ongoing review.

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The proposed changes to this policy, apart from an update to the content page, are a change to some clause items and the review clause.

SUSTAINABILITY

To ensure principles of identification, evaluation and treatment of risks to transport asset maintenance.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Roads Act 1993

Associated Documents

- MC Policy Risk Management
- MC Policy Asset Management Policy
- MC Strategy Asset Management Strategy
- StateWide Mutual Operational Risk Workbook
- Minimum Levels of Componentisation for Road Infrastructure Assets (Austroads)

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

3.3 Our road network (reserve) is well maintained, functional and continually improved

3.3.1.1 Review/deliver a staged program of accessibility and maintenance improvement to Murrumbidgee's rural and town road network and road hierarchy. Complete road hierarchy classification and adopt Conquest Road Management software.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Reducing risks associated with the operation and maintenance of transport assets (roads). This is to ensure that Council's transport assets are maintained at an agreed level that optimises service and safety.

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager and senior staff
- Asset Manager
- Councillor Workshops

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OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Road Risk Management Policy be adopted by Council. Option 2

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Attachment # 7: Revised Road Risk Management Policy

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ITEM NO. 10 - REVISED ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 15 September 2022
Author: Director Infrastructure

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Asset Management Policy is proposed for adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Asset Management Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

The Asset Management Policy was originally adopted in August 2018.

This Policy recognises that Council is responsible for the management of an array of infrastructure assets that have been developed for and on behalf of the community. Council is committed to the sustainable management of their infrastructure, and realises the importance of incorporating asset management principles across all of its business and service operations.

This Policy

- Ensures that Council's services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to residents, visitors, and the environment.
- Safeguards Council assets, including physical assets and employees, by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets.
- Creates an environment where all Council employees take an integral part in the overall management of Council assets by creating and sustaining an asset management awareness throughout the organisation by training and development.
- Meets legislative requirements for asset management.
- Ensures resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated.
- Demonstrates transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practices.

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The changes to this Policy, apart from an update to the content page, are a change to some clause items, the review claluse and insertion of the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines – State and Regional Plan diagram.

OFFICER COMMENT

This policy provides clear direction and structure for decision making in the management of Murrumbidgee Council assets to:

- maintain consistency, transparency and inter-generational fairness in the manner in which Council deals with its assets.
- promote asset management awareness and the effective delivery of services, throughout Council and the community, with a focus on continuous improvement in the performance, cost, and risk assessment of assets.
- set guidelines for implementing consistent asset management processes throughout Murrumbidgee Council.

SUSTAINABILITY

Through continuous improvement, achieve advanced competency in asset management. When these goals are realised, Council will be able to unequivocally demonstrate and implement the most cost-effective management of all its assets as a basis for its future financial sustainability.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Roads Act 1993
- Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13, Part 2 Strategic Planning, sets out the role, purpose, responsibilities and powers of Local Government, including the preparation of a long term financial plan supported by asset management plans for sustainable service delivery. Chapter 13 gives effect to the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.
- International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM) IPWEA
- Australian Infrastructure Financial Management Manual (AIFMM) –IPWEA
- NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

3.1 We achieve a balance between growth, development and environmental protection

3.1.1.1 Review Council's asset management framework, policy and plan. Complete an asset management plan (framework and policy)

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RISK MANAGEMENT

Continuous improvement in the performance, cost, and risk assessment of assets.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The Asset Management Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment #8: **Revised Asset Management Policy**

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ITEM NO. 11 – ROAD NAMING – PROPOSED SERVICE STATION DEVELOPMENT JERILDERIE

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 16 September 2022

Author: Director Planning Community & Development

File #: SC176/SC121 Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2021, Council approved the development of a new service station fronting the Newell Highway which requires access from an existing un-named street. Council has been requested by the developer to officially name this street in order to create a street address for the development.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The existing un-named and unformed street adjacent to the southern boundary of current Lots 1 & 2 DP 569978, Newell Highway, be named Wangamong Street, Jerilderie.
- 2. Council provide to the Geographical Names Board of NSW one month's notice of Council's intention to name this road Wangamong Street, Jerilderie.

