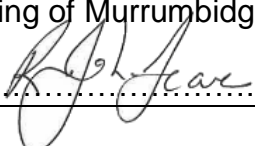
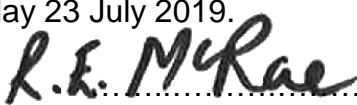


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019**

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MAYORAL REPORT

ITEM NO. 1 - MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	17 July 2019
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

July has seen a pleasingly lighter load regarding meetings, public events and functions.

It is winter and most people have some degree of cold/flu.

School holidays and a steady stream of holiday makers have seen a busy Newell Highway and Kidman Way.

Our Media & Communications Officer, Anne Lyons, has certainly hit the ground running, with Media Releases informing our residents of:

- the availability of the Draft Economic Strategy for perusal and input;
- the very welcome news of the availability of funds through Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund;
- Co-ordination of the Local Government Week Councillors and Staff Community Meet and Greets in our 3 communities. It is pleasing to see the Councillor availability for these 3 very important community engagement sessions;
- The projected spend of \$4.2 million on Council roads in 2019/2020.

Important community feedback has identified some of our road assets were in need of some current assessment - prolonged dry conditions have certainly tested some of our roads with heavy traffic usage.

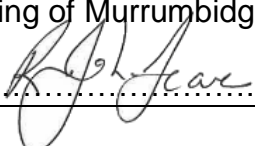
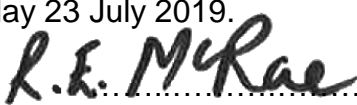
Prompt attention to areas of concern has alleviated some of the pressing needs and further planning is in progress.

Prioritising our road network is imperative, not only for timely movement of our agricultural produce, but just as importantly to allow safe movement for our community

It is really important that we conduct the proposed Roads Tour of our Council footprint sooner rather than later.

Plans are taking shape for the Annual Sir John Monash Dinner & Lecture to be held in Jerilderie on Friday, 20 September 2019 - our guest speaker this year is Mr

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Michael Bennett. Mr Bennett is the great grandson of General Sir John Monash. This event coincides with the Jerilderie Gold Cup Race Meeting on Saturday 21 September 2019 and the 150 year celebration of Jerilderie Public School on Sunday 22 September 2019.

We warmly welcome new staff members to Murrumbidgee Council:

- Brooke Williams - Customer Service Officer;
- Kelly Tyson - Manager, Planning and Environment;
- Raylene Slade - Workplace Health and Safety Risk Officer.

The addition of these key staff members will add to the can-do philosophy that Murrumbidgee Council fosters and promotes.

Welcome news of plans appearing for our major projects is reassuring. The planned Coleambally Sports Precinct User Group Meeting at the sports stadium on Monday 22 July 2019 will be warmly received.

I am confident that the Brolga Place re-development in Coleambally and the Lions Park display and public amenities project in Darlington Point will follow close behind.

The proposed Advisory Committee to further inform the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) in their progression of the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects is currently being formed. At a Country Creek Alliance (CCA) and Yanco Creeks & Tributaries Advisory Committee (YACTAC) meeting held on the 27 June 2019 it was agreed that YACTAC be our voice now this Advisory Committee has been formed.

Stay tuned for further updates.

A timely reminder of our required vigilance in keeping warm. Please be mindful of your personal safety and of those around you. Open fires, portable heaters and overloaded electrical circuits are all problematic.

Please see below meetings I have attended during July:

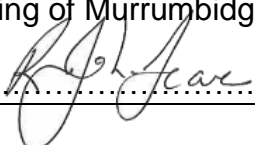
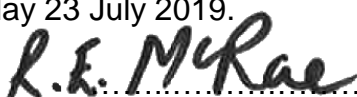
27 June 2019

Country Creek Alliance And YACTAC meeting in Jerilderie.

