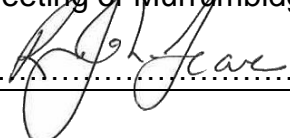
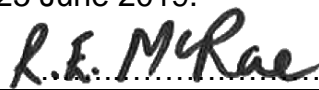


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019**

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## ITEMS FOR DECISION

### ITEM NO. 1 - GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	18 June 2019
Author:	General Manager
File #:	03.16.02
Approval:	General Manager

### **BACKGROUND**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the contents of the report be received and Council:**

- 1. Authorise the General Manager to attend the CPA Management Accounting Conference in Melbourne Victoria on 13 and 14 August 2019, covering all costs, inclusive of registration, accommodation, travel and expenses;**
- 2. Authorise the closing of the Council offices and endorse the staff interaction day, Friday 26 July 2019.**

### **OFFICER COMMENT**

#### **1. Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting, Thursday 30 May 2019**

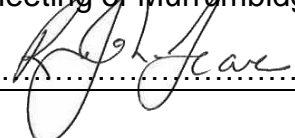
I attended the meeting in Sydney. We received a presentation by Hon Paul Toole, MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. There was no beating around the bush, if we want grants (Fixing Country Roads and alike) we need to be shovel ready, plus we need to contribute to the road to be funded. As such, we need to get shovel ready on those roads for which we wish to apply for State funds, otherwise we will not be considered for funding. The rationale is that some Councils are not delivering, so in essence we need to ensure we have also spent all past allocations of grant funds.

Minister Toole, along with Minister Pavey, launched the Newell Highway Travel Brochure.

The Minister confirms they will find the 20% contribution from the Federal Government promised for the Newell Highway, in total some \$1.4B committed to works now for 4 years out. Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) are working on a

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strategy to bring forward works and complete earlier, be it 30 plus new 1.5km overtaking lanes with wide centre lines, to the \$195m in Dubbo for flood work in town (not Newell Highway money), by-pass of Parkes and 18 km new alignment south of Moree.

We heard of the new Roads & Maritime Services structure; it will have little affect on the relationship we have with RMS except a different name.

I questioned the history of why the section Finley to the Victorian border is 100km/hour. The RMS suggested we formally request a speed review. Berrigan Shire delegates were not in the room, so I left it on the table until I talk with Berrigan Shire General Manager, Rowan Perkins..

The Newell Highway strategic plan work has been completed. It is with the Deputy Prime Minister awaiting a launch date, expected to be towards the end of June and at a location of the Deputy Prime Minister's choosing. We could not be told much, however it guided the Federal Government's decision to make the Newell Highway a road of regional significance, hence the injection of funds from the Federal Government. It also highlighted many things like flooding, access to Newell Highway and so on that most are aware of, but now will guide action.

The State is embarking on a comprehensive study of Newell Highway flooding to strategically identify those areas to be worked on first, and which will provide the greatest value for the money spent. The Dubbo work will give greater downtown access to the community in times of flood - but it will have little overall effect on the Newell Highway. However, it is a section that needs work for the Newell Highway eventually, so to do this work, fix that portion of the Newell Highway and provide the benefit to the Dubbo residents is value for money in my eyes.

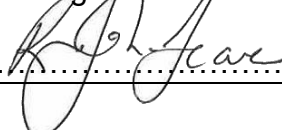
## **2. Country Mayors' Association Meeting, Friday 31 May 2019**

Hon Shelley Hancock, MP, Minister for Local Government, presented to the meeting. Her words were very refreshing, the position taken by her is one of advocacy for Local Government, raising our issues in Cabinet. I personally believe it is the strongest time to get the reforms in Local Government that are essential. It is important that we identify the problems and solutions and present to Minister Hancock as soon as possible.

Hon Brad Hazzard, MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research, presented and had a strong message that more nurses are being employed, and that there are targets, for want of better words, on the number to go bush. Increased investment in infrastructure as well. \$200m set for Multipurpose Services (MPS), and changes to the Ambulance, it is possibly the best time to put forward the case for an MPS in Coleambally and an Ambulance stationed in Darlington Point.

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You will see in the Minutes the other issues of the meeting. The Chair of the Super Board gave an update, which virtually said "it is what it is". While the defined Benefits Scheme plays itself out, possibly another 30 years, extra demands for contributions will be required. Further, with the Local Government Super Fund being owned 50% by Local Government NSW and 50% by Unions, it is even a hard push for many Councils to enact change in this space.

### **3. CPA Australia Management Accounting Conference**

In accordance with my contract of employment, I am seeking Council resolution to attend the CPA Management Conference in Victoria, 13 and 14 August, 2019.

Professional Development of 140 hours is required in a three-year period to maintain my professional designation. The Management Accounting Conference will contribute 16 hours. The registration fees are \$820 plus accommodation, expenses and travel associated with attending.

### **4. Young Street Subdivision**

The Market Analysis is on track, to be completed early to mid-July.

### **5. Staff Interactive Day**

As previously mentioned, I am organising a day where all staff come together for fellowship. The proposed day is Friday 26 July 2019. It is proposed to be held in Jerilderie, with competition comprising golf and bowls.

### **6. Movements**

Wednesday 26 June 2019 – LGNSW Award Interpretation – Sydney

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 July 2019 – Surgery – Albury

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 August 2019 – CPA Conference - Melbourne

Thursday 29 August 2019 – Murray Darling Association Region 9 Meeting - Leeton

Monday 14 - Wednesday 16 October 2019 – Local Government NSW Conference – Warwick Farm

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

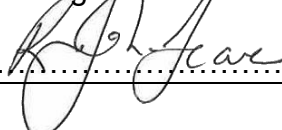
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### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

N/A

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## **FINANCIAL**

N/A

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future**

1.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

## **OPTIONS**

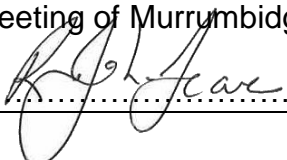
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 1 - Minutes of Country Mayors' Association Meeting 31 May 2019

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## ITEM NO. 2 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	12 June 2019
Author:	Executive Assistant
File #:	03.29
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is the main policy making event for the Local Government sector. It is Council's opportunity to submit motions for consideration and debate by delegates. Motions passed at Conference become resolutions, which LGNSW takes forward on Council's behalf, as part of the sector's advocacy agenda.

As 2019 is a Board election year, voting for the LGNSW President and Director positions will also take place at this year's Conference.

### RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager attend the Local Government NSW Conference to be held at the William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm 14-16 October 2019, with all out of pocket expenses met by the Council.
2. Motions for submission to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference be provided to the General Manager by Monday 12 August 2019

### BACKGROUND

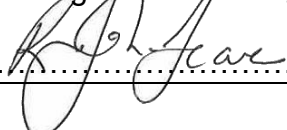
In the past, the Mayor, as voting delegate, Deputy Mayor and General Manager have attended the Conference.

### OFFICER COMMENT

General information about the Conference will be available on the LGNSW website: [www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-nsw-annual-conference](http://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-nsw-annual-conference) as it becomes available. LGNSW will issue reminders as the deadlines approach.

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Dates	Action
From 24 June 2019	Motions to be submitted for inclusion in Conference Business Paper (via online portal)
15 July 2019	Conference registrations open
16 September 2019	Latest date motions will be accepted for inclusion in Conference Business Paper (12 midnight)
20 September 2019	Nomination of voting delegates close (12 midnight)
14-16 October 2019	LGNSW Annual Conference at the William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm

Councils are asked to submit Conference motions by 12 midnight (AEST) on Monday 19 August. However, the latest date these can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference business paper is 12 midnight (AEST) Monday 16 September.

Criteria for motion submission: The Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the conference only where they:

1. are consistent with the objects of the Association (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules);
2. relate to Local Government in NSW and/or across Australia;
3. concern or are likely to concern Local Government as a sector;
4. seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association;
5. have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
6. are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature; and
7. do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members. Members are encouraged to review Action Reports from the previous conference(s) before submitting motions for the 2019 conference to ensure newly proposed motion wording reflects recent developments and does not duplicate existing positions.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

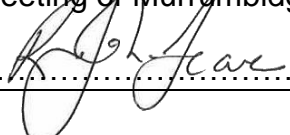
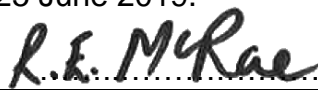
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### **FINANCIAL**

Conference registration, travel and accommodation.

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## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

**Strategy 5.5.1**-Build strong, effective and productive alliance and partnerships with community organisations, state and federal governments

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

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Mayor and General Manager

## **OPTIONS**

That Council:

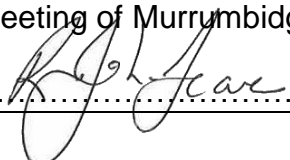
1. Adopt the recommendation;
2. Determine attendees at the Conference;
3. Send no delegates to the 2019 Conference.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 3 – ADOPTION OF DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN AND RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/20**

Council Meeting: 25 June 2019  
Report Date: 19 June 2019  
Author: Finance Manager  
File #: 03.13.08 / 03.38 / 05.33  
Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the extraordinary Council meeting of 21 May 2019, it was resolved to place the draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program, including rates, fees and charges, on public exhibition for 28 days.

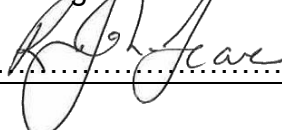
This exhibition period concluded on 20 June 2019 and, at the time of compiling this report, no submissions have been received from the public.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) In accordance with Clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council adopt the 2019-20 Operational Plan and Delivery Program and approve expenditure therein;
- (b) In accordance with Clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council vote funds to meet the expenditure in the adopted Operational Plan 2019-20;
- (c) Council adopt the schedule of fees and charges as exhibited for the financial year ending 30 June 2020 in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, with changes noted within the report;
- (d) Council, in accordance with sections 494, 508 and 534 of the Local Government Act 1993 and using land values with the base date of 1 July 2016 pursuant to Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, make the following Ordinary Rates for the rating year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 as detailed in the Operational Plan 2019-20 and Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019-20:

Rate Category	Sub-Category	Rate in \$	Minimum	Base Amount	Yield
Residential – Murrumbidgee North		0.00868577	\$35.00		\$166,342
Residential – Murrumbidgee South		0.00948716		\$144.00	\$140,000
Business – Murrumbidgee North		0.00971281	\$35.00		\$42,275
Business – Murrumbidgee South		0.01058843		\$222.00	\$91,700
Rural Residential – Murrumbidgee North		0.00830284	\$35.00		\$15,279

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Rate Category	Sub-Category	Rate in \$	Minimum	Base Amount	Yield
Rural Residential – Murrumbidgee South		0.00739610		\$254.00	\$19,000
Farmland – Murrumbidgee North	Low Intensity	0.00753824	\$35.00		\$245,993
	Medium Intensity	0.01239544	\$35.00		\$788,278
	High Intensity	0.01904011	\$35.00		\$796,397
Farmland – Murrumbidgee South		0.00564083		\$132.00	\$144,274
	Berriquin	0.01057923		\$605.00	\$472,977
	Berriquin Large	0.00641584		\$2,600.00	\$179,822
	Coleambally	0.01654183		\$241.00	\$552,694
	Corugan	0.00550466		\$217.00	\$154,884
	River & Groundwater	0.00708503		\$664.00	\$240,416
	River & Groundwater Large	0.00572674		\$1,209.00	\$186,955
					\$4,237,286

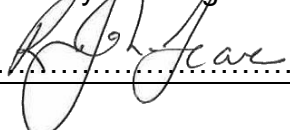
### Ordinary rate – minimum amount and ad valorem

- (i) An ad valorem rate on all rateable land categorised as Residential – Murrumbidgee North of 0.00868577 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$35.00;
- (ii) An ad valorem rate on all rateable land categorised as Business – Murrumbidgee North of 0.00971281 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$35.00;
- (iii) An ad valorem rate on all rateable land categorised as Rural Residential – Murrumbidgee North of 0.00830284 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$35.00;
- (iv) An ad valorem rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as Low Intensity of 0.00753824 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$35.00;
- (v) An ad valorem rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as Medium Intensity of 0.01239544 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$35.00;
- (vi) An ad valorem rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as High Intensity of 0.01904011 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$35.00.

### Ordinary Rate – base amount and ad valorem

- (i) An ordinary rate on all rateable land categorised as Residential – Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$144.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00948716 cents in the dollar;

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- (ii) An ordinary rate on all rateable land categorised as Business – Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$222.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.01058843 cents in the dollar;
- (iii) An ordinary rate of all rateable land categorised as Rural Residential – Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$254.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00739610 cents in the dollar;
- (iv) An ordinary rate on all rateable land categorised as Farmland – Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$132.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00564083 cents in the dollar;
- (v) An ordinary rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as Berriquin-Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$605.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.01057923 cents in the dollar;
- (vi) An ordinary rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as Berriquin Large -Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$2,600.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00641584 cents in the dollar;
- (vii) An ordinary rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as Coleambally -Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$241.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.01654183 cents in the dollar;
- (viii) An ordinary rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as Corugan-Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$217.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00550466 cents in the dollar;
- (ix) An ordinary rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as River & Groundwater - Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$664.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00708503 cents in the dollar;
- (x) An ordinary rate on all rateable farmland sub-categorised as River & Groundwater Large - Murrumbidgee South comprising a base amount of \$1,209.00 and an ad valorem rate of 0.00572674 cents in the dollar.

