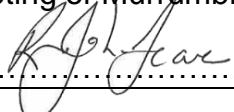


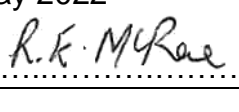
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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022**

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

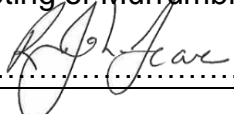
The contents of the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and Council:

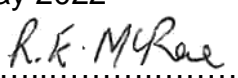
1. a) Approve the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee remuneration for Chair - \$12,552 per annum and independent members \$1,255 per meeting.
b) Appoint Linda MacRae as Chair of Murrumbidgee Council's Audit Risk & Improvement Committee.
2. Endorse the Community Engagement Strategy.
3. a) Implement the three stream kerbside collection, FOGO, general waste and recycling in each of the towns of Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie, commencing 1 July 2023.

b) Authorise the General Manager to apply for opportunistic grant funding to alleviate capital costs of implementing the wheeled bins, and, if required, Council to provide up to 50% of the costs for matching grants.

c) Authorise the General Manager to seek input from residents on the size of the three bins, with the default sizing being FOGO 360 litre, general waste 240 litre and recycling 360 litre.
4. Authorise the General Manager's private use of Council vehicle in the State of Queensland from 30 June 2022 to 5 July 2022
5. Adopt the reviewed Workplace Surveillance Policy, which addresses the feedback provided.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

1. Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

Each Council election cycle, the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) dissolves in the March following the election.

Nominations were called for the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee.

The ARIC guidelines provide for remuneration for the ARIC independent members. The guidelines recommend Committee Chairs receive \$12,552 per annum, and independent members receive \$1,255 per meeting.

From the expressions of interest received, the Mayor and General Manager recommends that Linda MacRae be appointed as Chair.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) **Approve the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee remuneration for Chair - \$12,552 per annum and independent members \$1,255 per meeting.**
- b) **Appoint Linda MacRae as Chair of Murrumbidgee Council's Audit Risk & Improvement Committee**

2. Community Engagement Strategy

The Community Engagement Strategy is presented for endorsement by Council.

The strategy is an important document that sets out our approach to engaging with the community and making sure everyone has the opportunity to be involved in the future directions of our Council area.

The strategy will support the development of all plans, policies, programs and key activities.

Comments made during the exhibition period have been incorporated into the strategy.

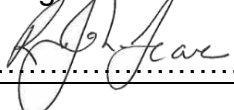
RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Community Engagement Strategy.

3. Kerbside Collection Three Streams

Council is aware of the legislative requirement to collect food organics and garden organics (FOGO) from the kerb by 2030.

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In addition, during the Community Strategic Planning survey, there were multiple requests for the collection of recycling from the kerb in the township of Jerilderie to align with the recycling collection in the townships of Coleambally and Darlington Point.

Two separate articles in Council newsletters calling for feedback from residents about our proposals to move to three stream waste collection at kerb in the three townships has not received any negative feedback.

If implemented today, estimates of operating a three stream kerbside collection would cost each residential premise \$311.50pa, an increase of \$117.50pa for Jerilderie residents based on 2021/22 financial year charges and \$15.50pa for Coleambally and Darlington Point residents based on 2021/22 financial year charges. Noting the difference being that Coleambally and Darlington Point already have a recycling service.

To implement the three stream service will require the purchase of wheeled bins, as well as replacement of the existing garbage truck.

The timing of the collection would be:

- FOGO weekly (240 or 360 litre bin)
- General waste fortnightly (120 or 240 litre bin)
- Recycling fortnightly (240 or 360 litre bin)

Before purchasing the bins (estimated at \$320,000) we offer each resident a one off choice of the bin size, with our default bins being FOGO 360 litre, general waste 240 litre and recycling 360 litre.

Council aims to implement the three stream collection in each of the townships commencing 1 July 2023. We do have the ability to bring this forward should we so choose. This timing provides Council with 12 months to obtain grants, procure equipment, provide education and roll out new bins.

Recommendation

That Council

a) Implement the three stream kerbside collection, FOGO, general waste and recycling in each of the towns of Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie, commencing 1 July 2023.

b) Authorise the General Manager to apply for opportunistic grant funding to alleviate capital costs of implementing the wheeled bins and, if required, Council to provide up to 50% of the costs for matching grants.

c) Authorise the General Manager to seek input from residents on the size of the three bins, with the default sizing being FOGO 360 litre, general waste 240 litre and recycling 360 litre.

4. General Manager Private Use of Motor Vehicle

On 2 July 2022, I may be at an event in Ipswich Queensland. Nothing is set in stone.

As such, I am requesting permission to utilise, for private purposes, the Council provided vehicle in the State of Queensland on or about 30 June 2022 to 5 July 2022.

Any leave requested for this time will be sought from Mayor Ruth McRae, under the Mayor delegation for approving leave of the General Manager.

Recommendation:

Council authorise the General Manager's private use of Council vehicle in the State of Queensland from 30 June 2022 to 5 July 2022

5. Workplace Surveillance Policy Review

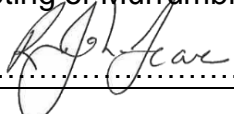
Council has undertaken a review of this Policy, the review period closed 11 May 2022.

Council received feedback from the Employee Unions, of which we have incorporated all feedback into the reviewed policy.

Specific details of feedback:

- Referred to the need to advise if the camera, computer and tracking surveillance will be continuous or intermittent in accordance with section 10 (4) (d) of the Act. The surveillance will be continuous.
- Referred to the need to advise if the camera, computer and tracking surveillance will be continuous or intermittent in accordance with section 10 (4) (e) of the Act. The surveillance will be ongoing, except in tracking vehicles where, private use permitted, the surveillance can be turned off when on private use.
- Question raised is if the computer surveillance will include surveillance of teams/skype/zoom meetings and chats, and it will be used for that surveillance. As such, this will be specifically spelled out in the policy.
- Question raised on notifying new employees of the surveillance policy. It will be addressed in the reviewed policy that new employees will be provided a copy of the policy at induction, with the policy forming part of the induction process.

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- Question raised on whom has access to this information. It will be addressed in the policy that only the General Manager, Directors and CFO have access to all information gathered from this policy. The Finance Department has a need to recover information from the surveillance tracking in order to complete such tasks as fuel rebate and FBT.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the reviewed Workplace Surveillance Policy which addresses the feedback provided.

6. Movements

19 - 23 June 2022 - ALGA – Canberra

22 July 2022 - RAMJO General Managers' Meeting - Deniliquin

9 August 2022 - Newell Highway Taskforce Committee – West Wyalong

12 August 2022 – RAMJO Board Meeting – Deniliquin

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership - Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

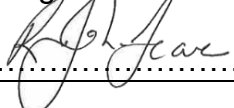
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT


N/A

OPTIONS

As per the recommendations.

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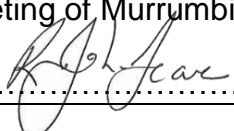
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Community Engagement Strategy
Attachment # 2: Reviewed Workplace Surveillance Policy

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ITEM NO. 2 - STATE GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT PROGRAM

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC361
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been invited to apply for a one-off funding grant of \$119,826 for suitable community events and festivals.

RECOMMENDATION

Council

- a) **Make application for the amount of \$119,826 under the NSW Government Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program;**
- b) **Determine funding recipients.**

BACKGROUND

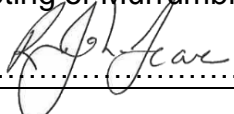
Council has been invited to apply for a one off funding grant of \$119,826 to fund local community events and festivals that can be held before 31 March 2023.

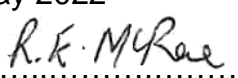
Eligible events include:

- Community markets
- Festivals and fairs
- Sporting events
- Food & leisure events
- Community classes
- Agricultural field days
- Regional racing carnivals
- Touring events and theatre programs
- Community public holiday celebrations
- Existing community or tourist events.

Council, as the applicant, is required to assess and nominate applicable events to the value of the available funding and submit the application prior to 5.00pm Friday 24 June 2022.

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Community notice of the availability of the grant funding was undertaken via social media from early May. Given the short time frame involved, expressions of interest from community, sporting and event groups close on Wednesday 18 May, enabling presentation to the May Council meeting.

OFFICER COMMENT

At the time of preparing this report, funding applications are still being received. Upon closure of the submission period, all applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria and then presented to Council for funding determination.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

Nil, as Council is not required to make any financial contribution to the grant funding program.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 4.3: Promoting Tourism Strategies and Opportunities

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

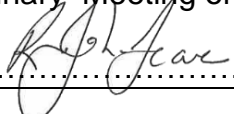
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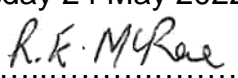
- a) Make application for the amount of \$119,826 under the NSW Government Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program.
- b) Determine funding recipients.

Other Options

- a) Another resolution as determined by Council.
- b) Resolve not to accept the offer of the grant funding.

