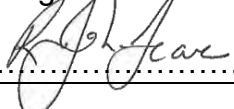


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023**

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..... General Manager

..... Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We 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. We are committed to honouring the continuing connection that First Australians hold to Murrumbidgee's land, waters and community, as one of the oldest living cultures in human history.

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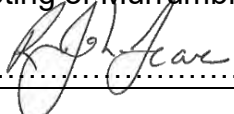
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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	12 November 2023
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 information contained in the General Manager's monthly report be noted.

1. Farm Gate Recycling and General Waste Collection

Unfortunately this is at a standstill until we receive costs from suppliers of our equipment.

I have written the letters to each rural rates assessment, including a reply paid envelope, allowing the option to post or email their response.

I am not expecting to be bringing this back to Council before February 2024 for a decision.

2. Housing

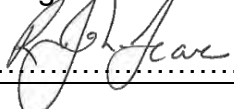
I have sought proposals from three real estate agents from Griffith.

Once those proposals have been assessed, I will select one agent to represent the sale of the two Darlington Point properties.

I have commenced the tender specifications for the 4 x two bedroom units in Jerilderie, and have progressed discussions with Murrumbidgee Local Health District. We will be signing an agreement to lease within the next month.

There is a Federal funding round focusing on regional precincts. We intend to submit an application for the Darlington Point affordable home ownership, focusing on Young Street subdivision, the long day care centre and critical worker housing.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

3. Tidy Towns Award

Council was recently awarded the Communication & Engagement Award at the NSW Tidy Towns Awards (for populations between 1,501 and 5,000) for the Waste to Art initiative. In declaring our Council the state winner, the organisation provided the following summary of the initiative:

“The Waste to Art Competition and Exhibition was an outstanding success in promoting sustainable waste practices through art and design. It was highly effective at challenging attitudes about things that may have otherwise been thrown away. The project was brought to life by collaborating with key organisations and involving waste educators, waste partners, artists and art bodies. It coincided with the overhaul of the way waste was managed in the area. As a flagship communication tool, it positively impacted environmental and waste management education, artistic and cultural excellence and community cohesion. It proved a positive and all-inclusive vehicle to foster change”.

This project was a real team effort, and I would like to congratulate the many staff involved.

4. Projects to Mention

I plan to highlight a couple of projects each time I report to Council:

- Civic Hall, Jerilderie - Demolition completed, sewer relocated ready for concrete footings.
- Calrose Road - Stabilised and ready for sealing in late November 2023.
- Flood Damage Claim - Council has formally been awarded \$7.6M in flood damage.
- Channel 9 Road - Road works completed.
- Brolga Place - Water service main relocated and concrete path completed in front of shops.

5. Movements

23 - 24 Nov 2023 – Country Mayors’ Association - Sydney

14 Dec 2023 – 7 Jan 2024 - Annual leave

2 – 4 Feb 2024 – Strategic Workshop - date claim

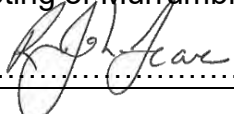
SUSTAINABILITY


N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

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

Option 1 (recommendation)

The information contained in the General Manager's monthly report be noted.

Option 2

Another recommendation of Council.

ATTACHMENT

NIL

ITEM NO. 2 - DRAFT 2022/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	13 November 2023
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.

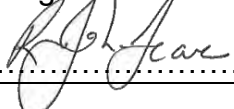
Council is also required to formalise and document management's 30 June 2023 assessment of going concern.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **Following review, the going concern basis is appropriate for the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023, and the required disclosures within the statements with regards to going concern are fairly reflected within the applicable notes;**
2. **Council authorise 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 2023 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;**

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

- 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 2022/23 financial statements;
- 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* ('the Act') 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 (to be provided under separate cover).

Council has sought from the Office of Local Government, and been granted, an extension of time to 30 November 2023 to lodge its 2022-23 financial statements, in accordance with s 416(2) of the Act. On the advice of our auditors, we have applied for a further extension of time to 15 December 2023.

The reasons for the requested extensions are numerous but predominantly relate to protracted delays in receiving numerous valuations from external valuers and prior year adjustments requiring referral to the NSW Audit Office Technical Committee. Human resource limitations, flooding events, and resource-intense discussions surrounding the control and materiality of the RFS firefighting assets have also contributed to the delays.

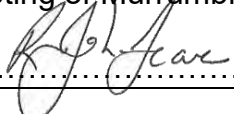
At the time of writing, the annual financial statements are in draft form and the external auditors have commenced work on the statements. Work is underway to finalise the infrastructure, property, plant and equipment components of the statements and drafts are expected to be delivered to auditors the week ended 17 November 2023.

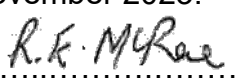
Section 418 of the Act requires that, following receipt of the Auditor's Report, Council fix a date for a meeting to present the annual statements (within 35 days of receipt). Council must give seven days public notice of that meeting.

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 at an extraordinary meeting of Council, with the date to be determined once the Auditor's Reports have been received.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

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 once again 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 are not material.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993 and associated Regulations
- Australian Accounting Standards
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

FINANCIAL

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.

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

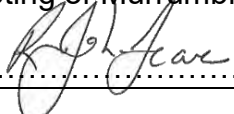
Crowe Australasia will be undertaking the audit of the financial statements on behalf of the NSW Audit Office.

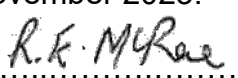
The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee will review the financial statements at their meeting scheduled for 20 November 2023.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Accountant

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

- Crowe Australasia
- NSW Audit Office
- Office of Local Government

OPTIONS

Option 1 (the recommendation)

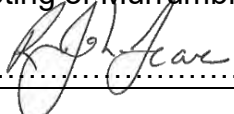
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Option 2

Another recommendation as determined by Council

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

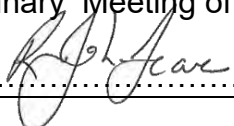
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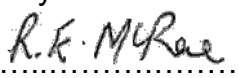
ATTACHMENTS

Under separate cover:

Draft General Purpose Financial Statements, Draft Special Purpose Financial Statements, and Special Schedules.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 3 - QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2023

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	13 November 2023
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is the Quarterly Budget Review for the period to 30 September 2023, as required by the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting in accordance with clause 203(3) of the Regulations.

A summary of proposed variations to the budget is included within the attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Budget Review be noted and variances to the budget, as outlined therein, be approved.

BACKGROUND

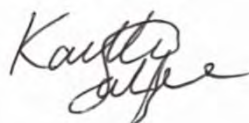
In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council staff have prepared a Quarterly Budget Review for the quarter ended 30 September 2023.

Due to resource constraints, year-to-date figures have not been provided but will be included in the next Quarterly Budget Review for the period 31 December 2023.

OFFICER COMMENT

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Murrumbidgee Council for the quarter ended 30 September 2023 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2024 will be satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

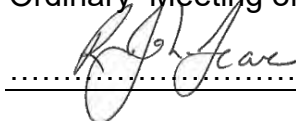
The cash has been reconciled with the bank statement, with the last reconciliation undertaken as at 30 September 2023.



Kaitlin Salzke
Responsible Accounting Officer
Murrumbidgee Council

13 November 2023

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.....General Manager



.....Mayor

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

The full list of variances proposed to the budget is included within the attachment.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading By Example

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

The QBR relates to the current Operational Plan.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Council Staff

OPTIONS

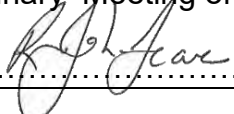
Option 1 (recommendation)


That the Quarterly Budget Review be noted and variances to the budget, as outlined therein, be approved.

ATTACHMENT

September 2023 Quarterly Budget Review to be provided under separate cover.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 4 - DRAFT ALCOHOL FREE ZONE POLICY

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	10 November 2023
Author:	Director Planning Community & Development
File #:	SC100; SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presented for adoption is the draft Alcohol-Free Zone Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Alcohol-Free Zone Policy be adopted with the following changes:

- i. **Removal of point 3 and addition of Schedule 1 – Current Alcohol-Free Zones;**
- ii. **Addition to *Delegation to the General Manager* section of “Individuals, groups or organisations must apply in writing to Council to request suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone at least one (1) month before the scheduled event.”**

BACKGROUND

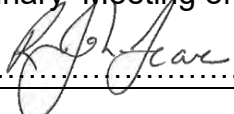
This policy is to promote the positive use of public open spaces and to outline the process for establishing Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZ) within the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area.

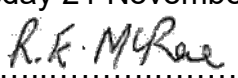
The draft Policy was presented to Council at the June 2023 Council meeting, and placed on public exhibition for 28 days from Friday 30 June until Friday 28 July 2023, with submissions invited until Friday 28 July 2023. One submission was received during the submission period.

OFFICER COMMENT

The submission received during the exhibition period was a query regarding how much notice must be given by groups requesting suspension of an Alcohol-Free Zone. In response to this submission, an additional line to the *Delegation to the General Manager* section of the Policy is proposed as follows: “Individuals, groups or organisations must apply in writing to Council to request suspension of the AFZ at least one (1) month before the scheduled event.” This change is shown in red in the attached draft Policy.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

Due to the changing nature of Alcohol-Free Zones, the section titled “Current Alcohol-Free Zones is proposed to be removed from the body of the Policy, and added as a Schedule at the end of the Policy to enable updates to be made.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- NSW Local Government Act 1993
- Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones, February 2009

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program 2022-2026 as follows:

1. Our identity - people and place

- 1.4. We encourage healthy, active and safe communities
- 1.4.3 Work together to enhance community safety

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Workshop

OPTIONS

Option 1 (recommendation)

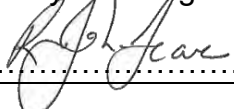
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Option 2

Council not adopt the draft Alcohol-Free Zone Policy.

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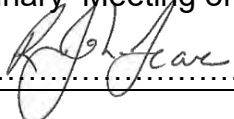
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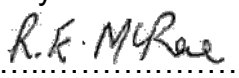
.....Mayor

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 1: Draft Alcohol-Free Zone Policy

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 5 - ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	13 November 2023
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC50
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Local Government Act, Council is responsible for preparing an Annual Report within 5 months of the end of the financial year and submitting it to the Minister for Local Government.

The report should outline the Council's achievements in implementing its Delivery Program through that year's Operational Plan, and also report on the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken to achieve the objectives in that year.

Due to an extension from the Office of Local Government, the financial statements will be reported to Council at a later date, and therefore are not presently included in the Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2022-23, the Report be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and published on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Report outlines Council's activities in accordance with the statutory reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for the 2022-23 financial year, and includes additional information so as to provide Councillors and the community with a greater snapshot of Council's achievements over this 12 month period.

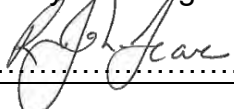
OFFICER COMMENT

The Annual Report contains comments and lists achievements and actions completed under the 2022-2023 Operational Plan from all service areas of Council during the 2022-2023 year.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Compliance required with Section 428(2) of Local Government Act 1993.

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Leading by example

5.2 We build a collaborative culture by effective and meaningful engagement with the community.

Action 5.2.1.3 Deliver Council's Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) requirements, including the Delivery Program, Operational Plan & Annual Report

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

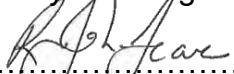
CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Director of Infrastructure
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Manager
- Infrastructure Manager
- Manager Economic & Tourism Development
- Corporate & Community Services Manager
- Media & Communications
- Environmental Health Officer
- Executive Assistant
- Accountant
- Payroll Officer
- People and Culture Officer
- Tourism and Events Officer
- Revenue Officer

OPTION

Council is required, under the Local Government Act 1993, to submit an Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government. Council may resolve to submit the Annual Report as presented, or undertake changes as deemed necessary before lodging it with the Office of Local Government.

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Option 1 (recommendation)

Council endorse the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2022-23, the Report be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and published on Council's website.

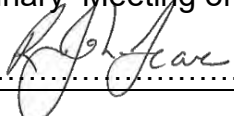
Option 2

Council amend the Murrumbidgee Council Annual Report for the year 2022-23 prior to lodgement.

ATTACHMENT

The Annual Report will be provided under separate cover.

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ITEM NO. 6 – REPORT ON MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT STATISTICS

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	9 November 2023
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC222
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a statutory obligation to report, on an annual basis, information in relation to any code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager. This report serves to assist Council in meeting this obligation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note:

- a) **there were no code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023; and**
- b) **these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct.**

OFFICER COMMENT

Under Section 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct, adopted 26 July 2022, the complaints coordinator must, within 3 months of the end of September each year, report statistics in relation to any code of conduct complaints made about Councillors and the General Manager to both Council and the Office of Local Government. The reporting period applicable to this report is from 1 September 2022 until 31 August 2023. Council did not receive any code of conduct complaints during the reporting period.

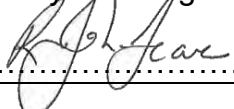
SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Leading by Example

5.1 We have strong partnerships with our community, Government and other stakeholders and are seen as a trusted and reliable organisation.

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

5.1.4.1 Ensure Council's policies and processes meet the current legislation, statutory and regulatory requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTION

Option 1 (recommendation)

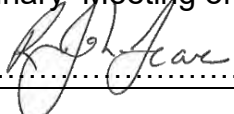
That Council note:

- a) there were no code of conduct complaints made against Councillors or the General Manager during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023; and
- b) these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 2: Murrumbidgee Council Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics 1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 7 - AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	8 November 2023
Author:	Linda MacRae, Chairperson, ARIC
File #:	SC130
Approval:	Chief Financial Officer

INTRODUCTION

It is with pleasure that I submit, for the consideration of Council, my second Committee Report as Chair of Murrumbidgee's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). ARIC's Terms of Reference require that the Committee report at least annually to the Council on the performance of the Committee.

The objective of ARIC is to support Council by providing independent assurance to the Council by monitoring and reviewing processes and controls around the Council's governance practices, financial management, risk management and control frameworks, internal and external audit, external accountability obligations and Council's compliance with its policies and legislative and regulatory requirements. It is an Advisory Committee to Council. It was established by Council in July 2018 when Council adopted the Committee's original Charter. The Committee comprises one Councillor and two independent external members. The Chair is an independent member.

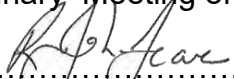
The key purpose of this report is to:


- Increase awareness of the composition, purpose, role and responsibilities of the Committee;
- Outline the activities of the Committee for the past year;
- Provide Council and the community with confidence about the oversight provided on Council's operations, risk management, governance, internal controls and financial management

CHARTER

The Committee's adopted Terms of Reference (ToR) (previously known as the Charter) was reviewed in February, 2023 to ensure it is relevant for Murrumbidgee, as well as complying (where appropriate) with the NSW Government ARIC Guidelines. The revised ToR was adopted by Council in June 2023. It outlines the Committee's roles and responsibilities in relation to:

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- Risk Management
- Control Framework
- Fraud and Corruption
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Integrated Planning and Reporting
- Legislative Compliance
- Internal Audit
- External Audit and Accountability
- Other Matters as deemed appropriate and relevant or that may be referred from the Council or General Manager

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Committee membership comprises one Councillor and two independent external members. The Mayor is an ex-officio member. Membership during the past year is as follows:

- Ms Linda MacRae – Independent Chair – appointed May 2022
- Mr Steven Pinnuck – Independent member – appointed May 2022
- Councillor Robert Black – appointed December 2022
- Councillor Ruth McRae – Mayor – ex-officio member

The Committee has met on the following occasions since October 2022

- 12 December 2022
- 27 February 2023
- 19 June 2023
- 28 August 2023
- Scheduled Meeting 20 November 2023

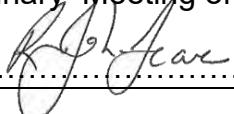
The Committee is supported by Council's capable and professional Senior Management staff who provide advice on control and operational matters. In particular, this support is provided by: the General Manager, Mr John Scarce and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Ms Kaitlin Salzke. Administrative support is provided by the Executive Assistant, Ms Julie Conn. Council's capability in financial management continues to improve since the appointment of the CFO mid-way through 2022.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

2021/22 Audit:

The NSW Audit Office (NSWAO) is Council's external auditor. Crowe Australasia have been contracted by NSWAO to conduct the audit of the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements. The 2021/22 audit was considered by the Committee on 24 October 2022.

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Mr Brad Bohun (external audit contract provider) attended the October 2022 meeting. He advised that the NSWAO would be issuing a 'qualified audit opinion' for the General Purpose Financial Statements based on the non-recognition of the rural fire fighting assets. The Committee expressed its disappointment at the NSWAO opinion on this matter but the Committee confirmed that it supported Council in its decision not to recognise these assets.

The Committee noted Council's year end financial position, particularly the increase in Council's 'unrestricted cash' position. This issue will be closely analysed at the end of the 2022/23 audit.

The NSWAO audit opinions were issued on 31 October 2022.

The NSWAO 2021/22 'closing report' was received on 27 October 2022. There were two high risk matters identified and details of these were detailed in the NSWAO 'final management letter' that was presented to the Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2022:

Six issues were identified during the 2022/23 audit process. Four matters related to prior years with two new matters identified:

(a) Prior Year:

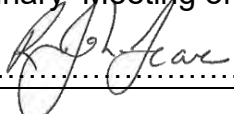
- High risk – relating to the non- recognition and disclosure of the valuation of rural fire fighting assets. Council has determined not to recognise these assets as it is of the view that it does not control them. I concur with this view. A qualified audit report is expected for the 2022/23 Financial Statements as this matter is still not resolved despite significant industry and Council advocacy. Many Councils' across the State hold the same opinion as Murrumbidgee regarding this matter.
- High risk - Asset remediation provision. Council did not recognise a liability provision for the cost for asset remediation for its landfill and quarry sites.
- Moderate risk –Asset Management System. Recommended that Council integrate all its assets into one system. This is currently being implemented.
- Moderate risk - Exception reporting over the creditor and revenue masterfile. Changes to the creditor and revenue masterfiles should be reviewed and authorised.


(b) 2021/22 Issues (New)

- Moderate risk – Asset valuation and procedure. Asset classes to be revalued regularly.
- Moderate risk – Bank balances relating to Council's Section 355 Committees' were not recognised in the Financial Statements.

The items listed above, which were identified during the 2021/22 annual audit process, will be reviewed by the auditor during the conduct of the 2022/23 audit and will be reported upon at the conclusion of the audit.

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2022/23 Audit

The external auditor formally presented the 2022/23 NSWAO Engagement Plan to the Committee at the meeting held on 28 August 2023. This Plan was issued to the Committee 'out of session' on 3 April 2023. It outlined the audit requirements for the annual preparation of the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements.

There were no new items identified during the interim audit for the 2022/23 financial year, therefore there was no 'Interim Management Letter' issued.

Status of the 2022/23 Financial Statements:

Council has sought an extension of time for finalisation and submission of the 2022/23 Financial Statements, mainly due to delays in the receipt and collation of asset revaluation data for several classes of assets. The significant flood events of mid to late 2022; the resources applied to endeavouring to resolve the RFS asset valuation matter, as well as limited human resources have also impacted the preparation of the 2022/23 Financial Statements. The Committee will review a draft set of Financial Statements at its meeting on 20 November 2023, with the Council scheduled to consider the final draft in December 2023.

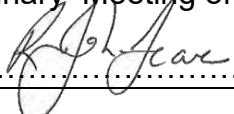
INTERNAL AUDIT

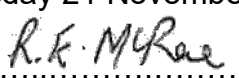
RSD Audit were contracted to undertake an internal audit into Council's payroll procedures and management practices. The overall objective was to assess and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of internal controls embedded within Council's payroll processes to determine any risks relating to employee masterfile management; time and attendance details and payroll processing including: superannuation payments; taxation requirements and adherence to relevant award provisions. The Committee considered the report on 27 February 2023. The audit resulted in five medium and four low risk findings being identified. Management have agreed to address all the recommendations within an achievable time frame. The Committee is monitoring the implementation of these recommendations.

The Committee is currently developing a scope for an internal audit covering Work Health and Safety and Organisational People and Culture. It is anticipated that this review will be conducted during the first half of the 2024 calendar year.

The Chair and management are reviewing the risk register to ascertain any identified high risks to assist in determining the best use of Council's internal audit resources (physical and financial) to inform the development of a Strategic Internal Audit Plan (SIAP).

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OTHER MATTERS

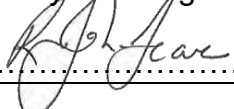
The Committee continues to mature. It is robust and continually seeks improvement opportunities to ensure that it is kept informed of risks that Council is facing. To achieve this outcome, management provided regular reports and updates during the reporting period on the following:

- Budget Review and Finance Reports
- Annual Budget and other Community Plans
- Risk Management
- WHS matters
- Accounting issues – such as ‘position papers’ for the NSWAO to make technical determinations regarding Council’s position on various matters such as valuations; asset remediation provisions; interest on unspent government grants; materiality assessment; control of RFS assets; water billing cycles and Section 355 Committees’
- Relevant Council Policies were considered, such as:
 - IT and Cyber Policies;
 - Council Financial Reserves Policy; and the
 - Revised Fraud and Corruption Policy.
- Information Technology – including the IT framework; status of current systems; implementation of new systems (such as the asset management system) and security issues updates including the security testing regime
- Status of matters affecting the Financial Statements (eg asset valuations)
- Status of the implementation of outstanding external and internal audit recommendations
- Correspondence from NSWAO and Members of Parliament and the Office of Local Government
- Issues relating to the Local Government sector
- Section 355 Committees – the Committee received a presentation from the Director Planning Community and Development, Mr Garry Stoll, regarding Council’s position in relation to such Committees. The Committee again expressed its concern at the WH and S risks that Council could be exposed to resulting from the work of these Committees.
- The Committee’s ongoing workplan is subject to review at each meeting to ensure that it is dynamic and assists in achieving the Committee’s required outcomes.

2024 OUTLOOK

The Committee will continue its internal audit program with the conduct of at least one internal audit review prior to the end of June 2024. Work will continue regarding the non-recognition of rural fire fighting assets. Any outstanding asset valuation issues will be monitored. Regular meetings will be conducted with the

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External Auditor in relation to the follow up of the 2022/23 Financial Audit and the preparation of the 2023/24 Financial Statements.

A revised 'procurement policy and manual' is currently being developed to assist Council in ensuring that any potential risks are mitigated and to streamline purchasing processes.

Council is aware that it needs to improve the required IP&R documentation, including a long term financial plan. The Committee will review such documents.

The outcome of any NSWAO Local Government Audit Reports will be considered to determine if any of the recommendations made are relevant to the Council.

CONCLUSION

The Committee will continue to work with management to ensure that adequate control frameworks are in place so that Council can operate within an environment that identifies and mitigate risks.

On behalf of Committee members, I would like to express my thanks to management and Auditors for their significant contribution to the Committee's operations.

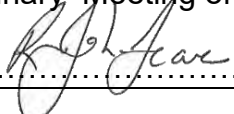
I also thank all Senior Management and other staff involved for their ongoing support and professional advice that ensures that the Committee achieves its objectives and continuous improvement outcomes.


I thank all my fellow ARIC Committee Members, (Mayor; Councillors and the External Member) for their participation, diligence, professionalism and contribution throughout the year. I look forward to the continuation of a very strong working relationship with the Council and staff during the 2024 year.

I commend this Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Report to the Council.

Ms Linda MacRae
Independent Chairperson
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee

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ITEM NO. 8 - MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting: 21 November 2023
Report Date: 9 November 2023
Author: Director of Infrastructure
File#: SC20
Approval: General Manager

Meeting Date: Thursday 9 November 2023
Location: Jerilderie Chambers
Time: 10.54am
Reference: SC20- 23/14165

Members in Attendance (BlueJeans Video Conference)

Tom Dimec Director of Infrastructure – (Murrumbidgee Council) Acting Chairperson
Emma Bryce Snr Administration Assistant (minutes)
Sam Star Representing Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray
Monique Lerchaner Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Ruth McRae Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council (arrived 11.43am)
Sgt Benjamin Rice NSW Police

Agenda

Welcome.

The Acting Chairperson, Tom Dimec (in absence of Mayor McRae and CI Robert Black) welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

Apologies.

Greg Minehan Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Sgt Jason Hinson NSW Police

Non-Voting Members

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

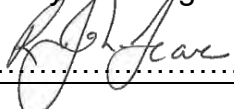
Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting on 18/7/2023 be confirmed as a correct record. – *Adopted.*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

Nil

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Reports of the Convenor

TC23.08 Kangaroo Sign Northbound on Kidman Way

CM Ref: SC20_23/7949

Conveyor: Tom Dimec

Attachments: Traffic Control Plan No 23/7948

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the erecting of a kangaroo sign (W5-29C) on the northbound section of Kidman Way, 30 metres north of Cadell Plan No 23/7948.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the erecting of a kangaroo sign (W5-29C) on the northbound section of Kidman Way, 30 metres north of Cadell Plan No 23/7948.

CARRIED.

TC23.09 Donald Ross Drive Line Marking

CM Ref: SC20_23/12259

Conveyor: Tom Dimec

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed line marking for Donald Ross Drive Plan No 23/12256.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed line marking for Donald Ross Drive Plan No 23/12256 to comply with AS 1742.

CARRIED.

TC23.10 Four Corners Road – Line Marking

CM Ref: SC20_12258

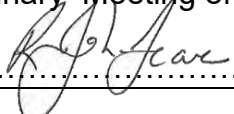
Conveyor: Tom Dimec

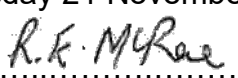
Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed 2km Double Barrier BB line marking for Four Corners Road.

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Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposal as detailed in Plan No 23/13508 to comply with AS 1742.

CARRIED.

TC23.11 47 Carrington Street Darlington Point – No Stopping

CM Ref: SC20_23/13483

Conveyor: Tom Dimec

Attachments: 23/13486

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed installation of new signage (R5-400n) for the area west side of 47 Carrington Street Darlington Point Plan No 23/13486.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed installation of new signage (R5-400n) for the area west side of 47 Carrington Street in Darlington Point - Plan No 23/13486, and that TfNSW will investigate No Stopping signs when law enforcement is parked for stationary RBT prior to installing the signs. Additional sign to be at the midpoint of the 65m area.

CARRIED.

TC23.12 Two Rivers Tractor Trek Road Convoy

CM Ref: SC20_23/13489

Conveyor: Tom Dimec

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed Road Convey for the 17-23 March 2024 Plan No 23/10581.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed Road Convey for the 17-23 March 2024 Plan No 23/10581.

CARRIED.

TC23.13 Road Closure – The Pig Day Out – Stock Street Darlington Point
CM Ref: SC20_13507
Conveyor Tom Dimec
Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That the General Manager Director of Infrastructure be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed Road Closure for Stock Street Darlington Point for The Pig Day Out Event TMP No 23/12260.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager Director of Infrastructure be advised that the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed Road Closure for Stock Street Darlington Point for The Pig Day Out Event TMP No 23/12260.

CARRIED

TC23.14 Speed Hump – Stock Street Darlington Point – Report for Information

CM Ref: SC20_23/13568
Conveyor: Tom Dimec
Attachments: NIL

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) advise the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee that the studies conducted in the past 12 months on Stock Street Darlington Point have revealed that the speed humps in the area lack evident markings and there is no further need to monitor the site.

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) advised the Murrumbidgee Local Traffic Committee that studies have been conducted in the past 12 months on Stock Street Darlington Point. The findings indicated a lack of any vehicle markings or damage to the speed humps in the area, and it is concluded that there is no ongoing necessity for site monitoring.

CARRIED.

General Business Arising from the Meeting

Sam Star - Noticed that many trucks on Kidman Way are turning into Ringwood Road as a short cut. Monique to address with TfNSW regarding safer/more efficient ways for trucks to use this road.

Sgt Benjamin Rice – Nil.

Monique Lerchaner – NSW Police Inspector Tom Murdock who works in Cootamundra wanted to pass on that if anyone has anything related to road safety or needed talks/sessions at schools etc. regarding drink driving/road safety issues - roadside issues or behavioural issues to report them to TfNSW. NSW Police Force are looking into the capacity available for LGA coverage. Any ideas to be forwarded to TfNSW.

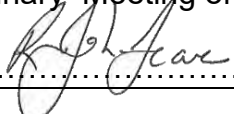
Ruth McRae - issue brought to Councillors. Wanting to apply for a change of location for a bus stop on Kidman Way. Concerns that child has to cross busy road and walk 50 metres to attend the bus. Tom Dimec to email Monique regarding this issue.

Next Meeting: Thursday 8 February 2024 at the Coleambally Hall

There was no further business, and the meeting concluded at 11.50am

Tom Dimec
Acting Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 9 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: 21 November 2023
Report Date: 2 November 2023
Author: Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #: SC21
Approval: Section 355 Committee of Council

Meeting opened at 5.00pm

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Isabell Milne, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Chris Girdwood, Garry Borger, Pat Godfrey, Jackie Molloy,

Apologies: Ruth McRae, Polly Fisher, Michelle Read, Pat Read, Margie Borger, Joan Ferris, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Loretta Marriott, Wendy Hurd. Wendy Hurd.

Moved: Faith Bryce Seconded: Richard Wright that the apologies be accepted.

Carried.

Minutes of the previous AGM : held 3/11/22

Accepted as read on the motion of: Faith Bryce Seconded: Sadie Herrick

Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- NIL

Treasurers Report tabled:

Accepted on the motion of: Richard Wright Seconded: Garry Borger

Carried.

Presidents Report tabled:

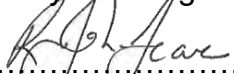
Accepted on the motion of: Faith Bryce Seconded: Borger

Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

All positions declared vacant.

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JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE
Statement of Income & Expenditure
for the year ended 30th June 2023

Income

Fines & Travel Income	99.00	
Contributions & Donatons - Apex Club	1000.00	
- Race Club	250.00	
- Other	185.00	
	1534.00	

Expenditure

Mower Fuel	33.15	
Donation - Portsea Camp Committee	200.00	
Christmas Party	540.00	
	773.15	

Nett Surplus/(Deficit)	760.85
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Balance Sheet
for the year ended 30th June 2023

Reconciliation as at 30/6/23

Balance brought forward 1/7/21	9819.35
Add Receipts for year	1534.00
	11353.35
Less Expenditure for year	773.15
Cash Book Balance as at 30/6/23	10580.20

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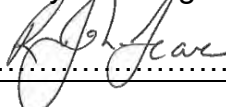
Bendigo Bank Account numbered 151806379	10580.20
Less outstanding cheques	0.00
Cash Book Balance as at 30/6/23	10580.20

I have audited the income and expenditure statement of the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee and found it to be a true and correct account of the financial position of the committee, according to the books of account and financial records presented to me.



Vicki Sutton - Honorary Auditor

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ITEM NO. 10 - JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	2 November 2023
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Section 355 Committee of Council

Meeting opened at 5.15pm

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Ann Wright, Garry Borger, Jackie Molloy, Chris Girdwood, Pat Godfrey, Isabell Milne,

Apologies: Joan Ferris, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, , Margaret Borger, Pat Read, Polly Fisher, Loretta Marriott, Ruth McRae, Wendy Hurd, Michelle Read.

Moved: Pat Godfrey Seconded: Isabelle Milne that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting: held 7/9/23 were accepted as read on the motion of: Richard Wright Seconded: Isabell Milne Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- AGM notices have been placed around town.
- Faith has requested another quote for watering system.

Treasurer's report as tabled:

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

Business arising from Treasurer's report:

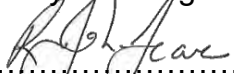
- NIL

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- 4/10/23 Council re Commencement of Civic Hall Enhancement.
- 9/10/23 Council re Australia Day Nominations.
- 5/10/23 Council re New Resident Welcome invitation - Wed 22/11/23 Luke Park 5.30 – 6.30pm
- 2/11/23 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW announces its 2023 Tidy Towns Award Winners

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Treasurer's Report

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

26/10/23

Profit and Loss July 1 through November 2, 2023

	<u>Jul 1 - Nov 2, '23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
FINES & TRAVEL	18.00
Gifts and Donations Income	
Unrestricted	1,600.00
Total Gifts and Donations Inc...	<u>1,600.00</u>
Total Income	<u>1,618.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,618.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,618.00</u></u>

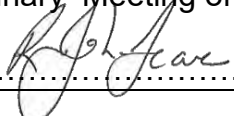
JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE


26/10/23

Balance Sheet As of November 2, 2023

	<u>Nov 2, '23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
BENDIGO BANK A/C	12,198.20
INTEREST BEARING A/C...	0.02
Total Current/Savings	<u>12,198.22</u>
Other Current Assets	
PETTY CASH	1.30
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1.30</u>
Total Current Assets	12,199.52
Other Assets	
EQUIPMENT	483.40
Total Other Assets	<u>483.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>12,682.92</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	7,600.27
Retained Earnings	3,464.65
Net Income	1,618.00
Total Equity	<u>12,682.92</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>12,682.92</u>

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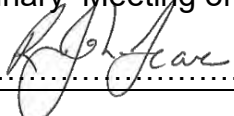

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- Competitions – colouring in and photography. Samantha and Alison to organise colouring in for different age groups and details of photography competition.

Competition	Divisions	Awards	Prize money	Due date
Colouring in	Pre-school	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	\$20, \$10, \$5	Entry forms issued at pre-school or schools and collected from pre-school or schools on Friday, 15th December, 2023.
	K-1	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	\$20, \$10, \$5	
	2-3	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	\$20, \$10, \$5	
	Senior		Chocolates	Entry forms from Cypress View Lodge or Coleambally Council office. Entries to be submitted to Coleambally office of Murrumbidgee Council by 5pm Friday, 5th January, 2024.
Photography	Primary	1 st , 2 nd	\$30, \$20	Prints to be left at Coleambally office of Murrumbidgee Council or emailed to coleamballyaustraliaday@gmail.com or put up on Facebook by 5 th January, 2024. Theme: Coleambally Life. Maximum 3 photos per person entry.
	Secondary	1 st , 2 nd	\$30, \$20	
	Adult	1 st , 2 nd	\$30, \$20	

- Will Ali put photos in to power point for judging?
- Penny to approach Bendigo Bank to sponsor prizes.
- Alison to liaise with Ali regarding access to website and on-line screening of award presentations.
- Music for the day- Christine to contact Roy Duffell.
- Flag break – Penny to approach RSL.
- Chase up perpetual boards – Alison.
- Medallions and plaques– Penny to organise engraving and pick up.
- Flyer for mail drop – Jane. Drop to go out on Friday, 19th January.
- Program for the day- Samantha.
- Australia Day raffle – offered to Country Education. Accepted.
- Ambassador’s dinner – 25th January –venue to be decided – will be in Coleambally.
- Christine to see if Tom will assist on the morning-gazebos and on-line screening.
- Publicity for Australia Day – Laura.
- Australia Day – certificates that are Council approved will be signed by Ruth; other certificates by chairperson. Council to supply list of approved certificates.

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 12 - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	13 November 2023
Author:	Accountant
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to present Council with a monthly report setting out details of Council's investments.

This report sets out details of all money Council had invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as at the end of October 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the monthly Investment Reports identifying all money Council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

BACKGROUND

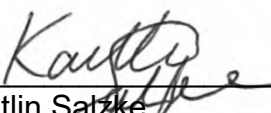
As at 31 October 2023, Council's total invested funds were \$30,394,654 as detailed in the attachment.

Funds invested with Bendigo Bank were approximately 53%.

Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return (MWRR) outperformed the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark rate for both the month and the financial year to date.

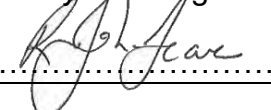
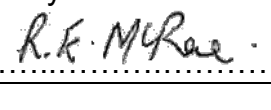
OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and the Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy.



Kaitlin Salzke
Responsible Accounting Officer

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SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

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
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Manager
- Finance Customer Service

OPTIONS

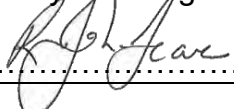
Option 1 (recommendation)

Council note the monthly Investment Reports identifying all money Council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 3: Investments as at 31 October 2023

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ITEM NO. 13 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION – OCTOBER 2023

Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	10 November 2023
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC210
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during October 2023.

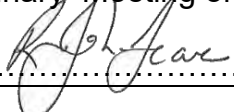
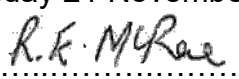
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, October 2023 Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

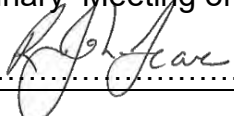
Application No	Address	Decision Date	Decision
DA6-2-15/16	South Coree Road Jerilderie	24/10/2023	Approved (Council)
Description:	Consideration in determining application:		
4.55 Mw Solar Farm & BESS	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was carried out.		
DA25-2023	46 Bencubbin Avenue Coleambally	05/10/2023	Approved (Delegation)
Description:	Consideration in determining application:		
New fertiliser shed	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was carried out.		
DA30-2023	Cooinbul Station, 2264 Four Corners Road, Coleambally	25/10/2023	Approved (Delegation)
Description:	Consideration in determining application:		
Rural workers' accommodation camp, incl 30 sole occupancy units, kitchen and dining room, laundry and amenities	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was not required.		

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DA31-2023	33 Jerilderie Street Jerilderie	19/10/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>	<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>		
Alterations and additions to Civic Hall – outdoor stage and seating area	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and public exhibition was carried out.		
DA35-2023	16 Curlew Crescent Coleambally	19/10/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>	<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>		
New attached dual occupancy dwellings	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was carried out.		
DA37-2023	11 Willaroo Street Coleambally	18/10/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>	<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>		
Alterations to existing dwelling to create dual occupancy	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was carried out.		
DA34-2023	14 Curlew Crescent Coleambally	10/10/2023	Approved (Delegation)
<u>Description:</u>	<u>Consideration in determining application:</u>		
New dwelling	The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification and agency referral was not required.		

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 14 - TENDER - SUPPLY, REGISTRATION AND DELIVERY OF PRIME MOVER

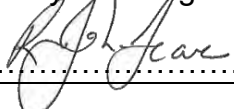
Council Meeting:	21 November 2023
Report Date:	13 November 2023
Author:	Director of Infrastructure
File #:	SC687
Approval:	General Manager

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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