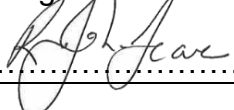


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022**

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Murrumbidgee Local Government Area, and to all Aboriginal Elders, past and present and emerging.

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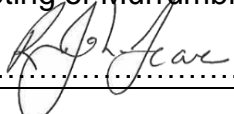
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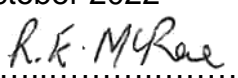
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# MAYORAL REPORT

## ITEM NO: 1 - MAYORAL REPORT

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	12 October 2022
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

Our Region is certainly experiencing its share of the plentiful rains that are occurring right across NSW. At this present time, while very wet, our LGA is holding its own. Council is very mindful of the large amount of water coming down the Murrumbidgee River, and to date we are being well informed and able to manage its impacts. Most of the feeder runners and creeks are carrying large amounts of water also.

At these times the SES public messaging is so very important, and we encourage all of the community to listen carefully and follow the relevant advice. The safety of our communities is paramount.

As many of our constituents have indicated, our road network is severely under the pump. While it continues to rain, addressing the myriad of issues and concerns is challenging. I urge you all to drive to the conditions presenting themselves at the current time - factoring in the prevailing weather and the road conditions.

Council is actively managing and prioritising the most urgent of needs. Please be patient and work with us.

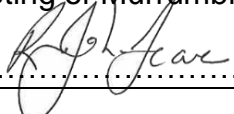
I had the pleasure of attending the 86th Annual Sturt Group CWA Conference in Coleambally on 6 October 2022. It was my pleasure to welcome many delegates and to listen to guest speaker Anna Wilson from Landcare, speaking on the Bittern, and Louise Fraser and Lou Shuter from the Farming Community Counselling Service who spoke on the accessibility to mental health services in our area.

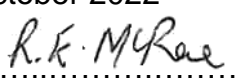
It was inspiring to take a walk down memory lane with Margaret Shepherd, a 68 year member of Coleambally/Argoon CWA and our very own community champion and centenarian.

The Jerilderie Early Learning Centre hosted a Community Open Day on Sunday 9 October. The centre was open to the public for a viewing before the children take occupation. The general consensus was overwhelming gratitude to a very hardworking committee that drove this project, enabling a great end result. In collaboration with Council, the Jerilderie community have justifiable pride and ownership in this much needed facility. Well done to all concerned.

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General Manager John Scarce and I attended the Darlington Point Business Connect Meeting on 11 October 2022. Harnessing business enthusiasm is a recipe for success, particularly in small communities. Council encourages this group to grow and engage with as many as possible to ensure its ongoing success and viability.

It was my pleasure to conduct a Citizenship Ceremony on 12 October 2022 at the Darlington Point Chambers. Council warmly welcomes our three new citizens Rhea Flor Huxley, Dymtro Myronyuk and Hardev Singh, and wishes them a long and successful life in Australia, and in particular here with us in the Murrumbidgee LGA.

At this time, the preparation is in full swing for the Coleambally Food and Farm Festival. This Committee has worked exceptionally hard to ensure that this year's event is jam packed and very successful - I am really confident that the Coleambally community and its surrounding towns will enjoy a really hectic but fun filled three days. The best of luck to this band of exceptional toilers

Below are a list of Meetings I have attended during October

5 October 2022

Jerilderie Independent Living Limited Meeting - Jerilderie

6 October 2022

86th Annual Sturt Group Conference and Annual General Meeting - Coleambally

9 October 2022

Jerilderie Early Learning Centre - Community Open Morning

11 October 2022

Business Connect Meeting - Darlington Point

12 October 2022

Citizenship Ceremony - Darlington Point

13 October 2022

RAMJO via Zoom meeting - Endorsement of 2021-2022 Financial Statements

18 October 2022

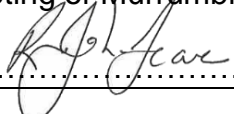
Coleambally Councillor Bus Tour - Council Workshop/Council Meeting/Service Group BBQ and Q and A session

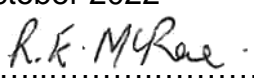


Ruth McRae  
**MAYOR**

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# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

## ITEM NO: 2 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	7 October 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.

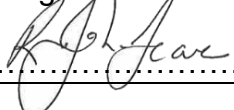
### RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Adopt the revised Corporate Uniform Policy
2. Adopt the revised Alcohol and Other Drug Policy
3. Adopt the revised Motor Vehicle Policy
4. Adopt the revised Work Health and Safety Policy
5. Adopt the revised Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy
6. Authorise the General Manager to apply for the Go FOGO grant from the NSW EPA.
7. Endorse the Coleambally Lake Joint Committee, with Murrumbidgee Council representatives being Mr John Scarce General Manager, Mr Garry Stoll Director of Planning, Community & Development and Councillor representation as determined. Further, Council's General Manager consult with Coleambally Chamber of Commerce on this proposal, establishing the first meeting of the Committee as soon as possible.
8. Authorise the final public consultation of the Luke Park concept plans, by displaying the 2D and 3D concepts for public consultation. A report be presented to the December 2022 meeting on the community feedback, and resolving to move forward to detailed design, tender and construction.
9. Authorise the Mayor to make submission to the Governance Team of the Office of Local Government NSW on Council's position on the proposed changes to the *Local Government Act* in relation to Senior Staff.

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### 1. Corporate Uniform Policy Review

This Policy was presented to the Consultative Committee on 13 July 2022 and provided to every staff member the following week with their pay slips. It was again present to the Consultative Committee on 5 October 2022 for endorsement.

The only proposed changes to this policy are financial:

- Changing initial allowance from \$800 to \$900
- Change annual allowance from \$250 to \$300

Just to keep up with the time value of money

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council adopt the revised Corporate Uniform Policy.**

### 2. Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy Review

This Policy was presented to the Consultative Committee on 13 July 2022 and provided to every staff member the following week with their pay slips. It was again present to the Consultative Committee on 5 October 2022 for endorsement.

The only proposed changes to this policy is current reference to the Australian Standards.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council adopt the revised Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.**

### 3. Motor Vehicle Policy Review

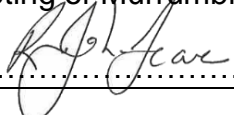
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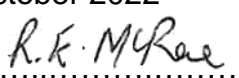
The following changes have been captured in the reviewed policy resulting from feedback from consultation.

1. Under Scope, the reference to the previous policy is removed as no one is under that policy as at 1 July 2022.
2. Changes to the definition have been removed and added for readability and clarity.
3. Changes to staff position names in accordance with the new organisational structure.
4. In section 7.2 - removed reference to novated lease.
5. Section 8, added bull bar as minimum extras.

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6. In section 8 table 1 - changed values to reflect increases in prices  
 \$80,000 was \$70,000  
 \$32,000 was \$28,000  
 \$57,000 was \$50,000  
 \$22,500 was \$20,000  
 \$17,000 was \$15,000
7. In section 8 - we have not been assessing the use and calculations of private use in a timely manner hence we modified the policy to place the onus onto the individual user to mandatorily report use.
8. In section 8 also - it was silent on how we would calculate a part quarter as if a new hire started 6 weeks into the quarter, so extra was added to address this.
9. In section 12 - changed the group 1 and group 2 vehicles for having to be at work with the employee. Reasons raised was that home is a 3 minute walk if need to use vehicle.
10. Section 13 - was bolstered to ensure clarity of on call and commuter use obligations.
11. Section 19 - previously read that only the use of fuel cards, however in practice the depot is used to refuel vehicles
12. Review clause changed to generic clause adopted by Council
13. Enhanced the declaration signature for the policy
14. Schedule 1 updated to reflect new organisational structure.