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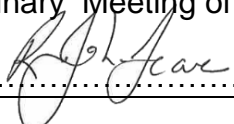
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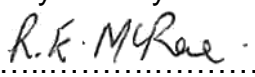
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 3: Letter from The Hon. Paul Toole MP, Deputy Premier

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**ITEM NO. 3 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 8/2022 – PROPOSED FIVE
NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS 34 HAY ROAD DARLINGTON POINT**

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	April 2022
Author:	Senior Town Planner
File #:	DA 8/2022
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to consider Development Application 8/2022 for a multi-dwelling residential development comprising of five (5) single storey, two (2) bedroom dwellings at 34 Hay Road, Darlington Point.

The matter is being reported to Council for determination on the basis that the land is owned by a Councillor, and a submission has been received raising concerns with the proposed development.

The development has been assessed regarding the matters for consideration set out in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

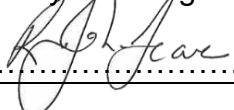
- a) Murrumbidgee Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(3) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant deferred commencement consent to Development Application No: DA 8/2022 for a multi-dwelling residential development on part of Lot 242 DP 750908, 34 Hay Road, Darlington Point, subject to the conditions, including those set out in Attachment # 4; and
- b) The development application be delegated to the Director Planning, Community & Development for issue of the notice of determination.

BACKGROUND

A development application from Steven Murray Architect on behalf of RJ Curphey was received by Murrumbidgee Council seeking development consent for a multi-dwelling residential development comprising of five (5) single storey detached dwellings.

Each dwelling includes two bedrooms, an accessible compliant bathroom, a kitchen, combined living and dining room, a laundry/store room and a carport.

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Each dwelling is also provided with a courtyard (15.7m x 5m approximately) located on the northern side of the dwelling which provides private open space, a covered deck area, clothes drying areas and space for the storage of garbage receptacles. The courtyard is enclosed by a 2.1m high fence.

The dwellings are set back 6 metres from the Hay Street boundary, with the front yards comprising of a 3.6m exposed aggregate driveway (second car space), lawns and garden beds bounded by a 900mm - 1200mm picket fence.

The subject site can be legally described as Lot 242 DP 750908 and has the street address of 34 Hay Rd, Darlington Point. The lot is a trapezium in shape, with a northern boundary of approximately 124 metres, an eastern boundary of approximately 44 metres and has a "frontage" of 51 metres to Hay Road and a secondary frontage to De Mamiel Street of approximately 149 metres. It has a site area of 6078m².

The subject site has access to reticulated water and sewer.

Figure A: Locality Plan



The development application was placed on exhibition and one (1) submission was received.

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R. J. Pearce General Manager

R. K. McRae Mayor

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979

The development application has been evaluated in accordance with the provisions of section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The full evaluation can be summarised as follows:

- a) The subject land is zoned RU5 Village and under Part 2 Land Use Table of Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013, a *multi dwelling housing* is an innominate land use. As it is not listed in Item 2 (development without consent) or Item 4 (prohibited) of the Land Use Table, the development is therefore permitted with consent.
- b) The proposed development is considered satisfactory regarding performance outcomes and acceptable solutions set down in Low Rise Housing Diversity Design Guide for Development Applications.
- c) The proposed development is unlikely to have any unreasonable impact on the environment, and where an adverse impact has been identified appropriate conditions have been imposed to mitigate the effects.
- d) The subject site is suitable for the proposed development.
- e) The proposed development does not raise any matter contrary to the public interest.

The assessment of the application indicates that the proposed development has merit and warrants approval.

FINANCIAL

The applicant has requested that Council contribute 50% towards the cost of constructing the kerb and gutter along De Mamiel Street.

The request is not supported by Council officers, on the basis that development costs associated with development should be borne by the developer.

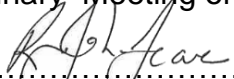
Should Council resolve to accept the proposal of a 50% co-payment from the developer the cost to Council would be approximately \$30,000 (being 75 metres x \$400 per lineal metre).

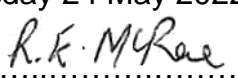
INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

The following themes of the Murrumbidgee Council *Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027* apply in this instance:

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Environment

The following strategy is contained under the theme of 'Environment' and is considered relevant to the proposed development.

- Maintaining a balance between growth, development and environmental protection

The proposed development is considered to be a sustainable land use, and one that would not have a detrimental impact on the environment, subject to proper ongoing management of the facility.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The matters for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ensure that all foreseeable risks are reviewed as part of the assessment process for any application.

The applicant has requested Council contribute towards the construction costs of kerb and gutter in De Mamiel Street. As the land is owned by a Councillor, any financial contribution towards the development, including towards cost of Council infrastructure could be perceived as favouritism and thus create a risk in terms of improper conduct.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Internal Referrals

- Council's Director of Infrastructure was provided with details of the application and invited to provide comments. He advises that kerb and gutter should be provided and that design details are to be submitted to Council for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Public Notification

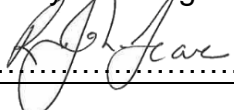
The proposed development was notified in accordance with legislative requirements, which include letters to nearby property owners, advertisement, and publication on Council's website. One (1) submission was received raising concerns with the proposed development.


The concerns identified in the submissions may be summarised as follows:

Setbacks: The person making the submission identifies that the proposed 6m front setback is inconsistent with Council's policy.

Historically a 9.0m setback has been applied since the adoption of Policy A.203 on 19 January 1995 which states, in part:

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“The building line within the residential areas of Darlington Point and Coleambally shall be nine (9) metres from the property boundary, subject to Council having the discretion to vary this requirement where the circumstances justify such action.”

The applicant has presented a development with a setback of 6.0 metres

During pre-DA discussions the applicant was advised that Council would consider a reduced setback, however that setback should not be less than the setback prescribed in the Jerilderie Development Control Plan of 5.0 metres.

Council, in its assessment of the application, has also considered the Low Rise Housing Diversity Design Guide for Development Application which suggests a setback of 5.0m is acceptable.

Size of dwellings: The person making the submission has raised concerns in respect to the size of the dwelling, noting that they are quite small.

There is nothing on the title of the land nor in Council’s planning controls that sets down a minimum size for a dwelling. The Building Code of Australia does not prescribe a minimum size for a dwelling, however the Low Rise Housing Diversity Design Guide for Development Application offers that a two bedroom dwelling should not be less than 90m². In this instance, each dwelling has a floor area of approximately 94m².

OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommendation)

That:

- a) Murrumbidgee Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(3) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant deferred commencement consent to Development Application No: DA 8/2022 for a multi-dwelling residential development on part of Lot 242 DP 750908, 34 Hay Road, Darlington Point, subject to the conditions, including those set out in Attachment 4; and
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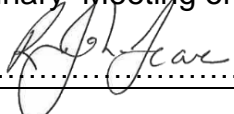
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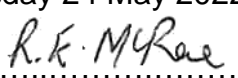
Any other resolution of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 4: Recommended conditions of consent

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 4 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 16/2022 – PROPOSED 142
FROST FANS, “HUDDERSFIELD”, STURT HIGHWAY,
DARLINGTON POINT**

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	30 April 2022
Author:	Senior Town Planner
File #:	DA 16/2022
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to consider Development Application 16/2022 for installation of 142 frost fans on the property known as “Huddersfield”, Darlington Point.

The matter is being reported to Council for determination on the basis that objections to the proposed development have been received.

The development has been assessed regarding the matters for consideration set out in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

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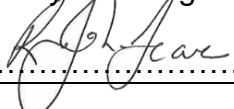
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- b) **That the development application be delegated to the Director Planning, Community & Development for issue of the notice of determination.**

BACKGROUND

A development application on behalf of Global Ag Properties II Australia Trust was received by Murrumbidgee Council seeking development consent to install 142 frost fans across 15 lots of the property known as “Huddersfield”, in two stages:

- Stage 1 involves the erection of 40 x “2430” three bladed model frost fans and six (6) “2600” two bladed model fans; and
- Stage 2 involves the erection of 88 x “2430” and 8 x “2600” models.

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The differentiation between the models are as follows:

- “2430” - three (3) blades turning at 373rpm (engine at 2010rpm)
- “2600” - two (2) blades turning at 549rpm (engine at 2270 rpm)

Each frost fan is 10.7 metres in height measured to the fan shaft, and is fitted with two or three fibreglass blades, with a diameter of 6.0 metres. The frost fan pole is mounted on a concrete pad (5.45m³). The frost fans are powered by a diesel engine, which is located in noise attenuated housing with an acoustic muffler.

The engines have an auto start system to start at 1.6°C and turn-off at 3.0°C and will also shut down when local wind speeds exceed 7.9km/h.

The landholding comprises of multiple lots, with the fans being spread across 15 lots, (20-25, 126-128, 143-145, 172 and 174-175 DP750908 , Lot 1 DP873401 and Lot 3 DP1156216) which form part of “Huddersfield” at 11573 Sturt Highway, Darlington Point.

Figure A: Locality Plan



The development application was placed on exhibition and four (4) submissions were received objecting to the proposed development.