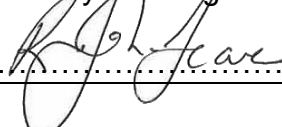

(e) Town Improvement Rates

That Council hereby resolve to make and levy a special rate charge on rateable properties that, in Council's opinion, will benefit, contribute or have access to the proposed works, services, facilities or activities for the provision of Town Improvement Services commencing 1 July, 2019 according to the following amounts:

	Rate in \$	Minimum	Yield
Darlington Point	0.00242205	\$2.00	\$35,715
Coleambally	0.00216165	\$2.00	\$18,359
			\$54,074

- (i) Darlington Point Township – An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within the township of 0.00242205 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$2.00;

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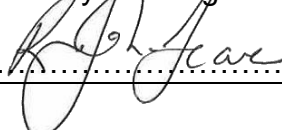
- (ii) Coleambally Township – An ad valorem rate on all rateable land within the township of 0.00216165 cents in the dollar, provided that the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect of each separate assessment shall be the sum of \$2.00;
- (f) That Council, hereby resolve to make and levy the following fees and charges for the year ending 30 June 2020.

# **1. Waste Management Charges for 2019/2020**

Type	No. Of Services	Amount of Charge \$	Yield \$
Domestic Waste Management Charge – North	859	140.00	120,260
Domestic Waste Additional Service - North	82	70.00	5,740
Domestic Waste Recycling – North	811	134.00	108,674
Industrial Waste Charge – North	1	2,223.00	2,223
Domestic Urban Collection - South	382	183.00	69,906
Domestic Vacant Land - South	46	45.00	2,070
Business Collection - South	84	183.00	15,372
Business Collection Vacant Land - South	50	45.00	2,250
			326,495

- (i) A charge of one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00) for the provision of domestic waste management services for each residence for which the service is available within Darlington Point and Coleambally. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy;
- (ii) charge of seventy dollars (\$70.00) for the provision of an additional domestic waste service to an existing property within Darlington Point and Coleambally;
- (iii) A charge of one hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$134.00) for the provision of domestic waste recycling collection services for each residence for which the service is available within Darlington Point and Coleambally. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per fortnight basis of recyclable waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy;
- (iv) A charge of two thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars (\$2,223.00) per industrial property that utilise Council tips in Darlington Point and Coleambally for the dumping of waste;
- (v) A charge of one hundred and eighty three dollars (\$183.00) for the provision of domestic waste management services for each urban residence within Jerilderie;
- (vi) A charge of forty five dollars (\$45.00) for domestic waste management services for vacant urban land in Jerilderie;

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- (vii) A charge of one hundred and eighty three dollars (\$183.00) for the provision of waste management services for each business within Jerilderie;
- (viii) A charge of forty five dollars (\$45.00) for domestic waste management services for vacant business within Jerilderie.

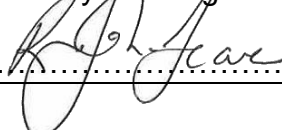
## 2. Sewerage Rates and Charges for 2019/20

- (i) That Council hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 409 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a sewerage access charge in respect of each connection as per the following:

Location	Service	No. Assessments	Minimum	Yield
Darlington Point	20mm Access Charge	442	\$430.00	\$189,843
Darlington Point	25mm and over Access Charge	17	\$480.00	\$8,152
Coleambally	20mm Access Charge	284	\$345.00	\$97,994
Coleambally	25mm and over Access Charge	27	\$385.00	\$10,402
Jerilderie	20mm Access Charge	482	\$509.00	\$245,338
Jerilderie	25mm Access Charge	4	\$795.00	\$3,180
Jerilderie	32mm Access Charge	16	\$1,303.00	\$20,848
				\$575,758

- Darlington Point Township 20mm Water Access - an annual charge of four hundred and thirty dollars (\$430.00) per property.
- Darlington Point Township 25mm and over Water Access – an annual charge of four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480.00) per property.
- Coleambally Township - an annual charge of three hundred and forty five dollars (\$345.00) per property.
- Coleambally Township 25mm and over Water Access – an annual charge of three hundred and eighty five dollars (\$385.00) per property.
- Jerilderie Township 20mm Water Access – an annual charge of five hundred and nine dollars (\$509.00) per service.
- Jerilderie Township 25mm Water Access – an annual charge of seven hundred and ninety five dollars (\$795.00) per service.
- Jerilderie Township 32mm Water Access – an annual charge of one thousand, three hundred and three dollars (\$1,303.00) per service.

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- (ii) In according with Section 501 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will levy the following annual charges for sewer services:

<b>Sewer Charge</b>	<b>No. of Services</b>	<b>Amount of Charges \$</b>	<b>Yield \$</b>
<u>Darlington Point</u>			
Church Buildings	2	\$36.00	\$72
Multiple Units	4	\$215.00	\$860
Non Rateable Properties	19	\$430.00	\$8,170
<u>Coleambally</u>			
Church Buildings	3	\$45.00	\$135
Multiple Units	19	\$172.00	\$3,268
Non Rateable Properties	21	\$345.00	\$7,245
<u>Jerilderie</u>			
Church Buildings	4	\$52.00	\$208
Non Rateable Properties	1	\$92.00	\$92
			\$20,050

#### Darlington Point

- Church Buildings – an annual charge of thirty six dollars (\$36.00) per service
- Multiple Units – an annual charge of two hundred and fifteen dollars (\$215.00) per service
- Non Rateable Properties – an annual charge of four hundred and thirty dollars (\$430.00) per service

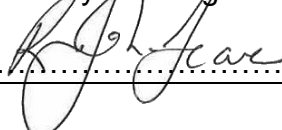
#### Coleambally

- Church Buildings – an annual charge of forty five dollars (\$45.00) per service
- Multiple Units – an annual charge of one hundred and seventy two dollars (\$172.00) per service
- Non Rateable Properties – an annual charge of three hundred and forty five (\$345.00) per service

#### Jerilderie

- Church Buildings – an annual charge of fifty two dollars (\$52.00) per service
- Non Rateable Properties – an annual charge of ninety two dollars (\$92.00) per service

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### 3. Water Charges 2019/2020

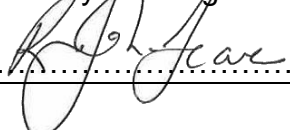
That Council hereby resolves to make and levy the following charges, in accordance with section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993:

#### (i) Access Charges

Meter Size	Darlington Point Charge	Coleambally Charge	Jerilderie Charge
20 mm	\$232	\$232	\$318
25 mm	\$363	\$363	\$497
32 mm	\$428	\$428	\$814
40 mm	\$490	\$490	
50 mm	\$544	\$544	
80 mm			\$5,088
100 mm	\$605	\$605	
Raw Water			\$462

- An annual water access charge of two hundred and thirty two dollars (\$232.00) for all services connected to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies that have 20mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of three hundred and eighteen dollars (\$318.00) for all filtered services connected to the Jerilderie water supply that have a 20mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of three hundred and sixty three dollars (\$363.00) for all services connected to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies that have a 25mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of four hundred and ninety seven dollars (\$497.00) for all filtered services connected to the Jerilderie water supply that have a 25mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of four hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$428.00) for all services connected to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies that have a 32mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$814.00) for all filtered services connected to the Jerilderie water supply that have a 32mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of four hundred and ninety dollars (\$490.00) for all services connected to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies that have a 40mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of five hundred and forty four dollars (\$544.00) for all services connected to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies that have a 50mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of five thousand and eighty eight dollars (\$5,088.00) for all filtered services connected to the Jerilderie water supply that have an 80mm connection.

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- An annual water access charge of six hundred and five dollars (\$605.00) for all services connected to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies that have a 100mm connection.
- An annual water access charge of four hundred and sixty two dollars (\$462.00) for all services connected to the Jerilderie raw water supply.

(ii) Consumption Charges

- A water supply consumption charge of fifty three cents (\$0.53) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies up to a maximum of one hundred and twenty five kilolitres (125 kl) per quarter.
- A water supply consumption charge of eighty cents (\$0.80) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Darlington Point and Coleambally water supplies from one hundred and twenty six kilolitres (126kl) and above per quarter.
- A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and ninety four cents (\$1.94) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Jerilderie water supply up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty kilolitres (250kl) per year.
- A water supply consumption charge of two dollars and thirty five cents (\$2.35) per kilolitre from two hundred and fifty one kilolitres (251kl) and above, per year.
- A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and one cent (\$1.01) for all raw water supplied per non-rateable connection to the Jerilderie water supply.

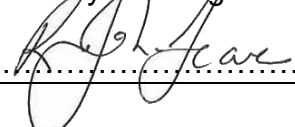

#### 4. Stormwater Management Charge 2019/20

That Council hereby resolves to make the following stormwater management charges in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993:

		Assessments	Annual Charge	Charge Yield
Stormwater Management	Urban Stormwater	443	\$25	\$11,075

- A stormwater management charge of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per applicable property within the Jerilderie township.

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## 5. Interest on Overdue Rates for 2019/20

That Council adopt the maximum interest rate of 7.5% as determined by the Minister for Local Government and that the maximum interest rate of 7.5% per annum, calculated daily, be levied on overdue rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

## BACKGROUND

Councillors and staff have undertaken various workshops in order to provide input and future provisioning for the draft budget.

The Community Strategic Plan is the key element in preparing the Delivery Programme and Operational Plan for the coming 12 months and the Long Term Financial Plan for the next 10 years.

## OFFICER COMMENT

Council's Draft Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Rates Fees and Charges have been on public exhibition since 21 May 2019.

New lifetime registration fees for cats and dogs were announced on 12 June 2019 and should now be updated into the fees and charges:

Desexed animal	\$58.00
Recognised breeder concession	\$58.00
Pensioner concession (desexed only)	\$25.00
Non desexed	\$210.00

No submissions have been received at the time of writing this report.

## SUSTAINABILITY

## STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

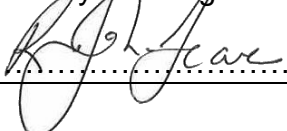
Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting Guidelines

## FINANCIAL

Provision of programmed budgets for the ensuing year, including the setting of rates, fees and annual charges.

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## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan – Strategy 5.1 – Transparent Leadership Through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

Asset Management Plans

Workforce Management Strategy

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Failure to adopt the Draft Operational Plan by 30 June 2019, would cause delays in operational management and delivery of service level agreements, together with delays in revenue raising by rate instalments in a timely manner.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Management Group and Councillor Workshops.

## **OPTIONS**

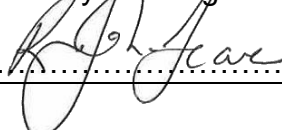
1. Adopt the Draft Operational Plan 2019-2020, Delivery Program 2019-2023 and Rates Fees and Charges as exhibited;
2. Adopt the Draft Operational Plan 2019-2020, Delivery Program 2019-2023 and Rates, Fees and Charges, with minor variations after consideration of submissions made by the public.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 4 – REMUNERATION FOR COUNCILLORS AND MAYOR

Council Meeting: 25 June 2019  
Report Date: 29 May 2019  
Author: Finance Manager  
File #: 03.12  
Approval: General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to S239 and S241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has reviewed the range of fees for all Councillors and Mayors in NSW for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, and determined that an increase of 2.5% is applicable, which is consistent with the Government's policy on wages.

### RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Pursuant to S248(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council set the annual fee level for Councillors for the financial year 2019/20 at \$12,160; and
2. Pursuant to S249(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council set the Mayoral additional fee level for the financial year 2019/20 at \$26,530.

### BACKGROUND

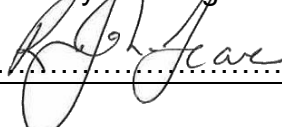
Section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to pay each Councillor an annual fee, and that it may fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 also requires that Council pay the Mayor an annual fee, and may fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Rural Category fees have been determined as follows:

Councillor Annual Fee		Mayor Additional Fee	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
\$9,190	\$12,160	\$9,780	\$26,530

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Council has previously determined the annual fees be paid at the maximum allowable amount.