- Consultation that spoke to:

- Formation of the Advisory Committee;
- Explanation of the Sustainable Diversion Limit-Adjustment Mechanism;
- Probable impacts of these projects on the Yanco - Billabong system;
- Proposed bus tour of relevant Water Ministers and Mayors of the Yanco SDLAM's, weirs etc

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2 July 2019

LEMC Meeting in Coleambally

Reports furnished by:

- Kevin Kelly, CICL - Grading, spraying of Boxthorn and suckers, NEOEN fire mitigation;
- Repair of collapsed drainage inlets;
- Stuart Watson, Local Land Service - Recent biosecurity training in Wagga - animal disease;
- Major bushfire – animals;
- Kevin Adams Rural Fire Service - Murrumbidgee Zone
 - Bushfire Management Plans due for review/approval;
 - Fires attended in Griffith and Leeton
- Tony Whitehorn Rural Fire Service – Mid Murray Zone
 - new fire shed Deniliquin Airport, Fire and Rescue also;
 - New fire shed at Boorooban;
 - Toilets to be installed in all fire sheds;
- Scott Fullerton REMO - spoke of need to formally nominate Murrumbidgee Council Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO)
 - Stephen Goodsall LEMO - mobile contact provided
 - Backup LEMO's are Operations Managers William Wade and Johann Pereira-their mobile contacts provided

18 July 2019

RAMJO Extraordinary Budget Meeting - Berrigan

- Budget Paper Presentation - reconciliation, draft 2019/2020 budget;
- Proposal for increased revenue streams;
- General discussions around solar farms, inland rail, electricity contracts and biodiversity offsets.

22 July 2019

Teleconference - Accomodation Market Assessment - Griffith Sub Region

- Facilitated by Richie Robinson, Destination Riverina Murray;
- Identified issue/opportunity/forecast demand;
- Appears in Annual Report of the Riverina Murray - clearly aligned to visitor bed availability.

22 July 2019

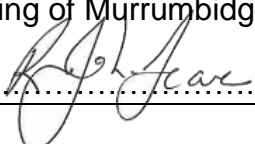
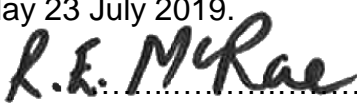
Coleambally Sorts Precinct User Group Meeting

- THE PLANS HAVE ARRIVED – YIPPEE!
- Open and frank collaborative discussion centred around maximum use and a harmonious multi-faceted facility

Councillor Ruth McRae

MAYOR

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ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM NO. 2 - GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	25 June 2019
Report Date:	18 June 2019
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

That the contents of the report be received and Council:

OFFICER COMMENT

1. Projects

The following have progressed to tender design:

Darlington Point:

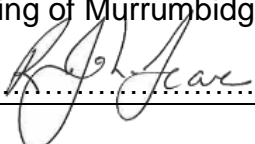
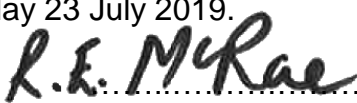
- Lions Park Toilets and Display (attachment # 1)
- Football/Netball clubrooms and changerooms (attachment # 2)

The following were at the point of community choice Monday 22 July 2019. A verbal report on meeting outcomes will be provided:

Coleambally:

- Men's change rooms (attachment # 3)
- Netball change rooms redevelopment (attachment # 4)
- Gym (attachment # 5)
- Club room refurbishment (attachment # 6)
- Youth hall refurbishment (attachment # 7)
- Squash courts (attachment # 8)
- Gym/club room combined (option instead of two separate buildings) (attachments # 9 and 10)
- Additional gym plans (attachments # 11 and 12)

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All above projects to be at tender by end of August for decision at the September meeting of Council.