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R. J. Fear General Manager

R. E. McRae Mayor

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979

The development application has been evaluated in accordance with the provisions of section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The evaluation can be summarised as follows:

- a) The subject land is zoned RU1 Primary Production and under Part 2 Land Use Table of Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013, and a *farm building* (which a frost fan may be described) is permitted with consent.
- b) The proposed development is unlikely to have any unreasonable impact on the environment, and where an adverse impact has been identified appropriate conditions have been imposed to mitigate the effects.
- c) The subject site is suitable for the proposed development.
- d) The proposed development does not raise any matter contrary to the public interest.

The assessment of the application indicates that the proposed development has merit and warrants approval.

FINANCIAL

The current project has no immediate financial implications for Council.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Local Strategic Planning Statement

The following themes of the Murrumbidgee Council *Local Strategic Planning Statement* (LSPS) are applicable in this instance:

Economic Growth

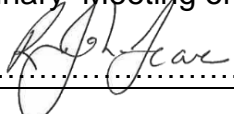
- EG9 Innovation and resilience in agriculture

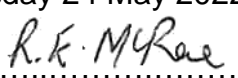
An ongoing priority for economic growth is to encourage innovation in agriculture and assist farmers in implementing it.

- EG10 Intensive agriculture

An immediate priority of the LSPS is to ensure that intensive agriculture does not have an impact on the environment, including application of industry specific guidelines.

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Community Strategic Plan

The following themes of the Murrumbidgee Council *Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027* apply in this instance:

Environment

The following strategy is contained under the theme of 'Environment' and is considered relevant to the proposed development.

- Maintaining a balance between growth, development and environmental protection

The proposed development is considered to be a sustainable land use, and one that would not have a detrimental impact on the environment subject to proper ongoing management of the facility.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The matters for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ensure that all foreseeable risks are reviewed as part of the assessment process for any application. In this instance there are no foreseeable risks.

The applicant, if dissatisfied with the determination of Council, may lodge an appeal with the NSW Land and Environment Court.

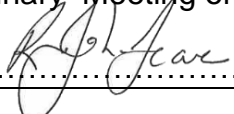
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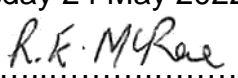
The provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, and Community Participation Plan (CPP) set down consultation, concurrence, and advertising requirements for specific types of development applications, taking into consideration any submissions received in response to the notification process.

Council's CPP does not have specific requirements in terms of notifying neighbouring properties of frost fan development. The policy requires Council to notify development applications where it considers that the development may impact neighbours because of a number of matters, including noise. The exhibition period was for 14 days and included letters being sent out to 52 adjoining and nearby property owners within 1000m of the property being developed.

In identifying the properties (identified in Figure B) Council referred to the Frost Fan Policy adopted by Griffith City Council, which requires all landowners within 1000m to be notified in writing of any proposed development as being a reasonable benchmark when notifying this development. For reference purposes, the section shaded red is the subject site, the properties within 1000m of the development site have been bordered in red. The blue circle represents a radius of 1000m from the

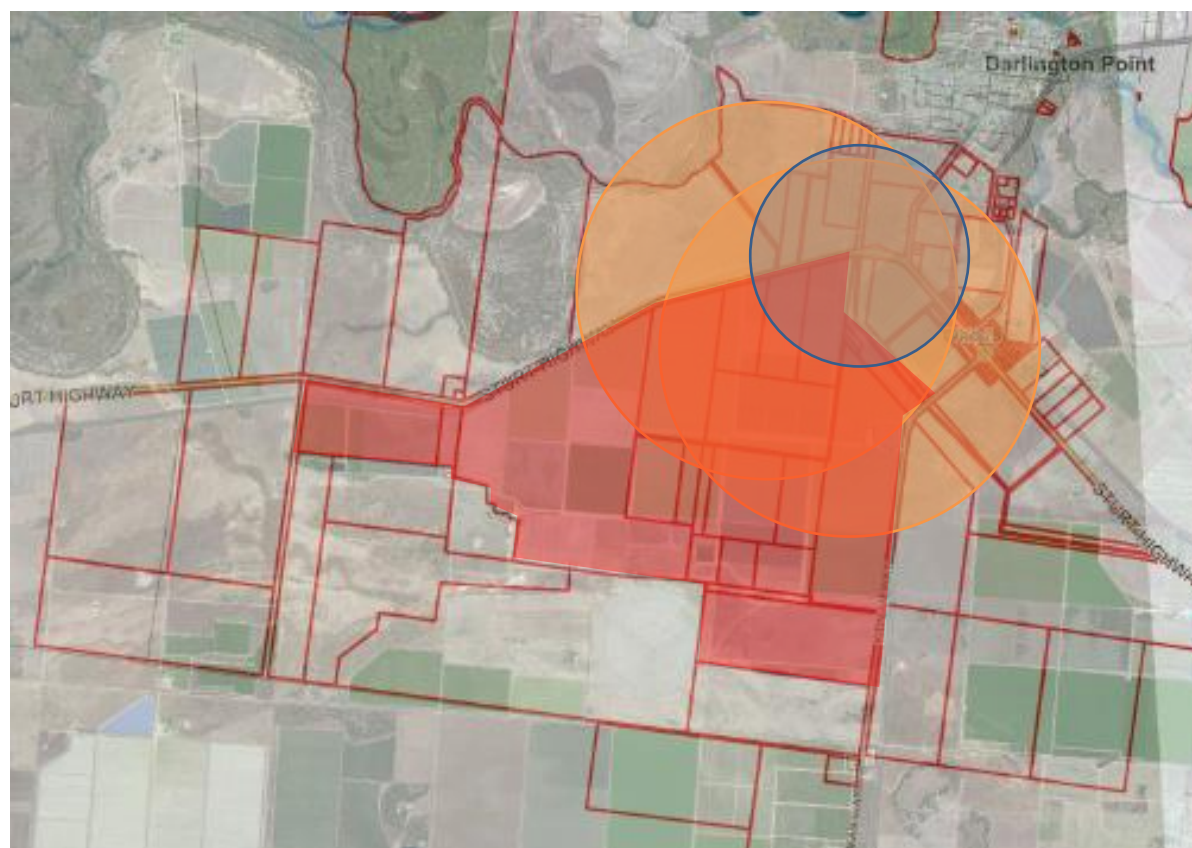
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nearest point of the site which include the objectors' properties, while the overlapping orange circles represents a 2000m radius from the two frost fans nearest to the objectors.

Figure B: Notification Map



Legend: ■ Subject site ○ 1.0km notification radius
□ Notified properties ○ 2.0km radius of frost fans

The concerns identified in the submissions may be summarised as follows:

Noise: The fundamental concerns raised by nearby property owners is the impact from noise generated by the proposed frost fans and disruption to sleep patterns.

The applicant has undertaken noise modelling to address the impact of noise on nearby residential receptors (non-associated dwellings or NAD). In the acoustic modelling, the objectors' dwellings are identified within the cluster of houses identified as NAD-B, D, E & F and G which are approximately 1250m north of the nearest frost fan (Model 2430). The report indicates that for a noise sensitive zone (which includes residential or rural residential land uses) an acceptable outdoor criteria (LAeq) is 45 dB(A) and for indoors it is 25dB(A) between the hours of 10.00pm and 7.00am.

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R. K. McRae Mayor

The criteria was established in the matter of Sumar Produce Pty Ltd v Griffith City Council [2000] NSWLEC 104. The predicted noise level (set out in Tables 2 & 3 of the Environmental Noise Report by SONUS) indicates that for NAD-B, D, E & F and G, the maximum level would be between 36dB(A) and 42dB(A) at Stage 1 and 45dB(A) at Stage 2. Figure C on the following page shows the location of the proposed frost fans and indicates the 45dB(A) contour (in red)

Figure C: Position of proposed frost fans and noise contours.



The following table summarises the criteria and predicted noise levels for both stages for the objectors' properties

Table 1 – Predicted Noise Levels based on SONUS Noise Report

Dwelling	Criterion	Predicted Noise Level (S1)	Predicted Noise Level (S2)
NAD-B	45dB(A)	42dB(A)	45dB(A)
NAD-F	55dB(A)	41dB(A)	45dB(A)
NAD-G	55dB(A)	39dB(A)	44dB(A)
NAD-Q	45dB(A)	36dB(A)	42dB(A)

On this basis, the proposed development satisfies accepted noise controls.

It should also be noted that the applicant, in preparing their application, were hoping to install 170 frost fans, however acoustic modelling indicated that the noise criterion could not be achieved. As a consequence, the number of wind machines was reduced to 142.

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While the noise generated by the development is within the accepted criteria, the concerns raised by the objectors are not unfounded, and the starting up of the frost fans may still disturb sleep patterns.

The frost fans are designed to automatically start when certain weather conditions are present, including temperatures falling below 1.6°C - 3.0°C and wind speeds falling below 2.2m/second (7.9km/h).

Meteorological data provided indicates that the number of frost events, when almond trees are at their most susceptible (late July to September) would be between 2 to 15 days per year. The impact is therefore likely to be minimal and unlikely to be greater than the impact from heavy vehicle traffic using the Sturt Highway on a daily basis.

It is recommended that the applicant, upon commencement of the operation, undertake noise monitoring from the site when the fans are in actual use and include monitoring from the objectors' properties. If monitoring indicates levels that exceed the accepted thresholds, the applicant is to undertake rectification works to ensure that levels are complied with. Conditions 17(b)(ii), 19 and 20 set out in Attachment # 5 reflect the recommendation and bind the applicant to meeting the noise levels predicted in their own studies.