## **Recommendation**

**That Council adopt the revised Motor Vehicle Policy.**

### **4. Workplace Health and Safety Policy Review**

This policy was presented to the Work Health and Safety Committee on 13 July 2022 and provided to every staff member the following week with their pay slips. It was again present to the Work Health and Safety Committee on 5 October 2022 for final comment, and also to the Consultative Committee on 5 October 2022 for endorsement.

There are no proposed changes to the current policy.

## **Recommendation**

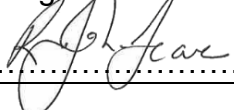
**That Council adopt the revised Work Health and Safety Policy.**

### **5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy Review**

This policy was presented to the Work Health and Safety Committee on 13 July 2022 and provided to every staff member the following week with their pay slips. It was again present to the Work Health and Safety Committee on 5 October 2022 for final comment, and also to the Consultative Committee on 5 October 2022 for endorsement.

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During the display period we received no comments. At the Work Health and Safety Committee meeting of 5 October 2022, the Committee recommended the option of wearing caps instead of the Policy calling for wide brim hats.

The Australian Cancer Council does not support caps and, as a matter of safety, administration does not support caps.

So no changes to the current policy, wide brim hats to remain.

### **Recommendation**

**That Council adopt the revised Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy.**

#### **6. Kerbside Collection Three Streams**

This item will be a standing item until fully implemented on 1 July 2023.

Council has placed the order for the new garbage truck. We will keep you up to date on the delivery timeline, however it is currently due to arrive the second last week in June 2023.

We have received quotations for the bins and the caddies (small bins for kitchen waste). Along with knowing the cost of the new truck, we are getting closer to be able to provide firm costs to each property.

We are setting up meetings with Kurrajong to talk recycling and Worm Tech to talk FOGO. After those conversations we will have all our variable costings to determine the charges.

We are applying for a grant which will provide \$50 per residential property that is undertaking the FOGO weekly collection. Eligible expenditure is the bins, we must purchase a caddy and education. The \$50 does not cover the cost of the bin and caddy, let alone the education, but it helps a lot.

Even though Council has given me authority to apply for such grants, I will be seeking a resolution for us to proceed with this grant.

### **Recommendation**

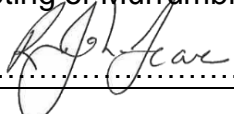
**That Council authorise the General Manager to apply for Go FOGO grant from the NSW EPA.**

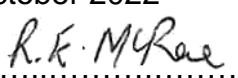
#### **7. Coleambally Lake Joint Committee**

After Council received representation from the Coleambally Chamber of Commerce subcommittee for the Coleambally Lake at its workshop of 27 September 2022, it is proposed that Council and the Coleambally Chamber form a joint Committee to determine the proposal.

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Initially the scope of works will be to evaluate any perceived hurdles to making this a reality. So, initially, brain storm the entire project, determine the hurdles and how difficult they are to jump over.

Once those issues and solutions have been identified, an informed decision can be made by both Murrumbidgee Council and Coleambally Chamber of Commerce. I am proposing that the Committee be a maximum of 8, 4 from Murrumbidgee Council and 4 from Coleambally Chamber of Commerce.

I am proposing that Murrumbidgee Council be represented by the General Manager, the Director of Planning Community & Development, along with two elected representatives, whom Council will decide.

### **Recommendation**

**Council endorse the Coleambally Lake Joint Committee, with Murrumbidgee Council representatives being Mr John Scarce General Manager, Mr Garry Stoll Director of Planning, Community & Development and Councillor representation as determined. Further, Council's General Manager consult with Coleambally Chamber of Commerce on this proposal, establishing the first meeting of the Committee as soon as possible.**

#### **8. Master Plan Luke Park**

The Master Plan for Luke Park, which was initiated as a result of a \$2M grant from the NSW Government on Shared Spaces, has resulted in concept drawings based on Council and stakeholder consultation.

We are now at a point where we can place the 2D and 3D concepts for final public consultation.

### **Recommendation**

**Council authorise the final public consultation of the Luke Park concept plans, by displaying the 2D and 3D concepts for public consultation. A report be presented to the December 2022 meeting on the community feedback, and resolving to move forward to detailed design, tender and construction.**

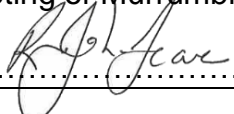
#### **9. Senior Staff Discussion Paper**

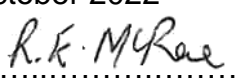
The Office of Local Government has issued a discussion paper requesting Council feedback on changes to legislation which would see the removal from the act of Senior Staff. The proposed changes would result in the General Manager being the only staff member of Council under a contract, with all other employees covered by the Award.

Submissions close on 15 November 2022, hence discussion today as we do not have another meeting before the close.

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The submission asks us to answer four specific questions:

1. Do you agree that all Council staff, other than the General Manager, should be employed under an Award such as the Local Government (State) Award?
2. Would you support amendments being made to the Local Government Act 1993 to remove the option for Councils to determine “senior staff positions” and to employ the holders of those positions under statutory contracts?
3. Do you have any comments on the amendments to give effect to this outcome that are set out in this paper?
4. If the Act were to be amended as has been suggested, what transitional arrangements should apply to current holders of senior staff positions?

The discussion paper tries to balance the argument for and against, but, in my opinion, it is unbalanced.

One glaring omission is conflict of interest. Today we have General Managers and Senior Staff (not on the Award) able to negotiate the Award, as there is no conflict of interest. I do not want us going backwards to days when those who are benefiting from the Award are negotiating the Award. In the end, if this proposal is enacted, the General Manager will be the only one without conflict in negotiating and interpreting the Award.

The discussion paper references the outcomes of ICAC investigations on one or two Councils, so the State Government has determined, based on two Councils inappropriate behaviour, that the other 124 Councils also behave inappropriately. Great logic.

The proposal also takes away from Council the decision of appointing senior staff. At no stage does the current Act indicate that the elected representatives can terminate any staff member other than the General Manager, yet the reason for the change is that Council have sacked senior staff, which is against the legislation now, so in effect if Councils behave outside the law now, changing the law will not stop them from behaving outside the law in future. In short, a knee jerk reaction to a problem that actually does not exist.

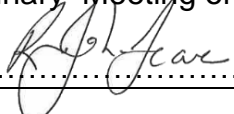
It's up to Council as to which way you jump, I only wanted to point out the failings on the unbalanced analysis presented in the discussion paper.

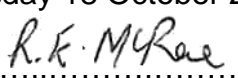
## **Recommendation**

**Council authorise the Mayor to make submission to the Governance Team of the Office of Local Government NSW on Council's position on the proposed changes to the *Local Government Act* in relation to Senior Staff.**

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## 10. NSW Regional Department

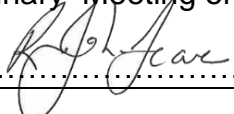
On 27 September 2022, Kaitlin, Garry and I meet with Directors, Managers and heads of various sections of the NSW Regional Department based in Albury and Wagga in Jerilderie.

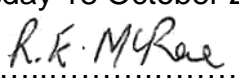
Below is a list of the issues we were able to raise in our 50 minutes allocated.