BACKGROUND

Council has approved a development application (DA20-2021) for a new service station fronting onto Southey Street (Newell Highway) in Jerilderie, which will require vehicle access from and egress onto an existing unnamed and unformed street heading west off Southey Street. It is a condition of consent for this development that the developer is to construct and seal this street to Council's requirements.

Council is the road authority for all public roads within the LGA and, as such, Council may name or rename all public roads and streets for which it is the roads authority, subject to the Geographical Names Board being given at least one month's notice of the proposed name.

The naming of the un-named road was subject to discussion at the Council workshop of 13 September, at which a number of possible street names were discussed. Wangamong Street was proposed, given the proximity of the Wangamong Creek to this location.

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993 requires that Council must provide the Geographical Names Board of NSW at least one month's notice of the proposed name.

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

2. Our Natural Environment: SUSTAINABLE LIVING

2.3.2 Facilitate sustainable land use planning and ensure developments are well planned, sustainable, have minimal environmental impacts, and meet legislative requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshops

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That:

- 1. The existing un-named and unformed street adjacent to the southern boundary of current Lots 1 & 2 DP 569978, Newell Highway, be named Wangamong Street, Jerilderie.
- 2. Council provide to the Geographical Names Board of NSW one month's notice of Council's intention to name this road Wangamong Street, Jerilderie.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

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ITEM NO. 12 - REVISED SHIPPING CONTAINER POLICY

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 19 September 2022

Author: Director Planning Community & Development

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Shipping Container Policy was presented to the Council Workshop on 13 September for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Shipping Container Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

The Shipping Container Policy was adopted by Council in 2019 to establish development standards for the use and siting of shipping containers within the Murrumbidgee Council.

Since its adoption, the use of shipping containers as exempt development under the State Environmental Planning Policies has increased, as has the adaptive reuse of shipping containers for other purposes, most notably for dwellings.

The revised Policy addresses these changes by including the exempt uses for shipping containers and altering Section 6.10 of the policy to permit the adaptive re-use of shipping containers to be considered on the merits of the development, instead of limiting their use to only food and drink premises.

The proposed changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current policy and as such it is considered that this policy does not need to be publically exhibited. Any application to use a shipping container will be subject to the notification requirements set out in Council's Community Participation Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

This Policy regulates the use and siting of shipping containers in conjunction with the existing Jerilderie and Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plans and also complies with the requirements of Subdivisions 16 (Farm Buildings) and 36 (Shipping Containers and Portable Offices) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

2. Our Natural Environment: Sustainable Living

2.3.2 Facilitate sustainable land use planning and ensure developments are well planned, sustainable, have minimal environmental impacts and meet legislative requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Murrumbidgee Council Shipping Container Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

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Attachment # 9: Revised Murrumbidgee Council Shipping Container Policy

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ITEM NO. 13 - RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 15 September 2022

Author: Director Planning, Community & Development

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Records Management Policy, with minor changes to update legislative changes, was presented to Council at the August Council workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Records Management Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

This policy was originally adopted in July 2017, to establish a framework for the management of Council's records, to ensure that Murrumbidgee Council's records, including such things as emails, correspondence, legal matters, property files and planning approvals meet operational business needs, accountability requirements and community expectations.

Minor amendments have been made to the policy, including updating systems and relevant record staff titles. The proposed changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current policy and, as such, it is considered that this Policy does not need to be publically exhibited.

The proposed changes were presented to Councillors at the workshop of 9 August 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- State Records Act 1998
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

- 5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent.
- 5.2.1 Provide genuine, simple and accurate information that is accessible and inclusive

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Records Management Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 10: Revised Records Management Policy

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ITEM NO. 14 - ASBESTOS POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 15 September 2022

Author: Director Planning, Community & Development

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Asbestos Policy, with minor changes to update legislative changes, was presented to Council at the August Council workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Asbestos Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

This Policy was originally adopted in November 2020, to detail how the Council deals with the serious health hazard of exposure to asbestos. The Policy outlines the Council's commitment and responsibilities in relation to the management asbestos within the LGA and is based on a generic document prepared by the NSW EPA and has been adapted for Murrumbidgee Council.

