

## AGENDA

**Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 2.00pm**  
**Council Chambers, Coleambally**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Councillor Ruth McRae, Mayor  Councillor Robert Black, Deputy Mayor  Councillor Troy Mauger  Councillor Faith Bryce  Councillor Robert Curphey  Councillor Tim Strachan  Councillor Christine Chirgwin  Councillor Judith Saxvik  Councillor Hayley Heath</p> <p>General Manager, John Scarce  Director Planning, Community &amp; Development, Garry Stoll  Chief Financial Officer, Kaitlin Salzke</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>Minutes:</b>	Executive Assistant, Julie Conn
<b>Guests:</b>	
<b>Agenda Topics:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>2. Recording of Meeting</li> <li>3. Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors</li> <li>4. Confirmation of Minutes</li> <li>5. Disclosure of Interest Declarations</li> <li>6. Notice of Rescission</li> <li>7. Notice of Motion</li> <li>8. Mayoral Minute</li> <li>9. Mayoral Report</li> <li>10. Delegates' Reports</li> <li>11. Officers' Reports for Consideration</li> <li>12. Reports/Minutes of Council Committees</li> <li>13. Officers' Reports for Noting</li> <li>14. Questions with Notice</li> <li>15. Meeting of Council in Confidential Session</li> <li>16. Items without Notice</li> <li>17. Closure</li> </ol>

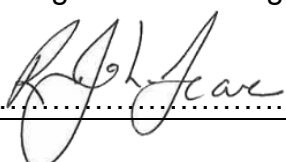
**REPORTS TO MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024**

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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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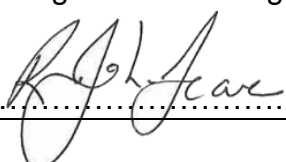
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# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO: 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	11 October 2024
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

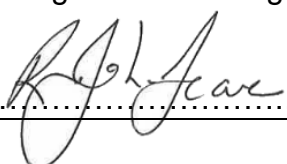
The information contained in the General Manager's monthly report be noted, and Council:

- a) In relation to the land swap with Waddi Housing & Advancement Corporation:
  - i. Amend its Young Street subdivision offering for 21 Carrington Street Darlington Point from 6 and 9 Edwards Street to 47 Helena Parade and 1 Young Street Darlington Point.
  - ii. Authorise the General Manager to advise Council's conveyancer and execute all associated contracts of sale.
- b) Delegate to the General Manager the option to accept, reject or counter any offer presented to Council, in line with market appraisal by Council's real estate agent, on the sale of 49 Barwidgee Boulevard, Darlington Point, in turn authorising the General Manager to sign all contract documents and reporting back to Council at the earliest opportunity.
- c) Approve the establishment of Powell Street, Jerilderie, as a one way street, and refer same to the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee for comment. Upon agreement from the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee, proceed with works and installation of signage to facilitate Powell Street Jerilderie as a one way street
- d) Forward the attached submission to the Office of Local Government under a cover letter signed by Mayor Ruth McRae OAM.

### 1. Long Day Care Centre in Darlington Point

I jumped the gun on the land we were offering for the land swap to/from Waddi Housing. Waddi Housing has advised their selection of lots from the Young Street subdivision to be at 47 Helena Parade and 1 Young Street.

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 General Manager

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A sign has been displayed at the future Long Day Care and Preschool site, 21 Carrington Street, Darlington Point. Anyone who wishes to find out more should leave a message with the Darlington Point office in the first instance.

### **Recommendation**

**In relation to the land swap with Waddi Housing & Advancement Corporation, Council:**

- a) Amend its Young Street subdivision offering for 21 Carrington Street Darlington Point from 6 and 9 Edwards Street to 47 Helena Parade and 1 Young Street Darlington Point.**
- b) Authorise the General Manager to advise Council's conveyancer and execute all associated contracts of sale.**

### **2. Council Housing Replacement**

Sessions Builders have advised the replacement house currently being built in Jerilderie may be completed and handed over to Council late December 2024. Once we have possession, Council still needs to carry out works including concreting, fencing and landscaping. It will be closer to March/April before we are in a position to make a decision on the future of 9 Goolgumbra Esplanade Jerilderie.

49 Barwidgee Boulevard, Darlington Point had its marketing commence as I was writing this report. We will need to wait and see how its sale proceeds. I will be seeking a resolution that any acceptance of offers presented be delegated to the General Manager to accept, reject or counter, in line with market appraisals provided by a real estate firm.

### **Recommendation**

**Council delegate to the General Manager the option to accept, reject or counter any offer presented to Council, in line with market appraisal by Council's real estate agent, on the sale of 49 Barwidgee Boulevard, Darlington Point, in turn authorising the General Manager to sign all contract documents and reporting back to Council at the earliest opportunity.**

### **3. Powell Street Jerilderie - One Way**

Consultation on the one way street proposal for Powell Street has completed its public consultation.

Council received one response, highlighting possible losses in caravan numbers, if they could not travel both ways on Powell Street.

I wrote back to the responder, advising that we have had previous consultation with direct business owners as they brought forward the same concern, and advised that we will be addressing this issue with signage at the turn, and approximately 300m prior to the turn, into Powell Street. That we are removing the median that currently exists on the northern end of Powell Street to enable longer vehicles to turn easier when heading north.

### **Recommendation**

**That Council approve the establishment of Powell Street, Jerilderie, as a one way street, and refer same to the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee for comment. Upon agreement from the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee, proceed with works and installation of signage to facilitate Powell Street Jerilderie as a one way street.**

#### 4. Councillor Conduct Framework Review - Submission

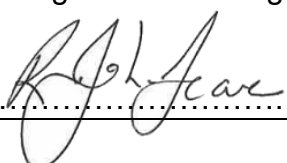
The Minister for Local Government has proposed a new framework for the Code of Conduct and Meeting Practice, similar to the lines of the NSW Parliamentarians. He wants it to be a 3 page aspirational code. In order to achieve this aspirational code there will be parts of the current code enshrined into legislation.