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal did not undertake a broad review of the categorisation of Councils and considered only those requests where an individual submission was made. The Tribunal found that the current allocation of Councils into the current categories is appropriate.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Local Government Act 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy

### **FINANCIAL**

The draft Operational Plan for 2019-20 provided for an assumed 3% increase in fees applicable, and consequently adequate funds will be available.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan Item 5.1: Demonstrating Transparent Leadership Through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Ensuring compliance with Section 248(1) and Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

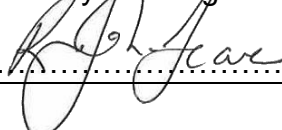
Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination dated 15 April 2019.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Fix the annual fees for Councillors and the Mayor at the maximum level as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal;
2. Fix the annual fees for Councillors and the Mayor at a level between the minimum and maximum levels as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal;
3. Not fix an annual fee for Councillors and the Mayor and consequently pay the minimum level as set by the Remuneration Tribunal.

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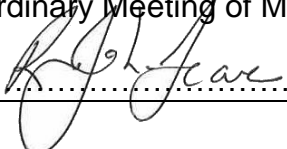
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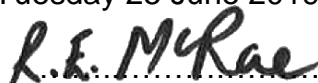
## ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 5 – SBS RADIO RETRANSMISSION SERVICE

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	13 June 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	01.10
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's SBS radio retransmission equipment, operating from the Jerilderie office, is in need of updating and replacement.

Consideration of the extent of use of the service should to be undertaken in order to assess the need for continuation, or otherwise, of this type of service.

Use of digital capability in the community needs to be recognised and considered when making judgement on the future of the service.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Community consultation be undertaken via Council's newsletter or other form of communication in order to evaluate the use of, and need for, the SBS radio retransmission service prior to consideration of equipment upgrade.**

### BACKGROUND

In 2006, the former Jerilderie Shire Council received a grant for the installation of an SBS Radio Retransmission Station to operate from Council premises, in order to service the local area.

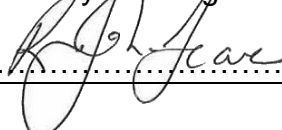
At the time, Council was required to obtain the Apparatus Licence and commence broadcast within two years of obtaining the grant, with a further requirement to operate the SBS retransmission service for a period of not less than 5 years.

Satellite Television & Radio Australia Pty Ltd have conducted maintenance visits and upgrade of the service over the ensuing years.

The latest maintenance service report indicates that the transmitter coverage is extremely poor and that both the transmitter and antenna need to be replaced in order to provide adequate community coverage. Presently the coverage is approximately 4-5 km from the Council building, which demonstrates a serious problem.

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The equipment rack and equipment are housed under the Council building and this area is not serviced or maintained. The area is poorly sealed, and insect and rodent material was in evidence.

Whilst the satellite dish has adequate signal, it is a small dish and the size of the dish is frequently compromised by heavy cloud cover and rain, causing the signal to drop out. A larger satellite dish will improve the signal strength and reduce signal drop outs.

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

Council staff have little to no knowledge of the usage of this service or how important it is to the community.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Australian Communication & Media Authority apparatus licence held until 30 January 2020.

## **FINANCIAL**

Council has received a quotation from Satellite Television & Radio Australia Pty Ltd for the replacement of the FM radio transmitter, satellite decoder and termination cables in the amount of \$9,735 for a self-install price. Installation costs for a technician, including labour, travel, accommodation and other expenses has been quoted at \$4,950.00.

In addition, should a new antenna system be required, it is assumed that this would cost in the vicinity of \$3,850.00 plus the costs of a local rigger to remove and remount.

No allowance has been provided within the budget for this upgrade/replacement work.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan

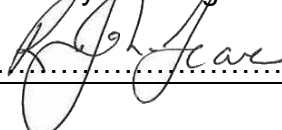
Item 1.1 – Building and supporting a diverse community

Item 1.2 – Protecting and embracing cultural identity and heritage

Item 1.3 – Creating community opportunities and equitable access to Council and community services and programs

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

General Manager and Management Group

## **OPTIONS**

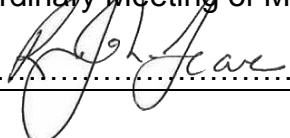
1. Discontinue the service provision of SBS Radio retransmission and cancel the apparatus licence;
2. Update the equipment as per the quotation received;
3. Approach the community via newsletter or other form of communication, in order to evaluate the use and need for the service, prior to determination of whether to proceed with upgrade of the equipment.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 6 – RATES EXEMPTION REQUEST-COLEAMBALLY LANDCARE GROUP**

Council Meeting:	25 June, 2019
Report Date:	18 June, 2019
Author:	Manager Corporate & Community Services
File #:	05.33
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Providing the outcome of further investigations following a request for rates exemption as presented to the Council meeting of 24 August 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Assessment Number 2409 - Coleambally Landcare Group rates and interest of \$2,203.54 be written off, and categorisation of the land parcel be amended to non-rateable.**

**BACKGROUND**

An email was received from Bernard Star, President of the Coleambally Landcare Group, requesting a rate exemption as the block was owned by the Crown and managed for conservation purposes. The report was presented to the August 2017 meeting of Council, where it was resolved that further investigation into the conservation agreement be supplied.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

Mr Keith Thompson from Coleambally Irrigation has now supplied the NSW Government Gazette No. 43 for the Establishment of a Reserve Trust No. 1038548 issued to Coleambally Environmental Reserve Trust.

Under the Local Government Act, 1993, Sec 555 (1) (a) and (b), the land is exempt from all rates.

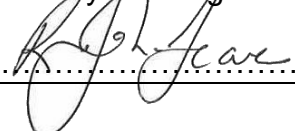
**SUSTAINABILITY**

**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Local Government Act 1993

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## **FINANCIAL**

Write off of rates and interest totalling \$2,203.54 as at 18 June 2019.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan – 2.1 – Respecting and Protecting our Natural Environment

Community Strategic Plan – 5.1 – Demonstrating Transparent Leadership Through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Discussions held with Council Rates and Revenue Officers, General Manager, Coleambally Irrigation and the Coleambally Environmental Reserve Trust.

## **OPTION**

As per the recommendation.

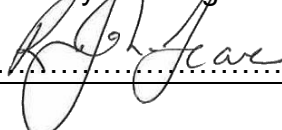
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 2 - Title Search

Attachment # 3 - Copy of the Government Gazette Notice

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## ITEM NO. 7 – COLEAMBALLY TOILET BLOCKS

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	3 June 2019
Author:	Operations Manager
File #:	04.25.18
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the refurbishment of John McInnes Square toilet block and the construction of the new toilet block at the Coleambally Lion's Park.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The contents of the report be noted, payment for outstanding invoice in the amount of \$114,612.80 (GST inclusive) be authorised, and the additional costs of the refurbishments of both Coleambally toilet blocks, amounting to \$127,000.00, be funded from Infrastructure Reserves.**

### BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council of 27 February 2018, a report was provided requesting an improvement plan for works to be undertaken prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for Coleambally, in advance of completion of the Town Master Plan.

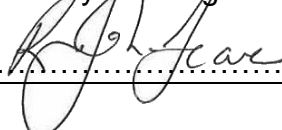
These works were listed as:

- 1) Repaint existing signage and update information boards at Town Entrance – budget \$20,000;
- 2) Refurbish existing toilet blocks at McInnes Square and Lions Park and provide disability access – budget \$100,000;
- 3) Improve surface and construct parking bay at sporting precinct entrance – budget \$25,000;
- 4) Construct walking track from Sandpiper Street to existing walkway near St Peter's Primary School – budget \$30,000.

Resolution 25/02/18 provided for the proposed projects and budgets as detailed in the report be approved for completion before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for Coleambally, and the allocation be made from the Infrastructure Fund Reserve.

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A further report in respect of the toilet block refurbishments and town entrance signage was provided to the ordinary meeting of Council on 27 March 2018. This report indicated that licensed builders inspected both toilet blocks and Council was awaiting formal quotations to be submitted.

The McInnes Square toilet block was estimated at \$50,000 to undertake the scope of works for refurbishment.

The Lions Park toilet block was estimated to cost in excess of \$100,000 for refurbishment, with the likelihood of further unforeseen additional costs.

The contractor's recommendation was to demolish the brick structure and install a prefabricated metal toilet block for an estimated cost of \$80,000.

The prefabricated option would allow for existing premises to remain in use during the construction process. Council was provided with a plan of the proposed option within the body of the report.

Council resolved (51/03/18) that the Lions Park Toilet Block, Coleambally be replaced with a prefabricated unit, with doors to open externally and disabled access upgraded.

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

Quotations were requested from five (5) contractors. Two contractors provided quotations for the works. The selected contractor was Joss Facility Management.

The quotation for the McInnes Square refurbishment was for an amount of \$64,960.50. An additional variation for an amount of \$2,227.00 was approved for the installation of baby change tables and stainless steel mirrors for each cubicle.

The refurbishment of the McInnes Square toilet block was substantially completed and fully operational prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in June, 2018.

The quotation of \$99,745.90 for the replacement of the Lion's Park structure was accepted on 18 May 2018.

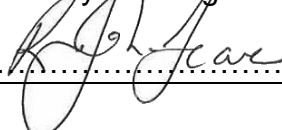
The lead time for manufacture of the toilet structure meant that construction of the new toilet block did not start until October 2018.

Shortly after construction started the direction was given to add an additional two cubicles. The variation cost for the additional cubicles was \$50,055.50.

The requirement to provide for additional cubicles caused a significant delay to the project. The prefabricated structure had already been manufactured to fit the site. The site was then assessed to determine how to fit the additional floor space and

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services required for the extra cubicles. Once this information was gathered, the manufacturer could then design the extension to the structure.

The order for the additional works was placed in December, 2018 with further delays due to the manufacturer's Christmas shutdown. The manufacturer then had to ensure the additional components would fit into what was already delivered. Additional groundwork and plumbing was required to be completed in order to service the extra cubicles.

Once the additional components were received the construction time on site took approximately four (4) weeks. Council staff in Coleambally were given keys and trained in the maintenance of the facility.

The prefabricated kit comes standard with stainless steel bowls, and as a result of a request for porcelain toilet bowls a further variation for an additional cost of \$4,265.00 was authorised.

The Lions Park toilet block was completed in May 2019. Community expectation is that the original toilet block will be retained for use only when events are undertaken. The original facility will remain locked until required.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Murrumbidgee Council Procurement Policy

### **FINANCIAL**

The total cost of the McInnes Square toilet block refurbishment was \$67,188.

To date \$55,619 has been spent on the Lions Park toilet block, with a further account being received for an amount of \$104,193.45, bringing the outlay on the Lions Park toilet block to \$159,812.45.

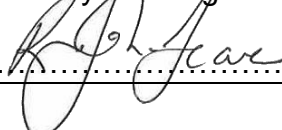
The total cost of the refurbishment of both toilet blocks at Coleambally equates to \$227,000, being \$127,000 in excess of the original budget request of \$100,000.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan – 3.1 – Responsible sustainable asset management  
Community Strategic Plan – 3.2 – Infrastructure (Council buildings and facilities)  
which meets community and public safety needs  
Asset Management Plan - Buildings

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The original toilet block at the Lions Park does not meet with current building standards, including accessibility requirements.

Increased costs for continuing maintenance of this building, together with that of the new facility, will become an issue into the future, with community expectations of service levels and actual usage not meeting the functionalities expected from within our Asset Management Plan.

It may be prudent to revisit the need to demolish, as per the original report of March 2018, and consider hire of portable toilets, if and when the need arises.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Councillors, management and contractor.

## **OPTIONS**

Payment for the contractor's current outstanding invoice, in the amount of \$114,612.80 (GST inclusive) be authorised and:

1. Additional costs of the refurbishments of the Coleambally toilet blocks, amounting to \$127,000.00 be funded from Infrastructure Reserves; or
2. Additional costs of the refurbishments of the Coleambally toilet blocks, amounting to \$127,000.00 be funded from General Revenue.

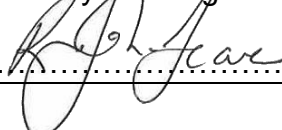
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 4 - February 2018 report to Council

Attachment # 5 - March 2018 report to Council

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## ITEM NO. 8 – SCORES ON DOORS PROGRAM

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	29 May 2019
Author:	Technical Support Officer
File #:	02.17.08
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The role food businesses play in the local community is becoming more important, as people's lives get busier and they source their food from outside their home. Food businesses also form an important part of the local economy, creating economic activity, employment, bringing people into the area and retaining those who live and work in it, by providing reliable meal options.

Council and the community benefit from the local food industry and rely on food premises and the part they play in the diverse local economy. At the same time, consumer expectations are rising, in particular that:

- Food premises have the highest levels of compliance with hygiene and food safety standards;
- Consumers are able to have access to official information so they can make their own decision about where they eat; and
- Council activity such as food inspections are not only undertaken, but are seen to be done.

Council's Environmental Health Officers already undertake food inspections to ensure compliance with hygiene and food safety requirements. Where necessary, they undertake compliance action. Food premises issued with Penalty Infringement Notices (PIN) may appear on the NSW Food Authority's high profile Name & Shame Register.