Impact on threatened species: Concern have been raised that the installation of the frost fans may affect local wildlife, especially birds.

The subject site has been largely cleared of natural vegetation as a consequence of the current horticultural activities, and as such the native habitat would mean that native birdlife on the property is minimal. The farm habitat, comprising of a single species of vegetation, is unlikely to form a conducive habitat for native wildlife.

In terms of the potential impact on avian fauna or bats, the impact of the frost fans is not likely to be significant, due partly to the time of operation and the relatively short duration.

Impact on livestock: Concern has been raised that the noise from the frost fans may affect livestock (cattle) that are kept on a neighbouring property.

There is no scientific evidence readily available that would suggest that the noise from frost fans would have a detrimental impact on the welfare of cattle. There are studies that indicate noise may cause stress, where it is constant or sudden and indicate the threshold that may trigger a behavioural response is 85-90dB(A). Given that the predicted noise levels from the operational frost fans are less than 45dB(A) it is unlikely they will have a detrimental impact on livestock.

Use of chemicals: Two submissions raised questions regarding the use of chemicals, one whether chemicals were used in conjunction with the fans and the other questioned whether chemical alternatives could be used to help with frost prevention.

There is nothing contained in the applicant's statement that suggests the proposed use of the frost fans will result in chemical spray drift.

Extent of frost season: Concern has been raised that the frost fans may start up more frequently (from June and July)

While frosts events may occur in June or July, the impact on the almond tree is not as great. It is in late July to early September when the trees and the developing fruit buds are most susceptible to damage.

Impact on property values: Concerns have been raised that the proposed development may have a negative impact on property values.

The impact of development on property values is not a matter for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979.

Insufficient time to respond: It was raised that insufficient time was given to make a submission.

The development was on exhibition for 14 days in accordance with Council's Community Participation Planning, with letters being sent to 52 adjoining property owners. While Council accepts that one of the objectors may have received notification of the development midway through the notification period, it is beyond Council's control in terms of deliveries by Australia Post.

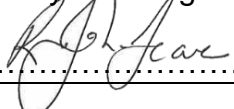
OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommendation)

That

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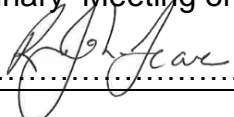
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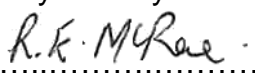
Any other resolution of Council.

Attachments

Attachment # 5: Recommended conditions of consent

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**ITEM NO. 5 - MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2032**

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC241
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to prepare and adopt a 10-year Community Strategic Plan that sets out the main priorities and strategic objectives of its community and the strategies that will achieve those objectives.

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 has been publically exhibited for 28 days and is being resubmitted to Council for consideration and adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032.

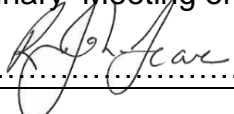
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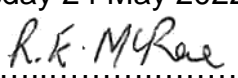
Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that;

- (1) Each local government area must have a community strategic plan that has been developed and endorsed by the Council. A community strategic plan is a plan that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area covering a period of at least 10 years from when the plan is endorsed.
- (2) A community strategic plan is to establish strategic objectives together with strategies for achieving those objectives.
- (3) Following an ordinary election of Councillors, the Council must review the community strategic plan before 30 June following the election. The Council may endorse the existing plan, or develop or endorse a new community strategic plan, as appropriate, to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years.

The draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2022-2032 has upgraded and modernised the previous 2017- 2027 CSP following the public engagement process held in February and March this year, which resulted in 258 submissions (14.6% response) being received from the community.

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The draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 was presented to Councillors at both the April and May workshops for discussion, and was placed on public exhibition for 28 days during April and May 2022.

OFFICER COMMENT

At the time of preparing this report Council has yet to receive any submissions on the draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032.

Should any submissions be received in the interim, these will be presented to Council at the May meeting for consideration.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a Council must prepare and adopt a 10-year Community Strategic Plan by 30 June in the year following a Local Government election.

FINANCIAL

A Community Strategic Plan establishes a number of strategies which are delivered by actions which, in the majority of instances, require one-off or annual operational budgets or are dependent on grant funding. The Community Strategic Plan is supported by a 4-yearly Delivery Program which records financial details on how each activity will be financed.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1: Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability, and Community Representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

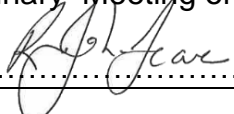
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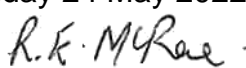
OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council adopt the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032.

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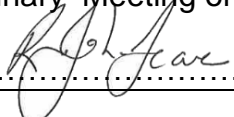
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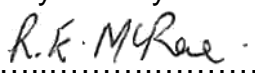
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 6: Draft 2022-2032 Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan

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ITEM NO. 6 - MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022 - 2026

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC241
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to prepare and adopt a Delivery Program detailing its principal activities for the 4 year period commencing on 1 July 2022, following the Council election.

RECOMMENDATION

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022 - 2026 be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight days, before reconsidering for final adoption at the 28 June 2022 Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to adopt a Delivery Program, detailing its principal activities to be undertaken to perform its functions within its financial resource capacity, before 30 June in the year following a local government election.

The Delivery Program is to demonstrate the commitment to the strategies established during the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) engagement process, as well as the activities required to perform its core functions.

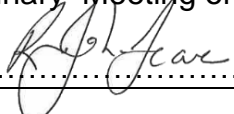
When outlining the activities within the Delivery Program, the Council is to prioritise, finance, and measure the implementation of each activity.

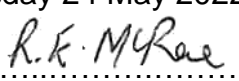
The Delivery Program is to:

- Identify principal actions that the Council will undertake to meet the priorities and service levels, as well as core functions and operations.
- Include how these actions will be measured and assessed.
- Allocate actions to responsible staff.
- Be subject to regular progress reports to Council at least every 6 months
- Provide financial estimates.

Staff have completed a review of the combined 2021-2025 Delivery Program and are making amendments to remove, realign and make additions to actions applying to the draft CSP that will be presented to Council at the 24 May 2022 Council meeting for endorsement.

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To meet the deadline of 1 July 2022 for the introduction of the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026, Council will need to consider the final draft at the Council meeting of 28 June 2022. This means that the draft Delivery Program will need to be publically exhibited from Wednesday 25 May to Wednesday 22 June 2022.

OFFICER COMMENT

At the time of preparing this report, a final draft of the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026 is being finalised and will be provided to Councillors prior to the 24 May Council meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that a Council must prepare and adopt a 4-year Delivery Program by 30 June in the year following a Local Government election.

FINANCIAL

A Delivery Program must include financial estimates that outlines how each activity and function will be financed.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1: Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

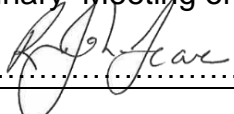
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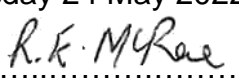
OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022 - 2027 be endorsed and placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight days, before reconsidering for final adoption at the 28 June 2022 Council meeting.

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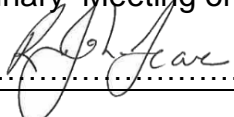
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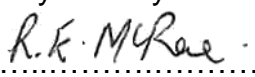
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The draft Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program will be provided under separate cover.

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ITEM NO. 7 - DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN (2022-2023)

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	17 May 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC241
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Murrumbidgee Council Operational Plan (2022-2023) as required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is presented for endorsement and exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council endorse the draft Operational Plan (2022-2023); and**
- 2. The Plan be placed on public exhibition for the period 24 May to 21 June 2022.**

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 Operational Plan for the coming 12 months, Delivery Programme for the ensuing 4 years and the Long Term Financial Plan for the next 10 years.

OFFICER COMMENT

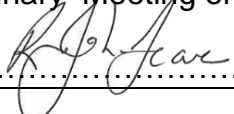
Council's draft Operational Plan allows for a General Fund rate increase of 2.5% overall, as per the Additional Special Variation application.

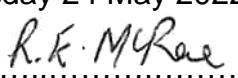
The four year rate harmonisation continues, with this being undertaken for the farmland sector.

Water access charges have been increased by 5% for Jerilderie residents. Darlington Point and Coleambally residents will see an increase of 5% for 20mm meters, with increases of between 5% and 15% for those business owners with larger capacity meters.

Sewer access charges will be increased by 7% across the area, with increases of 3% sewer discharge fees for businesses.

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Water usage charges will increase by 5% for all residents.

Provision to continue to provide manned operational hours for each of the swimming pools has been made within the current document. Council has also determined that entry will remain free for the upcoming season.

Council will continue to provide for community grants in the amount of \$20,000, together with student scholarships totalling \$9,000.

Garbage and recycling fees are increased by 5% across the Council area, and other sundry user fees and charges have generally increased by 3%.

Council anticipates operational expenditure of \$13m, with a further \$6m for depreciation expenses. Operational income is anticipated as \$17m, with a further \$9m of capital grants anticipated.