Minor amendments have been made to the Policy to update relevant regulatory reference documents. The proposed changes do not alter the intent nor implementation of the current policy.

It is considered that the new Policy does not require any further public notification as the changes are administrative in nature.

The proposed changes were presented to Councillors at the workshop of 9 August 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Code of Practice on how to manage and control asbestos in the workplace (catalogue no. WC03560) published by SafeWork NSW
- Code of practice on how to safely remove asbestos (catalogue no. WC03561) published by SafeWork NSW
- Contaminated Land Management Act 1997
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Emergency Pollution and Orphan Waste Clean-Up Program Guidelines 2008
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Waste Classification Guidelines 2008
- NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2017
- NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Our Built Environment Liveable Places

3.1.1 Efficiently manage, maintain and enhance Council's assets

Leading by Example

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Asbestos Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 11: Revised Asbestos Policy

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General Manager

Mayor

ITEM NO. 15 - COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 15 September 2022

Author: Director Planning, Community & Development

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Complaints Management Policy, with minor changes to update legislation was presented to Council at the August workshop for consideration. It is now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The revised Complaints Management Policy be adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

The Complaints Management Policy was originally adopted in July 2017, to detail Murrumbidgee Council's system of complaints management, ensuring that concerns are treated seriously and that complaints are addressed promptly and in a fair manner.

The 2017 Complaints Management Policy was based on the then NSW Ombudsman model guidelines. The proposed revised Policy includes updated formatting and content recommended in the current guidelines.

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

The proposed changes were presented to Councillors at the workshop of 9 August 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NSW Ombudsman Model Complaint Management Guidelines

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading by Example

- 5.1.2 Focus on an excellent customer experience, that provides value for money, quality services, is convenient and simple.
- 5.1.3 Maintain sound legislative decision-making that is ethical, accountable and transparent.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Complaints Management Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 12: Revised Complaints Management Policy

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ITEM NO. 16 - LIQUID TRADE WASTE REGULATION POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 19 September 2022

Author: Director Planning, Community & Development

File #: SC49

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

The:

- 1. Revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days seeking public comment, after which the revised Policy be returned to Council for adoption.
- 2. Adopted Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for endorsement.

BACKGROUND

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

Murrumbidgee Council adopted its current Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy on 22 December 2016 based on the Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Guidelines 2009.

OFFICER COMMENT

In 2021, the NSW Government released revised Liquid Trade Waste Management Guidelines, aligning the requirements for liquid trade waste disposal with the National Framework for Wastewater Quality Management.

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

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

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

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

- Failure to achieve compliance may expose Council to regulatory action from the EPA.
- The revised Policy maintains the existing liquid trade waste disposal fees.

INTEGRATED PLANS

3. Our built environment – liveable places

- 3.4 We operate our local utilities according to best practice standards and priorities.
- 3.4.1.5 Operate all Sewage Treatment Plants to ensure compliance with EPA requirements

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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

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OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The:

- 1. Revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days seeking community comment, after which the revised Policy be returned to Council for adoption.
- 2. Adopted Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for endorsement.

Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 13: Revised Murrumbidgee Council Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Policy

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General Manager

Mayor

REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 17 - MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 30 August 2022

Author: Director of Infrastructure

File #: SC20

Approval: General Manager

Meeting Date: Tuesday 30 August 2022 Location: Coleambally Sports Centre

Time: 10.00am

Traffic Committee Members in attendance

Tom Dimec Convenor Director of Infrastructure, Murrumbidgee Council

Sgt Jason Hinson NSW Police

Ms Kim Schultz Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

Mr. Shawn Gras Representing Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray Mr Ian Girdwood Representing Justin Clancy, MP, Member for Albury

Non-voting members in attendance

Councillor Robert Black Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council (Chairperson)

Apologies

Councillor Robert Curphey Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council

Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED (by consent)

That the Minutes of the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee (E- Meeting) held on 12 April 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED Sgt Jason Hinson, Mr. Shawn Gras

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

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REPORTS OF THE CONVENOR

TC22.05 Jerilderie Street Short Term Parking be removed CM 22/7889

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the removal of new signage for the proposed area east of Bolton Street on the Newell Highway (Jerilderie Street) - Plan No CS21/4290

NOT CARRIED

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has objected to the removal of existing P15 signage for east of Bolton Street on the Newell Highway north side of Jerilderie Street. Plan No CS21/4290. That the P15 signs stay in place, as the removal will allow vehicles to park legally for periods of 1 hour.

CARRIED

TC22.06 Temporary Road Closures for Spring Time October Powell Street Jerilderie

CM20-22/7890

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures on Saturday 22 October, 2022 in support of Jerilderie Chamber of Commerce Plan N° CM 22/7686.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures on Saturday 22 October, 2022 in support of Jerilderie Chamber of Commerce: Plan N° CM 22/7686

CARRIED

TC22.07 Temporary Road Closures for Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival Inc.

CM20-22/7891

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures on Friday 28th, Saturday 29th, and Sunday 30th of October, 2022 in support of Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival Inc.Plan N° 22/7807 – 22/7808,

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Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures on Friday 28th, Saturday 29th, and Sunday 30 th of October, 2022 in support of Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival Inc.; Plan N° 22/7807 – 22/7808, That TCP to be modified for stop/slow on Kingfisher Ave during the festival

CARRIED

General Business arising from the meeting

- Newell Highway, vegetation clearing road verge between Urana- Jerilderie Road north of the intersection
- Newell Highway, request the S1, from the 50km/h heading north 500m be changed to BB Double Barrier due to poor sight distance when vehicles are overtaking on the inside curve.
- Speed hump in Stock Street, Darlington Point to be investigated to be removed observation have seen vehicles with caravans crossing the speed hump on a diagonal.
- Kidman Way, from the intersection of the Sturt Highway south bound extent the 80km/h to driveways of the Hudderfields Almond Farms
- Report for information from (TfNSW) that Tubbo Farm have applied for LED stock crossing on the Sturt Highway - the application has been rejected.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed 11.55 am

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

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 18 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2022

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022
Report Date: 19 September 2022
Author: Chief Financial Officer

File #: SC133

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank

Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as of 31 August 2022 was \$30,961,399.80, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,434,637.49.

<u>Investments</u>

As at 31 August 2022, Council's total invested funds were \$28,526,762.31, as detailed in the attachment. Investments were largely in compliance with the revised Investment Policy. Funds invested in IMB Ltd (11.62%) remain in excess of the individual counterparty limit set for BBB-rated institutions (10%). However, IMB investments have been reduced from 28.38% to 11.62% in August and, as previously indicated to Councillors, these investments will be further divested as soon as practicable.

14.29% of funds were invested in Suncorp - Metway, which was slightly over the individual counterparty limit of 14% set for A-rated institutions.

50.89% of investment funds were held with the Bendigo Bank as of 31 August 2022.

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Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return for the month of August 2022 (1.83% p.a.) and for the financial year to date (1.67% p.a.) did not exceed the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark rate for the same periods (1.86% and 1.67%). Council officers believe that this is attributable to the short period since reporting and measurement commenced, and the fact that a number of Council's investments were invested at a lower rate previously, prior to recent interest rate rises.

OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 31 August 2022;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations, however have not been invested in alignment with Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy, as detailed above.