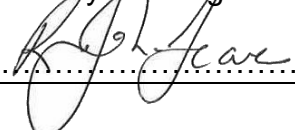
Council has the opportunity to be proactive in providing transparency around the inspections as well as an additional incentive for businesses to maintain and increase their inspection results, thereby improving the quality of local food premises.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The 'Scores on Doors' program for food businesses within Council's area be adopted, to promote compliance with hygiene and food safety standards, promote consumer trust in food businesses and to further the reputation and economy of food businesses in the area.**

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## BACKGROUND

Scores on Doors is a NSW program that displays onsite results of food premises inspections for hygiene and food safety. The program is focused on retail food businesses that process and sell food ready to eat, intended for immediate consumption, and potentially hazardous if not handled correctly and under correct temperature conditions. The following businesses are potentially higher risk premises that have a greater potential to cause foodborne illness if food is handled incorrectly:

- Restaurants;
- Pub bistros;
- Hotels;
- Cafés;
- Bakeries;
- Clubs; and
- Takeaway outlets.

Scores on Doors is not intended for:

- Supermarkets;
- Delicatessens or greengrocers;
- Low risk food premises or businesses that serve pre-packaged food, such as a convenience store;
- Temporary markets, mobile food vending vehicles; or
- Businesses that hold a NSW Food Authority licence, such as a butchery that is audited by the NSW Food Authority.

## OFFICER COMMENT

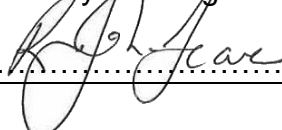
Council has the opportunity to be proactive in providing transparency around the inspections, as well as an additional incentive for businesses to maintain and increase their inspection results, thereby improving the quality of local food premises. To further support Council's significant work in this area, Council should also take part in the NSW Scores on Doors program.

Following Council's existing routine inspections, eligible food premises would receive a hygiene and food safety rating based on points allocated under Scores on Doors guidelines, the standard Food Premises Assessment Report (FPAR) the inspector uses promotes consistency in points allocation. The three ratings are:

- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

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Certificates can be issued at the time of inspection or sent out by post afterwards. The food business will display the certificate in the front window or entrance point of the premises for patrons to see. There is no extra work for Council staff as a result of participation in this program.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Food Act 2003  
Public Health Act 2010

### **FINANCIAL**

The financial implications are limited to the printing of a certificate for the food premises.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Strategy 1.4.4. Maintain public health inspection and licensing programs and compliance.

Action 1.4.4.1 - Undertake compliance activities in accordance with current public health regulations – 30 June 2019.

Strategy 2.3.4. Ensure best practice public and environmental health controls.

Action 2.3.4.1 - Review/Implement a food safety program in accordance with the NSW food Authority – 30 June 2019.

Action 2.3.4.4 - Conduct investigations as requested and required - 2022 with annual review and reports.

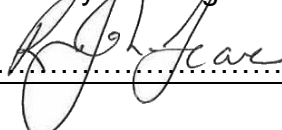
### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The rating certificate carries an explanation of a warning about relying solely on the rating and a disclaimer from liability for Council is printed on the bottom of the certificate stating the following:

*The rating represented on this certificate is based on a food safety assessment carried out by an authorised officer of Council on the date indicated. The rating is given in good faith, but is intended as a general guide only. You should not rely solely on the general nature of the rating. The Council makes no representation, gives no warranty and will not be liable for any negligent act or omission in*

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*connection with the rating, the condition of the premises, the quality of food or food safety standards of the food business on the date indicated or at any time in the future.*

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

General Manager

## **OPTIONS**

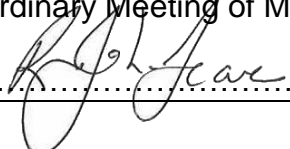
1. Adopt the recommendation to implement the Scores on Doors Program;
2. No action be taken to implement the Scores on Doors program.

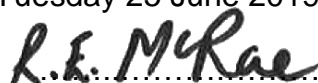
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 6 - NSW Food Authority Scores on Doors Excellent Certificate  
Attachment # 7 - Food Premises Assessment Report

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## ITEM NO. 9 – THRIVE RIVERINA MEMBERSHIP

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	18 June 2019
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	01.06
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is provide Council with options for membership to Thrive Riverina for the financial year 2019-2020.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council continue membership of Thrive Riverina for the 2019-20 financial year, with the following conditions:**

- ***The Riverina* website be updated by the end of August 2019 with more Murrumbidgee Council tourism operators' content. Monthly reporting of google analytics for *The Riverina* website to Murrumbidgee Council;**
- **Monthly social media posts (covering the whole of the Murrumbidgee Council area tourism operators and events) and analytical reporting from Thrive Riverina of any social media posts (likes, reach, engagement etc);**
- **Inclusion in all monthly e-newsletters where content is submitted by Murrumbidgee Council staff, and monthly reporting on open rates and click-through rates;**
- **Inclusion in five (5) articles covering a variety of tourism product from Murrumbidgee Council area as part of the weekly blogger program for 2019-2020.**

### BACKGROUND

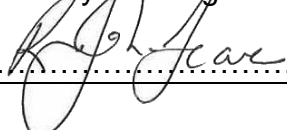
A Council resolution is required to continue the partnership with the member based regional tourism body Thrive Riverina.

**76/04/18 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Bryce that the report be received and:

1. Membership of Thrive Riverina be continued for the 2018-19 financial year;
2. Membership for the 2019-20 financial year be assessed based on performance, and a report be provided to Council in advance of the 2019-20 Murrumbidgee Council budget preparations.

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Thrive Riverina (short for The Riverina Visitor Economy) was formed to maintain a common purpose amongst Local Government areas in our part of the larger Riverina Murray area. Importantly, Thrive Riverina works in collaboration with Destination Riverina Murray (DRM) to develop tourism in our region, and seeks to complement its work without duplication. The role and responsibilities for Thrive Riverina, from a Destination NSW perspective, are outlined below:

## Roles and Responsibilities

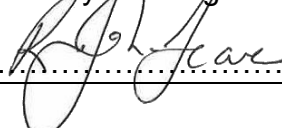



The 2018-2020 Thrive Riverina Membership Prospectus (attached), was presented to Council in 2018.

The 2018-2019 members of Thrive Riverina include:

- Carrathool Shire Council
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
- Griffith City Council
- Leeton Shire Council
- Lockhart Shire Council
- Murrumbidgee Council
- Snowy Valleys Council
- Temora Shire Council
- Wagga Wagga City Council

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Thrive Riverina has presented Council with the Thrive Riverina – Strategic Plan Implementation Progress Report #2 June 2019 (attached) and are seeking membership from Murrumbidgee Council for the financial year 2019-2020.

The 2018/2019 Membership Benefit Performance of Thrive Riverina for Murrumbidgee Council includes:

### 1. Member Benefit: Weekly Blogger

Member Councils will be included in a programme that will deliver weekly, consumer focused, articles, created by a dedicated blogger who is committed to experiencing and writing about the Riverina.

**Performance:** This member benefit did not commence in 2018-2019 and is re-scheduled for the next financial year pending a sponsor.

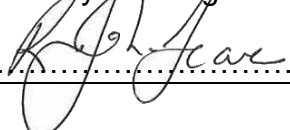
### 2. Member Benefit: Regular e-newsletters

Twice-monthly consumer focused e-newsletters comprising an events calendar and product news, including new accommodation, attractions and experiences.




Current subscription rate: 5,000

Month	Event submitted	Featured in e-news	Product submitted and theme	Featured in e-news
July	No newsletter		No newsletter	
August	No newsletter		No newsletter	
September	No event submitted		No product submitted - <i>Heritage and history</i>	
October	No event submitted		No product submitted – <i>Long lunches and Peaceful places</i>	
November	No event submitted		No product submitted - <i>Free things to do</i>	
December	No event submitted		No product submitted – <i>Retail therapy</i>	
January	Riverina Classic Fishing Comp		Altina Wildlife Park – <i>wet and wild</i>	Yes
February	Jerilderie Working Dog Auction		Rivedestra, Tulloc Cottage, Hygge Living & More - <i>Romance</i>	Yes
March	Jerilderie Mini Steam Rail	No		
April	Easter Scale Gilder Rally	No	Behind the scenes tour at Altina – <i>quirky and unusual experience</i>	No
May	Ned Kelly Show'n'Shine and Markets 2019		Coleambally Caravan Park – <i>Pet Friendly</i>	Yes
June	Riverina Interclub Challenge - Wanabrook Motocross	Yes	Group Getaways	

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 <p><b>GUNDAGAI</b></p>	<p>Motoring and transport enthusiasts will gather once again for the ever-popular <a href="#">Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre (ARTHC)</a> Sylvia's Gap Truck &amp; Car Convoy is on again this June long weekend. This years' theme is livestock transport.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> Sunday 9 June  <b>Location:</b> Gundagai Showgrounds</p>
 <p><b>WAGGA WAGGA</b></p>	<p>Do winter in reverse. Rug up, head out and enjoy arts, eats and beats at <a href="#">Lost Lanes</a>. A night festival for all ages, Lost Lanes combines urban-funk murals, delicious street food, fire pits, mulled wine, hot chocolate, soulful sounds, and interactive arts.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> Saturday 22 June  <b>Location:</b> Cadell Place, Wagga Wagga</p>
 <p><b>COLEAMBALLY</b></p>	<p>Take a trip to Coleambally and get a thrill with some cross-country motorcycle racing. The race takes place over a closed course of varying terrain with hills and sharp curves. An exciting trip for the whole family, do something different at <a href="#">Coleambally Motorcross</a>.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> Sunday 30 June  <b>Location:</b> Hardy's Road, Coleambally</p>

*Snapshot of Inside the Riverina, June newsletter*

The Product e-newsletters have an open rate of 30% and a click through rate of 3%.

### 3. Member Benefit: Social Media and Digital Assets

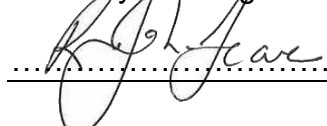
Members will have access to Thrive Riverina social media platforms for sharing promotional tourism messages.

#### Performance:

- Visit Riverina Facebook – 3,947 likes (three posts for Murrumbidgee Council operators for 2018-2019 – see images)

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### Visit Riverina NSW

September 7, 2018 · 🌐

Did you know that one Coleambally farm feeds over 4,500 people each year?

Sustainable irrigation allows the area to grow a very diverse range of food and fibre crops including wheat, soybeans, corn, rice, barley, oats, canola, olives, fruit & veggies plus poultry and eggs, sheep, cattle and cotton.

The Taste Coly - Food N Farm Festival celebrates the diverse produce grown in the region. Go to [www.farm2food.net](http://www.farm2food.net) for upcoming event information and to learn more about Coleambally and sustainable farming.

#Sustainable #Riverina #NewSouthWales #TasteRiverina #Coleambally #PaddocktoPlate #FoodandFibre



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### Visit Riverina NSW

January 31 · 🌐

The Riverina Classic Fishing Competition is back for its sixth year this February, with over \$60k worth of prizes to be won. Make a day of it and head to the Riverside Markets for great food, entertainment, helicopter rides and more.

Proceeds from the event will go to ROC - Rural Outreach Counselling Inc and help re-stock the Murrumbidgee River with native fingerlings.

The competition is at Darlington Point between 8 - 10 February and is open to all ages. More info and registrations: <https://riverinaclassic.com/>

#FishingCompetition #DarlingtonPoint #Murrumbidgee #Fishing #MurrayCod #GoldenPerch #FamilyFriendly #Riverina #VisitNSW



### Visit Riverina NSW

November 26, 2018 · 🌐

How adorable are these 4-week old meerkats at Altina Wildlife Park. Meet these and lots of other amazing animals at our very own "Zoo-fari with an Australian Twist".

Horse-drawn or motorised carts take you through the park, where you'll meet alligators, lemurs, lions, hyenas, rhinos, tigers, giraffes and so much more. Learn more about the park and how to visit on the website:

[www.altinawildlife.com](http://www.altinawildlife.com)

#AltinaWildlifePark #ZooFari #Safari #WildEncounters #DarlingtonPoint #Riverina #VisitNSW



5,594 Views

Altina Wildlife Park

November 21, 2018 · 🌐

So cute!!! Even cuter with sound!