- A further \$17m has been budgeted for capital works, including road rehabilitation works totalling \$2m.
- \$2.8m has been provided for road reseals, gravel resheeting, footpath, culvert and kerb and gutter renewals.
- \$3m is anticipated for water supply upgrades and renewals, which are subject to grant funding.
- \$3m has been allowed for upgrading and extension of the Darlington Point Caravan Park, subject to grant funds being received.
- \$2.9m has been allowed for subdivision development at Darlington Point and plant replacement programmes are anticipated to consume \$1.5m
- Continuation of the Darlington Point Levee Bank upgrade is anticipated to cost \$650k and is subject to grant funding.
- Council has budgeted for loan borrowings of \$4,35m in order to undertake Caravan Park upgrading and renewals and land development at Darlington Point.

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

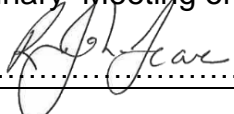
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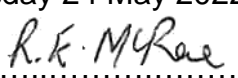
Sections 404 and 405 Local Government Act 1993
Clause 201 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

FINANCIAL

The proposed 2022-2023 Statement of Financial Performance provides for a surplus from ordinary activities of \$7,370,114, being General Fund \$4,565,547, Water Fund \$2,950,609 and a Sewer Fund deficit of \$146,042.

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This statement also indicates a deficit of \$1,779,349 from ordinary activities before capital grants. This is represented by General Fund \$1,686,324 deficit, Water Fund \$53,017 surplus and Sewer Fund \$146,042 deficit.

The anticipated cash flow provides for a decrease of funds of \$150,212 represented by General Fund \$229,307 decrease, Water Fund increase by \$164,285 and Sewer Fund decrease of \$85,190.

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council will be unable to meet a number of Local Government Performance Measures, the information for which is provided below:

- Council's Operating Performance Ratio is anticipated at minus 10.15% against a benchmarking figure of greater than 0. It is anticipated that the General Fund component would be minus 10.94%.
- Own Source Revenue Ratio is assumed at 36.36% against a benchmarking figure of greater than 60%. It is anticipated that the General Fund component would be 35.01%.

It is not anticipated that Council will be able to meet this criteria whilst we have a low population base and limited ability to generate significant other revenues.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Management Group and Councillor workshops undertaken.

OPTIONS

Endorse the Draft Operational Plan and place on public exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS

To be included under separate cover - draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 with Revenue Policy including Rates, Fees and Annual Charges.

ITEM NO. 8 – QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – MARCH 2022

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manger

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is the Quarterly Budget Review for the period to 31 March 2022, including a statement of financial performance, a proposed balance sheet, a statement of cash flows for each fund, an income and expenditure statement by function, a forecast capital budget review by function and a variation report.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Budget Review Report March 2022 be noted, and variances to the budgets, as outlined in the attachment, be approved.

BACKGROUND

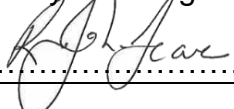
The Statement of Financial Performance indicates a surplus from ordinary activities of \$8,528,434 compared to the previous budget estimate surplus amount of \$13,938,131. With the exclusion of capital grants income, the Statement of Financial Performance indicates a surplus of \$1,003,536.

The variance, attributable to a net decrease in grant funding of \$5,357,347, increased other operational income of \$90,000, coupled with a net increase in operational expenditure of \$142,350, are itemised at pages 27-29 of the attachment.

The forecast Statement of Cash Flows for the General Fund indicates a decrease of cash held of \$590,290, a variation improvement of \$833,391 from the previous budget review.

These variation results can be identified at items 1-40 on pages 27-29 of the attachment.

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The Sewer Fund cash flow indicates an increase in funds held of \$179,481, being a decrease of \$2,220 from the previous budget estimate.

This variation results from additional costs of sewer dump points at Coleambally.

The Water Fund cash flow indicates an increase of cash in the amount of \$187,957, an increase of \$100,000 from the previous estimates.

This variation is a result of the deferral of the water tower internal coating at Darlington Point.

OFFICER COMMENT

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Murrumbidgee Council for the quarter ended 31 March 2022 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/2022 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.



Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer
Murrumbidgee Council

16 May 2022

Date

SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

The full list of the variances to the budgeted figures can be viewed at pages 14-29 of the attachment.

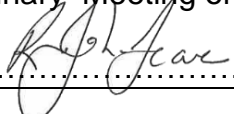
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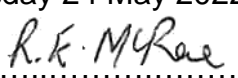
The above report addresses the current operational plan, together with variances noted therein.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

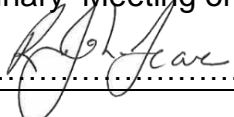
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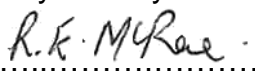
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 7: Quarterly Budget Review

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ITEM NO. 9 - REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC131
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request has been received from NAIDOC Week Initiatives for a contribution in the amount of \$450.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council contribute \$450 to the NAIDOC Week 2022 School Initiatives Program from the Section 554 Councillor determined donations budget.

OFFICER COMMENT

The NAIDOC Week School Initiatives Program has provided an educational component to NAIDOC Week celebrations and has promoted respect and harmony within schools and communities. The initiatives have grown each year, with the sustainability focus on partnerships with the schools and Councils.

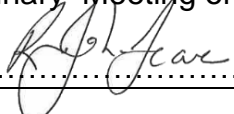
Taking part in NAIDOC Week is a great way to celebrate Indigenous culture and build bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and to encourage all school students to take this opportunity to think about Indigenous history, culture and society and to get involved in the NAIDOC Week School Initiatives.

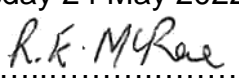
The initiatives sit within Council's community development plan focus area. It looks at personal development and well-being through connecting people to Indigenous experiences of culture and reconciliation, it involves community participation as well as relationship building and connections through partnerships.

The contribution sought will be utilised towards the cost of printing and distribution of information packs, posters, and entry forms to schools across Council's LGA. These initiatives are designed to educate all students on cultural diversity and involve a whole of community approach in the spirit of reconciliation and bring us "all together as one community".

The initiatives are coordinated in partnership with the Department of Education, Skills & Employment, NSW Department of Education, Department of Health,

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Transport for NSW, NSW Health, Catholic Schools NSW and Department of Premier & Cabinet.

Council has an amount of \$4,400 in Section 554 Councillor determined donations, of which \$1,100 has been expended on school presentations and other sponsorships.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

Funds available in budget under Section 554 Councillor determined donations.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

Strategic Theme 1 – Our Community

Strategy 1.2.1	Provide opportunities for our community to showcase their heritage and diversity.
Action 1.2.1.1	Work with key stakeholders to promote and celebrate Murrumbidgee's heritage and diversity – Promote NAIDOC Week.
Strategy 1.3.5	Strengthen community pride through honours and awards nominations and ensure Council provided grants and in-kind support is efficiently and equitably distributed to support community and sporting groups efforts and activities.

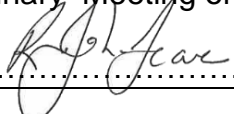
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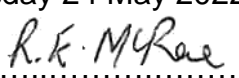
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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

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OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council contribute \$450 to the NAIDOC Week 2022 School Initiatives Program from the Section 554 Councillor determined donations budget.

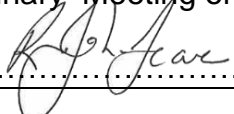
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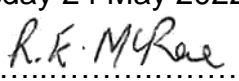
That Council not make a contribution to the NAIDOC Week 2022 School Initiatives Program

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 8: NAIDOC Week 2022 School Initiatives Proposal

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 10 - MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	12 April 2022
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC20
Approval:	General Manager

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 April 2022
Location: E- Meeting
Time: 12.00 noon

Traffic Committee Members in attendance

Tom Dimec	Convenor Director of Infrastructure, Murrumbidgee Council
Sgt Jason Hinson	NSW Police
Ms Kim Schultz	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Mr. Shawn Gras	Representing Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray
Ian Girdwood	Representing Justin Clancy, MP, Member for Albury

Non-voting members in attendance

Councillor Robert Black Murrumbidgee Council (Chairperson)
Councillor Robert Curphey Murrumbidgee Council

Apologies

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

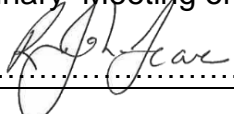
RESOLVED (by consent)

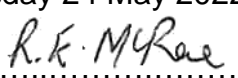
That the Minutes of the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee (E- Meeting) held on 2 March 2022 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

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REPORTS OF THE CONVENOR

TC22.03 Temporary Road Closures and Detour Mothers' Day Market 8 May 2022 Darlington Point

Recommendation

1. That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures and detours.
2. For the event on 8 May 2022 in support of Mother's Day Market Day from the Darlington Point Business Connect.

(Plan No CM 22/3107) Traffic Control Plan (Plan No CM 22/3108) Pedestrian Movement Plan

Recommendation (By Consent)

1. That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Traffic Committee has no objection to the following proposed road closures and detours.
2. For the event on 8 May 2022 in support of Mother's Day Market Day from the Darlington Point Business Connect.