- Nurse shortages and temporary closure of Jerilderie MPS emergency department
- Banking services in rural communities/bank closures
- Roads
- Police policy - 18 months for an injured worker to be replaced - no backfilling
- RFS 'red fleet' assets
- Inland rail
- Housing shortages
- Difficulty in developing greenfields residential areas by Council under biodiversity legislation
- State significant development - process does not give confidence that Council and community concerns are heard:
  - \* Minister McBain has committed to improving system
  - \* In particular, renewable energy developments not putting anything back into area - certainly not cheaper electricity, yet local Councils and communities having to deal with negatives and no benefits
- Developer contribution changes - proposed changes to S 7.12 developer contributions and, in particular proposed \$2,000 per Mw are yet to be introduced
- Water buybacks - local economies are dependent upon irrigated agriculture, and loss of available water has a devastating multiplier effect on communities.
- Health - Councils are forced to provide incentives to doctors to locate and operate from regional areas, with the provision of housing and medical centres. It must be enforced that Government funding is critical in this process.
- Child care - importance of child care in regions to support businesses, industries, therefore critical that State Government provide grant funding to Councils/communities unable to self-fund building works, and again Government funding is critical in this process.
- Conargo to Carrathool Road - potential major transport route linking Carrathool/Hillston area to markets in Melbourne via Deniliquin, and leveraging from recent construction of the Carrathool Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River. Currently an unsealed road that needs upgrading to a road train route.
- Darlington Point Caravan Park - Major tourist facility requiring upgrade for tourist and accommodation, dependent on Government funding to match Council commitment.
- Digital connectivity - lack of digital connectivity has a limiting effect on business, education and economy.
- Local Government Act needs a comprehensive review.

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## 11. Movements

19 - 21 October 2022 - CPA Congress – Virtual  
22 - 26 October 2022 - LGNSW Conference – Hunter Valley  
4 - 20 November 2022 - Annual leave - working remotely  
24 November 2022 - MDA Region 9 – Griffith  
24 November 2022 - RAMJO Health Sub Committee – Leeton  
25 November 2022 - RAMJO Board Meeting - Leeton  
10 December 2022 - 8 January 2023 - Annual Leave  
3 -5 February 2023 - Council Strategic Planning Workshop - Albury

## **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**

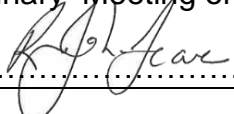
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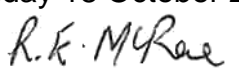
## **OPTIONS**

As per the recommendations.

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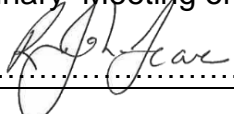
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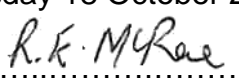
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Attachment # 8	Senior Staff Discussion Paper

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**ITEM NO. 3 – DISCLOSURE OF RETURNS BY COUNCILLORS, AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS**

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	10 October 2022
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC286; SC130, SC56
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Disclosure of Returns by Councillors, Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members and designated persons are tabled for the period 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022, with updated returns tabled as a result of resignations or by persons becoming aware of a change in interests that have not previously been disclosed within a return.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The information contained within the Disclosure of Returns by Councillors, Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members and Designated Persons Report be noted, and Disclosures be made publicly available in accordance with legislative requirements.**

**BACKGROUND**

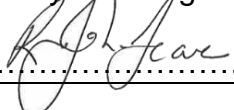
Councillors and designated persons are required to complete a new return for each financial year, for the 12 month period commencing on 30 June of the previous year to 30 June this year. Additionally, persons becoming aware of a change in interests that have not previously been disclosed within a return are required to submit an updated return at the date they became aware of the new interest to be disclosed. Returns are required to be lodged with the General Manager, and a register of returns is required to be kept.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

In accordance with Council's Codes of Conduct, Councillors and designated persons are required to complete and lodge with the General Manager a Disclosure of Interest and Other Matters, and these must be tabled at the first meeting of the Council after the last day the return is required to be lodged (30 September).

The Disclosures by Designated Persons Returns for the period 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022, with the inclusion of additional returns tabled as a result of persons becoming aware of a change in interests that have not previously been disclosed within a return, are detailed below:

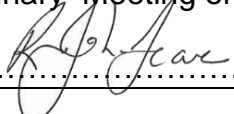
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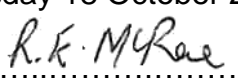
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Name	Disclosure Provided	Disclosure Returned	Reason for Disclosure	To Council Meeting
William Wade	8 July 2021	8 July 2021	Resignation	26 October 2021
Councillor Faith Bryce	9 September 2021	10 September 2021	Change in Disclosure	26 October 2021
Councillor Phillip Wells	4 December 2021	4 December 2021	Retired from Council	26 April 2022
Councillor Gaila Smith	4 December 2021	4 December 2021	Retired from Council	26 April 2022
Councillor Pat Brown	4 December 2021	4 December 2021	Retired from Council	26 April 2022
Councillor Ruth McRae	23 December 2021	21 March 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Robert Black	23 December 2021	22 February 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Gavin Gilbert	23 December 2021	22 February 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Judith Saxvik	23 December 2021	22 March 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Robert Curphey	23 December 2021	22 March 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Timothy Strachan	23 December 2021	22 March 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Christine Chirgwin	23 December 2021	22 February 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Faith Bryce	23 December 2021	22 February 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Councillor Troy Mauger	23 December 2021	14 March 2022	First disclosure as newly appointed Councillor	26 April 2022
Garry David Stoll	21 February 2022	30 March 2022	First Return as a designated person	18 October 2022
Stephen Goodsall	30 June 2022	12 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Susan Mitchell	30 June 2022	7 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Vicki Sutton	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Rodney John Scarce	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Tom Dimec	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Kaitlin Salzke	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Garry David Stoll	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Kelly Tyson	17 June 2022	17 June 2022	Left Council employ	18 October 2022
Councillor Timothy Strachan	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Ruth McRae	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Faith Bryce	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Gavin Gilbert	30 June 2022	28 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Robert Black	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Robert Curphey	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Judith Saxvik	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Councillor Troy Mauger	30 June 2022	1 July 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022

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Councillor Christine Chirgwin	30 June 2022	20 August 2022	2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Stephen Pinnuck Audit Risk & Improvement Committee	30 June 2022	27 June 2022	First Return as a designated person 2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022
Linda MacRae Audit Risk & Improvement Committee	30 June 2022	5 July 2022	First Return as a designated person 2021/22 Annual Return	18 October 2022

Council Codes of Conduct provide that information contained in returns made and lodged is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner. In accordance with this requirement, all returns are provided on Council's website under Council/Forms, Policies & Publications/Disclosures of Interest.

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Local Government Act 1993  
Council Code of Conduct  
Government Information (Public Access) Act and Regulation 2009  
Guidelines as issued by the Information Commissioner

## **FINANCIAL**

NIL

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1 Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

General Manager

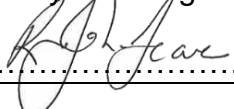

## **OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 4 – REQUEST TO SUSPEND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	10 October 2022
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC5
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The annual Australia Day celebrations in Jerilderie are held in and around the Civic Hall and Luke Park. As part of the celebrations, Council's permission for alcohol to be consumed in the area surrounding the Council Chambers, Civic Hall, Luke Park and Powell Street, is sought.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Allow the prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in the vicinity of the Council Chambers, Civic Hall, Luke Park and Powell Street to be lifted from midday to midnight on 26 January, 2023;**
- 2. Allow the prohibition signs to be covered during the period of the celebrations;**
- 3. Notify the local Police; and**
- 4. Advertise Council's action.**

**BACKGROUND**

The area surrounding the Civic Hall and Luke Park is a designated alcohol-free zone. Traditionally this zone is suspended for the annual Australia Day celebrations.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

Under Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council may establish an alcohol-free zone. However, Council may, at the request of any person or body or of its own motion, suspend the operation of an alcohol-free zone under Section 645 of the Local Government Act 1993.

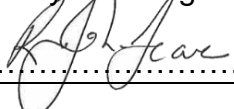
**SUSTAINABILITY**

**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Sections 644B and 645 of the Local Government Act, 1993

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## **FINANCIAL**

NIL

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 1.4 - Enhancing Health and Wellbeing

Strategy 1.5 - Creating a Safe Community

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

A risk assessment is completed by Council's Work Health & Safety and Risk Assessment Officer in conjunction with the Australia Day Committee.