Vicki Sutton

Responsible Accounting Officer

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

Nil, for information only.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Accountant

OPTIONS

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

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Attachment # 14: Investments as at 31 August 2022

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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2022-23	2022-23 2021-22	
	Consolidated	Consolidated	
CASH AT BANK 31 August 2022	1,081,499.95	357,723.21	
ADD - Receipts - 31 August 2022	368,802.27	732,920.27	
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	14,793,379.96	4,668,667.29	
LESS Merchant settlement - Accrual reversal	0.00	0.00	
LESS - Cheques	0.00	0.00	
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-11,999,902.24	-1,456,223.37	
LESS - Payroll	-579,555.58	-344,487.01	
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-21,416.65	0.00	
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-2,719.76	-903.89	
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	
LESS - Investments	-1,200,000.00	0.00	
LESS - Emergency Services Levy	0.00	0.00	
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-3,984.24	-4,401.99	
LESS - Fuel Card	-1,466.22	-313.17	
LESS - Photocopy Rental	0.00	0.00	
CASH AT BANK 31 August 2022	2,434,637.49	3,952,981.34	
CASH AT BANK 31 August 2022	201,929.66	721,375.00	
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	2,341,363.34	3,233,532.45	
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00	
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-1,029.41	-279.41	
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-107,626.10	-1,646.70	
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00	
CASH AT BANK 31 August 2022	2,434,637.49	3,952,981.34	
Add Investments	28,526,762.31	24,542,235.73	
Total Cash and Investments	30,961,399.80	28,495,217.07	
Represented by:-			
Trust Account	413,178.04	296,647.74	
Water Fund	3,099,976.52	2,921,738.82	
Sewer Fund	4,553,956.80	4,403,058.37	
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00	
Unexpended Grant Funds	5,324,924.27	2,318,600.31	
Plant Reserve	1,117,630.00	1,654,230.00	
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,095,781.00	1,170,781.00	
Infrastructure Reserve	2,703,655.00	2,586,105.00	
Real Estate Development Reserve	150,000.00	0.00	
Caravan Park Reserve	70,000.00	0.00	
Contributions Levy Reserve	485,469.00	379,630.00	
New Council Implementation Fund	46,513.58	186,675.95	
Stronger Communities Fund	4,990,398.04	6,822,411.59	
General Fund	6,836,113.55	5,681,534.29	
Total Cash and Investments	30,961,399.80	28,495,217.07	

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General Manager R. K. MyRoe Mayor

ITEM NO. 19 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, AUGUST 2022

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 9 September 2022

Author: Director Planning, Community & Development

File #: SC210

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Erection of 2 farm buildings for use

as an office and lunch room

Application No Address		Decision Date	Decision
DA23-2022 2 Calrose Avenue	Coleambally	04/08/2022	Approved (Delegation)
Description:	Consideration in det	ermining application:	,
Subdivision of land and boundary adjustment	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.		
DA25-2022 2113 South Core	Road Jerilderie	09/08/2022	Approved (Delegation)
Description:	Consideration in det	ermining application:	, ,
Replacement of existing dwelling		olication was assessed under Secting and Assessment Act 1979. Neighb not required.	
DA28-2022 16705 Sturt Highw	vay Darlington Point	23/08/2022	Approved (Delegation)
Description:	Consideration in det	ermining application:	, i Jamen,

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or agency referral was not required.

Heare General Manager R.K. MYKove Mayor

The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification

Application No Address Decision Date Decision

DA29-2022 25 White Street Darlington Point 23/08/22 Approved (Delegation)

<u>Description:</u> <u>Consideration in determining application:</u>

Shed The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification

or agency referral was not required.

DA32-2022 71 Bull Road Coleambally 23/08/2022 Approved (Delegation)

<u>Description:</u> <u>Consideration in determining application:</u>

Storage Shed The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification

or agency referral was not required.

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...General Manager

..Mayor

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20 - TENDER - PURCHASE OF WASTE SIDE LOADER ITEM NO.

Council Meeting: 27 September 2022 Report Date: 14 September 2022 Director of Infrastructure Author:

File #: SC171

Approval: General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (d)
 - i. Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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