Like Page

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9 Comments 5 Shares

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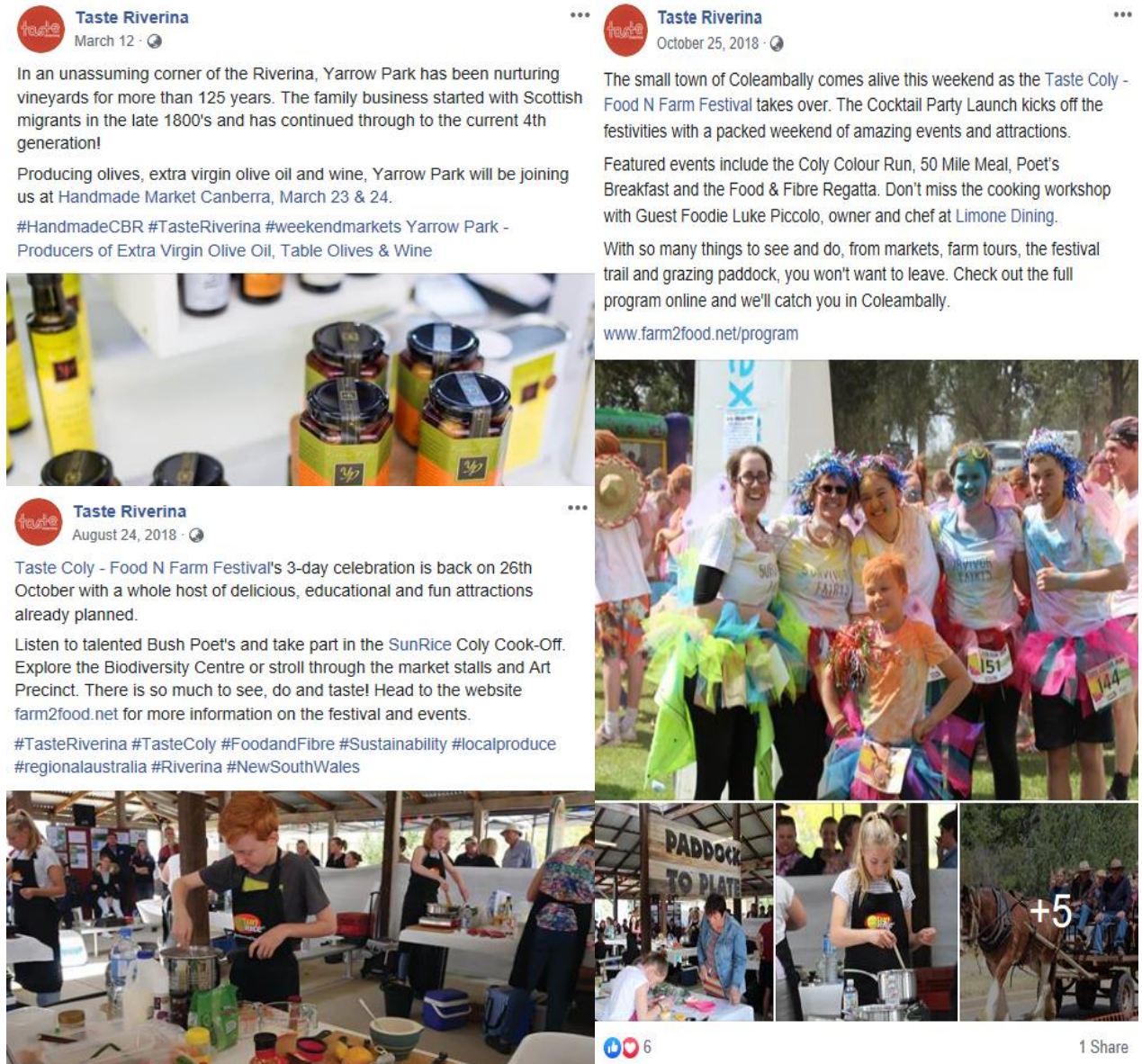
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Mayor

- Taste Riverina Facebook – 4,082 likes (number of page likes and followers has declined in past year, three posts for Murrumbidgee Council operators for 2018-2019 – see images)



- Visit Riverina Instagram – 1,345 followers, an increase from 1,000 followers since 1 July 2018 (two posts for Murrumbidgee Council for 2018-2019 – see images)

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..... General Manager

*R. E. McRae*  
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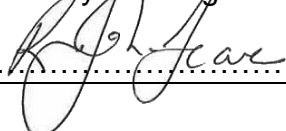


#### 4. Member Benefit: Regional Groups and Member Forums

Thrive Riverina is committed to co-ordinating regional marketing campaigns that individual Councils may not be able to undertake on their own, including out-of-region events.

Members will have the opportunity to be directly involved in the decision-making process, by participating in working groups with DRM, other Councils and operators that focus on tourism projects affecting the Riverina.

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**Performance:**

- Thrive Riverina Board Meeting held at Darlington Point on Tuesday 19 February. Cr McRae and the *Economic and Tourism Development Manager* attended.
- Member forum held at Arah Park on Thursday 9 May. Cr McRae and the *Economic and Tourism Development Manager* attended.

**5. Member Benefit: Leverage sponsorships**

As a Thrive Riverina member, Councils will also be able to leverage relationships with sponsors and partners.

**Performance:** No sponsors confirmed to date. "A number of meetings have been held with potential sponsors and discussions are underway." Thrive Riverina – Strategic Plan Implementation Progress Report #2 June 2019 (see attached).

**OFFICER COMMENT**

NIL

**SUSTAINABILITY****STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

NIL

**FINANCIAL**

\$4,020 (ex-GST) is being sought for membership for 2019-2020. This does not include additional marketing activities which may arise (eg handmade markets).

\$4,000 has been allocated for Thrive Riverina Membership and costs in the Council 2019-2020 budget.

**INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

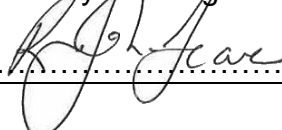
**Theme Four: Our Economy****Strategies:**

4.3 Promoting and Developing Tourism Strategies and Opportunities

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk may occur if Thrive Riverina fails to reach/maintain minimum membership commitments from nine Local Government areas.

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## CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

External consultation with tourism operators in Murrumbidgee Council.

## OPTIONS

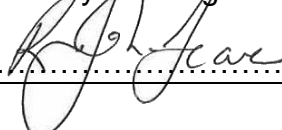
1. Council do nothing, and do not renew membership with Thrive Riverina for 2019-2020 financial year;
2. Membership of Thrive Riverina be continued for the 2019-20 financial year;
3. Membership of Thrive Riverina be continued for the 2019-20 financial year with the following conditions:
  - *The Riverina* website be updated by the end of August 2019 with more Murrumbidgee Council tourism operators content. Monthly reporting of google analytics for *The Riverina* website to Murrumbidgee Council;
  - Monthly social media posts (covering the whole of the Murrumbidgee Council area tourism operators and events) and analytical reporting from Thrive Riverina of any social media posts (likes, reach, engagement etc);
  - Inclusion in all monthly e-newsletters where content is submitted by Murrumbidgee Council staff, and monthly reporting on open rates and click-through rates;
  - Inclusion in five (5) articles covering a variety of tourism product from Murrumbidgee Council area as part of the weekly blogger program for 2019-2020.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 8 - Thrive Riverina 2018-2020 Membership Prospectus;  
Attachment # 9 - Thrive Riverina – Strategic Plan Implementation Progress  
Report # 2 June 2019

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## ITEM NO. 10 – DARLINGTON POINT TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS

Council Meeting:	Tuesday 25 June 2019
Report Date:	Tuesday 18 June 2019
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	04.54 / 05.17.04 / 03.13.08A
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is provide Council with design options for the Darlington Point town entrance signs.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council endorse Design Option 2 for Darlington Point town entrance signs, at a cost of \$56,065.45 (ex GST) for installation. This to include removal of the existing signs, and relocation of the existing signs to new sites - Hay Road and Whitton Road.**

### BACKGROUND

The entrances to the Murrumbidgee Council area are declared through signs on the Newell and Sturt Highways, the Kidman Way and Conargo Rd etc. These entranceway signs feature the Murrumbidgee Council logo, and comply with State legislation and relevant road signing specifications.

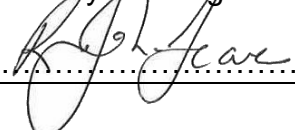
In addition to Local Government area signing, town entranceway signing is a means of promoting township identity, increasing civic pride and positioning tourism assets to visitors within the designated Local Government area.

20/02/18 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Black and Smith that:

- a) A sub-committee comprising Councillors Wells, Gilbert and Curphey be involved in the design of the Darlington Point township entrance signs;
- b) An allocation of \$55,000 be made from the Stronger Communities Fund for the town entrance signs;
- c) Designs be prepared for final selection, in consultation with the Darlington Point Town Life Committee and the Councillor sub-committee.

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Through consultation, the key unique concepts which represented Darlington Point's cultural, heritage and environment assets for the town entrance signs are:

- The Murrumbidgee River
- The old bridge at Darlington Point
- Wiradjuri culture

The designs for Darlington Point Town Entrance signs were based on these concepts.

The selection of a distinctive design for gateway entrance signs will provide a highly visible communication to road travellers, leaving them in no doubt that they are about to enter Darlington Point, with its connection to the Wiradjuri culture, the Murrumbidgee River and connection to the past through the representation of the old Bridge.

There are two final design options for the Darlington Point town entrance signs for consideration which will replace the existing town entrance signs on the Kidman Way in Darlington Point (see below images).

The new signs will take approximately 8 weeks to manufacture and install.



*Current Darlington Point town entrance sign north (on Kidman Way)*



*Current Darlington Point town entrance sign south (on Kidman Way)*

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It is proposed that the existing two signs be re-located to the Darlington Point town entrance on Whitton Street and Hay Road facing traffic coming into Darlington Point.

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

NIL

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Australian Standard AS 1743 - 2001 Road Signs - Specifications
- Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines - NSW Department of Planning and Environment November 2017
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 – Advertising and Signage (SEPP 64)
- NSW Planning Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997.

### **FINANCIAL**

An allocation of \$22,000 from the Stronger Communities Fund was allocated towards the Darlington Point town entrance signs, as well as \$58,000 for the town information boards and tourism maps.

Town information bays and interpretive signage were allocated \$64,500 from the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 1.

Design 1 (pylon entry design) – two signs, engineering for frangible signs, plus freight \$39,451 (ex GST).

Design 2 (bridge design) – two signs, engineering for frangible signs, plus freight \$53,130.65 (ex GST).

Reimbursement of materials for local Aboriginal artwork for use in the town entrance signs - \$700.

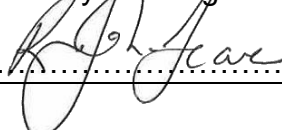
Installation of new signs, and removal and relocation of existing town entrance signs to new sites - Hay Road and Whitton Road - is \$2,234.80 and includes plant, materials and staff wages.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

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## **Theme Three: Our Infrastructure**

### **Strategies:**

3.3.1 Develop riverside locations for the enjoyment of all and to promote tourism.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk in that if no action is taken, Council loses the promotional and welcoming power of distinct signage that is designed to ensure visitors to Darlington Point are left in no doubt as to the town they are about to enter.

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The following groups have been consulted in relation to the designs of the Darlington Point town entrance signs:

- Councillor sub-committee (Resolution 20/02/18)
- Murrumbidgee Council s355 Darlington Point Town Life Committee (Resolution 20/02/18)
- Murrumbidgee Economic and Tourism Advisory Group (METAG)
- Waddi Art Group
- Local Aboriginal Elders
- Western Riverina Arts
- Roads & Maritime Services
- Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee

### **OPTIONS**

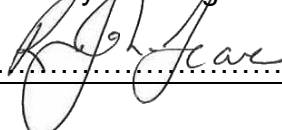
1. Council take no action;
2. Council endorse Design Option 1 at a cost of \$42,385.80 (ex GST) for installation. This would include the removal of the existing signs, and relocation of the existing signs to new sites - Hay Road and Whitton Road;
3. Council endorse Design Option 2 at a cost of \$56,065.45 (ex GST) for installation. This would include the removal of the existing signs, and relocation of the existing signs to new sites - Hay Road and Whitton Road.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

The Danthonia Designs town entrance options will be provided under separate cover.

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**ITEM NO. 11 – DRAFT MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2019**

Council Meeting:	Tuesday 25 June 2019
Report Date:	Tuesday 18 June 2019
Author:	Economic & Tourism Development Manager
File #:	01.11
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy 2019, with proposed actions to guide economic development activity in the Murrumbidgee Council area, are presented for endorsement and exhibition.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The draft Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy 2019 be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for the period 3 July 2019 to 31 July 2019.**

**BACKGROUND**

A key strategic direction of the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 is “our economy – creating our own opportunities”. The Economic Development Strategy will guide the direction of Council in achieving this direction, as well as focus Council’s work to the creation of jobs, facilitation of business growth and diversification and growth of the economy to improve the wealth and wellbeing of the community.