2. Local Government Week, 29 July to 2 August 2019

- Cuppa with the Community - 10am to 11.30am
- Jerilderie Library Monday 29 July 2019
- Darlington Point Council Chambers Tuesday 30 July 2019
- Coleambally Post Office Café Wednesday 31 July 2019

3. Movements

- Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 August 2019 – CPA Conference – Melbourne
- Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 August 2019 – Emergency Management - Albury
- Thursday 29 August 2019 – MDA Region 9 Meeting – Leeton
- Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 September 2019 – Emergency Management - Albury
- Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 October 2019 – LGNSW Conference – Warwick Farm

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

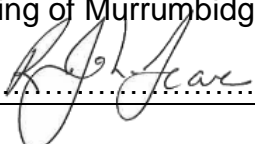
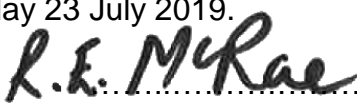
Theme 5: Our leadership – looking to our Future

1.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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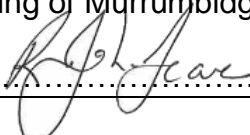

OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 1: Plan – Darlington Point Lions Display
- Attachment # 2: Plan – Darlington Point Oval Amenities
- Attachment # 3: Plan – Coleambally Oval AFL Changrooms
- Attachment # 4: Plan – Coleambally Oval Netball
- Attachment # 5: Plan – Coleambally Oval Gym
- Attachment # 6: Plan – Coleambally Oval Clubhouse
- Attachment # 7: Plan – Coleambally Oval Youth Hall
- Attachment # 8: Plan – Coleambally Oval Squash Court
- Attachment # 9: Plan – Coleambally Oval Club House Combined
- Attachment # 10: Plan – Coleambally Oval Club House Combined
- Attachment # 11: Plan – Coleambally Oval – gym
- Attachment # 12: Plan – Coleambally Oval – gym

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ITEM NO. 3 – STAFF EDUCATION & TRAINING RECOGNITION POLICY

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	17 July 2019
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC49
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Staff Education and Training Recognition Policy provides four categories, education and training as detailed in the position description, education and training which benefits both employer and employee, individual recognition as well as conferences and professional development.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Murrumbidgee Council Staff Education and Training Policy be adopted.

BACKGROUND

This reviewed policy replaces the previous Staff Education and Training Policy which was adopted in September 2017 by Minute number 203/09/17, with a review date of July 2019.

OFFICER COMMENT

The policy has been updated after reviewing the former policy of Murrumbidgee Council. The original policy, in my opinion, did not give any structure in what we need to achieve, and it all fell to the General Manager as to what she/he thinks. The reviewed policy gives a clear guide to what Managers can offer and what Council should expect. All within budgetary constraints. The immediate focus will be on training and education for staff to meet their position description requirements, as well as professional development requirements.

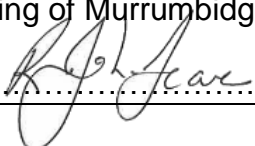
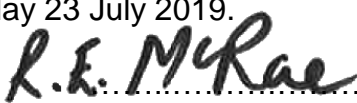
The Policy was presented to the Consultative Committee and Elected Representatives in May 2019, with a date in May for comments. Only one comment was received, which resulted in the changing of the paid study leave hours.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

There are no statutory requirements to have a Staff Education and Training Policy.

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FINANCIAL

There are financial implications to Council, with an expected budget of \$250,000 in 2019/20, \$300,000 in 2020/21, \$350,000 in 2021/22, \$400,000 in 2022/23, and each year following \$450,000, subject to Council approval of budget each year.

INTEGRATED PLANS

2018-2022 Operational Plan and Delivery Program
5.4 Council is 'Employer of Choice'.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

The policy has been developed in consultation with Council's Management Team, Consultative Committee, employees and Human Resource and Industrial Relations Officer.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt a policy to reward the recognition of long serving employees; or
2. Continue with previous policies for separate Councils.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 13: Draft Murrumbidgee Council Staff Education and Training Policy
July 2019

Attachment # 14: Murrumbidgee Council Staff Education and Training Policy
(adopted September 2017)

ITEM NO. 4 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 30-18/19

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	17 July 2019
Author:	Matt Johnson, Consultant Town Planner, Habitat Planning
File #:	DA 30-18/19 / DA18/0030 / SC193
Approval:	John Scarce, General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received Development Application DA 30-18/19 for a proposed public boat ramp, floating pontoon and associated infrastructure located on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River in Darlington Point. An assessment of the application has been undertaken against the requirements of Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as outlined within this report.