(Plan No CM 22/3107) Traffic Control Plan (Plan No CM 22/3108) Pedestrian Movement Plan

There being no further business, the E meeting was closed 4.30 pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022

Next Local Traffic Committee meeting to be advised.

ITEM NO. 11 - WESTERN RIVERINA LIBRARIES MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: 24 May 2022
Report Date: 24 March 2022
Author: Western Riverina Libraries
File #: SC194
Approval: External Committee - Cr Bryce Delegate

10:30am THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2022
Morning tea from 10am
MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL – JERILDERIE OFFICE
35 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie NSW 2716

CHAIR Cr Tracey Lewis | Narrandera Shire Council

1. Apologies

1.1 Present

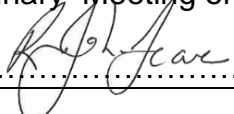
Name	Title	Council
Karen Tagliapietra	Library Manager	Griffith City Council
Helen Underwood	Librarian	Carrathool Shire Council
Cr Bev Fumer	Councillor	Carrathool Shire Council
Robyn Howard	Librarian	Hay Shire Council
Rhonda Cox	Librarian	Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Faith Bryce	Councillor	Murrumbidgee Council
Susan Killham	Manager Community Development and Library	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Tracey Lewis	Councillor	Narrandera Shire Council
Lyndall Ireland	Library Officer	Narrandera Shire Council
Rina Cannon	Library Collections Team Leader – Minute Taker	Griffith City Library
Chris Robson	Library Information Systems Team Leader	Griffith City Library

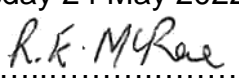
1.2 Apologies

Name	Title	Council
Max Turner	Director Business, Cultural and Financial Services	Griffith City Council
Cr Anne Napoli	Councillor - Chair	Griffith City Council
Robert Rayner	Director Corporate and Community Services	Carrathool Shire Council
Cr Julie Potter	Councillor	Carrathool Shire Council
Mark Dowling	Director Corporate Services	Hay Shire Council
Cr Jenny Dwyer	Councillor	Hay Shire Council
Cr Carol Oatway	Councillor	Hay Shire Council
Sue Mitchell	Corporate & Community Services Manager	Murrumbidgee Council
Martin Hiscox	Deputy General Manager Corporate and Community	Narrandera Shire Council

RESOLVED on the motion of Rhonda Cox, seconded by Cr Bev Fumer that the apologies be received and accepted.

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 General Manager

 Mayor

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Signed Minutes – Western Riverina Libraries Committee Meeting – 25 Nov 2021.

RESOLVED on the motion of Sue Killham, seconded by Robyn Howard that the minutes of the WRL Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2021 be confirmed.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Western Riverina Libraries Action Report.

See **APPENDIX A - Western Riverina Libraries Committee Action Report.**

Item one on Action Report resolved on 27 January 2022 and removed from the Report.

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil

5. Items of Business

5.1 Correspondence

Nil

5.2 Regional Library Manager's Report

5.2.1 2022-2023 WRL Budget

See **APPENDIX B – 2022/2023 WRL Budget**

Notable changes:

Population figures/percentages

- Slight adjustments based on ABS population 30 June 2020.
Source: 2021-22 NSW Public Library Funding - Subsidy Payments - Released 9 Aug 2021.

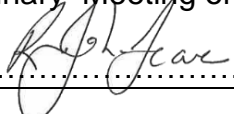
WRL staff hourly rate

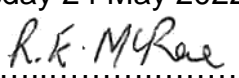
- 2% increase as per Award

Library Resources

- 3% CPI increase applied (CPI applied annually)

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Information Technology

- Libero Software Maintenance and Hosting: 5% increase as per Libero advice 18/01/2022.
The installation of RFID at Hay Library increased their share of Libero licenses, resulting in a unit price reduction (<\$121) for all.
An additional regional license was also required for the adoption of Libby.
Note: As per discussions held with Branch Librarians on 25 and 27 Jan 2022, the actual number of Libero licenses was not increased for 2022/23 – only the division by which the license fees are shared across the region.
Reasoning: Due to the current LMS review it was decided not to increase investment in Libero before our future with the company was decided; investigations into SIP relaying (routing SIP traffic for multiple devices through a single device, rather than each piece of equipment connecting directly with Libero) may achieve a reduction in the number of SIP 2 ports/Libero licenses required; as will a transition from Libby eMagazine platform to BorrowBox, which will potentially occur this year.
- Libero Uno: South West Zone Libero Uno consortium dissolved from 1 Jan 2022. Slight price reduction (< \$52) for standalone subscription based on Libero quote 25/01/2022.
- SMS Messaging: Reduced from an average of 10,000 messages per year to 8,000.
- Membership cards: Reduced from \$0.66 per unit to \$0.58.

Murrumbidgee questioned their contribution to the Mobile Library, Griffith and Murrumbidgee Library Managers to discuss further.

Sue Killham acknowledged her appreciation of the transparency in the budgets and Karen Tagliapietra's effort in liaising with the libraries and discussing what's going ahead. It is a very informed process and much appreciated.

RESOLVED on the motion of Karen Tagliapietra, seconded by Robyn Howard that the 2022/2023 WRL Budget be adopted.

5.2.2 Library Management System Review – Progress report

Griffith City Library has commenced a review of the Library Management System (LMS) utilised by Western Riverina Libraries.

Products being compared:

- Libero by Insight Informatics (current LMS)
- Spydus by Civica
- SirsiDynix

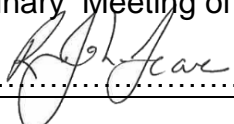
Comparison points:

- Price and licensing models
- Product quality and features
- Usability for both staff and members

Progress as at 14 March 2022:

- Quotes sourced: currently clarifying pricing models, base inclusions and add-ons to allow comparison
- Product demonstrations with Spydus (10 March 2022) and Sirsidynix (11 March 2022).

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Next steps:

- Clarify any exit and/or data extraction fees should the decision be made to leave Libero
- Contact other public libraries using Spydus and SirsiDynix to discuss satisfaction with the products and company service. In particular, libraries that have recently transitioned or are in the process of transitioning from Libero to another LMS, such as Riverina Regional Library who is in the process of moving from Libero to Spydus.
- Compile a comparison of Libero, Spydus and SirsiDynix and discuss with WRL branch libraries
- Make a decision by 1 June 2022

Spydus is the current market leader and prices already received indicate a cost saving of up to \$100 000 over five years for a superior product.

Chris Robson, Information Systems Team Leader – Griffith City Library, will continue to liaise with the Branches as we progress towards a decision.

5.2.3 Reminder: Annual Report and statistical reporting 2021/22

In order to meet State Library of NSW reporting deadlines, WRL Member Councils are reminded to have all statistics and annual report contents (narrative statements and photos) submitted to Chris Robson at Griffith City Library by **30 July 2022**.

5.2.4 South West Zone Digital Library 2022-2027 Agreement

South West Zone Digital Library Agreement renewed from 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2027. Agreement signed on 28 January 2022.

Under consideration – transition of eMagazine collection to BorrowBox

On 25 January 2022 Bolinda held an online demonstration of their upcoming eMagazine platform. Susan Killham, Narrandera Library, and Karen Tagliapietra and Rina Cannon, Griffith City Library, attended.

The eMagazine platform will be fully integrated within the existing BorrowBox app. The appearance and functionality is similar to the eBook and eAudio collections and is very user friendly. Our position remains that, provided the pricing and content is comparable to the current platform, Libby, then the preference is to transfer the eMagazine collection to BorrowBox thus consolidating the SWZDL collections under one platform. The primary benefit of consolidation under a single platform is easier navigation and discoverability of the Library's digital collections.

As at end of January, Riverina Regional Library gave Bolinda a list of the South West Zone's 200 most popular magazine titles, which account for approximately 80% of loans. An update on whether this content is available and pricing is yet to be received.

5.2.5 WRL Library app – SOLUS – Performance update

Following a strong uptake August – October 2021 which saw an average of 300 downloads per month, new app installations slowed down over the November 2021 – February 2022 period to an average of 48 per month.

Despite this, usage remains high with an average of 1,003 app launches (ie: the number of times the app is used) per month.

Library staff are encouraged to promote the app at every opportunity:

- When signing a new member - you can save your card details, access your account and our digital collections all in the one place;
- When members have forgotten their card - if you download our app, your card details are saved on the phone. The barcode also works at the self loan stations;
- When serving families – you can add all the children's cards to your account so you can see who has what on loan and renew items all in the one place, it can also save you having to carry around multiple cards;
- Join our reading challenges – the easiest way to access and get set up is through the app;
- Access our digital collections – the app will show you what's available and step you through the process of accessing each product;
- When asked 'Do you have' – you can search the catalogue and reserve books through the app, if you're at the bookstore you can scan the book's barcode to see if we have a copy and if we don't, make a suggestion for purchase.
- When asked 'What do you have on at the Library?' – all our events are listed under 'What's on'.

Waiting to hear back from SOLUS re: the below requests:

- Catalogue search filters - the ability to narrow searches by Title, Author, etc.
- Adjust reservation defaults – to default to the member's branch, rather than the first branch alphabetically

Narrandera, Griffith and Hay Library staff especially like the 'Scan ISBN' feature when book buying as it significantly cuts down the time involved.