## **CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT**

Australia Day Committee

## **OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

## ITEM NO. 5 - DRAFT 2021/22 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	7 October 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to provide a Statement by Councillors and Management under Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 for its General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements, prior to submission to the Audit Office for preparation of Independent Auditor's Reports.

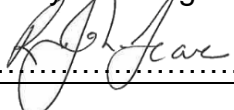
Council is also required to formalise and document management's 30 June 2022 assessment of going concern.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Following review, the going concern basis is appropriate for the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022, and the required disclosures within the statements with regards to going concern are fairly reflected within the applicable notes;
2. Council authorises the General Manager, in consultation with the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee, Council's Auditors and the Chief Financial Officer, to make any necessary adjustments to the financial statements that may arise as the result of the audit process, and to report back to Council on any such adjustments that are made, where significant.
3. Council authorises the signing of the Statement by Councillors and Management by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and endorse the signing by the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer (as Responsible Accounting Officer) in relation to the General Purpose Financial Statements;
4. The General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 be formally referred to Council's Auditor for audit; and
5. Council delegates to the General Manager authority, upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports to:
  - a. forward a copy of the financial statements and Auditor's Reports to the Office of Local Government;
  - b. arrange for public notice to be given, in the required format, on Council's website, of the Council meeting for presentation of the audited 2021/22 financial statements;

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- c. arrange for the Council's audited financial statements and Auditor's reports to be placed on public exhibition; and
- d. list the audited financial statements and Auditor's reports on the agenda for the next available Council Meeting for presentation to the public, which allows for the 7 days public notice requirement.

## BACKGROUND

Council's financial statements are required to be prepared and audited within 4 months after the end of the year concerned, and Council is required to provide a Statement by Councillors and Management under Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 for its General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements. This statement is on page 3 of both the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements, which are included as attachments to this report.

At the time of writing this report, the annual financial statements are in draft form, with the external auditors due to continue the required compliance checks and reasonableness assurances required.

Council must fix a date for a meeting to present the annual statements and must give seven days public notice of such meeting, and hold the meeting within 35 days of receipt of the Auditor's Report.

## OFFICER COMMENT

It is proposed that Council's auditors, together with representatives of the NSW Audit Office, will provide a detailed presentation of the financial statements to the November Council Meeting.

Council has previously resolved that it will not recognise Rural Fire Service red fleet assets, and it is expected that a qualified audit opinion will be forthcoming as a result of this. Council staff have once again presented a position paper to Council's auditors which outlines the reasons for this decision, including the fact that Council does not control these assets as required under the Australian Accounting Standards and that, in addition, they would not qualify for recognition in any case on the basis that they are unable to be reliably measured.

A high-level summary of the draft annual financial statements for 2021/22 follows:

**Income statement for the year ended 30 June 2022**

Total income from continuing operations	\$25.4m
Total expenses from continuing operations	\$18.5m
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>\$6.8m</b>
Before capital grants and contributions	\$0.7m

**Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2022**

Cash flows from operating activities	\$11.7m
Cash flows from investing activities	(\$4.9m)
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$6.8m</b>

**Capital expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2022**

New capital works	\$3.3m
Capital renewal works	\$7.1m
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	<b>\$10.4m</b>

**Financial position as at 30 June 2022**

Total assets	\$332.6m
Total liabilities	\$14.4m
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$318.1m</b>

Council's performance measures have met benchmarks established by the Office of Local Government, with the exception of own source operating revenue ratio (36.20% compared to a benchmark of 60%). This is reflective of Council's reliance on grant funding and limitations on Council's ability to generate income from other sources.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

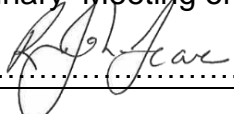
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- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

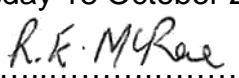
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Council's financial performance and position is represented in the financial statements presented.

This recommendation itself will have no impact on Council's underlying financial position other than audit fees which are required to be incurred.

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## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Leading By Example**

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

**5.1.4** Provide best practice financial, corporate and operational management and reporting that meets legislative requirements.

**5.2.1** Provide genuine, simple and accurate information that is accessible and inclusive

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Crowe Australasia will be undertaking the audit of the financial statements on behalf of the NSW Audit Office.

The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee will review the financial statements at their meeting scheduled for 24 October 2022.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Accountant
- Crowe Australasia
- NSW Audit Office

## **OPTIONS**

1. As per recommendation.
2. Another recommendation as determined by Council.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 9: Draft General Purpose Financial Statements

Attachment # 10: Draft Special Purpose Financial Statements

The draft Special Schedules to be provided under separate cover.



**ITEM NO. 6 – PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES  
POLICY REVIEW**

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	10 October 2022
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

The Office of Local Government's model *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy*, with a number of changes, is proposed to replace the existing *Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy*.

The policy was endorsed by Council at the August 2022 Council meeting, and is now proposed to be adopted by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The revised Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy be adopted.**

**BACKGROUND**

In July 2017, the Office of Local Government (OLG) released a better-practice *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy* template for use by all Councils.

The current *Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy* was adopted by Council in August 2017.

Following workshops with Council, a number of changes are proposed to be incorporated into the model policy.

The revised policy was placed on public exhibition and no submissions have been received.

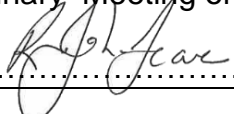
**SUSTAINABILITY**

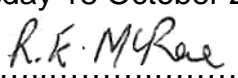
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**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

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- Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW, 2009
- Local Government Circular 09-36 Guidelines for Payment of Expenses and Facilities
- Local Government Circular 05-08 Legal Assistance for Councillors and Council Employees
- Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct

## **FINANCIAL**

Substantially similar expenses and facilities are provided for under the existing policy. Those that are expected to be utilised have also been provided for in Council's current budget. As such, it is expected that any financial impact will be negligible.

The model policy stipulates maximum expense thresholds for a number of items, which will assist with budget preparation going forward.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Leading By Example**

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

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Councillor Workshop

## **OPTIONS**

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Council Expenses and Facilities Policy be adopted.

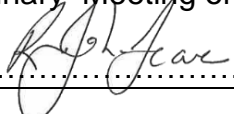
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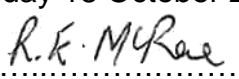
Another resolution as determined by Council.

## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment # 11: Revised Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

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**ITEM NO: 7- DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 27-2022 – 85 - 87 JERILDERIE STREET JERILDERIE**

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	10 October 2022
Author:	Senior Planner
File #:	DA 27-2022
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is presented to Council to consider Development Application 27-2022 to develop and operate an unmanned service station at 85-87 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie on a 24 hour basis (see attachments 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17).

As part of Council's statutory obligations, details of the development application were referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) who subsequently informed Council that based on the information submitted, they cannot support the application (see Attachment 18).

Council exhibited the development application in accordance with its Community Participation Plan. Council received 44 submissions, including a petition containing 46 signatures, objecting to the development (Attachment 19).

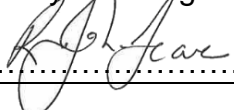
The applicant was given the opportunity to review the submissions and the issues raised by TfNSW. At the applicant's request, determination of the matter was held over so they could consider the submissions and provide a response to Council. The proponent has provided a response on the concerns raised during the exhibition period, and this is set out in Attachment 20.