Six strategic themes were identified to support the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy:

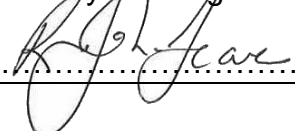
- Attract new business investment;
- Support existing business to grow and diversify;
- Education, training and skills development;
- Grow the population;
- Infrastructure;
- Develop and promote tourism.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

NIL

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

NIL

### **FINANCIAL**

The costs or implementation of the Strategy will need to be budgeted each year in accordance with the allocated priority setting.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

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

#### **Theme Three: Our Economy**

##### **Strategies:**

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

4.3.4 Develop and implement a Murrumbidgee Tourism Strategic Plan aligned with regional, state and federal priorities, including outcomes of relevant evaluation reports and reviews

4.5.3 Link Council's Economic Development Plan within the Regional Plan to develop regional initiatives stimulating interest in Murrumbidgee as an agribusiness hub for the Riverina and/or Upper Murray regions.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy 2019 is designed to identify opportunities to support sustainable regional economic development for the area. Without a strategy, Murrumbidgee Council risks not having direction to guide economic development for the area.

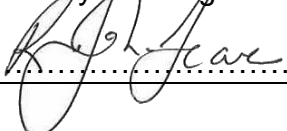
### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The following groups have been consulted in relation to the development of the Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy:

- Engagement with key stakeholders to ensure they have the opportunity to contribute to and guide the process through forums, meetings, and one-on-one interviews;
- A business survey;

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- Hosting of Destination Management Planning Forums in Darlington Point and Jerilderie in April 2019;
- Feedback workshop with proposed actions from the draft Economic Development Strategy.

Distributed the Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy Survey for business operators via post (157), email (431), website, social media and media release. Received 57 responses to date from the following mediums:

- Website - 5
- Email - 30
- Social media – 1
- Post – 21

## OPTIONS

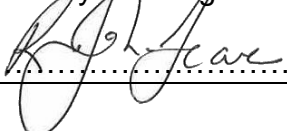
1. Council endorse the draft Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy 2019 and place on public exhibition from 3 July 2019 to 31 July 2019;
2. Council adopt, without change, the draft Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy and upload to Council's website;
3. Council take no action, and not adopt the draft Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy.

## ATTACHMENTS

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy 2019 will be provided under separate cover.

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# COMMITTEE MINUTES

## ITEM NO. 12 - MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF HERITAGE DARLINGTON POINT COMMITTEE

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	2 June 2019
Author:	Heritage Darlington Point Committee Secretary
File #:	02.34
Approval:	Committee of Council Minutes

Meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m.

**Present:** Shirley Norris (chair), Laurie Finley, Roger McGann, Ken Geltch, Mona Finley

**Minutes** of meeting 31 March 2019 distributed prior to meeting; accepted (Laurie/Roger)

### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

1. Destination Management Planning Forum held 9 April; 2 members attended; handout tabled.
2. Disabled Access Ramp – no update re application lodged 25 Feb. 2019; Secretary has enquired re status of project from GM John Scarce and Council delegate for HDP, Clr. Robert Curphey.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Outward:**

1. 28 April – Origin Energy; re duplicated charge for period May-Aug. 2018; (registered mail).

#### **Inward:**

1. 20 May – J. Saxvik (email); application form for Spring Festival, 14 Sept.\*
2. 30 May – Bridget Malcolm, UTS (email); re survey to be conducted, circa 17 June.\*\*
3. 30 May – Dept. RMS; circular re road realignment, Willbriggie area.

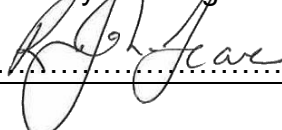
#### **RAHS e-newsletters:**

1. 4 Apr. – Book launch, *Marriage, Love & Law*, by Christine Yeats; Flu pandemic 1919; Project, “Memories of Mothering in Australia 1920-2000.” Appeals for letters re Italian immigrants.
2. 24 Apr. – Cultural Grants program, now closed; Reports re seminar, Bathurst, 6 Apr., and 2019 AGM.
3. 24 May -- Australian Joint Copying Project handbooks now online, research tool.  
\*Spring Festival -- We can open Museum or hold stall at Spring Fair – not both same day.  
\*\* Agreement to meet for survey. Sec. to contact, make arrangements.

**Correspondence accepted and actions endorsed**, (Shirley/Laurie)

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**Treasurer's Report:** Statement tabled showing current balance of \$5596-40. Includes deposits of \$106-50 (donations from Museum Open Day) and \$150-00 (sale of item surplus to requirements). Moved, Mona/Shirley.

**General Business:**

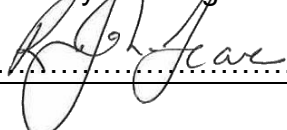
Report re Museum Open Day, 5 May: Good attendance (estimated 50 persons); Donations and sale money deposited (see Treasurer' Report); Caroline Tuohey's presentation well received; Article sent to all district media on 6 May -- published by *C-P Observer* 8 May (tabled); Photos of display set up in Courthouse sent to Lachlan Turner as requested, 14 May; National Trust online survey lodged 24 May. 2. (a) Warangesda : 6 photographs taken April 2001 were tabled; buildings pictured are now no longer standing ; valuable historical record. (b) Secretary contacted Tony Edwards re return of Warangesda model; Tony currently on sick leave. 3. WCIC Paymaster's Wagon: Further discussion re moving to Museum and placement on site. Sec. to enquire at Council re assistance in transporting wagon to site.

**Meeting closed:** 11 a.m.

**Next meeting:** AGM, 4 August 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

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**ITEM NO. 13 - MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COLEAMBALLY TOWN LIFE COMMITTEE**

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	6 June 2019
Author:	Coleambally Town Life Committee Secretary
File #:	02.33
Approval:	Committee of Council Minutes

Present: K. Dissegna, C. DeMamiel, C. Chirgwin, P. Sheppard, B.Thornton

Apologies: P. Brown, T. Boschetti

Previous minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: C. DeMamiel

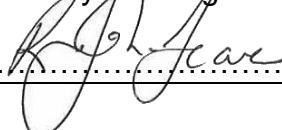
Seconded: P. Sheppard

Carried

- Lions' Park toilets – finished, have good lighting.
- Progress with Lake development  
Latest vegetation study showed 22% natural ground cover which is a tick and can move forward.  
What is the next step? Christine to check with Austin.
- Pioneers' Museum
- Location of centre  
Will Council donate land?  
Near entrance to town where trucks park near motel would be good.  
Need strong, sustainable committee. Council will want commitment from committee – need motivated pro-active group. Could involve Town Life committee members.  
Article for paper – expressions of interest to form committee. Christine Chirgwin to work on article.  
Christine to speak to Shauna Trengrove re-possible designs.  
Catherine to speak with Julie Bellato re-future involvement. Julie's original documents sent out by Catherine just prior to meeting.
- Showcasing Coleambally  
Kellie is working on a welcome to new residents' kit – distributed sheet with what information she needs. Also needs photos of everyday life. Could include having coffee with a local.
- Western Riverina Expo – a possibility. Council didn't feel they got much out of it last time.
- Appearance of shop fronts

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Three possibilities have been distributed to shopkeepers – a common decision is needed. Lynne Stuckings is handling process. There is funding in place and DA must be in by December.

- Flyer for events in town in Murrumbidgee Council area.
- Kellie is working on Murrumbidgee Council Visitors' Guide – sample document tabled. Booking deadline is due 27<sup>th</sup> September. Cost is \$300 per page. Taste Coly should consider.

#### General business

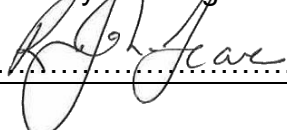
- Kellie distributed town maps for us to mark important sites. Maps need to be returned to Kellie at Coleambally office by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- Kellie would like names of new residents who have come to Coleambally in the last 3 years – plans to interview.

Meeting closed 6.30pm

**Next meeting: 5.30pm Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

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**ITEM NO. 14 - MINUTES OF THE RIVERINA SPRAY DRIFT STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING**

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	7 May 2019
Author:	Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholder Group Secretary
File #:	03.16.06
Approval:	Cr Brown



Stop Off-target Spraying Riverina Valleys

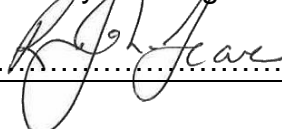
**Minutes 7 May 2019 Meeting**

Barren Box Room Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Research Station Rd Hanwood

Meeting opened at 12.33pm

1. Welcome: Chairman Kevin welcomed attendees- Brett Asela (EPA- pesticide policy area), Tony McAlary (Chair Macquarie SOS), Brett Mawbey (M SOS), Craig Bretherton, Patricia Fabiano (EPA), Lindsay Golsby-Smith (MI), Peter McGrath, Harriette Brickhill (RGA), Gerry Wilcox, Honi Anderson, Kieran O'Keeffe, Iva Quarisa, Brian Bortolin, Matt Toscan, Luke Testoni (Kenso).
2. Apologies: John Durham, Lachlan Danckert, Paul Cleaton, Darren Wallett, Kathy Tenison, David Saunders, Pat Brown, Brian Simpson, Jorian Millyard, Neil Bull, Troy Mauger, Peter Hill, Adrian Hayes, Liz Munn, Matthew Hockings, Mark Zannatta, Kyleigh Turner, Connie Mort, Luke Sampson, Scott Golding, Simon Bonny, Michael Pfitzner, Richard Malone, Charles Morgan, Emma Ayliffe.
3. Presentation from SOS Macquarie Chair Tony McAlary  
SOS M has definitely had a positive impact on the reduction of spray drift. This season only 2 incidents of direct Spray drift in comparison to last season which had numerous incidents.  
There is a serve shortage of people with high technical knowledge in this area (Bill Gordon, Craig Day and Mary O'Brien). Bill Gordon has moved to Orange to work in the Biosecurity sphere.  
Meeting this week with Tocal College to develop registered Level 5 Chemical training course aimed at farm owners and managers. Trying to get Craig Day course recognised as Level 4 (currently level 3).

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Going forward GOA may take on role of SOS. Developing a strategy to get direct support & \$ from GRDC and other bodies to roll program out across state. SOS M would like to work with groups such as ours to establish a SOS in each valley. From SOS M experience it is vital to get resellers on side and involved as they are a powerful group who can influence a large number of farmers. By training agros you get the biggest impact.

Used survey to better target the knowledge & skills of farmers and agronomists to better target activities. Initial survey was conducted by SOS but more in-depth survey was undertaken by independent professional business with input & financial assistance from EPA. Brett- must have a highly motivated and motivating individual who can "champion" the initiative. Also vital to have cross section support of and involvement in the project and do not point a finger or blame.

4. How can EPA assist?- Patricia Fabiano & Asela Atapattu  
This is a branch priority, but not a priority of Government. The M SOS is a pilot program in order to convince wider Government departments that this is a worthwhile program.  
There are a number of questions that the pilot can answer- How do we get broad scale interest? How do we get medium and longer term support and be relevant Australia Wide? Need to work out what works.  
The survey provided great evidence of the need and impact of the M SOS. Funded the testing of bore water and found that a large proportion of the bore water was unsuitable for use with some chemicals- specifically 2-4D.
5. Register as an incorporated association? Tony advised us that SOS M is and that we should also do so.
6. General Business:

**MOTION: Adopted SOS Riverina Valleys as our name and logo.**

Moved: Matt Toscan Second: Brian Bortolin. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: That the one page Press Release on SOS Riverina be accepted and distributed.**

Moved: Honi Anderson Second: Peter McGrath. **CARRIED**

Important to identify periods high risk for Direct Spray Drift and Inversion Drift Events. Can then target activities at these higher risk times.

Initial activity- Agronomist training day. Possible presenters- Dave Farmers (Croplands Nufarm), Harry Pickering & Brett Mawbey. August 6, 7 or 8?

Other activities- Sprayer field day with 2 -3 concurrent sessions.

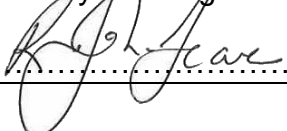
**ACTION:** Anyone manning a stall at the Riverina Field Days this weekend should print out and distribute the SOS Riverina information sheet.

**ACTION:** Asela will contact Iva and supply survey questions.

**ACTION:** Brett will contact Dave Farmer and Harry Pickering to determine willingness and availability for Agro Training day in Riverina.

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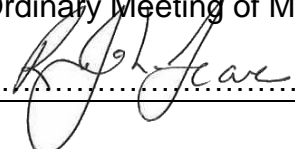



7. Next meeting 11 June 3pm.

Meeting closed at 3pm.

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## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### ITEM NO. 15 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – MAY 2019

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	17 June 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	05.13
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 31 May 2019.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 May 2019.**

### BACKGROUND

**Cash at Bank:** Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 May 2019 was \$31,088,943.75, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$1,524,487.31.