Griffith City Library has various marketing material available, interested libraries should contact Chris Robson.

5.2.6 1,000 Books Before School – Performance update

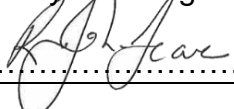
167 children have enrolled across the region since October 2021, primarily from the Griffith LGA.


Quick stats

- 12,499 books have been read!
- 69 rewards have been collected – this includes Library bags and iron-on badges
- Most popular titles are: Where is the Green Sheep by Mem Fox; followed by Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- Most popular age bracket is 3 years old

Branches can log in to Beanstack to see participants per branch.

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Opportunities to promote across the region include:

- Launch party or event
- Newsletter
- Flyer drop to daycares and preschools
- Social media

The benefits to our communities include:

- Improved early childhood literacy development for children aged 0-5
- Increased Library visitation, membership, and loans

Griffith Library organised a launch party on 14 September 2021 with over 200 children in attendance. This was a great way to promote the program to the community and garnered lots of registrations.

Sharmaine Delgado, Library Community Engagement Coordinator – Griffith City Library, has shared promotional material and is available to provide support in marketing the 1,000 Books Before School program.

5.2.7 WRL Collections Stocktake – Progress Report

In 2019 WRL commenced a region wide stocktake. Next to complete stocktakes are the branches of Narrandera and Jerilderie, tentatively scheduled for this year.

Location	Method	Status	Estimated duration
Carrathool	RFID	Completed 2021.	
Griffith	RFID	Completed 2019.	
Narrandera	RFID	Target: 2022.	3 days
Hay	Manual rolling stocktake	Completed 2021.	
Jerilderie	RFID	Target: 2022.	2 ½ days

Recent flood damage necessitating repairs to Narrandera Library may delay stocktake.

5.2.8 Regional Library Manager – Maternity leave

Karen Tagliapietra, Regional Library Manager – Western Riverina Libraries, is expected to commence 12 months maternity leave from mid-May 2022. Recruitment for the maternity relief position is currently underway, with an appointment expected early April. The Committee will be informed once an appointment is made and a visit to each of the Branch Libraries will be planned to allow for introductions and handover.

Karen thanked the Committee for their assistance and support. Cr Tracey Lewis, on behalf of the Committee, wished Karen well.

RESOLVED on the motion of Karen Tagliapietra, seconded by Tracey Lewis that the Regional Library Manager's Report be noted.

5.3 Branch Library updates

5.3.1 Carrathool Shire Library

- With the dropping of COVID restrictions in regards to wearing masks and the QR sign in, Carrathool Shire Library has seen a steady return of customers - not a return to pre-COVID levels - but there is improvement.
- Mobile Library is nearing completion. Carrathool has been tasked with the design approval for the outside wrap of the van. Once a design has been drawn up it will be up to both Carrathool and Narrandera Council's to agree on the final design.
- Digitisation of local newspapers from 1953 to present day. From 1898 to 1952 the papers are available on Trove online. However the papers from 1953 have to be accessed in the Library. Newspapers were digitised to Trove standards by Microsystems. The cost was \$2,955.23 to scan 49 rolls of 35mm microfilm at 400DPI greyscale.
- Rhyme Time and Story Hour is operating successfully.
- Seniors Luncheon event to be held on Tuesday 29th March. Photos and movies from the local history collection will be shown the big screen. Hoping the showing of photographs will inspire others to come forward and donate more photos to the collection.
- Local Special Projects funding – Painting the interior of the library, Emu's have been installed at the front of the library, new data projector and screen and newspaper digitisation.
- Would like to see the purchase of a myheritage or ancestry.com subscription to assist with family history research.

5.3.2 Griffith City Library

- The relaxing of COVID restrictions has seen a slight increase in visitation and event numbers. The Community Engagement team are feeling more confident in planning future events. Seniors Week will be the first large event held in the Library post easing of COVID restrictions. Library staff have organised an event called, *Living Local – Then and Now*, which involves a bus tour of local landmarks and buildings followed by lunch in the Library. One hundred people have already booked to attend.
- Griffith City Library has commenced a Library Services Review which is being conducted by the State Library of NSW. The Review will be conducted over three stages: Stage One – general review of Library services, programs and building; Stage Two – Review of local studies and partnership opportunities; Stage Three – evaluation of the Library's position within WRL. Western Riverina Libraries was last reviewed in approx. 2011, however Griffith has not solely reviewed its own service.

5.3.3 Hay Shire Library

- Knitting and Scrabble groups are returning to the Library after the relaxation of COVID restrictions and visitation numbers are slowly increasing. School group visits will resume Term Two. Promotion of 1,000 Books Before School to mum's groups and pre-schools in February.
- RFID went live in December. There have been a few issues, such as no training due to COVID, reporting and gates not recording numbers. Disappointed with service and follow up service from FE Technologies. Online training session scheduled for 1 April. Stocktake scheduled for April once reporting issue is resolved.
- Hay staff, Sue and Amy, will participate in the Local Studies training module offered by the State Library on NSW in May.

5.3.4 Jerilderie Library

- Slow increase in usage and visitation to the Jerilderie Library after the relaxing of COVID restrictions. Storytime numbers fluctuate due to the restrictions home day care have to abide by so that is impacting attendance figures.
- 1,000 Books Before School promotional material has been distributed to the pre-school, school, day care and in house.
- Movie screening is scheduled for the April school holidays – Clifford the Big Red Dog.
- Knitters are attending regularly.
- Jerilderie staff member Catie created a Lego display featuring *Summertime in Murrumbidgee* which was on display in the December/January school holidays. The display attracted lots of interest and visitors.
- New collections have been added and old stock discarded. Stocktake to occur as soon as it can be arranged. Griffith to offer support and best practice measures on how to perform stocktake, Griffith to also lend wand.

5.3.5 Narrandera Shire Library

- Programs commenced in the December/January with an increase in visitation and usage after the easing of COVID restrictions.
- The Library flooded on 29 January 2022 and has since been operating a service similar to that offered during COVID lockdown. The Mobile Library service has continued and a Call and Collect service was reintroduced for members to collect items from the foyer. Centrelink service relocated to the foyer and Sureway service closed. Cabinetry had to be completely dismantled to remove damaged plinths. New plinths are currently being built.

Carpet was removed and left a sticky surface therefore walking around the library to collect items has been challenging. Carpet scheduled to be laid mid-April.

Utilising Mobile Library parking area to store shelves and items.

The Library is scheduled to reopen early May, it has been a challenging period after two years of COVID lockdowns and restrictions, and now flooding.

Cr Tracey Lewis commended the efforts of Narrandera Library staff in the clean-up process while also managing to keep the Library service operating.

- Seniors Week plans changed due to the flood. The Christian Revival Crusade church group will now screen concert and movie in the Narrandera theatre instead of the Library. Tech Savvy Seniors is rescheduled for later in the year.
- Local Special Projects funding used to purchase a cleaning cabinet and extra headset for VR. Money was originally allocated to host author visits that were cancelled due to COVID.

6 General Business

Nil

7 Next Meeting

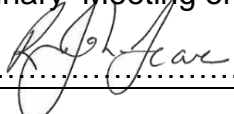
Suggested dates	Thursday 20 October, 2022	Carrathool Shire Council
	Thursday 23 March, 2023	Hay Shire Council

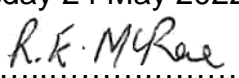
Office Bearers 2021-2022 (Two year rotation)	Chair	Griffith City Council
	Deputy Chair	Hay Shire Council
Office Bearers 2023-2024	Chair	Hay Shire Council
	Deputy Chair	Narrandera Shire Council

Meeting closed 12:22pm.

CHAIRPERSON

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ITEM NO. 12 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	7 April 2022
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Joan Ferris, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, Garry Borger, Margaret Borger, Chris Girdwood, Isabell Milne, Wendy Hurd,

Apologies: Ruth McRae, Dot Mills, Graham Mills, Pat Godfrey, Polly Fisher, Judy Knight, Michelle Read.

Moved : Margie Seconded: Isabell that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of: Chris Seconded: Forbsey.
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Forbsey informed Meeting that Polly is going ok after her operation.
- Clean Up Australia Day with the teachers and students from St Joey's Primary School went well. Thanks to those who could attend.
- Letters were written to Jerilderie Preschool & Jerilderie Fishing Club.
- Faith to check with Library re having our Fun & Achievement Books on display.

Treasurers report as tabled:

Business arising from the Treasurers Report:

- NIL

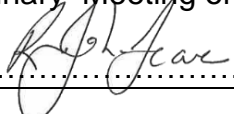
Moved: Richard Wright Seconded: Garry that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted and accounts be passed for payment.
Carried.

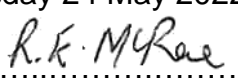
Correspondence: as tabled.

Inwards:

- NIL

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Outwards:

- 21.03.2022 Letter to Jer Preschool re offering assistance with planting at new LDC.
- 21.03.2022 Letter to Jer Fishing Club re using the Fishing Day to encourage families and new comers to enjoy the day. Family Picnic Day, Welcome to New community members.