Most of it has no need for a response, as you can see from the submission. However, one item relating to developers and real estate agents could be problematic, so the submission asks for an exception for Rural and Remote, plus it provides a suggestion to only have said real estate agents and developers to relinquish their interests in the LGA in which they represent Council, so in the city they can be excluded from the LGA they represent, but can still operate their business literally 6km away in the next LGA.

The submission also addresses the area of workshops, it is clear as day what the Minister is trying to achieve with not having DA briefings in workshop, something we have never done, as our practice is the community forum. This is the right approach so the submission just asks for change to legislation to prevent the DA from going to workshop, so we can keep the workshop as the most valuable tool to strategically develop ideas (how Murrumbidgee Council has always used it).

### **Recommendation**

**That Council forward the attached submission to the Office of Local Government under a cover letter signed by Mayor Ruth McRae, OAM.**

.....General Manager

.....Mayor

## 5. Movements

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
30 October - 5 or 6 November 2024	Annual Leave	
7-8 November 2024	RAMJO Board Meeting	Hay
14-15 Nov 2024	Country Mayors' Association Meeting	Sydney
17-20 Nov 2024	LGNSW Annual Conference	Tamworth
3 to 5 December 2024	Medical Procedure Sick Leave	Melbourne

### **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**

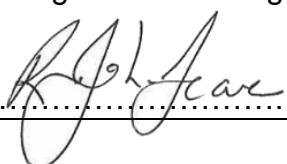
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### **CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

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## OPTIONS

### Option 1 (recommendation)

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### Option 2

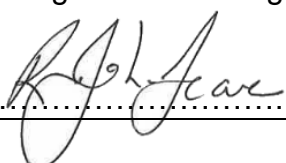
Another recommendation of Council.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 1: Powell Street Plan – One Way Traffic  
Attachment # 2: Councillor Conduct Framework Review – Submission  
Attachment # 3: Councillor Conduct and Meeting Practices-A New Framework

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**ITEM NO. 2 – DISCLOSURE OF RETURNS BY COUNCILLORS, AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS**

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	14 October 2024
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC286; SC130, SC56
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Disclosure of Returns by Councillors, Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members and designated persons are tabled for the period 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2024, with any updated returns tabled as a result of resignations or by persons becoming aware of a change in interests that have not previously been disclosed within a return.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

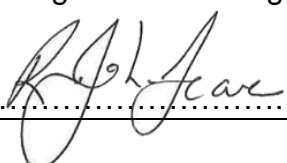
Councillors and designated persons are required to complete a new return for each financial year, for the 12 month period commencing on 30 June of the previous year to 30 June this year. Additionally, persons becoming aware of a change in interests that have not previously been disclosed within a return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

**OFFICER COMMENT**

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

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The Disclosures by Designated Persons Returns for the period 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2024, with the inclusion of any additional returns tabled as a result of persons becoming aware of a change in interests that have not previously been disclosed within a return, are detailed below:

Name	Disclosure Provided	Disclosure Returned	Reason for Disclosure	To Council Meeting
Councillor Ruth McRae	17 July 2024	23 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Robert Black	17 July 2024	23 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Gavin Gilbert	17 July 2024	23 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Judith Saxvik	17 July 2024	23 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Robert Curphey	17 July 2024	23 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Timothy Strachan	17 July 2024	23 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Christine Chirgwin	17 July 2024	19 August 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Faith Bryce	17 July 2024	27 August 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Councillor Troy Mauger	17 July 2024	27 August 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Rodney John Scarce	17 July 2024	16 August 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Kaitlin Salzke	17 July 2024	24 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Garry Stoll	17 July 2024	16 August 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Stephen Pinnuck Audit Risk & Improvement Committee	15 July 2024	20 August 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024
Linda MacRae Audit Risk & Improvement Committee	15 July 2024	21 July 2024	2023/24 Annual Return	22 October 2024

Council Codes of Conduct provide that information contained in returns made and lodged are to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner. In accordance with this requirement, all returns are provided on Council's website under: [My council \\_ Plans, strategies, policies & council information / Disclosures of interest / Disclosure of Interest returns - Councillors – 2023-24](#)

## STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

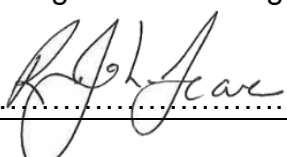
- Local Government Act 1993
- Council Code of Conduct
- Government Information (Public Access) Act and Regulation 2009
- Guidelines as issued by the Information Commissioner

## FINANCIAL

NIL

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## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 5.1 Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

NIL

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

General Manager

## **OPTIONS**

### Option 1 (recommendation)

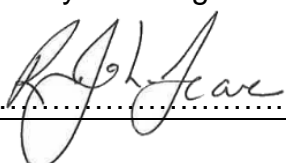
The information contained within the Disclosure of Returns by Councillors, Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Members and Designated Persons Report be noted, and Disclosures be made publicly available in accordance with legislative requirements.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 3 – PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE OF HORNEMAN LANE LOGIE BRAE**

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
Author:	Director Planning & Infrastructure
File #:	SC177
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with additional information following notification of the proposed closure and sale of the unsealed road, Horneman Lane, Logie Brae, previously reported to and approved by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council, as Roads Authority, close Horneman Lane, Logie Brae, between Duncans Road and Rolfe Road, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, and:**

- a) Council authorise the sale of the closed road to Agosta Nominees Pty Ltd for \$23,520.00 (plus GST);**
- b) All costs associated with the road closure be borne by Agosta Nominees Pty Ltd;**
- c) The Common Seal of Council be affixed to any document requiring to be sealed, and delegate to the General Manager authority to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution; and**
- d) The purchaser be made aware of existing biodiversity and the details of approvals required for any future vegetation removal.**

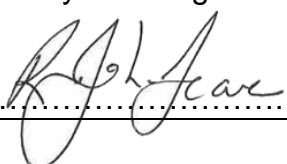
**BACKGROUND**

Council received an application from Agosta Nominees Pty Ltd in November 2022 with a proposal to purchase Horneman Lane (unsealed) between Duncans Road and Rolfe Road. Agosta Nominees Pty Ltd currently owns properties on either side of Horneman Lane.

Council resolved in September 2023 to authorise the closure and sale of Horneman Lane following consultation with neighbouring properties and subject to consolidation of the two adjoining lots, however notification had not been made to the notifiable authorities as required by the Roads Act 1993.

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## **OFFICER COMMENT**

Notification to the relevant authorities as required by the Roads Act 1993 has now been completed. Several replies were received advising they had no objection and one submission was received from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water who made comments in relation to biodiversity (attached).

The submission highlighted the likelihood of biodiversity values present in Horneman Lane and made the following statement:

*Should the sale proceed we recommend the future owner be made aware of the potential biodiversity values and the assessment and approval requirements that may apply for future activities and developments.*

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Road Act 1993

## **FINANCIAL**

All costs associated with this matter are to be met by the purchaser. The sale proceeds are to be transferred to an appropriate reserve for use on future road projects in accordance with Section 43 of the Roads Act 1993.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

3.3 Our road network (reserve) is well-maintained, functional, and continually improved.

Deliverable 3.3.1 Work together to maintain and develop a highly functioning road network (reserve), including roads, footpaths, bridges, cycleway, kerb and guttering, and drainage system.

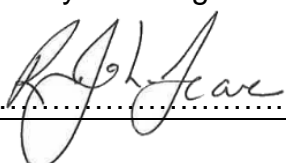
3.3.1.1 Review/deliver a staged program of accessibility and maintenance improvement to Murrumbidgee's rural and town road network and road hierarchy.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

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## CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Public notification and advertisement in local newspapers was completed, including notification of the proposals to the relevant authorities. Submissions opened on 7 August 2024 and closed on 5 September 2024.

## OPTIONS

### Option1 (recommendation)

That Council, as Roads Authority, close Horneman Lane, Logie Brae, between Duncans Road and Rolfe Road, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, and:

- a) Council authorise the sale of the closed road to Agosta Nominees Pty Ltd for \$23,520.00 (plus GST);
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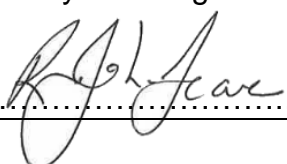
Council not adopt the recommendation.

## ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 4: Submission from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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**ITEM NO. 4 – SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION IN JERILDERIE STREET AND STURT HIGHWAY AND TURNING LANES ON KIDMAN WAY**

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
Author:	Senior Technical Officer
File #:	SC20
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council approval to engage the community for feedback on three proposed traffic and safety measures involving Transport for NSW (TfNSW) roads.

The proposals include:

1. Reducing the speed limit in Jerilderie Street between Kennedy and Bolton Streets to 40km/h.
2. Extending the 80 km/h speed limit area on both ends of the Sturt Highway at Waddi.
3. Creating turning lanes on the Kidman Way at the northern junction with Pine Drive.

Community feedback is crucial to gauge public support, which may strengthen the Council's position when presenting these proposals to the Traffic Committee and TfNSW for final consideration.

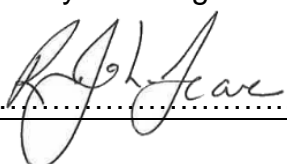
**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve the commencement of a community consultation process regarding the following proposals:**
  - a) **Reducing the speed limit in Jerilderie Street between Kennedy and Bolton Streets to 40km/h;**
  - b) **Extending the 80 km/h speed limit area on both ends of the Sturt Highway at Waddi;**
  - c) **Creating turning lanes on the Kidman Way at the northern junction with Pine Drive.**
2. **Upon receiving community feedback, authorise the preparation of a detailed submission to the Traffic Committee, leveraging community support to advocate for these changes with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).**

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## BACKGROUND

### 1. Reduction of speed limit on Jerilderie Street:

The section between Kennedy and Bolton Streets experiences a high volume of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including school crossings and commercial activity. Concerns have been raised about vehicle speeds in this area, and a reduced speed limit is expected to enhance safety for all users, particularly vulnerable groups like children and the elderly.

### 2. Extension of the 80 km/h speed limit on the Sturt Highway at Waddi:

The current transition areas between the higher speed limits and the 80 km/h zones on the Sturt Highway are too short, leading to abrupt deceleration and acceleration, which increases the risk of accidents. Extending the 80 km/h zone on both ends would provide a safer transition for drivers and improve overall traffic management.

### 3. Creation of turning lanes on the Kidman Way at Pine Drive junction:

The northern junction with Pine Drive on the Kidman Way lacks dedicated turning lanes, resulting in congestion and safety issues, especially during peak hours. The addition of turning lanes would enhance traffic flow, reduce delays, and minimise the risk of rear-end collisions.

This image shows the current status of Pine drive/Kidman Way intersection

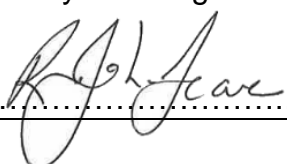


This image shows the turning lanes on Kingfisher Ave/Kidman Way intersection



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## OFFICER COMMENT

From an operational perspective, the proposed measures are feasible, but will require collaborative efforts with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and community support. Each proposal is detailed below in terms of its operational viability:

- **Reduction of speed limit on Jerilderie Street between Kennedy and Bolton Streets:**

This proposal is operationally achievable as Council has the capability to conduct community consultation and collect data on traffic behaviour in this area. Implementation will however require approval from TfNSW as the road is under their jurisdiction. Council can facilitate this process by presenting a strong case backed by community support and safety data.

- **Extension of the 80 km/h speed limit on the Sturt Highway at Waddi:**

Extending the speed limit zones on the Sturt Highway is technically possible, but as a TfNSW-controlled road, this decision will ultimately rest with them. Council can gather feedback from the local community to support this change and provide accident data or traffic flow information to strengthen its case when presenting to the Traffic Committee.

- **Creation of turning lanes on the Kidman Way at the Pine Drive junction:**

The development of turning lanes is achievable but will require detailed design and engineering assessments. The Council can initiate preliminary discussions with TfNSW to understand the scope and requirements for such infrastructure improvements. If the community feedback indicates strong support, it will be advantageous when seeking funding or approvals from TfNSW.

All three proposals are operationally achievable, provided there is sufficient community support and collaboration with TfNSW. Council's role will be to facilitate community engagement, compile feedback, and present this information to TfNSW to advocate for these safety improvements.

## SUSTAINABILITY

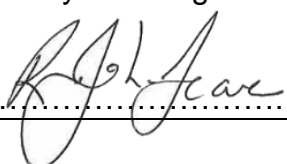
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## STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act, 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005
- EP&A Act, 1979
- Roads Act, 1993
- Work Health and Safety Act, 2011

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## FINANCIAL

As the proposed changes involve Transport for NSW (TfNSW) roads, the Council will not incur any direct costs related to the implementation of the speed limit adjustments, road extensions, or the creation of turning lanes. These responsibilities fall under the jurisdiction of TfNSW, which will manage and fund the required works if the proposals are approved.

However, Council will incur minimal costs associated with the community consultation process, including advertising, surveys, and public meetings. These costs are expected to be minimal.

No additional funding will be required in the current or future budgets for Council, as the infrastructure works and implementation of these proposals remain the responsibility of TfNSW.

## INTEGRATED PLANS

### **Community Strategic Plan (CSP):**

The proposals directly address the CSP's focus on enhancing community safety, improving road infrastructure, and ensuring a connected and liveable community. By engaging the community in decision-making, the Council aligns with its commitment to transparency and community involvement as outlined in the CSP.

### **Delivery Program 2022-2026:**

The proposal fits within the Delivery Program, which outlines the council's commitment to maintaining and improving road safety and infrastructure. By seeking community feedback and advocating for traffic safety improvements with Transport for NSW, the council supports its strategic priorities to enhance infrastructure and promote a safe environment for residents and visitors.

### **Operational Plan:**

The community consultation process is part of the council's Operational Plan under its community engagement and infrastructure programs. This consultation ensures that the council is proactive in addressing local concerns and collaborating with TfNSW to advocate for road safety improvements.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

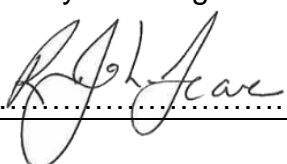
The following risks are associated with the recommendations included in this report:

### **Community Opposition:**

- There is a risk that some members of the community may oppose the proposed changes, particularly the reduction of the speed limit on Jerilderie Street. Opposition could result in negative feedback or resistance during the

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consultation process, which may impact the Council's ability to present a unified case to Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Mitigation: Conduct thorough and transparent community engagement, providing clear data and justifications for each proposal to build understanding and support.

#### **Lack of TfNSW Approval:**

- As these proposals involve TfNSW-controlled roads, there is a risk that even with strong community support, TfNSW may not approve the changes. This could lead to reputational risks if the Council is seen as ineffective in advocating for community needs.

Mitigation: Ensure that all proposals are supported by comprehensive data (e.g., traffic studies, accident reports) and community feedback to strengthen the case when presenting to TfNSW.

#### **Delay in Implementation:**

- Even if the proposals are approved by TfNSW, there may be delays in the implementation of the changes due to TfNSW's planning and budgeting processes. This could create frustration within the community and a perception of inaction by the Council.

Mitigation: Communicate clearly with the community about the Council's role in the process and the expected timelines, highlighting that while the Council advocates for change, the implementation timeline is controlled by TfNSW.

#### **Safety Risks if Proposals Are Not Approved:**

- Should the proposals be rejected by TfNSW, there is a risk that the current road conditions could continue to pose safety hazards, such as accidents related to high speeds on Jerilderie Street or congestion at the Pine Drive junction.

Mitigation: Continue to monitor and report on these areas, advocating for alternative measures if necessary, and explore additional ways to manage these risks through local enforcement or temporary traffic management solutions.

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

The following groups and stakeholders will be consulted and engaged regarding the proposed traffic and safety measures:

- **Executive Team**

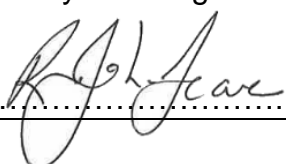
The Executive Team will review and discuss the proposals during the Executive meetings.

- **Transport for NSW (TfNSW)**

Preliminary discussions will take place with TfNSW to inform them of the Council's intentions and to understand any specific requirements or

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constraints associated with implementing these changes on state-controlled roads. TfNSW will be advised that the Council will seek community feedback before making a formal submission.

- **Local Residents and Road Users**

The Council will engage with the community to gather feedback from local residents and road users who may be affected by the changes. The consultation process will involve surveys, public meetings, and online forums to ensure comprehensive feedback is collected. This engagement will aim to determine the level of support for each proposal and to gather any additional insights from the community.

- **Local Business Owners**

Business owners along Jerilderie Street will be identified as key stakeholders, as they may be impacted by the proposed speed limit reduction. The Council will focus on understanding their views and any concerns they may have about how the changes could affect foot traffic and business operations.

- **Emergency Services**

Emergency services, including the local police, ambulance, and fire departments, will be consulted to assess how the proposed changes might impact response times or emergency access in these areas. Their feedback will be crucial in ensuring that the proposals enhance safety without compromising emergency operations.

The outcomes of these consultations will be compiled and presented to the Councillors as part of the community feedback process, forming the basis for any following recommendations made to TfNSW.

## **OPTIONS**

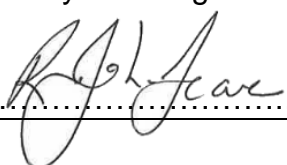
### Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council:

1. Approve the commencement of a community consultation process regarding the following proposals:
  - a) Reducing the speed limit in Jerilderie Street between Kennedy and Bolton Streets to 40km/h;
  - b) Extending the 80 km/h speed limit area on both ends of the Sturt Highway at Waddi;
  - c) Creating turning lanes on the Kidman Way at the northern junction with Pine Drive.
2. Upon receiving community feedback, authorise the preparation of a detailed submission to the Traffic Committee, leveraging community support to advocate for these changes with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

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Option 2

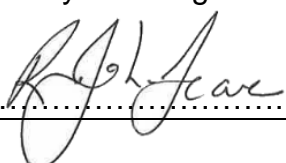
Any other resolution by Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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## ITEM NO. 5 – LOCAL HERITAGE FUND GRANT SCHEME 2024/25

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
Author:	Economic & Tourism Development Manager
File #:	SC195
Approval:	Director of Planning & Infrastructure

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Heritage Fund grant scheme was advertised during August and September 2024. As a result, four (4) applications for funding assistance were received, for a total amount of \$30,394. There is \$25,000 allocated in the 2024/2025 budget with the Heritage Advisor fee for this funding round being \$1,350.

The applications were assessed by a panel, including Council's Heritage Advisor Noel Thomson, on Tuesday 1 October 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council approve and increase the funding amounts for the 2024/2025 Local Heritage Fund recipients as follows:**

Amount	Project
\$4,771	Toganmain Woolshed - Fix drainage situation at shearers quarters
\$7,730	Hay Road Church, Darlington Point - Repair doors and window frames
\$4,290	Catholic Church, Darlington Point - Upgrade and enhance the lighting for better visibility
\$6,860	Punt Road Café, Darlington Point - Paint of exterior of building

### BACKGROUND

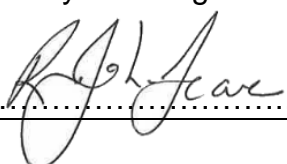
At the Council meeting of November 2022, Council resolved to apply for funding through the 2023-2024 NSW Department of Planning and Environment Local Heritage Fund to undertake a local Heritage Improvement Program.

*183/11/22 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Gilbert that staff lodge a grant application for \$25,000 for a Local Heritage Fund for Murrumbidgee Council through the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Local Government Heritage Grant 2022.*

Council was subsequently successful with its application and, on 3 July 2023, signed a funding deed of \$25,000 made up of a grant of \$12,500 from the NSW

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Office of Environment and Heritage and co-funding of \$12,500 by Council, to fund upgrade works to local heritage items.

Funding is available for 'listed' heritage items in the Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013, Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012 or for buildings supported by Council's heritage advisor, Mr Noel Thomson, as being of heritage significance.

The Local Heritage Fund 2024/25 was advertised, and opened for applications during August and September 2024. Mr Thomson reviewed the four (4) applications received, whereupon the applications were presented to the panel on 1 October 2024 for their consideration and recommendation to Council. The Local Heritage Grant assessment summary is attached.

Four (4) applications were received for heritage funding:

1. Toganmain Woolshed - Fix drainage situation at shearers quarters
2. Hay Road Church, Darlington Point - Repair doors and window frames
3. Catholic Church, Darlington Point - Upgrade and enhance the lighting for better visibility
4. Punt Road Café, Darlington Point - Paint of exterior of building

The Murrumbidgee Council Local Heritage Fund Guidelines state that the maximum grant amount advertised for each application for 2024/25 is \$5,000. The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage does not have a limit on individual applications, and allows Council to allocate the funds as per "running a local heritage grants program".

The four applications for funding for this round total \$15,005.50 (when the limit of \$5,000 is applied). The Heritage Advisor fee for this round is \$1,350. As there is \$25,000 allocated in the 2024/2025 budget, there would be \$8,644.50 unallocated. Under the funding agreement with NSW Government, \$4,322.25 (50%) would be required to be handed back to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Upon approval of grant funding, letters of offer will be given to the successful applicants advising them of their obligations in accepting the grant.

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

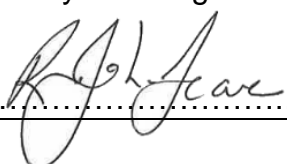
NIL

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

The aim of the funding is to encourage and assist owners within the Murrumbidgee Council local government area to conserve, restore and protect their historic buildings and places, by providing funding for heritage advice and minor works. It

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is hoped that this will lead to greater interest and concern for conservation for all heritage items within the Murrumbidgee Council area.

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012
- Heritage Act 1977
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Local Government Act, 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005

## **FINANCIAL**

The 2023/24 Operational Plan documents an allocation of \$25,000 for the Local Heritage Fund. This funding is made up of a grant of \$12,500 from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and a Council contribution of \$12,500.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

### **Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan**

1: Our Identity - people and place

1.2: We celebrate, embrace and preserve our cultural identities, our heritage and diversity

1.2.1: Provide opportunities for our community to showcase their heritage and diversity

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Applicants must complete projects by the due date (2 May 2025) or grant funds will not be paid.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

### External

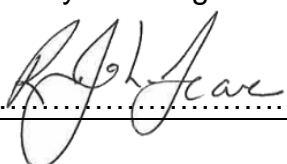
- Community via advertising on Council's website, media release, direct and via social media.
- Heritage Advisor

### Internal

- Mayor
- Manager, Economic and Tourism Development
- Senior Planner

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## OPTIONS

### Option 1 (recommendation)

That Council approve and increase the funding amounts for the 2024/2025 Local Heritage Fund recipients as follows:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>
\$4,771	Toganmain Woolshed - Fix drainage situation at shearers quarters
\$7,730	Hay Road Church, Darlington Point
\$4,290	Catholic Church, Darlington Point
\$6,860	Punt Road Café, Darlington Point

### Option 2

That Council approves the 2024/2025 Local Heritage Fund recipients to the amount of \$15,005.50 as per the Local Grant Assessment Summary (attached) and hands back \$4,322.25 to Office of Environment and Heritage.

### Option 3

The Council approves the 2024/2025 Local Heritage Fund recipients to the amount of \$15,005.50 as per the Local Grant assessment summary. Council also approve to pay additional Heritage Advisory Services for Murrumbidgee Council for 2023-2024 (allowed under the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage Guidelines) for 'Preparation of a Heritage Statement for Jerilderie (Jerilderie Office upgrade)'. Council would hand back \$2,397.25 to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

### Option 4

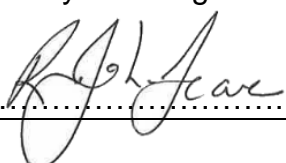
Another resolution as determined by Council.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 5: Local Heritage Grant assessment summary

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## ITEM NO. 6 - STATE OF THE AREA REPORT

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	14 October 2024
Author:	Director Planning & Infrastructure
File #:	SC50
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Local Government Act, each Council is responsible for providing the new Council with a State of the Area Report at the second Council meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council note the Murrumbidgee Council State of the Area Report for the year 2021-2024 and the Report be published on Council's website.**

### BACKGROUND

The State of the Area Report was formerly called the 'End of Term Report'. It aims to report on the Council's progress in implementing the Community Strategic Plan over the previous term of the Council.

### OFFICER COMMENT

The State of the Area Report offers a comprehensive overview of the past term for the new Council, highlighting achievements and outlining future initiatives.

Its primary purpose is to support the Council in reviewing the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), a vital element of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) cycle. Engagement for the Community Strategic Plan review will commence shortly.

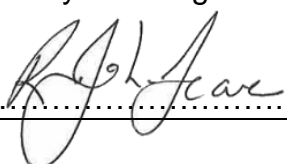
The report is organised into four sections. Section 2 focuses on the key themes from the CSP, evaluating our Council's progress through a traffic light system:

- Green: projects that are 85–100% complete
- Amber: projects that are 40–84% complete and currently in progress
- Red: projects that are 0–39% complete and in the early stages

Part 3 provides an overview of financial performance, while Part 4 looks ahead to the Council's priorities for the 2024–2028 term.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

Compliance is required with Section 428(2) of the 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 and Annual Report

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT**

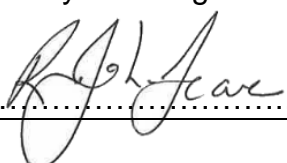
- General Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Manager
- Infrastructure Manager
- Manager Economic & Tourism Development
- Corporate & Community Services Manager
- Media & Communications Officer

## **OPTION**

Council is required under the Local Government Act 1993 to note the State of the Area Report as presented to the newly elected Council at the second Council meeting.

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Option 1 (recommendation)

Council note the Murrumbidgee Council State of the Area Report for the year 2021-2024 and the Report be published on Council's website.

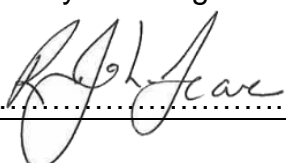
Changes can be made to this report as deemed necessary by Councillors.

**ATTACHMENT**

The State of the Area Report 2021-24 will be provided under separate cover.

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## ITEM NO. 7 – INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
Author:	Chief Financial Officer
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its policies within 12 months of the commencement of a new Council term, to ensure they remain current and effective.

A revised *Investment Policy* is proposed for adoption by Council.

The proposed revisions are updates to the investment benchmark and the removal of all concessional treatment and minimum percentage investment requirements for Coleambally Community Bank, as well as a minor correction.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the revised Investment Policy be adopted by Council.**

### BACKGROUND

The *Investment Policy* was last revised by Council in July 2022 and covers the framework for investing Council's surplus funds, with a primary focus on the preservation of capital, maintaining liquidity, and achieving an acceptable rate of return.

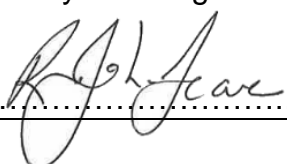
The policy includes guidelines on the types of investments permitted, credit rating limits, individual counterparty limits, and overall portfolio credit quality limits. It also outlines the process for reporting on investment performance, requiring monthly reports to Council and annual disclosures in the financial statements.

Currently, the policy provides concessional treatment to Coleambally Community Bank and requires that a portion of Council's portfolio (between 10% and 50%) be invested with the bank. In addition, the policy benchmarks the investment portfolio's performance against the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.

Since the last review, several matters have come to the attention of Council officers, necessitating updates to the policy to ensure it remains effective and relevant. These include:

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- The existing investment benchmark, the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, is not freely available to Council.
- Changes in the relationship with Coleambally Community Bank mean that Council no longer receives a commission on investments made with the bank, prompting a review of its concessional treatment.
- A minor correction is required to the date of the Ministerial Investment Order.

## OFFICER COMMENT

The following changes are proposed to the *Investment Policy*:

### 1. Change of Investment Benchmark

The policy currently reads:

*Investment performance for the current month and year-to-date will be measured monthly against the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.*

However, the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, is not freely available.

It is proposed to replace this benchmark with the 90-Day Bank Accepted Bill (BAB) Rate, as published by the Reserve Bank of Australia. The BAB Rate is publicly available and provides a suitable benchmark for Council's short-term investment portfolio. The proposed clause reads as follows:

*Investment performance for the current month and year-to-date (YTD) will be measured monthly against the 90-Day Bank Accepted Bill (BAB) Rate, as published by the Reserve Bank of Australia. The YTD BAB Rate will be calculated as the simple average of the monthly BAB rates for the period being measured.*

### 2. Removal of Concessional Treatment for Coleambally Community Bank

The existing policy provides concessional treatment to Coleambally Community Bank, requiring Council to invest between 10% and 50% of its portfolio with the bank, and allowed for investments even when the bank offered lower returns:

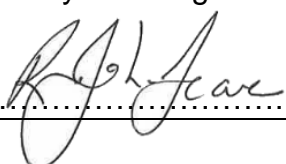
#### 2.4. Investment in Coleambally Community Bank

*2.4.1. In recognition of the significant community role, support and activities undertaken within the Local Government Area, Council will aim to hold 50% of its portfolio with the Coleambally Community Bank.*

*2.4.2. If, when considering a new investment, an equivalently-rated or better-rated institution is offering an interest rate 0.40% p.a. (or more)*

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*higher than Coleambally Community Bank with a comparable term to maturity, Council may invest in that institution in preference to Coleambally Community Bank, irrespective of the target set out in clause 2.4.1.*

*2.4.3. Notwithstanding clause 2.4.2, Council will hold a minimum of 10% of its portfolio with the Coleambally Community Bank at all times.*

It is proposed to remove this provision, such that Council will no longer be required to invest a minimum percentage of its portfolio with Coleambally Community Bank.

All investments will be made based on equivalent or superior terms without preferential treatment.

### **3. Update to the Ministerial Investment Order Date**

References to the Ministerial Investment Order have been updated to reflect the correct date: 12 January 2011 (previously incorrectly cited as 12 February 2012).

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

### **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Trustee Act 1925 (NSW)
- Relevant Office of Local Government Circulars
- Ministerial Investment Order – dated 12 January 2011
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting
- Australian Accounting Standards
- Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy

### **FINANCIAL**

Changes to the Investment Policy may affect the allocation of Council's investment portfolio.

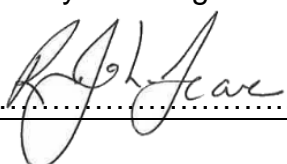
### **INTEGRATED PLANS**

#### **Leading By Example**

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

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Investment Policy seeks, through diversification and the imposition of mandatory constraints, to manage a number of risks in relation to the investment of Council's funds, including credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk, and maturity risk.

The principal objective of the Investment Policy is the preservation of capital, followed by liquidity and the achievement of an acceptable rate of return.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

- General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Accountant
- Finance Customer Support

## **OPTIONS**

Option 1 (recommendation)

That the revised Investment Policy be adopted by Council.

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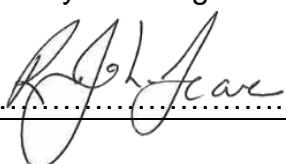
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## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment # 6: Revised Investment Policy (annotated)

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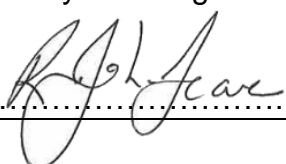


## REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

NIL

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# OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

## ITEM NO. 8 - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
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 September 2024.

### RECOMMENDATION

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

### BACKGROUND

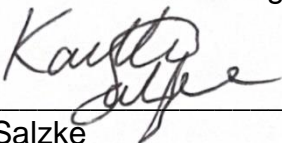
As at 30 September 2024, Council's total invested funds were \$29,215,219 as detailed in the attachment.

Funds invested with Bendigo Bank were approximately 55%.

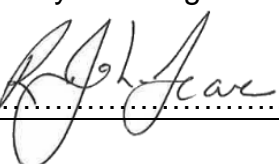
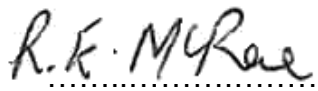
Murrumbidgee Council's money-weighted rate of return (MWRR) outperformed the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark rate for both the month and the financial year to date.

### 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.

  
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Kaitlin Salzke  
Responsible Accounting Officer

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.....General Manager      .....Mayor

## **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)

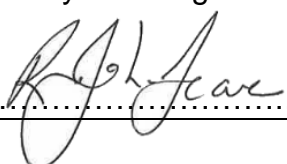
Council note the monthly Investment Reports identifying all money Council has invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment # 7: Investments as at 30 September 2024

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.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 9 - STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC137
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

Under the terms of the funding deed, Council provided for grants in the amount of \$1,409,747.84 to local community organisations.

Council has also determined a further \$14,068,316.53 for the major projects component of the Stronger Communities Fund.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the contents of the Stronger Communities Fund Report be noted.**

**BACKGROUND**

As at 30 September 2024, the 55 community grants projects provided for have been recognised as completed.

Of the further 36 major projects determined, 6 projects remain incomplete.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

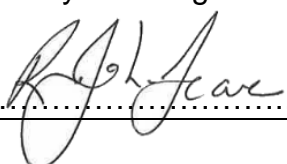
The attached spreadsheet indicates the current position of all SCF funded programs as at 30 September 2024.

The projects as listed for the town water supplies for Coleambally and Jerilderie are still awaiting the confirmation of works that can be undertaken following the provision of the IWCM report and subsequent funding offers.

The project listed for town water supplies for Darlington Point will be utilised to construct and install an additional reservoir.

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 General Manager

 Mayor

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

NIL

## **STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

## **FINANCIAL**

Council has reinvested an amount of \$1,153,840.00 in interest on the unexpended grant funds into the funding pool.

The total funding of announced projects is \$15,478,064.37, leaving an amount of \$40,775.63 additional funds as at 30 September 2024.

## **INTEGRATED PLANS**

The operational plan includes budgets for current incomplete programs, with adjustments to be made to the Quarterly Budget Review for the September quarter.

## **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

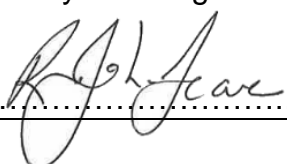
- Executive Team
- Councillors
- Community

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 8: Stronger Communities Fund grant information at 30 September 2024.

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.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 10 – NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	10 October 2024
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC59
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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

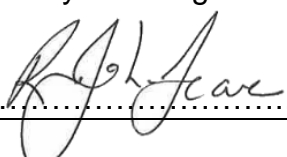
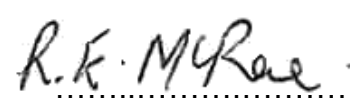
**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the contents of the New Council Implementation Fund-September 2024 Report be noted.**

**BACKGROUND**

	Amended Budget	Expenditure (Sep 2024)
PMO Staffing	\$1,600,091	\$1,600,091
Asset Management	\$336,300	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$67,254	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,815,549	\$1,815,549
Policy Development	\$30,522	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and accommodation)	\$304,476	\$304,476
Marketing & Branding	\$92,440	\$92,440
Service Reviews	\$126,672	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$120,871	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,335	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$247,948	\$247,948
GIS Conversion Project	\$31,585	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$61,058	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,118	\$124,118
Provision for adjustment to new Salary System during 18/19	\$335,971	\$335,971
Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$369,386	\$369,386
Integrate & update LEP and DCP's	\$213,698	\$211,207

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Provision of project readiness-design briefs and estimates	\$296,726	\$296,726
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,225,000</b>	<b>\$6,222,509</b>

**OFFICER COMMENT**

The remaining funds from this project amount to \$2,491 and are earmarked for the amalgamation of the LEP and associated works, which are continuing.

Officers from the Office of Local Government have previously verbally advised acceptance of the variations to the NCIF program.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

N/A

**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY**

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

**FINANCIAL**

As listed

**INTEGRATED PLANS**

Revision for the remaining budget for NCIF program will be updated in the quarterly budget review to September 2024.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

**CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

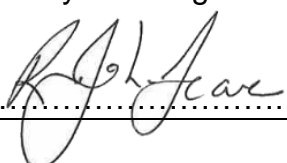

**OPTIONS**

Option 1 (recommendation)

The contents of the New Council Implementation Fund-September 2024 Report be noted.

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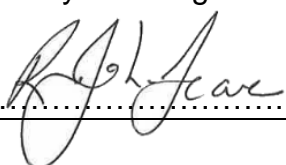

.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ATTACHMENTS**

NIL

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

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**ITEM NO. 11 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION - SEPTEMBER 2024**

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	4 October 2024
Author:	Director Planning, Community & Development
File #:	SC210
Approval:	General Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Information report provided to Council on development applications approved under delegation during September 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation, September 2024 Report be noted.

**BACKGROUND**

DA18-2024	16 Curlew Crescent Coleambally	06/09/2024	Approved (Delegation)
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**Description:**

Transportable dwelling and carport

**Consideration in determining application:**

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.

DA19-2024	18 Curlew Crescent Coleambally	06/09/2024	Approved (Delegation)
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**Description:**

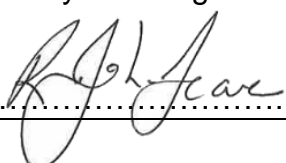
Transportable dwelling and carport

**Consideration in determining application:**

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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<b>DA20-2024</b>	<b>981 Wunnamurra Road Jerilderie</b>	<b>12/09/2024</b>	<b>Approved (Delegation)</b>
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**Description:**

Construction of farm shed and workshop

**Consideration in determining application:**

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.

<b>DA21-2024</b>	<b>55 Kookaburra Avenue Coleambally</b>	<b>17/09/2024</b>	<b>Approved (Delegation)</b>
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**Description:**

Transportable dwelling

**Consideration in determining application:**

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.

<b>Modification DA22-2-2023</b>	<b>5037 Kidman Way Coleambally</b>	<b>17/09/2024</b>	<b>Approved (Delegation)</b>
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**Description:**

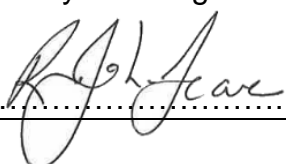
Modification of approved micro solar farm including the addition of a two battery energy storage system (BESS)

**Consideration in determining application:**

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. 12 – TENDER – RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK CABINS

Council Meeting:	22 October 2024
Report Date:	13 October 2024
Author:	Director Planning and Infrastructure
File #:	SC736
Approval:	General Manager

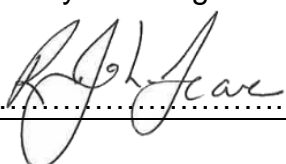
### RECOMMENDATION

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) and (ii) and (f) 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, or
  - ii. Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council
  
- f) Matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property

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