**Investments:** As at 31 May 2019, Council's total invested funds were \$29,564,456.44. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 2.32%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (60.33%), IMB Ltd (19.26%) and ANZ (9.30%), 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 May 2019;
- 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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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **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**

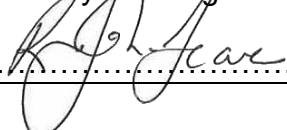
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### **ATTACHMENTS**

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**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES****CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2019**

ADD - Receipts - 31 May 2019

ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank

ADD - Cancelled

ADD - Adjustments

LESS - Cheques

LESS - EFT - Autopay

LESS - Payroll

LESS - Bank Charges &amp; Transfers

LESS - Loan Repayments

LESS - Investments

LESS - Visa Card Pymt

LESS - Fuel Card

LESS - Photocopy Rental

**CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2019****CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2019**

Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank

PLUS Outstanding Deposits

LESS Unpresented Cheques

LESS Outstanding Autopay

LESS Reverse Autopay

**CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2019**

Add Investments

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

Trust Account

Water Fund

Sewer Fund

Domestic Waste Management

Unexpended Grant Funds

Plant Reserve

Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve

Infrastructure Reserve

Residential Housing Reserve - North

New Council Implementation Fund

Stronger Communities Fund

General Fund

**2018-19****Consolidated****1,761,255.45**

1,202,488.70

2,965,440.81

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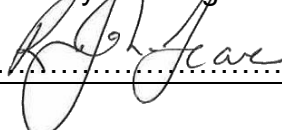
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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS****31 MAY 2019**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Matures</b>	<b>No.</b>
IMB Ltd	203,960.38	2.60%	04-Jun-19	30/19
St George	500,000.00	2.53%	26-Jun-19	33/19
Bendigo	780,890.22	2.00%	18-Aug-19	38/19
IMB Ltd	306,466.65	2.45%	16-Oct-19	37/19
St George	538,520.37	2.00%	22-Aug-19	40/19
NAB	500,000.00	2.00%	28-Aug-19	41/19
Bendigo	1,030,422.41	2.00%	22-Aug-19	39/19
NAB	311,003.52	2.55%	20-Jun-19	31/19
NAB	400,000.00	2.55%	29-Jun-19	32/19
IMB Ltd	409,134.96	2.40%	17-Jul-19	36/19
ANZ-Les Wallis	44,977.98	2.20%	29-Jun-19	34/19
SUNCORP	1,035,078.69	2.65%	07-Jun-19	24/19
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	2.40%	09-Jul-19	35/19
IMB Ltd	600,000.00	2.20%	30-Aug-19	20
IMB Ltd	510,714.05	2.60%	15-Jul-19	21
IMB Ltd	610,288.10	2.35%	09-Sep-19	24
IMB Ltd	700,000.00	2.60%	05-Jul-19	25
Bendigo	522,849.65	2.45%	08-Jul-19	26
Bendigo	610,331.20	2.35%	03-Sep-19	28
ANZ	1,100,000.00	2.35%	09-Jul-19	29
ANZ	804,536.98	2.10%	27-Aug-19	30
IMB Ltd	450,000.00	2.55%	12-Jun-19	31
Bendigo	400,000.00	2.45%	06-Aug-19	34
Bendigo	600,000.00	2.00%	16-Jul-19	35
IMB Ltd	600,000.00	2.25%	23-Sep-19	36
Bendigo	3,891,955.49	2.05%	16-Oct-19	38
ANZ	800,000.00	2.30%	28-Jul-19	39
Bendigo	2,500,000.00	2.30%	16-Aug-19	40
Bendigo	2,081,950.74	2.30%	16-Jul-19	42
IMB Ltd	804,191.78	2.40%	29-Jul-19	44
Bendigo	5,417,183.27	2.05%	16-Oct-19	45

**Total Investments****29,564,456.44**

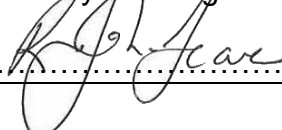

Average Interest Rates	2016/17	2.34%
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.31%
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.32%

**PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD**

SUNCORP	1,035,078.69	3.50%
ANZ	2,749,514.96	9.30%
Bendigo	17,835,582.98	60.33%
IMB Ltd	5,694,755.92	19.26%
NAB	1,211,003.52	4.10%
St George	1,038,520.37	3.51%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>29,564,456.44</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>
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## ITEM NO. 16 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	3 June 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	05.17.01
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the NSW Local Government Grants Commission advising of the refinement to the general purpose component (GPC) of the Financial Assistance Grant.

### RECOMMENDATION

The information contained within the Financial Assistance Grant Report be noted.

### BACKGROUND

Financial Assistance Grants are paid to local Councils under the provisions of the Federal Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. The grants have two components, being the general purpose component and the local roads component.

The NSW Local Government Grants Commission has been reviewing the grant methodology in line with NSW policy to direct the general purpose component of the grant to Councils with the greatest need.

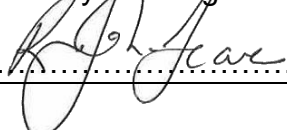
The GPC is made up of a revenue allowance, expenditure allowance, isolation allowance and a pensioner rebate allowance. Whilst most of the existing GPC methodology is being retained, the refinements are limited to the expenditure allowance.

In order to limit the variation percentage of individual Councils' 2017-18 GPC levels in 2018-19, the Commission implemented transition arrangements of an upper ceiling limit of +5% and a lower floor limit of 0%.

Historically, the Commission set a variation range between +5% and -5%. The Commission is now consulting with Councils about restoring those historical limits as, by retaining a 0% floor, more funds will continue to be diverted from Councils with the greatest relative disadvantage.

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The Commission determined to make no changes to the current local road component of the grant. It also determined that the current adjustment for a relative disability allowance continue in its current form.

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

The Commission advises it has undertaken scenario testing of results for each Council using the 2018-19 GPC grants had the -5% floor been implemented. Based upon this scenario, the Commission advises that Murrumbidgee Council's grant did not reduce.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

### **FINANCIAL**

The Commission advises caution when budgeting for the following year's grant as transitional arrangements and fresh data used to calculate the grant each year are likely to change the individual grant outcomes.

Council draft budget anticipates a 3% increase in the Financial Assistance Grant to be received.

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Community Strategic Plan 5.1 – Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Possible over estimation of Financial Assistance Grant entitlement.

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

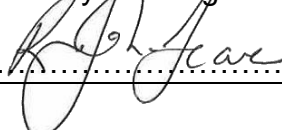
The Independent Local Government Review Panel recommendations of 2013 instigated an extensive review of financial assistance grant modelling from 2013-2016.

### **OPTIONS**

NIL

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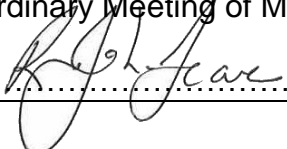
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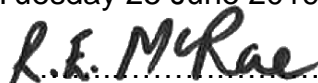
## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 10 - Financial Assistance Grants 2018-19 Fact Sheet June 2019

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## ITEM NO. 17 - ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	18 June 2019
Author:	Economic & Tourism Development Manager
File #:	03.16
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report on economic and tourism development activities during the previous month.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The information contained in the Economic and Tourism Development Report be noted.**

### BACKGROUND

Activities in June 2019 were focussed on the development of the Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy, Darlington Point Town Entrance Signs and the Drought Communities Programme – extension funding.

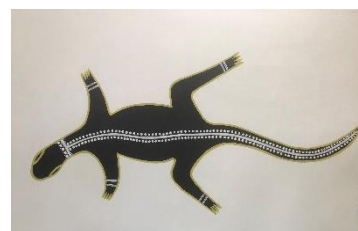
#### *Economic Development Activities*

Economic Development Strategy (see separate report)

- Hosted feedback session in Darlington Point on Wednesday 12 June to further discuss surveys results and proposed actions.

Darlington Point Town Entrance Signs (see separate report)

- Received artwork for Aboriginal element of sign
- Presented draft signs to Traffic Committee for comment.

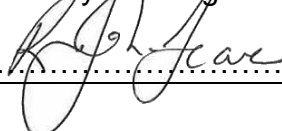


Drought Communities Programme

- Community Wellbeing Event – proposed five (5) hour event for Saturday 23 November at Coleambally Oval 1. Entertainment planned for stage, recreation activities and Government, service and community groups represented at event.

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### Farrer Food Fair

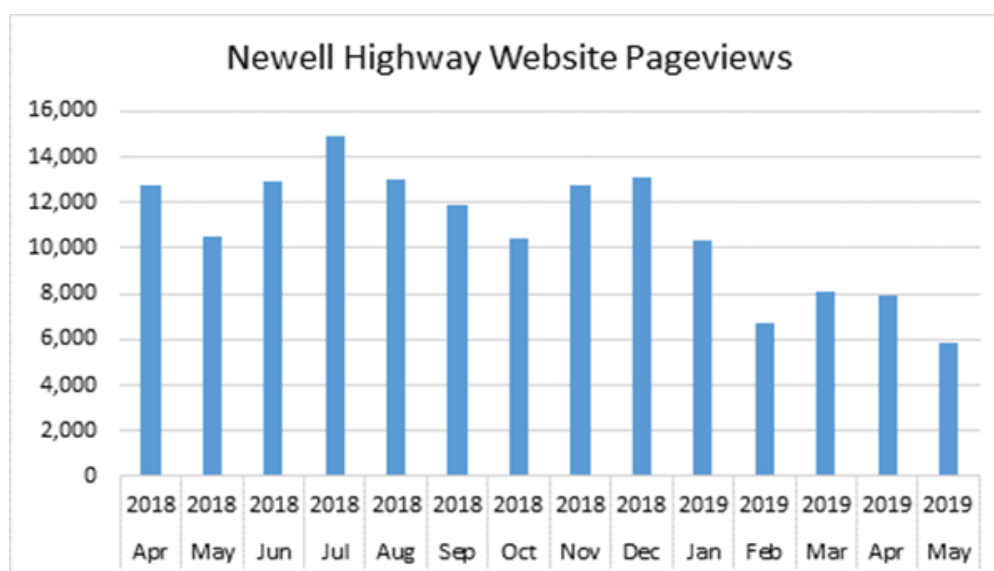
- Federal Member for Farrer, Hon Sussan Ley MP has invited Murrumbidgee Council to attend the annual Farrer Food Fair at Parliament House on Wednesday 16 October.



### Tourism Activities

#### Newell Highway Promotion Committee

- New Newell Highway guides have been printed and were launched at Parliament House. Copies have been delivered to Jerilderie offices, and staff are disseminating them to local accommodation providers and local eateries;
- A soft copy of the new guide will be available electronically on the Newell Highway website shortly;
- Developed and sent 1,000 fliers for the Newell Highway stand at the 2019 Queensland Caravan and Camping Show in Brisbane (5-10 June).



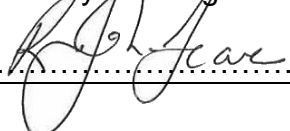
#### Thrive Riverina (see separate report)

- Submitted details on the *Riverina Interclub Challenge - Wanabrook Motocross - Round 3* at Coleambally for the Thrive Riverina June event newsletter and *Fairways BnB* for Group Getaways content for Inside the Riverina newsletter;
- Submitted content and images for the new Thrive Riverina website.

#### Kidman Way Promotions Committee

- Teleconference Meeting 5 June (see attached);
- Murrumbidgee Council are the editor of the new Facebook Page for the Promotions Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/theKidmanway/>) for the

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month of June. Submitted posts for Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.

#### Destination Riverina Murray

- Riverina Murray Accommodation Market Assessment Report - one of the major outcomes of the Riverina Murray Destination Management Plan, identifying the need to develop the region's population centres to support growth in the visitor economy and highlighting the need to improve and diversify the range of accommodation to meet contemporary market demands. The final report can be downloaded from <https://riverinamurray.com.au/resources/>.

#### Griffith Region Visitor Guide

- Confirmed full page advert in the new Griffith Region Visitor Guide to encourage visitors to Griffith to venture south and explore the Murrumbidgee Council area.



#### Murrumbidgee Council Visitor Guide

- Advertising Prospectus (attached) designed and distributed to 98 tourism operators, event organisers, and local businesses;
- Also distributed to surrounding Local Government Areas and uploaded to Council website;
- Media release distributed and promoted on social media;
- To date have received nine full page bookings and two ½ page bookings.

### OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

### SUSTAINABILITY

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

### FINANCIAL

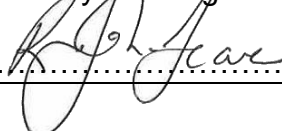
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### INTEGRATED PLANS

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

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## **Theme One: Our Community**

### **Strategies:**

1.4.9 Provide support to community funded cultural and wellbeing activities and events across Murrumbidgee Council area

## **Theme Four: Our Economy**

### **Strategies:**

4.1.2 Promote Murrumbidgee Council and its towns and potential light manufacturing wholesale and retail business opportunities to diversify industry and stimulate employment growth

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

4.2.3 Contribute to regional tourism initiatives and major events in the region

4.2.5 Support local business with access to available training, workforce skills and technology

4.2.6 Build data and analysis of business and industry in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area

4.3.1 Provide professional information services promoting tourism, visitor ventures and activities in our towns

4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers

4.4.1 Raise community awareness of TAFE, university and other regional education providers

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The Economic and Tourism Development Manager has consulted with the following in the past month:

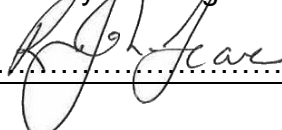
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Result</b>
Meetings with local business owners and tourism operators	Coleambally: 2 Darlington Point: Jerilderie:
Meetings with regional stakeholders	Rural Financial Counselling Service, Service NSW – Easy to do Business.