Business Arising out of Correspondence:

- NIL

Moved: Wendy Seconded: Joan that correspondence be accepted.
Carried.

General Business:

- Working Bee at Cemetery Rose Gardens 9.00am Monday April 11.
- Working Bee Memorial Garden 9.00am Sunday April 24 for ANZAC Day.
- Working Bee Cemetery Rose Gardens 9.00am Monday May 2.
- Discussion on the possibility of giving letter of support to Travis Lawton re his application to Western Riverina Arts for a creative workshop. Sadie contact Carmen & Travis.
- Brought to Committee's attention the over grown salt bushes at Conargo Rd entrance.

Meeting Closed: 5.48pm

Next Meeting: May 5, 2022 at our office.

Time: 5.00pm

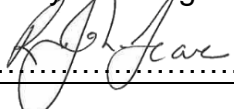
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Chair

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Date

Treasurer's Report

Page 1	JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE						
06/04/22	Account QuickReport						
	As of April 7, 2022						
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
BENDIGO BANK A/C							10,053.45
Cheque	1/12/202	103	CASH	XMAS PA...	-SPLIT-	-250.00	9,803.45
Deposit	2/12/202			Deposit	FINES & T...	70.00	9,873.45
Cheque	3/03/202	104	C GURDWOOD	PURCHA...	-SPLIT-	-88.40	9,785.05
Deposit	9/03/202			Deposit	FINES & T...	19.00	9,804.05
Total BENDIGO BANK A/C						249.40	9,804.05
TOTAL						249.40	9,804.05

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 13 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – APRIL 2022

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	10 May 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 30 April 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 30 April 2022.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 30 April 2022 was \$29,690,966.07, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$1,151,508.70.

Investments: As at 30 April 2022, Council's total invested funds were \$28,539,457.37. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 0.35%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (47.16%), IMB Ltd (23.22%) and Westpac Bank (14.37%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

OFFICER COMMENT

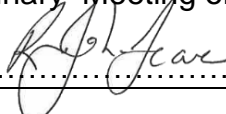
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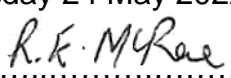
- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 April 2022;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.



Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

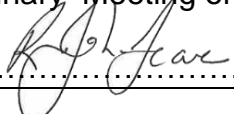
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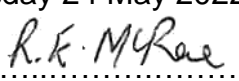
As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

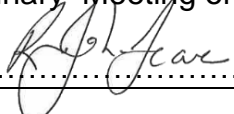
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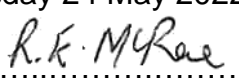
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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2021-22 Consolidated	2020-21 Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 31 March 2022	968,801.78	968,801.78
ADD - Receipts - 30 April 2022	7,167.94	154,241.33
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	5,763,823.25	1,318,613.26
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00
ADD - Bpay incl in warrant - Bendigo Bank Card	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	0.00	-19,618.48
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-5,187,567.67	-1,840,788.67
LESS - Payroll	-394,368.90	-407,996.38
LESS - Interbank Transfers	0.00	-47,923.34
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-665.80	-2,065.00
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Investments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Emergency Services Levy	0.00	0
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-5,399.30	-3,140.74
LESS - Fuel Card	-282.60	-532.52
LESS - Photocopy Rental	0.00	-329.58
CASH AT BANK 30 April 2022	1,151,508.70	119,261.66
CASH AT BANK 30 April 2022	209,002.78	347,673.22
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	963,243.33	86,261.54
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-20,737.41	-21,855.68
LESS Outstanding Autopay	0.00	-125.95
LESS Reverse Receipt	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 30 April 2022	1,151,508.70	411,953.13
Add Investments	28,539,457.37	24,131,428.18
Total Cash and Investments	29,690,966.07	24,543,381.31
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	411,387.37	294,012.96
Water Fund	2,986,240.18	2,709,821.83
Sewer Fund	4,444,972.11	4,243,514.02
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	4,498,889.42	2,543,989.96
Plant Reserve	1,188,429.00	1,071,512.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,070,781.00	1,170,781.00
Infrastructure Reserve	2,703,655.00	2,679,320.00
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0
Contributions Levy Reserve	420,880.00	448,947.00
New Council Implementation Fund	96,194.83	465,438.59
Stronger Communities Fund	5,634,025.00	7,187,057.14
General Fund	6,161,708.16	1,655,182.81
	29,690,966.07	24,543,381.31

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**30 APRIL 2022**

Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	0.25%	30-May-22	20
ANZ-Les Wallis	46,116.67	0.05%	25-May-22	21
IMB Ltd	1,014,313.25	0.40%	08-Aug-22	22
NAB	503,154.17	0.40%	09-Sep-22	23
IMB Ltd	1,010,589.23	0.35%	20-Jun-22	24
Westpac	1,200,000.00	0.79%	20-Jul-22	25
Bendigo	500,504.23	0.25%	10-May-22	26
St George	509,790.12	0.32%	03-Sep-22	27
Bendigo	814,361.33	0.30%	02-Jun-22	28
IMB Ltd	750,000.00	0.35%	06-Jul-22	29
Westpac	1,200,000.00	0.99%	19-Aug-22	30
St George	1,001,541.26	0.27%	18-Jun-22	31
NAB	716,993.78	0.05%	26-May-22	32
IMB Ltd	800,000.00	0.30%	25-May-22	33
SUNCORP METWAY	1,574,216.70	0.05%	04-Jul-22	34
Bendigo	803,774.73	0.15%	16-Jul-22	35
IMB Ltd	800,810.08	0.24%	23-May-22	36
Westpac	500,000.00	0.25%	09-May-22	37
Bendigo	3,000,000.00	0.40%	16-Oct-22	38
Westpac	1,200,000.00	1.17%	19-Sep-22	39
Bendigo	2,331,335.17	0.30%	16-May-22	40
IMB Ltd	750,000.00	0.35%	08-Jun-22	42
IMB Ltd	1,001,403.23	0.22%	24-May-22	44
Bendigo	6,010,553.42	0.30%	16-Aug-22	45

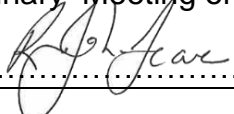
Total Investments **28,539,457.37**

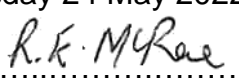
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	1.30%
Average Interest Rates	2020/21	0.26%
Average Interest Rates	2021/22	0.35%

PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD

SUNCORP	1,574,216.70	5.52%
ANZ	46,116.67	0.16%
Bendigo	13,460,528.88	47.16%
IMB Ltd	6,627,115.79	23.22%
NAB	1,220,147.95	4.28%
St George	1,511,331.38	5.30%
Westpac	4,100,000.00	14.37%
TOTAL	28,539,457.37	100%

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ITEM NO. 14 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, APRIL 2022

Council Meeting: 24 May 2022
Report Date: 13 May 2022
Author: Director Planning, Community & Development
File #: SC210
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

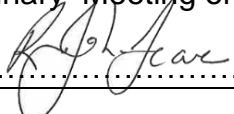
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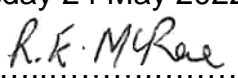
The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, April 2022, be noted.

BACKGROUND

Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
DA14-2021	1453 Channel Nine Road Coleambally	19/04/22	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Subdivision and communications tower		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was carried out. No objections were received.	
DA11-2022	12 Brooks Crescent Darlington Point	01/04/22	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Deck, awning, water closet in approved shed & spa pool		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	
DA13-2022	6830 Kidman Way Darlington Point	12/04/22	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Expansion of existing farm dam		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	

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Description:

Shed

Consideration in determining application:

The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 15 - TENDER - PURCHASE 3 TORO 4 WHEEL DRIVE MOWERS

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	11 May 2022
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC171; SC357
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

This item be referred to the CONFIDENTIAL section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

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

ITEM NO. 16 - ADDITIONAL FUNDING BENCUBBIN AVENUE, COLEAMBALLY

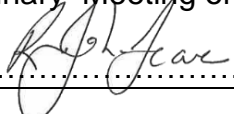
Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	4 May 2022
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC176
Approval:	General Manager

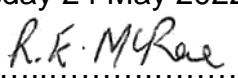
RECOMMENDATION

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- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors),
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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ITEM NO. 17 - SALE OF COUNCIL LAND – COLEAMBALLY

Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	17 May 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC88
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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ITEM NO. 18 - COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

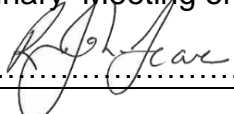
Council Meeting:	24 May 2022
Report Date:	16 May 2022
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC136
Approval:	General Manager

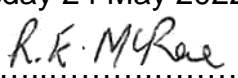
RECOMMENDATION

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- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

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ITEM NO. 19 - COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY FUND

Council Meeting: 24 May 2022
Report Date: 16 May 2022
Author: Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #: SC136
Approval: General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

ITEM NO. 20 - STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Council Meeting: 24 May 2022
Report Date: 16 May 2022
Author: Manager Corporate & Community Services
File #: SC131
Approval: General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

This item be referred to the **CONFIDENTIAL** section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) and (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

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