The development has been assessed regarding the matters for consideration set out in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979. The evaluation of the development is set out in Attachment 12, and it concludes that the proposed development is unsatisfactory and should not be approved.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) That Murrumbidgee Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, **refuse consent** to Development Application No: DA 27-2022 for an unmanned *service station* at Lots 11 & 12 in DP 6664 being 85-87 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie for the following reasons:
- (i) The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory in terms of Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) and (d) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment

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Act, 1979 in that Transport for NSW does not support the development with regard to the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure and Transport) 2021.

- (ii) The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory in terms of Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 in that the proposed development extends beyond the boundaries of the commercial centre identified in the Jerilderie Development Control Plan.
- (iii) The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory in terms of Section 4.15(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 in that the proposed unmanned service station is likely to have an unreasonable impact on the amenity of neighbours.
- (iv) The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory in terms of Section 4.15(1)(c) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 in that the site is unsuitable for the proposed development in terms of access by heavy vehicles from Bolton Street.
- (v) The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory in terms of Section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 in that the proposed development is not in the public interest as indicated by the number of objections to the development from the local community.

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

## BACKGROUND

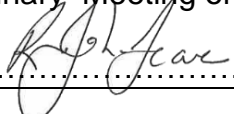
The applicant, in their Statement of Environmental Effects, is seeking development consent for building works and use of the land as an unmanned service station, involving the following works:

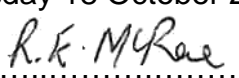
- Provision of an above ground fuel cell (2.89m in height) with a capacity to hold 62,000 litres of fuel (diesel and AdBlue) and incorporating a built-in fuel bowser and payment console.
- Construction of an awning (6m in height) over the fuel cell and refuelling area
- Installation of price-boards (2.4m in height)
- Removal of a street tree
- Civil works including the construction of new cross-overs to both Bolton Street and Jerilderie Street and paving of vehicle manoeuvring areas within the site.
- The site to be operated 24/7.

The site comprises two (2) lots, legally described as Lots 11 & 12 in DP 6664 and has the street address of 85-87 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie. It has a consolidated area of approximately 2022m<sup>2</sup> with a frontage of approximately 40.2 metres to Jerilderie Street, which is part of the Newell Highway, a classified road and approximately 50.1 metres to Bolton Street which is a sealed local road forming the western boundary of the site.

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The land is flat, devoid of any significant information and is currently vacant of any structure.

The locality comprises a mix of commercial development, including a service station opposite, supermarket, hotel, mechanical workshop and residential development.

Vehicles using the site need to enter from Bolton Street and exit onto Jerilderie Street (Newell Highway). When entering the site they will need to choose either a left lane or right lane to access the fuel bowzers depending on whether they intend to exit left onto Jerilderie Street to travel north or exit right onto Jerilderie Street to travel south.

Bolton Street is listed as an approved route, subject to conditions, on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHRV's) Road Train map. These conditions include no access from June to October inclusive. Bolton Street is also listed on the NHVR Restricted Access Vehicles map as an approved alternate B-double route subject to conditions. These conditions are for incident management under traffic control when a section of the Newell Highway is closed between Old Showground Road and Bolton Street, Jerilderie. If the site is used and Bolton Street accessed with unapproved vehicles, or during the period of June to October, regulation of vehicles using the site would become an NHVR compliance matter.

The site will be provided with lighting, landscaping and an illuminated fuel price sign.

#### Figure A: Locality Plan



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.....*R. K. McRae*.....General Manager

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

## SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

## 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 is provided in Attachment 12 and can be summarised as follows:

- a) A *service station* is a type of development that is permissible within the RU5 zone under Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012 and is broadly consistent with the aims, objectives and special provisions of that environmental planning instrument.
- b) Assessment of the proposed development has taken into consideration the relevant provisions set down in *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure and Transport) 2021*, *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021* and *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 (Advertising and Signage)*.
- c) The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory in terms of the Jerilderie Development Control Plan (DCP) inasmuch the proposed development extends beyond the boundaries set down for commercial development within the village.
- d) The proposed development will potentially have an unreasonable impact on the environment, in particular the amenity of adjoining residents.
- e) The subject site is not considered suitable for the proposed development due to the impact on neighbouring residential properties and that heavy vehicle movement along Bolton Street is not unrestricted.
- f) Although the number of submissions received in respect to a development application is not always an accurate measure for determining public interest, the high number within a small community is an indicator that approving the development would be contrary to the public interest.

The assessment of the application indicates that the proposed unmanned service station is unsatisfactory and should not be supported.

## FINANCIAL

The current project has no immediate financial implications for Council, however should the applicant be dissatisfied with the determination, they could lodge an appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court which Council would have to defend.



## INTEGRATED PLANS

### Community Strategic Plan

There is nothing set out in the Murrumbidgee Council *Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032* considered applicable in this instance.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

The matters for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & 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.

## CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

### Internal Referrals

- Council's Department of Infrastructure raised concerns with the traffic movement and the current asset of the road. The turning action will damage the road surface. If the application were to be approved, the concerns raised by the Department of Infrastructure could be addressed by way of condition.
- Council's consultant Liquid Trade Waste Officer does not oppose the development, and has recommended conditions be imposed to address liquid waste and prevention of spills entering the stormwater system.

### External Referrals

As part of Council's statutory obligations, details of the development application were referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW). In their response TfNSW advised Council that based on the information submitted, they cannot support the application.

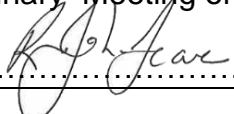
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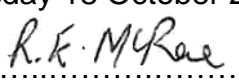
Following the completion of the notification period, Council had received 44 submissions, including a petition with 46 signatures, all objecting to the development. In summary the issues raised include, but are not limited to:

- Traffic and pedestrian safety at intersection of Bolton Street and Jerilderie Street, especially risk to younger pedestrians walking/riding to school
- Inappropriate development in a residential zone
- Noise, air and light pollution and impact on neighbouring residential properties
- Traffic generated by the development and impact from queueing heavy vehicles and caravans

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- Economic impacts – loss of property value, competition (already three heavy vehicle refueling stations) and loss of job opportunities
- Inconsistent with the DCP

The applicant was informed of the response from TfNSW and the large number of objections to the development and given the opportunity to respond. The response from the applicant included the submission of the following documents:

- A response to the representations made by objectors
- A landscape plan
- A response to the issues raised by TfNSW by the applicant's traffic consultant

The applicant considers the issues raised, and provides a countering argument. However, Council's assessing officer's position remains unchanged in that the application is deemed unsatisfactory in terms of site suitability, that it is not in the public interest, the noise mitigation measures do not provide an acceptable outcome resulting in other impacts (including the visual impact on the streetscape and the adjoining residence, and the loss of solar access to habitable rooms of the neighbour) and the advice received from TfNSW.

## OPTIONS

### Option 1 (recommendation)

- a) That Murrumbidgee Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, **refuse consent** to Development Application No: DA 27-2022 for an unmanned *service station* at Lots 11 & 12 in DP 6664 being 85-87 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie for reasons provided in the recommendation.
- b) That the development application be delegated to the Director of Planning, Community and Development for issue of the notice of determination.

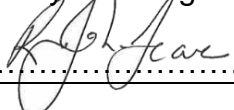

### Option 2

Any other resolution of Council.

## Attachments:

Attachment 12:	Section 4.15 Assessment Report
Attachment 13:	Statement of Environmental Effects
Attachment 14:	Plans
Attachment 15:	Traffic Impact Assessment
Attachment 16:	Acoustic Report
Attachment 17:	Hazard analysis
Attachment 18:	Transport for NSW Submission
Attachment 19:	Objections (redacted)
Attachment 20:	Response by applicant including landscaping plan

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## ITEM NO. 8 - DRAFT MURRUMBIDGEE LAND USE PLAN

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	31 August 2022
Author:	Senior Planner
File #:	SC212, SC98
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Habitat Planning has prepared the Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan (LUP) which will provide a guide for the future development and use of land within Murrumbidgee Council LGA for the next 20 years and beyond.

The matter was previously presented to Council at its workshop in April 2022, and in the interim Habitat Planning has reviewed the submissions made, and amended the Land Use Plan in response to the submissions received.

The report is seeking a resolution to adopt the Land Use Plan.

### RECOMMENDATION

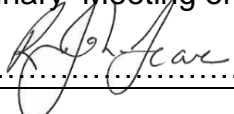
**Council adopt the draft Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan.**

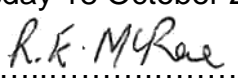
### BACKGROUND

The Draft LUP was completed and placed on public exhibition from 13 December 2021 until 18 March 2022. The following table provides a brief overview of the key changes that were identified during the exhibition process, and were presented to Council at the April 2022 workshop.

	Key Changes
<b>Coleambally</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rezoning of land in Kyola Road to R5 Large Lot Residential with a 5 ha minimum lot size.</li><li>▪ Potential identification of additional land for RU5 purposes along Kingfisher and Kookaburra Avenues.</li><li>▪ Removal of all proposed heritage items and heritage conservation areas. Instead, Council will give affected landowners the option to 'opt in' to the heritage schedule of the LEP and will only include those properties where the landowner consents to them being listed as a local heritage item.</li></ul>

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**Darlington  
Point**

- Deletion of saw mill site from plan
- Deletion of 54 Bundure Street from future industrial zoning
- Addition of Lot 1, DP507949, Lot 5, DP869939, Lot 1, DP837504, Lots 3-4, DP869939 as future industrial
- Removal of all proposed heritage items and heritage conservation areas. Instead, Council will give affected landowners the option to 'opt in' to the heritage schedule of the LEP and will only include those properties where the landowner consents to them being listed as a local heritage item

**Jerilderie**

- Deletion of proposed RU5 future expansion area on the west side of town
- Addition of future RU5 land around the hospital for future residential development
- Retain current R5 zoning for land on the north side of Billabong Creek and south of Showgrounds Road, which contain dwellings
- Retain the current R5 zoning that applies to Lots 18, 19 and 202 Showgrounds Road, but amend the minimum lot size map for this land by increasing the applicable minimum lot size from 2ha to 8ha.
- Delete the proposed industrial zoning to the south east of Jerilderie adjoining the waste management centre
- Council identify a proposed new industrial area to the north east of town comprising the silo site, land north of Old Urana Road and Former Baiada Chicken site. These sites will be further investigation as part of the preparation of the LEP.
- Removal of all proposed additional heritage items. Instead, Council will give affected landowners the option to 'opt in' to the heritage schedule of the LEP and will only include those properties where the landowner consents to them being listed as a local heritage item.

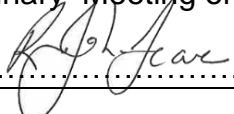
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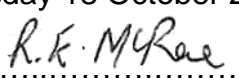
During the intervening period since the April 2022 workshop, Habitat Planning have made the changes discussed at the workshop and have now submitted a final version of the Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan for Council consideration.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Once the LUP is adopted, it will be used in the preparation of a new comprehensive Local Environmental Plan, which combines the former Jerilderie Shire and Murrumbidgee Shire planning controls.

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## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE / POLICY**

The adopted Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan forms part of Council's planning documents and will underpin the future new Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan.

## **FINANCIAL**

NA

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Our Natural Environment: Sustainable Living**

2.1.1 Work together to protect, manage and promote the health of our natural environment, including our landscapes, waterways and biodiversity

Action 2.1.1.1 – Complete the Draft Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan and the Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NA

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The draft Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan was on public exhibition between 13 December 2021 until 18 March 2022.

## **OPTIONS**

The draft Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan has been publically exhibited and the submissions reviewed, resulting in changes to the final document as summarised in this report. Council has the following options:

1. Council adopt the draft Murrumbidgee Land Use Plan; or
2. Council place on public exhibition the draft Land Use Plan that includes the changes made; or
3. Any other resolution of Council.

## **Attachments**

Attachment # 21 - Land Use Plan (revised post exhibition)

**ITEM NO. 9 - REVISED TRANSPORTABLE OR MOVEABLE DWELLINGS  
AND TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION POLICY**

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	11 October 2022
Author:	Director Planning Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. A revised Transportable or Moveable Dwellings and Temporary Accommodation Policy, with minor changes, was presented to Council at the September 27 Council workshop for consideration.

It is now presented to Council for adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The revised Transportable or Moveable Dwellings and Temporary Accommodation Policy be adopted by Council.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Murrumbidgee Council Transportable or Moveable Dwellings and Temporary Accommodation Policy was adopted by Council in January 2020 to provide a range of housing and accommodation in the community, outline the approval requirements for moveable dwellings and ensure that transportable or moveable buildings do not detract from the overall appearance and amenity of an area.

The Policy has been reviewed, and it was determined that the Policy is still relevant and required only minor changes to notification, in that it needs to be amended to comply with Council's Community Participation Plan (see item 7 on pg. 5).

Other administrative changes include the revision number being changed to 2 and the next review being August 2026.

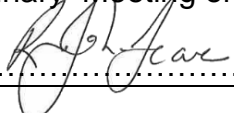
It is considered that the new Policy does not require any further public notification as the changes are administrative in nature.


**SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

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## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- NSW Local Government Act 1993
- NSW Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
- Jerilderie and Murrumbidgee Council Local Environmental Plans
- NSW Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021

## **FINANCIAL**

N/A

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Deliverable 1.1.2

Support a housing mix that give choice and meets the needs of the community.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- General Manager
- Councillor Workshop

## **OPTIONS**

Option 1 (recommendation)

The revised Transportable or Moveable Dwellings and Temporary Accommodation Policy be adopted by Council.

Option 2

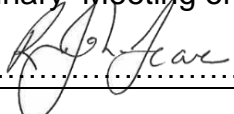
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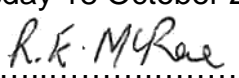
## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment # 22: Revised Transportable or Moveable Dwellings and Temporary Accommodation Policy

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## ITEM NO. 10 – ADOPTION OF DRAFT MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	7 October 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49; SC37
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the Council election. The draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy was endorsed by Council at the August 2022 meeting, and is presented for adoption by Council.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy be adopted.**

### BACKGROUND

The draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy was placed on public exhibition for the period 25 August 2022 to 22 September 2022 with submissions invited up until 5pm on 6 October 2022. No submissions were received.

The draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy sets out how Murrumbidgee Council will regulate mobile and standing vehicles that display and sell commodities on Council land. The Policy is a revision of the 2021 Policy, with small amendments to bring it into line with the current State Environmental Planning (Exempt & Complying Development) Policy as it relates to mobile food vans. It also identifies areas of Council owned land where mobile food vans will be permitted.

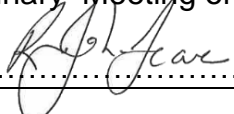
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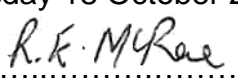
The draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy relates to vendors operating on Council owned/managed land only. Mobile food vendors do not need Council approval to operate on private land under the State Environmental Planning (Exempt & Complying Development) Policy.

Council has previously received comment from existing shop owners within Murrumbidgee Council concerning the operation of mobile food vendors. In consideration of this, Council, through this draft Policy, have restricted where mobile food vendors can operate on Council owned land. Mobile food vendors can provide the community with choices not available from existing food premises, and as such can be supported if located in appropriate sites. This is emphasised by the fact that mobile food vendors may operate on private land without any Council approval.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)
- Local Government Act 1993
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Food Act 2003
- Food Regulation 2015
- Roads Act 1993
- Roads Regulation 2008
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

## **FINANCIAL**

The revised Policy ensures administrative and inspection costs are covered by an annual fee.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Our Natural Environment – Sustainable Living**

2.3.3 Encourage local development, while protecting public interests

2.3.4 Promote best practice public and environmental health activities

### **Our Economy – Creating our own opportunities**

4.1.2 Promote our area as a great place to do business and invest

4.2.1 Develop and promote our area as an attractive visitor destination

4.2.2 Support and encourage events and activities for locals and visitors

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

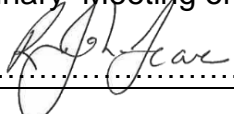
The draft Policy will ensure all applications are assessed on a consistent basis, and applicants would be required to have various practices and insurances in place to manage public risk.

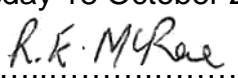
## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- Environmental Health Officer
- Councillor Workshops

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## OPTIONS

### Option 1 (recommendation)

The draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy be adopted.

### Option 2

Council may resolve to change the suggested locations or to restrict vendors from Council owned land.

## ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 23: Draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy

## ITEM NO. 11 – ADOPTION OF DRAFT FROST CONTROL FANS POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	7 October 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following recent development applications for the installation of frost control fans in Murrumbidgee Council LGA, a draft Frost Control Fans Policy, which provides guidelines for the installation of permanent frost fans and use of mobile frost fans, has been prepared.

The draft Frost Control Fans Policy was endorsed by Council at the August 2022 Council meeting and is presented to Council for adoption.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The draft Frost Control Fans Policy be adopted.**

### BACKGROUND

This policy was developed due to a number of permanent planting horticultural developments beginning to mature and come into full production requiring frost protection. It is predicted that Council will continue to receive applications for frost control fans within the Murrumbidgee Council LGA.

Previously these applications were considered on their merits and guided by existing policies from other Councils, as Murrumbidgee Council does not currently have a policy that addresses the use and management of frost control fans.

The intent of this draft policy is to give structure and protocols for both horticulture development and the surrounding residential communities.

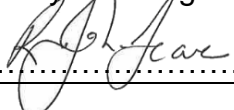
### OFFICER COMMENT

The draft Frost Control Fans Policy was placed on public exhibition for the period 25 August 2022 to 22 September 2022 with submissions invited up until 5pm on 6 October 2022.

During this period no submissions were received.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997
- Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan, 2013

## **FINANCIAL**

N/A

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Our Natural Environment – Sustainable Living**

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

2.3.3 Encourage local development, while protecting public interests

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- Councillor Workshops
- General Manager
- Director of Infrastructure

## **OPTIONS**

### Option 1 (recommendation)

The draft Frost Control Fans Policy be adopted.

### Option 2

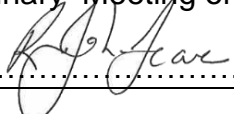
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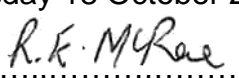
## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment # 24: Draft Murrumbidgee Council Frost Control Fans Policy

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## ITEM NO. 12 – ADOPTION OF DRAFT SINGLE USE PLASTICS POLICY

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	7 October 2022
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EPA NSW have recently moved to ban all single use plastics in NSW, and following on from this ban the RAMJO Waste group have requested that Councils not use single use plastics in their procurement and operations.

The Murrumbidgee Council Single Use Plastics Policy is designed to guide the use of single use plastics within the LGA.

The draft Single Use Plastics Policy was endorsed by Council at the August 2022 Council meeting and is proposed to be adopted by Council.

### RECOMMENDATION

**The draft Murrumbidgee Council Single Use Plastics Policy be adopted.**

### BACKGROUND

The draft Single Use Plastic Policy was placed on public exhibition for the period 25 August 2022 to 22 September 2022 with submissions invited up until 5pm on 6 October 2022. No submissions were received.

The Plastics and Circular Economy Act 2021 was passed in NSW Parliament, which includes the phasing out of single-use plastics from 1 June 2022. The supply of single use, lightweight plastic bags was the first item prohibited from 1 June 2022, with other single use items prohibited from 1 November 2022 such as single use plastic straws, cutlery, stirrers, cotton buds, plates and bowls, and expanded polystyrene food service items.

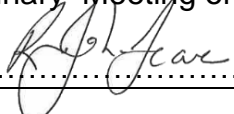
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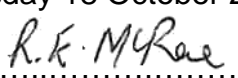
Under the Murrumbidgee Council Community Action Plan 2022 – 2026, item 2.2.2.1, Murrumbidgee Council have committed to continued collaboration with RAMJO on Council's Waste Management Strategy.

### SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Plastics and Circular Economy Act 2021
- National Packaging Targets 2025
- NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2014-2021 (WARR Strategy)
- Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014
- Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) Waste Strategy 2017 – 2021

## **FINANCIAL**

N/A

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Our Natural Environment – Sustainable Living**

2.1.1 Work together to protect, manage and promote the health of our natural environment, including our landscapes, waterways and biodiversity

2.1.2 Promote awareness of environmental issues and climate challenges

2.2.2 Support waste minimisation by encouraging reusing, renewing and recycling, with sustainable waste disposal and management

### **Leading By Example**

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

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Councillor Workshops

## **OPTIONS**

### Option 1 (recommendation)


The draft Murrumbidgee Council Single Use Plastics Policy be adopted.

### Option 2

Another resolution as determined by Council.

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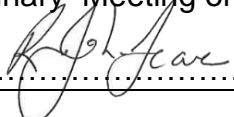
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## ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 25: Draft Murrumbidgee Council Single Use Plastics Policy

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# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

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

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	10 October 2022
Author:	Accountant
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as of 30 September 2022.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as of 30 September 2022.**

### BACKGROUND

#### Cash at Bank

Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as of 30 September 2022 was \$31,591,634.35, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,840,620.84.

#### Investments

As at 30 September 2022, Council's total invested funds were \$28,751,013.51, as detailed in the attachment. Investments were largely in compliance with the revised Investment Policy. Funds invested in IMB Ltd (8.75%) reduced from 11.62%, and are now in compliance with the policy.


14.18% of funds were invested in Suncorp – Metway which was slightly over the individual counterparty limit of 14% set for A-rated institutions.

53.98% of investment funds were held with the Bendigo Bank as of 30 September 2022.

Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return for the month of September 2022 (2.51% p.a.) and for the financial year to date (2% p.a.) exceeded the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark rate for the same periods (1.75% and 1.70%).

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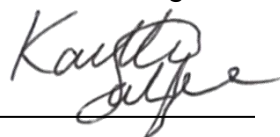
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## OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 September 2022;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations, except as detailed above.



Kaitlin Salzke  
Responsible Accounting Officer

## SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

## STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

## FINANCIAL

Nil, for information only.

## INTEGRATED PLANS

### Leading By Example

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

## RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

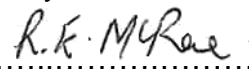
## CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Chief Financial Officer

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.....General Manager



.....Mayor

## OPTIONS

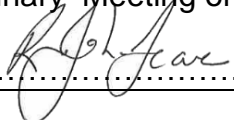
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## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 26: Investments as at 30 September 2022

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES****CASH AT BANK 31 AUGUST 2022**

ADD - Receipts - 30 September 2022

ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank

ADD - Cancelled

ADD - Adjustments

LESS - Cheques

LESS - EFT - Autopay

LESS - Payroll

LESS - Interbank Transfers

LESS - Emergency Services Levy

LESS - Bank Charges &amp; Transfers

LESS - Loan Repayments

LESS - Investments

LESS - Visa Card Pymt

LESS - Fuel Card

LESS - Photocopy Rental

**CASH AT BANK 30 SEPTEMBER 2022****CASH AT BANK 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank

LESS Outstanding Deposits

LESS Unpresented Cheques

LESS Outstanding Autopay

LESS Reverse Autopay

**CASH AT BANK 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Add Investments

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

Trust Account

Water Fund

Sewer Fund

Domestic Waste Management

Unexpended Grant Funds

Plant Reserve

Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve

Infrastructure Reserve

Caravan Park Reserve

Real Estate Development Reserve

Contributions Levy Reserve

New Council Implementation Fund

Stronger Communities Fund

General Fund

**Total Cash and Investments****2022-23****Consolidated****2,434,637.49**

6,606.79

2,818,774.10

0.00

0.00

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**-2,878.07**

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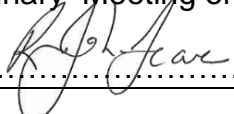
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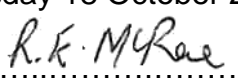
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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 14 - NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – SEPTEMBER 2022**

Council Meeting: 18 October 2022  
 Report Date: 10 October 2022  
 Author: Finance Manager  
 File #: SC59  
 Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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

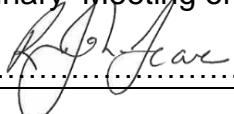
**RECOMMENDATION**

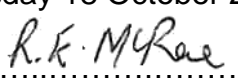
That the contents of the New Council Implementation Fund-September 2022 report be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure (Sept 2022)</b>
PMO Staffing	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,091
Asset Management	\$330,000	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$74,500	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,800,000	\$1,813,866
Policy Development	\$31,000	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and accommodation)	\$265,000	\$304,476
Marketing & Branding	\$92,500	\$92,440
Service Reviews	\$180,000	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$127,000	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,500	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$265,000	\$247,948
GIS Conversion Project	\$80,000	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$60,000	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,500	\$124,118
Provision for adjustment to new salary system during 18/19	\$120,000	\$335,971
Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$425,000	\$369,386
Integrate & update LEP and DCP's	\$350,000	\$168,867

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 .....Mayor

Provision of Integrated Risk Management Systems	\$150,000	
Provision of project readiness-design briefs & estimates	\$300,000	\$296,726
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,225,000</b>	<b>\$6,178,486</b>

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

The remaining funds from this project amount to \$46,514, with amalgamation of the LEP and associated works continuing, together with the implementation of an Asset Management System being undertaken.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **FINANCIAL**

As listed.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Amendment to overall project costing has been authorised within the operational plan and delivery programmes for the 2021-22 financial year, as per quarterly budget reviews undertaken to March 2022.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

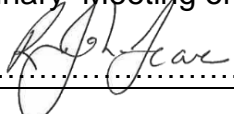
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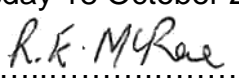
As per the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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.......... General Manager

.......... Mayor

**ITEM NO. 15 – STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – SEPTEMBER 2022**

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	10 October 2022
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC137
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's priority projects for the Stronger Communities Fund, rounds 1 and 2, have previously been set.

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

Council has also determined a further \$13,993,185 for the major projects component of the Stronger Communities Fund.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The contents of the Stronger Communities Fund, September 2022, Report be noted.**

**BACKGROUND**

As at 30 September 2022, of the 55 community grants projects provided for, 54 have now been financially completed, with some minor works still to be undertaken on one project.

Of the further 36 major projects determined, 24 projects have been completed with a further 10 commenced or nearing completion.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

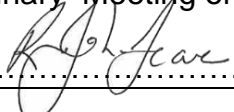
The attached spreadsheet indicates the current position of all SCF funded programs as at 30 September 2022.

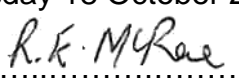
The projects not yet listed as commenced are the town water supplies for Coleambally and Darlington Point, which are still awaiting the outcome of the completion of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

NIL

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..........General Manager

..........Mayor



## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **FINANCIAL**

Council has reinvested an amount of \$891,850.00 in interest on the unexpended grant funds into the funding pool.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

Amendment to overall project costing is required within the Operational Plan and Delivery Programmes for future years, based upon anticipated completion dates of projects.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

Management Group, Council and Community.

## **OPTIONS**

As per the recommendation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 27: Stronger Communities Fund Grant Information at 30 September 2022.

**ITEM NO. 16 – RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT –  
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Council Meeting: 18 October 2022  
Report Date: 6 October 2022  
Author: Finance Manager  
File #: SC165  
Approval: General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on rates and annual charges collection, showing totals for the initial levy, rebates applied, interest and legal costs incurred and total outstanding as at 30 September 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report at 30 September 2022 be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

	<b>Total</b>
Arrears brought forward	\$ 486,431
2022-2023 Levy	\$6,513,482
Less Pensioner Rebates	\$(92,791)
Interest & extra charges raised to 30/09/22	\$5,950
<b>Net Rates &amp; Charges to 30/09/22</b>	<b>\$ 6,913,072</b>
Amount Collected to 30/09/22	\$ (2,811,794)
<b>Total Outstanding (to 30/09/22)</b>	<b>\$ 4,101,278</b>

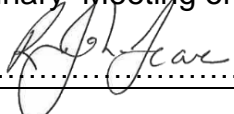
**OFFICER COMMENT**

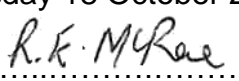
The percentage of rates and annual charges collected as at 30 September 2022 equates to 41%, in comparison to 39% for the same period last year.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

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.....Mayor

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Leading By Example**

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

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- Rates Officers
- General Manager

## **OPTIONS**

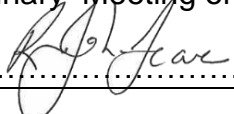
As per the recommendation

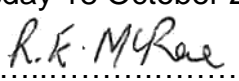
## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 17 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, SEPTEMBER 2022**

Council Meeting: 18 October 2022  
Report Date: 6 October 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 September 2022.

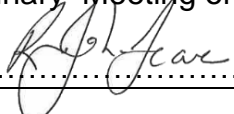
**RECOMMENDATION**

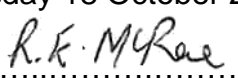
The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, September 2022, be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
CDC7-2022	17B Bluebonnet Crescent Coleambally	26/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Verandah attached to dwelling		The complying development certificate application was assessed under Section 4.28 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	
DA39-2022	27 Bellbird Street Coleambally	23/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Detached shed		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	
DA38-2022	33 Bellbird Street Coleambally	23/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling and a new carport		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification or agency referral was not required.	

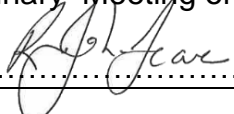
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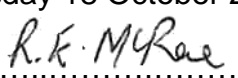
.....General Manager

.....Mayor

Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
DA36-2022	44 Sandpiper Street Coleambally	09/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Erection of carport		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.	
DA35-2022	148 Jerilderie Street Jerilderie	23/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Demolish existing galvanised iron and brick shop building and galvanised iron shed and relocate an existing sign		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.	
DA34-2022	8254 Kidman Way Darlington Point	21/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling involving the installation of a new deck		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.	
DA26-2022	17644 Sturt Highway Darlington Point	21/09/2022	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>		<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>	
Relocation of an existing transportable building and use as a heritage interpretation building		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required, Referral to the Natural Resources Access Regulator was undertaken.	

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.......... General Manager

.......... Mayor

## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### ITEM NO. 18 - SELECTION OF SUPPLIERS FOR MR321 RESEAL PROGRAM

Council Meeting:	18 October 2022
Report Date:	11 October 2022
Author:	Senior Technical Officer
File #:	SC190
Approval:	General Manager

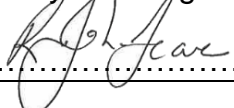
### RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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.....Mayor