The application has been independently assessed as the development is a Council-initiated project and the works are partially contained on Council land.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council refuse Development Application DA 30-18/19 for a proposed public boat ramp, floating pontoon and associated infrastructure on land described as Lot 7312 in DP1159328, Lot 7008 in DP1021217 and Lot 5 in DP804882 and addressed as Stock Street, Darlington Point under *Section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* subject to the reasons for refusal provided in attachment # 15.

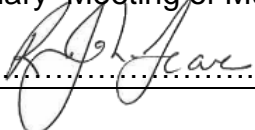
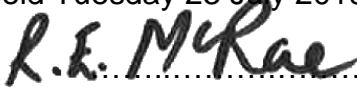
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Applicant:	Murrumbidgee Council
Property:	Lot 7312, DP1159328, Lot 7008, DP1021217 and Lot 5, DP804882, Stock Street, Darlington Point
Zoning:	E3 Environmental Management, W2 Recreational Waterways & RU5 Village
Proposed Development:	Proposed public boat ramp, floating pontoon and associated infrastructure ('Darlington Point Boat Ramp')
Consent Authority:	Murrumbidgee Council
Reason for Report:	Council project, submissions received, value of works

BACKGROUND

Date Lodged:	1 February 2019
Exhibition period:	6/02/2019 to 6/03/2019
Submissions received:	5 submissions received (4 opposed and 1 in support)

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LOCATION PLAN

SITE AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT DESCRIPTION

The subject land is described as Lot 7312, DP1159328, Lot 7008, DP1021217 and Lot 5, DP804882 and addressed as Stock Street, Darlington Point ('the subject land'). The land also comprises part of Bunyip Hole Reserve No. 68938.

The subject land is located on the eastern side of the main commercial area of Darlington Point on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River opposite the Darlington Point Caravan Park and adjacent to the Darlington Point flood levee bank (see **Figure 1**).

The property (including the proposed boat ramp and ancillary access road and vehicle parking areas) comprises three (3) separate parcels of land held in Crown, Council and Local Land Services (LLS) ownership and has a total area of 1.6 hectares.

The property is zoned W2 Recreational Waterways (as it relates to the Murrumbidgee River), as well as E3 Environmental Management and RU5 Village under the *Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013*.

The topography of the land is generally flat but does gently slope down towards the Murrumbidgee River. The land is characteristic of a riverine riparian environment and contains native vegetation, primarily comprising river red gums. The subject land is also flood prone.

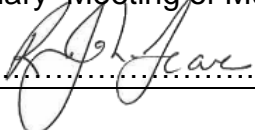
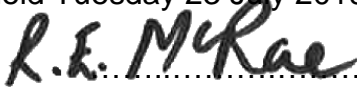
A portion of the subject land has previously been disturbed as part of the construction of the adjoining flood levee bank and associated road access way. Similarly, the location of the proposed boat ramp has also been disturbed as part of the construction of the adjoining gabion wall flood levee structure. Such disturbance has included earthworks, as well as the removal of a number of native trees.

Road access to the proposed new boat ramp will be primarily from Cemetery Road to the south, whilst a secondary access point is also available from Curphey Place halfway along this access road, which requires access over the newly constructed flood levee bank. Pedestrian access to this area is available via the Goanna Walking Track, which can be accessed from Fig Tree Park to the north.

The surrounding area is mixed and comprises environmental lands, as well as residential dwellings.

More specifically, the Murrumbidgee River adjoins the subject land to the north-east, whilst land to the north contains the recently constructed Darlington Point flood levee bank, comprising a gabion wall structure.

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Land to the east and south of the subject land is Crown Lands, which are contained within the riverine floodplain. This land is heavily vegetated and subject to flooding given its location alongside the Murrumbidgee River, as well as a backwater. To the west of the subject land is the main township of Darlington Point with the subject land adjoining a number of residential dwellings that back onto this land. These dwellings are elevated and overlook the proposed area of works, but are separated from this land by the newly constructed flood levee.



Figure 1 – Location of Subject Land

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION

The proposal involves the construction of a new public boat ramp, floating pontoon and associated infrastructure, with a total project value of \$1.2 million.