Issues raised from consultation with local business owners and tourism operators:

- Lack of businesses and tourism information for Murrumbidgee Council area listed on the new Thrive Riverina website (theriverina.com.au)

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## OPTIONS

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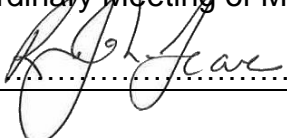
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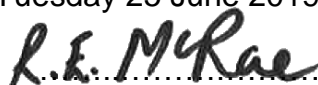
Attachment # 11 - Kidman Way Committee Meeting Minutes 5 June 2019

Attachment # 12 - Murrumbidgee Council Visitor Guide Advertising Prospectus

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**ITEM NO. 18 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, MAY 2019**

Council Meeting: 25 June 2019  
Report Date: 14 June 2019  
Author: General Manager  
File #: 04.25  
Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, May 2019, be noted.**

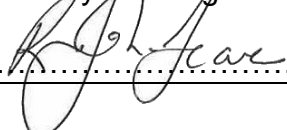
**BACKGROUND**

DA No.	Property Location	Works Undertaken	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA46-18/19	25 White Street, Darlington Point NSW 2706 Lot 53 DP 252736	Development Consent	Demolish existing dwelling, erect new dwelling	\$305,000.00	22/05/2019
DA48-18/19	3 Bunyola Boulevard Jerilderie NSW 2716 Lot 53 DP 1225744	Development Consent	New Dwelling	\$340,000.00	16/05/2019
DA49-18/19	22 Curlew Crescent, Coleambally NSW 2707 Lot 441 DP862112	Development Consent	Install a transportable home to be used as a residence	\$220,000.00	30/05/2019
DA39-18/19	25 Powell Street, Jerilderie NSW 2716 Lot 10 DP69	Construction	Demolition of existing shed, erection of new shed, addition of verandah	\$25,000.00	16/05/19

**ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 19 - BIOSECURITY / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL – JUNE 2019**

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	14 June 2019
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	04.21
Approval:	Asset Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

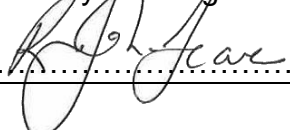
**Jerilderie:**

***Weeds***

- Treated road shoulders on Graham Road, Hannabus Road, Fairlie Grange Road and Four Corners Road;
- Sprayed depots, stockpiles and drains;
- Sprayed bridge intersections and signs on Willows Road, South Coree Road and Mayrung Road;
- Attended Alligator Weed Strategy Taskforce at Barren Box Swamp to form proposed surveillance and control program for 2019/2020;
- Local and high-risk inspections ongoing;
- Boxthorn treatment on local roads and large infestation at Emery Pit ongoing;
- Horehound program underway;
- The Government Gazette has issued a control order for Chinese Violet (*Asystasia gangetica* species) to come into effect 1 July 2019 under part 6 of the Act (copy placed on Council website);
- Attended Murray Regional Weed Committee (MRWC) meeting in Corowa 5 June 2019. (Iain attended Riverina and David attended Murray). Issues discussed were:

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- Options for the funds remaining after the closure of ERNWAG/WRNWAG of approximately \$57,900 which comes to a bit over \$3000 per organisation. Suggested the funds be utilised for printing of a new version of the booklet “Weeds of the Riverina”, which is out dated since the introduction of the Biosecurity Act 2015. Also repairs to the Henty display shed if Councils are agreeable;
- Review of the Murray Regional Strategic Plan – Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) Plan closes 4 August, 2019;
- Weeds Management Capacity Audits.

### **Truck Wash**

NIL

### **Stock Control**

Local Land Services (LLS) Ranger Rodger Harris informed Council of eight (8) droughtmaster cattle wandering along the drainage channel adjacent Thurrowa Road. Rodger organised the cattle to be transported to Council pound until an owner was located, the Stock Squad was also notified.

Owner was located, and on 22 May 2019 flew in to identify cattle in the presence of Rodger, Stock Squad representative Tim Simmons and myself. The stock were released to the owner, who trucked them out that day.

Tim will investigate on how the cattle got there, as it was the same area in which 34 cattle were found, impounded and sold in May 2015 when no owner could be located.

### **Saleyards**

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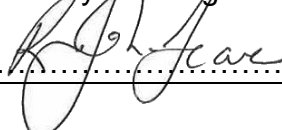
### **Coleambally & Darlington Point:**

#### **Weeds**

- Boxthorn treated on Pine Drive, Coleambally old sale yard area, Hogan Lane, Cattnach Road, Main Canal Road, Gaston Road, Main Road 321 and Yamma Road;
- Prickly Pear treated on Gaston Road;
- Bridal Creeper treated at Coleambally car park and on Gaston Road;
- Trees sprayed on Darlington Point levee bank;
- Intersections and around most signs have been sprayed on sealed roads;
- Coleambally sewer ponds sprayed;

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- 12 High Risk Pathway Property Inspections;
- 5 Private Property Inspections;
- Attended an Alligator Weed Meeting in Griffith with Department of Primary Industries (DPI), to discuss Inspections to be done around Barren Box Swamp and flood drains west of the swamp in November;
- Attended Riverina Weeds Committee Meeting - the main topics discussed were Council's biosecurity reporting to DPI and DPI auditing of Councils;

### ***Stock Control***

- Cattle on Ringwood Road

### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management

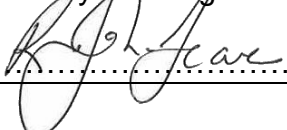
- Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Council's weed management program;
- Action 2.6.2.1 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;
- Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestation inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 20 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 21/5/19 to 18/6/2019**

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	21 June 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira and William Wade, Operations Managers
File #:	03.16.04
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 21 May 2019 to 18 June 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

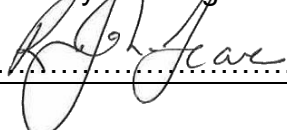
The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

**BACKGROUND****Works Completed In Period**

		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
<b>Regional Roads</b> RR552 – Conargo Road RR564 – Berrigan Road RR323 – Oaklands Road RR59 – Urana Road RR596 – Morundah Road RR356 – Berrigan Oaklands Road RR183 – Whitton Road Carrathool Road	Morundah Road shoulder widening. 2.35km.	200,000	109,512	Regional Roads Repair Grant
<b>MR321 – Kidman Way</b>	Rubbish collection			
<b>H17 – Newell Highway</b>	Rubbish collection			

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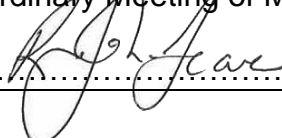
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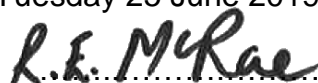
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		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
<b>Local Road Maintenance</b>	<p>Guidepost Maintenance</p> <p>McDonald Road, Boerema Road, Bridge Road, Lloyd Road, Graham Road, Gilbert Road, Hardy Road,</p> <p>Grader Maintenance</p> <p>DeSailly Road, McDonald Road, Thurrowa Road, Graham Road, Rogart Road, Field Road, Green Swamp Road, Elliott Lane, Tip Road, Greens Lane, Lincoln Lane, Gaston Road - 5km, Ryan Road - 2km, Commins Road - 6km, Cully Road - 3km, Wallin Road - 6km, Fraser Road - 4km, Lovegrove Road - 1km, Burke Lane - 1km, McGrath Road - 5km, Ercildoune Road - 8km, Martin Bell Road - 5km, Harvey Wells Road - 4km, Main Canal Road - 8km</p> <p>Roadside Vegetation control carried out on the shoulders of the approaches into Darlington Point in all directions. Road sides slashed along Bull Road, Anderson Road, Channel Nine Road, Pine Drive, Rosewood Road, Jimmy Cull Road and Prickly Road.</p>			
<b>Construction</b>	Reconstruction on Eulo Road continues with the second stage of the road sealed. Stage 3 of construction underway.	1,331,605	919,077	Fixing Country Roads Grant
	Reconstruction of Greens Lane. 1900m length, 6m width.	285,000	101,314	Roads to Recovery Grant

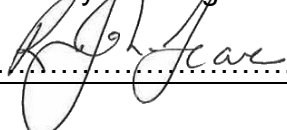

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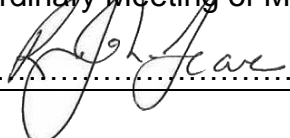
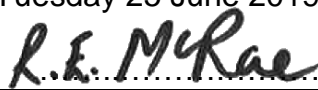
		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
<b>Resheeting</b>	<p>Wilson Road, Hardy Road, Hunter Road, McLennons Bore Road.</p> <p>Resheeting works commenced on Green Swamp Road. 4km length.</p> <p>Resheeting works commenced on Bull Road.</p> <p>Reheeting works continued on Harvey Wells Road in Coleambally. Material was carted to site to resheet 3.5km of road surface with 100mm road base added to the pavement surface.</p> <p>Reheeting works continued on Bonnars Lane in Coleambally. 2km of road surface with 100mm road base added to the pavement surface.</p>	<p>84,000</p> <p>100,800</p> <p>100,800</p> <p>75,600</p>	<p>13,452</p> <p>54,697</p> <p>37,946</p>	<p>Roads to Recovery Grant.</p> <p>Roads to Recovery Grant.</p> <p>Roads to Recovery Grant</p> <p>Roads to Recovery Grant</p>
<b>Town Streets</b>	<p>Kerbs and gutters throughout Darlington Point and Jerilderie streets were cleaned by street sweeper.</p> <p>Darlington Point:</p> <p>“REDUCE NOISE” – please limit compression breaking signs were installed in Darlington Point. These were installed on the Kidman Way both north and south approaches and the Whitton Road. Residents will be contacted in the coming weeks to seek feedback on the effectiveness of the new signage.</p> <p>Caravan Parking signage was installed in Darlington Point to direct motorists travelling from the south to Stock Street from Carrington Street. The identified parking area is in front of Fig Tree Park on Stock Street.</p>			
<b>Resealing Programme</b>	Resealing program has concluded for the year. To recommence October 2019.			

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		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
<b>Town Maintenance</b>	<p>Coleambally</p> <p>Bitumen Sealing – Coleambally Lions Park toilets – front of the toilet block bitumen sealed to allow easier access by the public and stop dirt going through the new facility.</p> <p>Jerilderie</p> <p>6 damaged signs replaced on South Coree Rd.</p> <p>New caravan parking signs installed.</p>			
<b>Parks and Gardens</b>	<p>Parks and Gardens maintained throughout Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.</p>			
<b>Water and Sewerage</b>	<p>Darlington Point</p> <p>There were seven (7) sewerage pump station blockages cleared.</p> <p>Coleambally</p> <p>The Curlew Street and Kestrel street pump stations were cleared of tree roots and unblocked. There were two (2) other sewerage pump station blockages that were cleared.</p> <p>The sewer main to the Cypress View Lodge in Coleambally was cleared of tree roots and repaired.</p> <p>Sewer chokes were cleared in McAllister Street, Darlington Point and Bluebonnet Cres, Coleambally.</p> <p>Jerilderie</p> <p>2 service breaks fixed at Betts St, and Powell St.</p> <p>Quarterly pumping out of drains within town area.</p>			
<b>Building Maintenance</b>				

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## UPCOMING WORKS

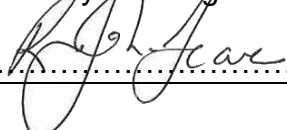
		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
<b>Local Road Maintenance</b>	All roads within the bus routes to be maintenance graded.		
<b>Roads to Recovery</b>	Resheeting works to continue on Bonnars Lane, Harvey Wells Road and Bull Road.		
<b>Regional Roads</b>	Line marking on the segments below to commence 17 June 2019.  RR564 – Line marking segments 4, 5 and 6 RR59 – Line marking Segments 10, 9, 5 and 4	45,000	Regional Roads Repair Grant
	RR356 – Rehab 600m of damaged section of road near Wangamong Creek Bridge. 50mm road base, pavement to be stabilised, and finally a 7mm emulsion seal.	200,000	Regional Roads Repair Grant
<b>H17 – Newell Highway</b>	Realignment of water mains on Jerilderie Street in preparation for 400m O'Neill St to Brown St RMS rehabilitation.	TBA	RMS
<b>MR321 – Kidman Way</b>	Line marking Segments 30, 40, 90, 260, 400, 410, 430, 450 to commence 17 June 2019.  Line marking at the intersection of Demamiel St and Carrington Street to be corrected as per set out provided by the RMS.		
<b>Town Streets</b>	Caravan Parking signage will be installed in Darlington Point to direct motorists travelling from the north to Stock Street from Carrington Street.		

## ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor