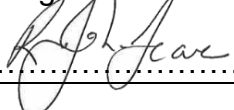


**REPORTS TO MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021**

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO. 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	15 March 2021
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

1. **Application be made, under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4, to upgrade the netball change rooms and covered area at Monash Park and the change rooms at the Coleambally squash courts.**
2. **For the period 2 April to 11 April 2021 inclusive, Council appoint Tom Dimec as acting General Manager.**

OFFICER COMMENT

1. COVID-19

There have been no changes to the Covid-19 Action Plan, since those which came into effect 4 February 2021.

2. Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)

An application for the Darlington Point Caravan Park was submitted.

3. Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4

Two ideas have been mentioned:

- i. Monash Park netball change rooms and upgraded playground area joined to the change rooms, providing for a younger audience.
- ii. Change rooms at the Coleambally Squash Courts.

Adoption of this recommendation will allow us to begin the scope of works and pricing, ready for when the grant is open for submissions.

Recommendation:

Application be made, under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4, to upgrade the netball change rooms and covered area at Monash Park and the change rooms at the Coleambally squash courts.

4. Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Programme Grant

The Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Programme is open, closing on 12 April 2021.

We are working with RAMJO on a couple of different ideas.

One is digital connectivity, as even though we have applications alive in the system with other grant opportunities, we cannot assume their success, and hit from many different fronts as best we can.

5. Recruitment

Four (4) positions recently advertised, with three (3) appointments made.

6. Annual Leave

I will be away from 2 April to 11 April inclusive, as advised to the February meeting of Council.

Recommendation:

For the period 2 April to 11 April 2021 inclusive, Council appoint Tom Dimec as acting General Manager.

7. Movements

2 - 11 April 2021 - Annual Leave

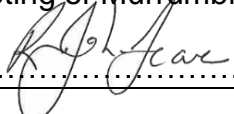
11 - 14 May 2021 - RAMJO & Newell Highway Task Force - Canberra

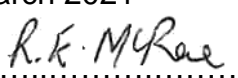
19 - 24 June 2021 - ALGA - Canberra

Media and Communications

Description	Comment
Preparing and distributing E-Newsletter (monthly)	February issue - compiling stories and monitoring all grants. Analytics: 464 recipients, 34.7% open rate (168 opens), 8.5% click through rate (41 clicks).
Community Newsletter	-
Preparing and distributing staff newsletter (monthly)	February issue

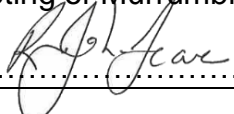
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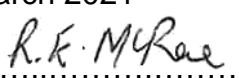
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Preparing and distributing media releases and liaison with the media. Monitoring of media	2 x media releases Responding to media enquiries/providing comments: 5 Mayoral Message: 1 February analytics: 18 dedicated articles /multiple quotes, 3 mentions (1 negative LTE).
Co-ordinating communications campaigns for Council activities/projects, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 and COVID vaccine • Positions Vacant x 4 • Local Government elections • Women's Week
Co-ordinating event logistics for official opening ceremonies – includes MP liaison, venue preparation, staff liaison, invitations, advertising and promotion, run sheet, MP talking points, Mayoral talking points, media releases	Boat ramp and Lions Park, Darlington Point Swimming pool, studio addition, showground improvements at Jerilderie
Preparing Council's digital artwork	10 x social media tiles
Co-ordinating Council's online presence (social media), including Council announcements and positions vacant and also promoting community events and announcements. This includes Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.	Facebook analytics: An average of 3 posts per day, 21 new likes (total of 1,490). Total reach of 7,982 people. Paid reach of 3.9K. Most popular post: Women in Business Networking event (2.9K). Instagram: 428 followers (42 new followers). Reach of 321
Co-ordinating Council's online presence (Website), including improvements, administration and maintenance.	Ongoing – continual process of adding, updating, reviewing and adding new material. Ongoing – website redevelopment, conducting staff/Councillor engagement.
Advertisements	Co-ordinating multiple ads with SRN Social media advertising x 1 Positions Vacant x 4
Grant applications	DP Caravan Park
Community issues and questions	3 x responding to messages received on Council's social media channels
Assisting with business/tourism promotion	Proof Business E-Newsletter x 1, promote on social media
Working with Council departments on major projects	Wiradjuri Walk project
Formal meetings	1 x Management Group 1 x Council meeting Other Council staff meeting
Representing Council at community events	-
Training	Webinar: speech writing

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Other responsibilities	Council honour roll, Mayoral photos (MSC), staff recognition
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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

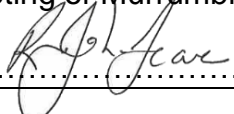
OPTIONS

As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 2 – RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	2 March 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information pertaining to review of Council's Related Party Disclosure Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Related Party Disclosure Policy, as reviewed, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

Council's Related Party Disclosure Policy was first adopted by Council in July 2017, requiring a periodic review by July 2020.

OFFICER COMMENT

A review of the Policy indicates only minor wording changes to the original policy need to be addressed.

Key Management Personnel (ie. Councillors and Management Group) are reminded of item 6.3 (a) and (b) of the Policy in regard to providing a Related Party Notification Form if there are any new or potential related party transaction or any change to a previously notified related party transaction or relationship.

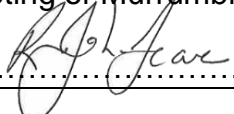
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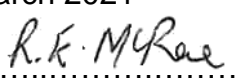
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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation
- Accounting Standard AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Regulation 2014
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

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INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTIONS

1. That the Related Party Disclosure Policy, as reviewed, be adopted.
2. Any other recommendations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Related Party Disclosure Policy

REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 3 - NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	9 February 2021
Author:	Secretary, Newell Highway Task Force Committee
File #:	SC12
Approval:	Newell Highway Task Force Committee

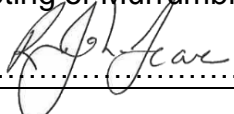


NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the
Newell Highway Taskforce AGM & Committee meeting held
on Tuesday 09 February 2021 at 10am at
the Parkes Shire Council and also on Microsoft Teams

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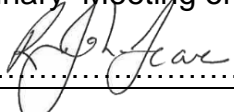
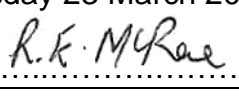
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1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES & ATTENDANCE

Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Chair)	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord (Vice Chair)	Councillor, Bland Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor, Narramine Shire Council
Rod Hannifey	Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance Coordinator
Alistair Lunn	Director, Transport for NSW
Lila Fisher	Project & Development Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council
Alan Magill	Vice Chairman, National Roads
Richard Jane	Director Engineering, Forbes Shire Council
John Scarce	General Manager, Murrumbidgee Council
Kelly Hendry	Destination Development Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Apologies	Organisation
Cr Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Norm Brennan	Edward River Council
Cr Ben Shields	Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Katrina Humphries	Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor, Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Ron Campbell	Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Councillor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Steven Karaitiana	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Robert Black	Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Chris Royslance	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Stewart Todd	General Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Ray Smith	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Shane Wilson	Deputy General Manager, Narrandera Council
Cathy Milfull	Director, Infrastructure
Kevin Tighe	Director Technical Services, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Barry Heins	Director Engineering, Narrandera Shire Council
Ian Dinham	Director Engineering, Moree Plains Shire Council
Megan Turner	Gunnedah Council
Shane Burns	Director Infrastructure, Narrabri Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Lauren Redden	Administration Officer, Narrandera Council
Warren Clarke	CEO, National Roads
Marina Uys	Bland Shire Council

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Apologies	Organisation
Allan Lawrence	Director Engineering Services, Moree Plains Shire Council
Mick Savage	Roads & Transport Directorate Manager
Peter Dale	Economic Development Manager, Narrandera Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Dane Hendry	Director West, Transport NSW
Kerrie Murphy	Senior Projects Engineer, Dubbo Regional Council
Anna Wylie	Economic & Business Development Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Katrina Dwyer	Marketing & Brand Manager, Parkes Shire Council

That the apologies be received and noted.

Moved Craig Davies, seconded Dennis Todd

2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Resolution

That the minutes of the 13 August 2019 Newell Highway Taskforce Committee AGM were confirmed.

Moved John Morris, seconded: Tony Lord

Carried

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Resolution

That the correspondence of the Chairman's Report be confirmed.

Moved: Dennis Todd Seconded: Tony Lord

Carried

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- * Chair – Cr Ken Keith
- * Deputy Chair – Cr Tony Lord
- * Secretary – Parkes Shire Council

Resolution

That the election of the Office Bearers be confirmed

Moved: Craig Davies

Seconded: Tony Lord

Carried

5. SETTING OF MEETING DATES FOR 2021

Suggested dates are 11 May 2021, 10 August 2021 and 9 November 2021. No venues were designated. Format to remain as a Mixed In person meeting and TEAMS meeting.

Moved: Craig Davies

Seconded: Tony Lord

Carried

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 10 November 2020 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Moved Tony Lord, seconded Dennis Todd

Carried

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

9. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Summary

There were no outwards correspondence relates to the NHTF.

10. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Craig Davies, seconded John Morris

Carried

11. AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 TRANSPORT FOR NSW PRESENTATION

Executive Summary

Alistair Lunn Director West, Transport for NSW gave an update on current projects
The Newell Highway Program comprises seven (7) projects including:

- West Wyalong to Forbes flood immunity project
- Parkes Bypass
- Newell Highway Mitchell Highway Intersection Upgrade
- New Dubbo Bridge
- Newell Highway Upgrade at Coonabarabran
- Newell Highway Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla
- Newell Highway overtaking lanes (Newell Highway Program Alliance - BMD AECOM)

Current funding comprises \$720M from State and \$716M from the Federal governments respectively.

Achievements to date include:

Full delivery funding for the following projects:

- New Dubbo Bridge
- Parkes bypass
- Heavy Duty Pavements from Narrabri to Moree
- Additional Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes (this was announced in the Federal Budget on 6 October 2020)

West Wyalong to Forbes flood immunity project:

- Project overview: During the 2016 flood event, about 12 kms of the Newell Highway flooded over a forty-three (43) day period
- Cost: \$200M committed
- Current status: In consultation with rural land owners.

Parkes Bypass:

- Project overview: Freight efficiency and productivity access for high productivity through Parkes by removing 1,200 heavy vehicles from town. Facilitates access to the Parkes Special Activation Precinct (SAP)
- Cost: \$187.2M committed
- Current status: Early works underway, construction tenders closed Jan 2021

Newell Highway Mitchell Highway Intersection Upgrade:

- Project overview: Provide a highway intersection that allows safe and efficient movement of heavy vehicles. Reduce congestion and improve safety
- Cost: \$40M
- Current status: Working on building pavements and putting in lights
- Next steps: This project is scheduled for completion in October 2021, it's slightly ahead of schedule

New Dubbo Bridge:

- Project overview: A new bridge over the Macquarie River in Dubbo, as part of its commitment to Building a Better Dubbo. Key benefits include improved traffic flow, river crossing during flood events.
- Cost: \$220M
- Current status: Detailed design proceeding in spite of recent truck convoy as part of Stop the River St Bridge campaign

Newell Highway Upgrade at Coonabarabran:

- Project overview: Upgrade the Newell Highway to support more efficient movement of freight by improving heavy vehicle access. Remove around seven hundred (700) heavy vehicles from the town centre. Remove conflicts between local traffic and heavy vehicles through town.
- Cost: \$190M
- Current status: Will go to public to finalise the REF later in the financial year & will seek construction funding

Newell Highway - Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla

- Project overview: Major work on twenty seven (27) kms of new road pavement, 3.5m wide lanes in each direction, widening of road shoulders and provision of two new overtaking lanes.
- Cost: \$203M
- Current status: Working on tidying up driveways and local road access
- Timeline: Will officially open late March/ early April

Newell Highway - Overtaking lanes (Newell Highway Program Alliance - BMD AECOM):

- Project overview: Overtaking lanes are expected to provide around thirty-three (33) minutes travel time savings along the Newell Highway from the Victorian border to the Queensland border.
- Cost: \$272M
- Current status: In construction with seventeen (17) to go
- The entire Newell Highway has endangered species and it is difficult to find 1.8kms of road without encroaching on farm properties or side lanes. Alistair will provide a list of overtaking lanes.
- Alistair will raise the suggestion to the Alliance for more green reflectors to be installed.

Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) submissions:

- Announcements are expected shortly with connectivity to the Newell Highway including safety improvement on the Newell.

Grade separations:

- \$150M Federal funding is not sufficient to complete 32 crossings.
- Without a grade separation at Forbes, trucks will be shifted further west to the Bogan Shire and Narromine Shire as trucks move off the Newell Highway. Forbes Council has put in a business case to the Federal government for grade separation.
- This Committee requested that Transport for NSW write to the Federal government requesting for a ten (10) year rolling plan to address grade separations and the funding for it.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. Transport for NSW to provide a list of overtaking lanes.
3. Transport for NSW to raise the suggestion to the Alliance for more green reflectors to be installed
4. The Newell Highway Taskforce Committee will write to the Federal Government requesting for a ten (10) year rolling plan to address grade separations and the funding for it.

Moved Craig Davies, seconded Tony Lord

Carried

11.2 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Summary

No update was given.

11.3 NEWELL HIGHWAY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Executive Summary

Kelly Hendry gave an update as Vice Chair North of the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.

Nicola O'Neill has resigned as Chair and Tiffany Thornton is the Interim Chair. This Executive is meeting on Wednesday 10 Feb 2021 to form an interim plan. The Executive will go back to members to declare an additional position vacant on the Executive, with the hope of attracting a new member.

As the caravan industry is booming, this is an opportune time for the Committee to promote the Newell Highway as a destination of choice. Inverell Shire Council will represent this Committee at the Gold Coast Caravan & Camping Show. There will be a Caravan & Camping show in Sydney and Brisbane this year. The Committee will decide on attendance.

Kelly confirmed that the Committee has sufficient stock (brochures) for the next 12 months.

John Morris is involved in the Dubbo Promotions Committee; he will follow up and inform this Committee.

Tony Lord suggested that this Committee explore getting apps onto mobile phones as a priority rather than overhauling the Committee's website and presence.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That John Morris follow up with the Dubbo Promotions Committee with regards to Dubbo's resourcing and ability to commit resources to this important group and update the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.
3. That the Newell Highway Promotions Committee explore getting apps onto mobile phones when preparing their strategic plan.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved John Morris, seconded Tony Lord

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Dennis Todd moved a motion for Rod Hannifey, Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative, Road Safety Advocate to be a member of the Newell Highway Taskforce Committee.

Moved Dennis Todd, seconded John Morris

Update from Ron Hannifey:

Suggested that there should be a sign the length of overtaking lanes on Australia's Highways at the start of each overtaking lane. The reasoning behind this comes from often being on an unfamiliar road, coming onto an overtaking lane and where the road is not flat and or straight, without knowing the length of road available, it is harder to make a decision whether to attempt to overtake and then possibly run out of road around the corner or over the crest, or in waiting to see the distance of road available and then the opportunity to safely overtake is lost because you waited.

If there was a sign showing 1 Kilometre on the "Keep Left Unless Overtaking " or relevant length sign in place at the start of each highway overtaking lane, a driver would have better information available to decide the correct and safest course of action. The vehicle being overtaken would also then better understand how to behave, for instance to slow slightly to let more traffic through, knowing they will not be cut off half way around the next corner. Currently some motorists are inclined to speed up to not get caught in such a situation, when letting traffic through would be the best and safest option for all.

As a truck driver there are a number of issues with highway overtaking lanes, many are on inclines and this is fair to allow cars and other highway traffic to overtake trucks which will be slower up a grade, particularly when loaded. However not all trucks travel at the same speed and many cars and caravans etc travel below the speed limit and suitable overtaking lanes are safer for trucks to use to overtake these vehicles, rather than try to overtake on two lanes. Where possible, using overtaking lanes which are on flat ground (and if not flat and straight, at least marked with a length) a truck can decide early on whether there is enough room to overtake slower traffic, rather than wait to be sure, losing the momentum they have, only to then find, had they gone straight away (knowing from the sign, the length of overtaking lane available) they could have overtaken safely with sufficient road room to use.

There would be very little cost, only the cost of the sign itself and affixing it to the, all ready in place, "Keep Left Unless Overtaking" sign which is erected at the start of every highway overtaking lane I can recall. A small cost, a valuable road safety initiative to help motorists and to more safely overtake using these additional highway lanes where the traffic volume does not justify 4 lane roads. On a long, flat and fully visible overtaking lane, such a sign will not be needed, but consistency would probably warrant fitting length signs at these overtaking lanes as well.

When you then look at the signs showing "Left Lane Ends 500 Metres", at the end of each overtaking lane, these too could be reviewed (at the same time as length signs are fitted) and refitted correctly, as some show 500 metres when there is only 200 metres and some show 500 metres when there is nearly a kilometre. This would alleviate incorrect decision making of motorists who are not familiar with the road and who take the sign as read, only to find they run out of road, or could safely have got past and where this occurs, lines of traffic build up behind the slower traffic and then some motorists take unnecessary risks to overtake in less safe places.

Due to topography and road alignment, not all additional overtaking lanes can be put on long flat straights (and this is often a waste of money in one regard, that should there be no traffic, this is where overtaking would normally occur). The placing of overtaking lanes where the road topography prevents safe overtaking for a considerable distance, would then be even more valuable to safer traffic flows with the addition of the length sign at the start. This will help all traffic, cars and trucks included, by not limiting overtaking lanes to inclines and or long flat straights.

Ron would welcome any comments and would hope NewSouth Wales could lead this initiative and then spread it across Australia. Truck drivers, as those who spend their life on the road can offer good suggestions and he would hope this could be recognised and others would then be more encouraged and so more likely to offer further road safety ideas. See sample sign below.



Suggested more shaded parking and bays and more toilets along the Newell Highway as currently there are very few spots where trucks can safely pull up. Ron will send Transport for NSW a list with suggested parking, bays and toilets.

Some portions of the Newell Highway need repair, as they are currently unsafe for trucks. Ron will send Transport for NSW a list with suggested repairs at specific locations.

Update from John Morris:

John Morris and Craig Davies are heavily involved in getting road trains in. They are attending a meeting in Sydney in March which will also be attended by other stakeholders. They will require support from this Committee.

Update from Cr Ken Keith OAM:

Parkes bypass will have a roundabout, similar to the Goondawindi roundabout, with a link into a service centre and back into Parkes town.

It's been announced that some \$15 million will be spent on roads around Trundle and Bogan Gate comprising \$9 million from Fixing Country Roads, \$4.58 million from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, while Parkes Shire Council will contribute \$1.45 million

Update from John Scarce:

Murrumbidgee Council's Traffic Committee is endeavouring to change the intersection between the Newell and Kanagrah Road in the centre of town.

Update from Lila Fisher:

In its ROSI submission, Moree Plains Shire Council had put in for an Intermodal pass to be done now along with the inland rail.

Moree Plains Shire Council will be building temporary accommodation to house workers on the inland rail. Moree Plains Shire Council requested that the overflow truck stop into the gateway be expedited.

Update from Richard Jane:

Forbes Shire Council is pushing for grade separation at Forbes as their traffic and railway lines are too close. Forbes Shire Council has put in a business case to the Federal government.

13 NEXT MEETING

The next Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Meeting will be held in person in Canberra on Thursday 13 May 2021 commencing 10am. This Committee has invited the Deputy Prime Minister The Hon Michael McCormack attend this meeting on Thursday 13 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.40am

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 4 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	11 March 2021
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 28 February 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 28 February 2021.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 28 February 2021 was \$26,395,543.66 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,277,219.73.

Investments: As at 28 February 2021, Council's total invested funds were \$24,118,323.93. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 0.36%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (54.89%), IMB Ltd (18.14%) and ANZ (9.07%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

OFFICER COMMENT

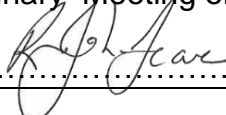
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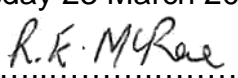
- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 28 February 2021;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.



Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

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.....General Manager

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

Provide leadership through ethical accountable and legislative decision making processes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

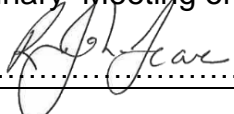
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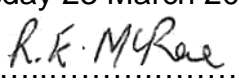
As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

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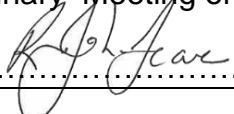
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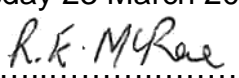
.....General Manager

.....Mayor

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2020-21	2019-20
	Consolidated	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 31 JANUARY 2020	1,778,706.11	381,541.47
ADD - Receipts - 28 February 2020	23,156.06	878,455.59
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	2,446,849.72	2,336,162.88
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-933.65	-19,063.02
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-1,590,138.27	-2,251,208.18
LESS - Payroll	-365,802.56	-328,053.69
LESS - Interbank Transfers	0.00	0.00
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-483.24	-877.65
LESS - Loan Repayments	-10,753.99	-10,753.99
LESS - Investments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-2,689.14	-3,288.53
LESS - Fuel Card	-361.73	-4,089.27
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-329.58	-329.58
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2020	2,277,219.73	978,496.03
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2020	208,265.93	300,719.78
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	2,156,470.09	694,831.27
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-2,368.00	-16,131.02
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-85,148.29	-924.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2020	2,277,219.73	978,496.03
Add Investments	24,118,323.93	27,269,913.45
Total Cash and Investments	26,395,543.66	28,248,409.48
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	232,290.23	159,522.86
Water Fund	2,718,900.93	2,316,835.97
Sewer Fund	4,275,729.27	4,122,397.85
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	2,653,713.94	1,495,642.40
Plant Reserve	1,071,512.00	1,884,585.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,120,000.00	1,468,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	2,764,589.00	3,156,759.00
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	501,080.00	375,450.00
New Council Implementation Fund	466,938.59	711,873.68
Stronger Communities Fund	7,350,925.11	10,928,855.99
General Fund	3,166,060.59	1,554,682.73

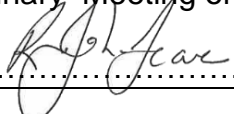
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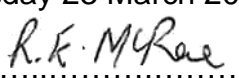
 General Manager

 Mayor

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS				
28 FEBRUARY 2021				
Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	900,000.00	0.40%	07-Apr-21	20
ANZ-Les Wallis	46,059.55	0.25%	25-May-21	21
IMB Ltd	1,010,811.36	0.40%	08-Mar-21	22
NAB	501,949.89	0.30%	11-Mar-21	23
IMB Ltd	509,261.52	0.35%	20-Apr-21	24
IMB Ltd	800,000.00	0.35%	23-Apr-21	25
Bendigo	750,000.00	0.40%	09-Mar-21	26
St George	508,267.04	0.27%	03-Jul-21	27
Bendigo	812,476.73	0.30%	04-Jun-21	28
ANZ	502,983.71	0.25%	04-May-21	29
ANZ	821,003.18	0.25%	22-May-21	30
St George	512,354.39	0.52%	18-Mar-21	31
NAB	716,095.04	0.10%	25-May-21	32
SUNCORP	1,567,708.57	0.37%	01-Mar-21	34
Bendigo	802,504.61	0.25%	16-Apr-21	35
IMB Ltd	403,847.48	0.35%	20-May-21	36
Bendigo	3,518,288.93	0.55%	16-Mar-21	38
ANZ	818,621.96	0.25%	20-Apr-21	39
Bendigo	2,317,165.77	0.75%	16-Mar-21	40
NAB	509,879.01	0.32%	12-Apr-21	43
IMB Ltd	751,039.73	0.40%	26-Mar-21	44
Bendigo	5,038,005.46	0.55%	16-Jun-21	45
Total Investments	24,118,323.93			
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.15%		
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.36%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	0.36%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,567,708.57	6.50%		
ANZ	2,188,668.40	9.07%		
Bendigo	13,238,441.50	54.89%		
IMB Ltd	4,374,960.09	18.14%		
NAB	1,727,923.94	7.16%		
St George	1,020,621.43	4.23%		
TOTAL	24,118,323.93	100%		

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 General Manager

 Mayor

ITEM NO. 5 - STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	12 March 2021
Author:	Manager, Planning and Environment
File #:	SC212
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide information on the status of Council's strategic planning projects, being the Land Use Strategy and Local Environmental Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Strategic Planning Update Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

As a consequence of the merger in 2016, a single Local Environmental Plan is being prepared to cover the whole of the Council area. This is needed to replace the Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013, each of which prescribed different planning provisions relating to the previous two Councils.

Prior to the drafting of the Plan, a Land Use Strategy is being prepared to inform what land might be rezoned and the general planning provisions to be applied.

Work has substantially progressed on this and it is hoped the Strategy will be publicly exhibited mid-year.

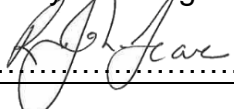
OFFICER COMMENT

While a substantial part of the draft Strategy has been prepared, there are still some key matters being investigated that are required to be considered and reported. These are:

- a) Flooding;
- b) Biodiversity;
- c) Aboriginal Heritage; and
- d) Built Heritage.

The draft Flood Risk Management Study and Plan is expected to be exhibited shortly for community consultation prior to adoption, which will also inform the Land Use Strategy.

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Desktop studies have been undertaken and draft reports on aboriginal heritage and biodiversity have been prepared.

The detailed site investigation around the land proposed to be developed for the Coleambally Lake is currently being undertaken and that report is expected to be completed within the month.

The desktop study on built heritage is underway and visits to the three towns will occur just after Easter, with the draft report submitted after this. The due date for completion of this report is by May. The draft Strategy will then be finalised for public exhibition and community and agency consultation in June.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- NSW Local Government Act
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

2.3.2 Encourage and support sustainable land use, planning and development.

5.1 Demonstrating transparent leadership through accountability and community representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

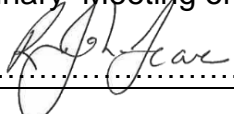
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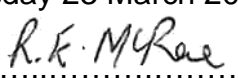
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

A meeting was held on 10 March with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to discuss the progress and format of Council's Land Use Strategy and to seek feedback on the location and extent of proposed rezonings.

There was general agreement on what was proposed, although it was made clear that the Department would not support rezoning more area than could be justified through demographic analysis or consideration of regional trends, issues and opportunities.

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Ongoing informal consultation with the Department is proposed so that when the planning proposal for the new Local Environmental Plan is made, it will be approved expeditiously.

The Department also agreed to Council's request to provide assistance and resources in the preparation of the new LEP maps.

OPTIONS

1. For the information of the Council
2. Any other recommendation of the Council

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 6 - NSW PUBLIC SPACES LEGACY GRANT

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	11 March 2021
Author:	Manager Planning and Environment
File #:	SC372
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Advice is provided on Council's application for grant funding under the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Grant be noted.

BACKGROUND

Council has recently considered several reports about the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program and the opportunity for \$2M funding to improve the quality of open space in the Council area.

OFFICER COMMENT

Grant application, LEGACY20-2100023 was made to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment on 10 March 2021.

The project works put forward were consistent with Council recommendations and included:

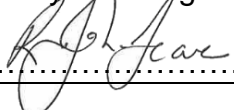
1. Luke Park deck and open space improvements at Jerilderie (\$1M)
2. Landscaping around the Coleambally Community Hall (\$350K)
3. Lions Park adventure playground Darlington Point (\$650K)


The breakdown of estimated cost per project has shifted slightly, given the changed scope of works from Coleambally Councillors for landscaping around the Coleambally Hall.

The benefit of the budget submitted is that although a cost has been identified for each of the three projects, the works are considered holistically and the total budget requested is based around project elements and not specific sites.

The application reinforced that a key component will be the preparation of a Master Plan for each of the three project sites and this will also include a landscaping plan for Figtree Park and each of the Council entrance statement (pillars) locations.

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The design and construction of the deck will be separately progressed and will most likely be through selective tendering. Should Council be successful in receiving the grant, the brief, the tender and Masterplan will be prepared as a priority so that planning for the Projects can get underway as soon as possible.

SUSTAINABILITY

The improvement works will assist in making a resilient community, and works proposed are consistent with the quadruple bottom line and key sustainability indicators of environment, social, economic and corporate governance.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

The grant will allow open space improvement works to be carried out that are currently not funded. This includes a major adventure playground which is likely to be a regional attraction and a deck to connect Jerilderie Civic Hall with Luke Park for the benefit of the local community.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

2.3.3 Consider Plans for the Improvement, Beautification and Revitalization of Murrumbidgee Towns, including Town Entries

3.2.4 Manage Public (Safety) Liability and Risk associated with Public Infrastructure

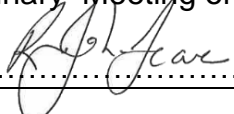
3.4.5 Improve Street and Building Accessibility for the Disability and Mobility Impaired

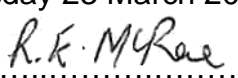
5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

If successful, works on various components can be staged so that the budget is not overexpended. Attention shall be given to the deck as the first priority to ensure it is built within cost and with no project cost variations. The Masterplan for the playground is likely to show a staged development with various pieces of equipment identified for each stage. Although some concepts have been included as attachments with the grant application, the actual facilities to be provided are yet to be selected and a site visit by Councillors or a Project Sub-Committee to other similar large playgrounds will be encouraged to provide some insight as to the preferred options.

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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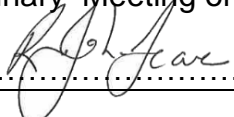
OPTION

1. For the information of the Council
2. Any other Council resolution

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 2: Copy of Grant Application

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ITEM NO. 7 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, FEBRUARY 2021

Council Meeting: 23 March 2021
Report Date: 12 March 2021
Author: Manager, Planning & Environment
File #: SC210
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during February 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, February 2021, be noted.

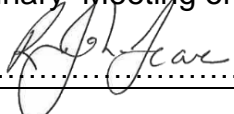
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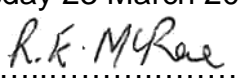
DA/CDC No.	Property Location	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA1-2021	27 Bluebonnet Crescent Coleambally LOT: 168 DP: 237703	Shed	\$18,000	02/02/2021
CDC2-2021	Farm 596, 282 Gilbert Road Coleambally LOT: 46 DP: 756400	Additions & Alterations to Dwelling & Carport	\$450,000	12/02/2021

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 8 – FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021

Council Meeting: 23 March 2021
 Report Date: 3 March 2021
 Author: Finance Manager
 File #: SC218
 Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Finance Manager during February 2021.

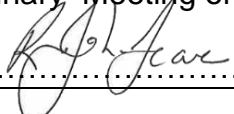
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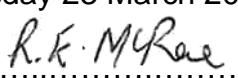
The information contained in the Finance Manager’s Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Description	Action
Meetings	1 x Management Group
	1 x Internal Auditors
	1 x Audit Planning Meeting
	1 x ARIC
	1 x Drought Revitalisation
	1 x Monash Statue Committee
	1 x RAMJO Energy Sub Committee
	1 x IT Consultants re DRP
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Monthly Cash & Investments
	Manager Report
	SCF & NCIF Progress
	Quarterly Budget Review
	Loan Borrowings
	Rates & Annual Charges Collection
Preparation of financial data	Monthly grant expenditure reviews
	Transport for NSW monthly grant expenditure report
Grant Funded Projects	Prepare advice of all current grant funding for distribution
Stronger Country Community Funds	Prepare and submit milestone payments for SCCF 2 grants – Upgrade Coleambally Sporting Precinct. Prepare and submit funding deeds for Jerilderie Community Gym Modernisation Program & Darlington

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 General Manager

 Mayor

	Point Public School Student Facilities Upgrade. Prepare and submit request for variation for Showground Amenity Improvement & DP Golf Course Irrigation Project.
	Submit additional information for LRCI nomination request.
Prepare Council purchase orders	Advise various staff and prepare orders for grant works expenditures.
Provision of financial advice	Liaise with staff in order to provide financial advice regarding budgets, grants and reserves.
Review and authorise payments	Undertake review of payments made to staff and creditors and authorise and undertake bank transfers

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future
Strategy 5.1 - Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

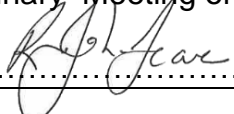
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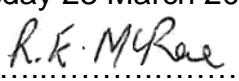
As per recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 9 – MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 23 March 2021
Report Date: 11 March 2021
Author: Manager Planning and Environment
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

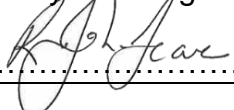
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Manager, Planning & Environment Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Period from 12 February 2021 to 11 March 2021	
Meetings (Management)	Management Group Various interdepartmental
Other meetings	Tiddalik meeting Developer meetings Department of Planning Waddi Housing Caravan Park DP Hall
Legislation reviews	(draft) Koala SEPP 2021 Design and Place SEPP Draft Environment SEPP Agritourist Policy changes (ie farm stays, cafes, restaurants, retreats, roadside stalls and small wedding reception venues)
Assessments and development enquiries	Minor residential accommodation, flood information, Complying Development, manufactured homes, hotel refurbishment, service station consents, old relocatable dwelling, Crown Land rezonings, AHIMs, CDC dwelling expansion, dwelling alterations and additions

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Webinars/Professional Development	On site Sewage Management Systems
Inspections	Rough in, site visits, piers, pool, final, frame OSSMS, dwelling extension, road tree clearing
Complaints & Compliance	Traffic Management Teacher Housing Units Coleambally
Consultants	AREA biodiversity & Aboriginal Heritage Noel Thomson - Built Heritage Strategic Planning - biodiversity and aboriginal heritage Gareth Clemens IWCM
Coleambally Lake	On site assessment being carried out this week
Administration & Management	Ongoing
Projects & Grants	Streets as Shared Spaces ongoing project management. Shared Spaces Legacy Grant Progress Report Wiradjuri Walk

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 Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

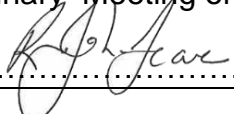
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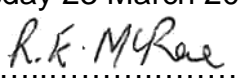
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**ITEM NO. 10 – MANAGER, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES –
MONTHLY REPORT**

Council Meeting: 23 March 2021
Report Date: 15 March 2021
Author: Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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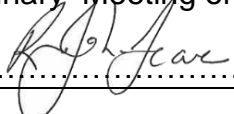
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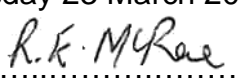
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OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	Council Meeting
	Management Meeting
	Darlington Point Townlife Meeting
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report
Preparation of Data	CHSP Reporting
	Darlington Point town revitalisation project - information for local contractors
	Australia Day Grant acquittals
Community Services	Home modifications and maintenance – Nil modifications and twenty home maintenance works carried out in February. Client assessments continuing – application submitted for additional funding.
	Community Transport – Weekly bus to Griffith has been put on hold as well as monthly Wagga trips. Thirty-eight trips with volunteer drivers recorded for February.
	Meals on Wheels – no centre-based meals, home deliveries to clients. Frozen meals being delivered to clients.
	Respite Groups – Weekly functions are still on hold.

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	A detailed monthly income and expenditure report to 28 February 2021 for Community Services is included as an attachment.
Library	Normal opening hours - Monday 10am-5pm, Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday-Friday 10am-5pm. Closed 12pm-12.30pm each opening day.
Drought Support Officer	Information as below

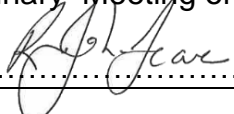
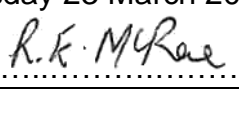
Report – Drought Support Officer – February 2021

Drought Communities Funding DCP000548 – the Council has been successful in their variation request for this round of drought funding. The Department of Industry has approved an extension to 30 June 2021 for completion of projects.

* Assisted farmers in completing Vinnies Drought grant paperwork. Please advise anyone you know that is eligible for this one off payment. The funding will come to a close in April 2021.

PROJECTS – listed in Grant	Progress
<u>COLEAMBALLY PROJECTS</u>	
1. Signage	Completed structural elements – working on QR codes and information on boards. RS & CA Rutledge to provide bird art and signage. Bird graphics all attached. Base plate completed. Information forwarded to Media and Communications Officer to add to website then QR can be created from the individual link. Storyboards are being written and designed 1800's onwards – proofs will be sent to Councillors to approve once draft complete.
2. Brolga Sculptures - Coly	Large feature Brolga along with smaller Brolgas commissioned. Completion soon.
3. Rear Carpark behind Coly Shops Revamp.	90% completed – awaiting cooler weather to plant trees and hook-up watering system. Gardening partially completed awaiting planting in Autumn, which is now once water connected. Bollards ordered to prevent vehicles parking on garden area.
4. John McInnes Square tidy up – Coleambally	Project completed.

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5. Solar Lighting	Project completed.
6. Town Seating	Project completed. Park seating purchased - wheelchair and elderly friendly. To be located next to seating in Community Hall park.
7. Improved lighting at Town Entrance	Project completed.
8. Lions Project – Turbine display	Coleambally Lions are organising entire project. Mounting structure completed. Fence will go in once turbine is mounted. Information board - RS & CA Rutledge to provide sample for approval.
9. Community Gardens	Fencing completed. Men's Shed participating in making the raised garden beds. 5m x 5m slab completed. Gravel being laid by Magic's Bobcat and Tipper Hire.
10. Pools – seating/disability access	Shelters/slabs/BBQ completed. Quotes received for portable lightweight ramp from Pumps, Pipes and Power for Darlington Point and Coleambally pools. They are in the process of being made.
11. Sculptures	John Pound completed sculptures - installed Solar lighting ordered to uplight sculptures around town.
12. Christmas Decorations	Project completed.
<u>DARLINGTON POINT PROJECTS</u>	
1. Planter Boxes	Meeting held with local contractor regarding design and placement. Placement decided, contractor to complete.
2. Garden Improvements	Lafsky Contracting - garden improvements in front of pool completion reliant on watering system. Water system ordered Pumps, Pipes and Power, Coleambally. Trees have been purchased from Riverina Nurseries and will be planted when weather is cooler.
3. Lighting	All lights have been removed and are getting reinforced to be reinstalled.

4. Signage	Awaiting Streets as Shared Spaces project to be completed so there is no duplication. Information being sourced from Heritage Darlington Point for signage. RS & CA Rutledge to complete design elements.
5. Clean up Main Beach	State Water and National Resources Access Regulator contacted regarding permissions. Awaiting further information. Lafksy Contracting to carry out works.
6. Laser Cutting Large Scale Heritage Panels Boat Ramp Signage	Designs being finalised for laser cut panels. Paddle steamer design agreed - moving forward to be cut out and powder coated Other is an image of the historic original bridge. Signage for boat ramp will be changed to a lighter colour (white) behind the back for better visual.
7. Fencing – improvements	Not yet commenced. Artwork option to be installed along fence.
8. Community Gardens	Meeting held with Darlington Point Public School and Petaurus Education Group. School to host Community Garden with input from other organisations.
9. Pool area	BBQ purchased and to be installed, seating and shelter.
10. Christmas decorations	Project completed.

<p><u>JERILDERIE PROJECTS</u></p> <p>1.Heritage Clock</p>	<p>Regular meetings being held by Steering Committee.</p> <p>Clock has been delivered. Installation arranged.</p>
<p>2.Signage</p> <p>Ned Kelly Raid Trail</p> <p>Horgan Walk Bush Tucker Trail Luke Park Luke Park Information Sign Steel Wings Windmill Signage</p>	<p>Natasha Wells engaged to complete design component of Ned Kelly Raid Trail signs. Wording and length discussed-decided to do A3 size with existing wording to be used. Some signs to include graphic. QR code to be used to expand on information.</p> <p>All signage progressing.</p>
<p>3. Lighting Projects</p> <p>Uplighting of Steel Wings Uplighting of trees at rear of mill (along Creek area) Memorial Park Lighting</p> <p>Between Bakery & 63 Jerilderie Street</p> <p>Front of Chamber/Office</p> <p>Landscaping front garden</p> <p>Pioneers Sign at front of office – Restoration required, Plaques in park Plaques around town.</p>	<p>Colour changing option for Steel wings and Memorial Park. Lighting expected to arrive mid to late March.</p> <p>Lights purchased and awaiting installation.</p> <p>Design/Style - Laser Cut - black powder coated. Natasha Wells has completed design and Farmers Dozen in process of completing panels.</p> <p>Steve Dalgliesh to complete gardens once laser cutting completed. Rendering completed. Deciding on best colour for laser cut backing.</p> <p>Project completed.</p>

4.Project: Steel Wings Windmill Footings repairs/replacement	Initial quote received, Pump system to be ordered and installed.
Landscaping element	Partial tidy up completed. Steve Dalglish cleaned up gardens ready for planting. Looking at screening options to hide tank and the possibility of around Steel Wings instead of plants. (easier maintenance)
5.Mural	Commissioning of artwork awarded. Mural commencing Sunday 21 March 2021.
6.Pool	Project completed. BBQ installed with awning.
7.Christmas Decorations	Project completed, consideration as to whether tree will be removed to Depot or remain in place.
Workplace and Safety Requirements	All relevant insurance paperwork has been collected and risk assessments are being carried out.

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 Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

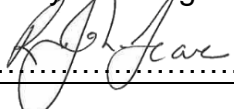
RISK MANAGEMENT

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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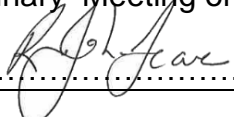
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As per the recommendation

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 3: Community Services Income and Expenditure Statement as at 28 February 2021

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ITEM NO. 11 – MANAGER ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 23 March 2021
Report Date: 15 March 2021
Author: Economic & Tourism Development Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

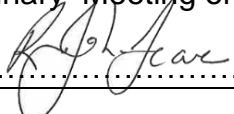
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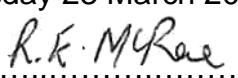
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Description	Comment
Economic Development	
Business Murrumbidgee	Darlington Point Business Connect held a meeting on 16 March 2021. Planning a networking event for Tuesday 23 March and market for 9 May (Mother's Day).
Regional Development Australia – Riverina & Murray	Economic Development Officers' Forum held on 11 February via Zoom.
Business activities	Face to face meetings with businesses in Coleambally and Darlington Point. Phone calls with businesses. March 2021 business e-newsletter to 387 contacts
Local business stats	From 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020: 41 new ABNs <u>Location breakdown:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Carrathool• 14 Coleambally• 12 Darlington Point• 5 Jerilderie <u>Type of business:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Company

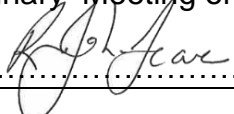
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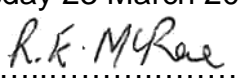
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Individual • 4 Partnership • 5 Trust <p>Have been sent a welcome email. 3 ABN's cancelled during the same timeframe.</p>
Grants	<p>Submitted application and was successful for NSW Government, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - The Festival of Place - Summer Fund for \$10,000 for Warangesda Music Festival (Darlington Point) on in April and National Portrait Gallery Curator and Artist's Talk and Workshop in Jerilderie on Saturday 27 March.</p> <p>Hosted Women in Murrumbidgee Business Networking Event in Coleambally on Wednesday 10 March for 25 people. Guest speaker, Kathie Heyman, spoke on goal setting.</p>
Service NSW	<p>Dine & Discover in Murrumbidgee Council LGA.</p> <p>As at 15 March there were 6 businesses registered for the Dine and Discover. Service NSW are working with local cafes and restaurants to get registered. Residents will be able to use their vouchers at these businesses.</p>
Explore Murrumbidgee	<p>Business guide (with listings of all businesses in the three towns) draft received.</p>
Tourism	
Destination New South Wales	<p>Merge of two tourism accounts (Jerilderie Shire and Murrumbidgee Shire) for the ATDW – Get Connected website.</p>
Destination Riverina Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship of two businesses to attend the Destination Inspiration events series in Griffith. • Participation in March monthly update
Visit Riverina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted content for social media posts for March • Submitted content for seasonal e-newsletter • Anthony Dennis' famill to the Riverina, as part of the Love NSW Prospectus Tier 2 activity. Anthony Dennis is the editor of Traveller, which appears in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age each week, reaching up to 2.1 million readers each month across print and digital. Visiting Altina Wildlife Park on Friday 12 March for the partnership which spans editorial, native content, social and digital. • Open Road is NRMA's bi-monthly magazine that's free to all members and includes the latest news on motoring issues, the best and most trusted car reviews and travel ideas for exploring Australia and beyond, with a readership of 850,000. Journalist, Dorian Mode will be travelling along the Riverina Outdoor Art Trail for four nights from the 14th-18th March to support the partnership which includes a four-page editorial spread (850,000 reach), digital (5,000 reach) and social (197,000). He will be travelling with his wife and photographer, Lydia. Due to the time frame of the

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	<p>trip, they are not able to visit Lockhart and Darlington Point, however Beth from DNSW will be working closely with Dorian to manage the message of the editorial and include as much of the itinerary content as they can. For example, DNSW have discussed including a map which outlines each stop on the itinerary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Received 2021-2022 Membership Prospectus for consideration (see attached)						
Kidman Way Promotions Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Editorial and advert appearing in The Wanderer April edition.Australian Traveller Feb/Mar/Apr 2021 - Native Editorial and Digital Campaign						
Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide	<p>Destination Marketing project undertaken in collaboration with Narrandera, Leeton and Lockhart Shire Councils.</p> <p>Social media stats:</p> <p>Facebook: Best performing posts</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Reach</th><th>Engagements</th><th>Engagement rate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2,772 people https://www.facebook.com/107029294115045/posts/266121304872509/</td><td>918 (inc. 199 reactions + 99 comments) https://www.facebook.com/107029294115045/posts/259745258843447/</td><td>58.2% https://www.facebook.com/107029294115045/posts/259745258843447/</td></tr></tbody></table>	Reach	Engagements	Engagement rate	2,772 people https://www.facebook.com/107029294115045/posts/266121304872509/	918 (inc. 199 reactions + 99 comments) https://www.facebook.com/107029294115045/posts/259745258843447/	58.2% https://www.facebook.com/107029294115045/posts/259745258843447/
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Ned Kelly Raid Trail 1879	Submitted an application to the Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC) for inclusion to have the brown and white tourism signs.						
Darlington Point Riverside Caravan Park	Masterplan – request for quotation sent out with seven submissions received. Hosted representatives from Integrated Site Design to assist with the development of the Masterplan.						

ID Profile update

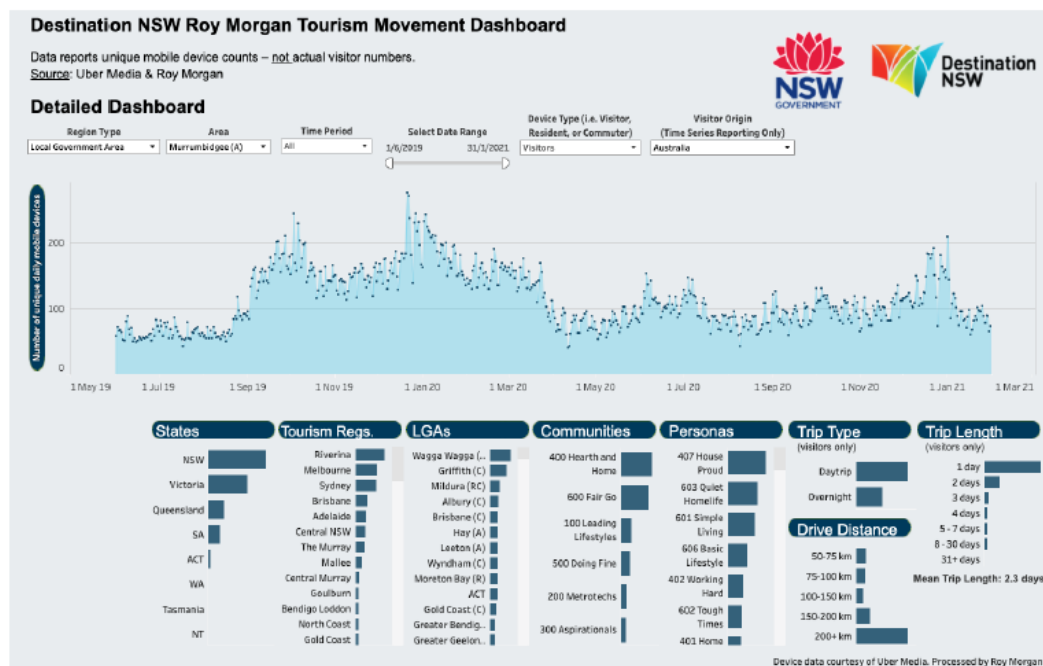
- Murrumbidgee Council's Gross Regional Product was \$0.27 billion in the year ending June 2020, decreasing -7.6% since the previous year.

JobSeeker figures for January 2021

Current month	January 2021		March 2020		
Region - LGA/SA2	JobSeeker and youth allowance recipients	% of 15-64 age population	JobSeeker and Youth allowance recipients	% of 15-64 age population	Change
Riverina and Murray Region	8,028	8.8	6,085	6.7	+1,943
Albury (C)	3,563	10.5	2,747	8.1	+816
Berrigan (A)	414	8.8	279	6.0	+134
Carrathool (A)	104	5.8	73	4.1	+31
Edward River (A)	536	10.0	417	7.8	+119
Federation (A)	636	9.4	468	7.0	+168
Griffith (C)	1,051	6.1	825	4.8	+226
Hay (A)	147	8.2	114	6.4	+33
Leeton (A)	543	7.8	426	6.1	+117
Murray River (A)	496	7.5	325	4.9	+172
Murrumbidgee (A)	165	6.9	114	4.8	+51
Narrandera (A)	368	10.9	291	8.7	+77
Regional NSW	163,076	9.7	120,563	7.2	+42,513

Riverina-Murray Visitor Data (provided by Destination NSW)

Murrumbidgee LGA mobile device counts



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R. E. McRae Mayor

Covid Grants for Businesses in our LGA

The grant statistics for the LGA are:

Grant	Applications Approved	Total Amount
\$3k Covid	10	\$30,000
\$10k Covid	11	\$110,000
Border Grant	59	\$390,000
Total		\$530,000

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

Theme Four: Our Economy

Strategies:

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

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

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

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

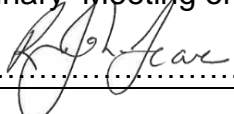
4.2.6 Build data and analysis of business and industry in the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area

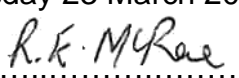
4.3.1 Provide professional information services promoting tourism, visitor ventures and activities in our towns

4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers

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

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Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Land between Hairdresser and Waddi Housing – could Council build an all-weather shelter for future markets to be held here?

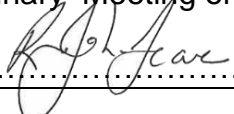
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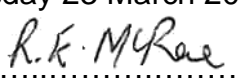
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4: Visit Riverina Membership Prospectus 2021-2022

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ITEM NO. 12 - DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	15 March 2021
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

This report outlines the monthly activities of the Operational Maintenance, Construction and Asset Management section in relation to meetings and programmed works during March 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

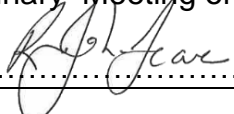
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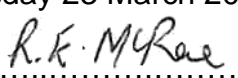
OFFICER COMMENT

1. Asset Management

Description	Comment
Transport for NSW	R2 Pre-Qualification accreditation - TfNSW are currently in the process of auditing Council quality system and providing guidance with a third body auditing consultant.
	RMCC heavy patching works and resealing are completed on Kidman Way. Outstanding item is line marking.
Darlington Point Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works.
Assets	Refurbishment of Darlington Point Office.
	Jerilderie Library general maintenance. Electrical power points.
	Darlington Point Community Hall painting and general maintenance.
	Jerilderie Medical Centre general maintenance, electrical lighting and power points.
	Sports Centre Jerilderie - general tidy up and painting, planting and formalisation of the car park.

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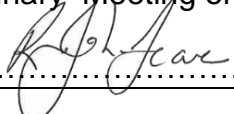
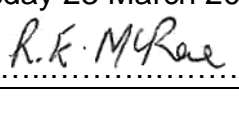
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Workplace Health & Safety	<p>Council staff continue to develop the WH & S Management System and updating Council System Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 Quality Management • Section 3 Safety Management • Section 4 Environmental Management.
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2. Biosecurity / saleyards / truck wash / stock control

Description	Comment
Jerilderie: Weeds	Follow up treatment at Monash Park oval for kikuyu.
	Trial new chemical for fleabane along local roads.
	Second round of Bathurst Burr control along local roads.
	Swimming pool grounds sprayed for mosquito control for movie night.
	Local road shoulders sprayed including: South Coree Road, Willawa Lane, Willows Road, Mayrung Road, Harris Lane, Marijimmy Road and Logie Brae Road.
	Located new incursion of clockweed along Newell Highway northeast of Jerilderie. Treated and contacted LLS and neighbouring Council.
	2 high risk pathway inspections on Newell Highway and Conargo Road (MR552).
	Local road inspections ongoing.
Coleambally & Darlington Point: Weeds	Weeds sprayed - Bathurst Burr, Noogoora Burr, African Boxthorn, St John's Wort
	New weed incursion - Lock Weed, Sturt Highway treated
	Sealed road spraying - Donald Ross Drive, Eulo Road, Main Canal Road, Ringwood Road, Morundah Road, Yamma Road.
	Letter drop on weed alert - 74 properties within LGA have been informed from DPI
Truck Wash	Inspection have taken place with No issues.

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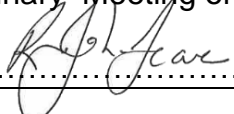
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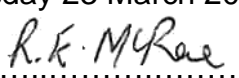
Stock Control	Two sheep returned to paddock on South Coree Road.
Saleyards	Tree watering, plus yards being used for training and sheep pickup for School's Ag program on Wednesday 10 March 2021.

3. Operational Maintenance/Construction

Description	Comment
Town Beautification Project	Council staff have assisted with the installation of the beautification project. Darlington Point has been completed and Coleambally and Jerilderie are scheduled for installation April 2021
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM)	NSW Public Works Consultation has commenced on their Audit Report, which is now due in late April 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data gathering on assets • Usage data collation
Young Street Subdivision	Council staff have met with consulting engineer on site, with regards to Construction Certificate and requirement of the additional items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical investigation • Hydraulic modelling • NBN/Telecommunication proposal being reviewed • Electrical design level 3 provider
Darlington Point Cemetery	Plinth under construction and due for completion May 2021
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	Meeting with groups for additional works at picnic area ie shelter, fish cleaning table
Re-sheeting Program	Recently completed works include Harvey's Well Road and Rolfe Road. Continuous works on Wood Road and Kelmscott Lane
Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Plans	11 Mile Pit – Stockpiled materials removed from site. Rehabilitation works ongoing. Site meeting with Department of Crown Lands

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Channel Nine Road	Design received, scope of works to be finalised, service locations to be undertaken by the end of March
Bolton Street Jerilderie	Geotechnical report underway to provide information for scope of work.
Southey Street and Jerilderie Street (Newell Highway) TfNSW	Reconstruction completed, shoulders being repaired for resealing, minor concrete works - replacement of concrete blisters.

4. Project Management

Coleambally Sports Precinct	<p>Council staff have meet with the principal builder to ensure that milestones are completed for the first home football game. Extract email from 25 February to all Councillors</p> <p><i>Dear Councillors,</i></p> <p><i>As you all may be aware, construction of the sports precinct is underway and concerns have been raised with timing of the first home football game.</i></p> <p><i>The principal contractor has ensured the following spaces and rooms will be available to the club for their first game 10 April 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Concrete slabs pour are scheduled for 1 March, which will provide access to the canteen kitchen area</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Canteen and attached (netball) female toilets to be operational on 7 April 2021</i> <i>• Club AFL Change Rooms operational 15 March 2021</i>
Tender 1-2021 Jerilderie Early Learning Centre	Council is seeking tenders for the construction of an Early Learning Centre at Part Lot 7017 DP 1019596, situated at the corner of Mahonga and Kennedy Streets, Jerilderie closing date 26 March 2021

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our leadership – Looking to our Future

1.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management:

Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Council's weed management program;

Action 2.6.2.1 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;

Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestation inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

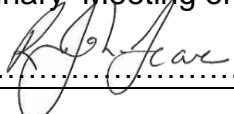
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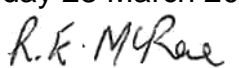
As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 13 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	15 March 2021
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC117
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

ITEM NO. 14 - COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME

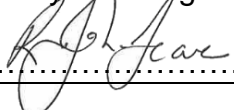
Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	15 March 2021
Author:	General Manager
File #:	CY10-003
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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- a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors);
- c) Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- d) ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 15 - DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Council Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report Date:	15 March 2021
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC329
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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