The purpose of the new public boat ramp is to replace an existing boat ramp that exists on the opposite side of the Murrumbidgee River that does not comply with current day requirements.

More specifically, the development involves the following works:

- Construction of a new public road measuring 40 metres long x 8 metres wide on the southern side of the Murray River adjacent to the existing Darlington Point flood levee wall;
- Installation of a floating pontoon measuring 85 metres long with associated access ramp;
- Construction of a new disabled access ramp measuring 45 metres long x 3 metres between the existing pathway and the top of the boat ramp;

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- Removal of approximately 12 trees along the proposed access road and public boat ramp location;
- Undertaking of earthworks, concrete piling, subgrade treatments, rock armouring and Type 2 Rock beaching;
- Construction of steel and concrete sleeper retaining walls;
- Construction of associated amenities and facilities such as picnic benches and seating areas, as well as directional signage and post and rail fencing;
- Site landscaping and re-establishment works including site levelling;
- Construction of an unsealed access road measuring 256 metres long x 7.6 metres wide from Cemetery Road, including an unsealed trailer turn-around area;
- Construction of a sealed road and angled car parking area measuring 105 metres long x 7.6 metres wide catering for 23 cars, boats and trailers; and
- Construction of a concrete paved roadway measuring 55 metres long x 19 metres wide, including a trailer turn-around area

An extract of the proposed site plan is provided in **Figure 2** and details of the boat ramp are provided in **Figure 3** below. A full copy of the submitted plans is included as attachment # 16 to this report.

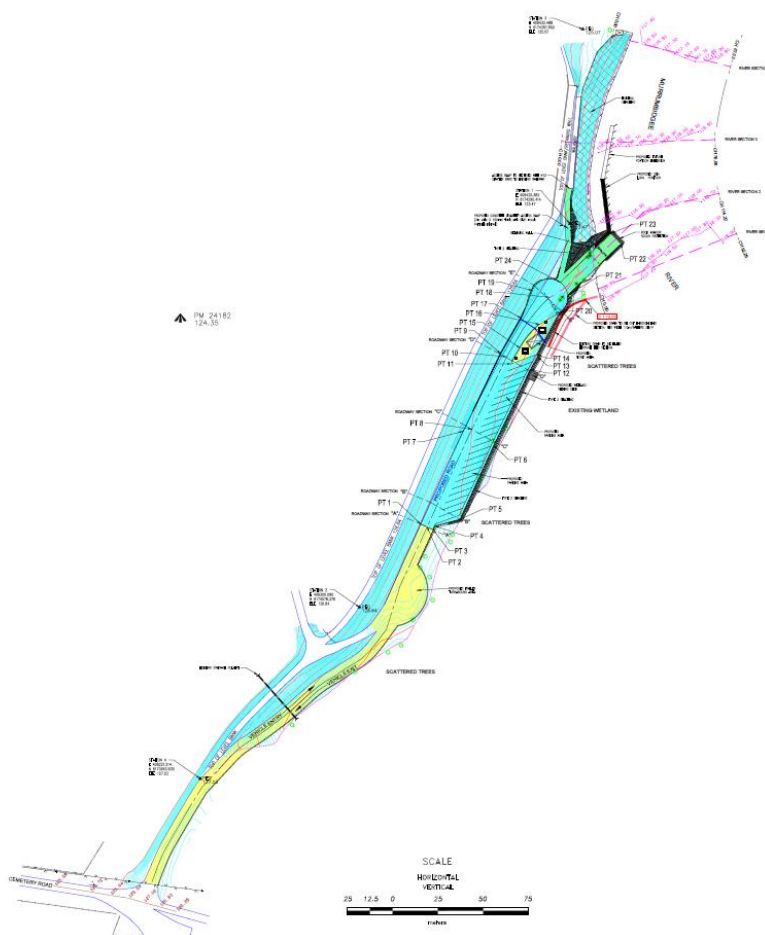


Figure 2 – Proposed Site Plan (entire project area)

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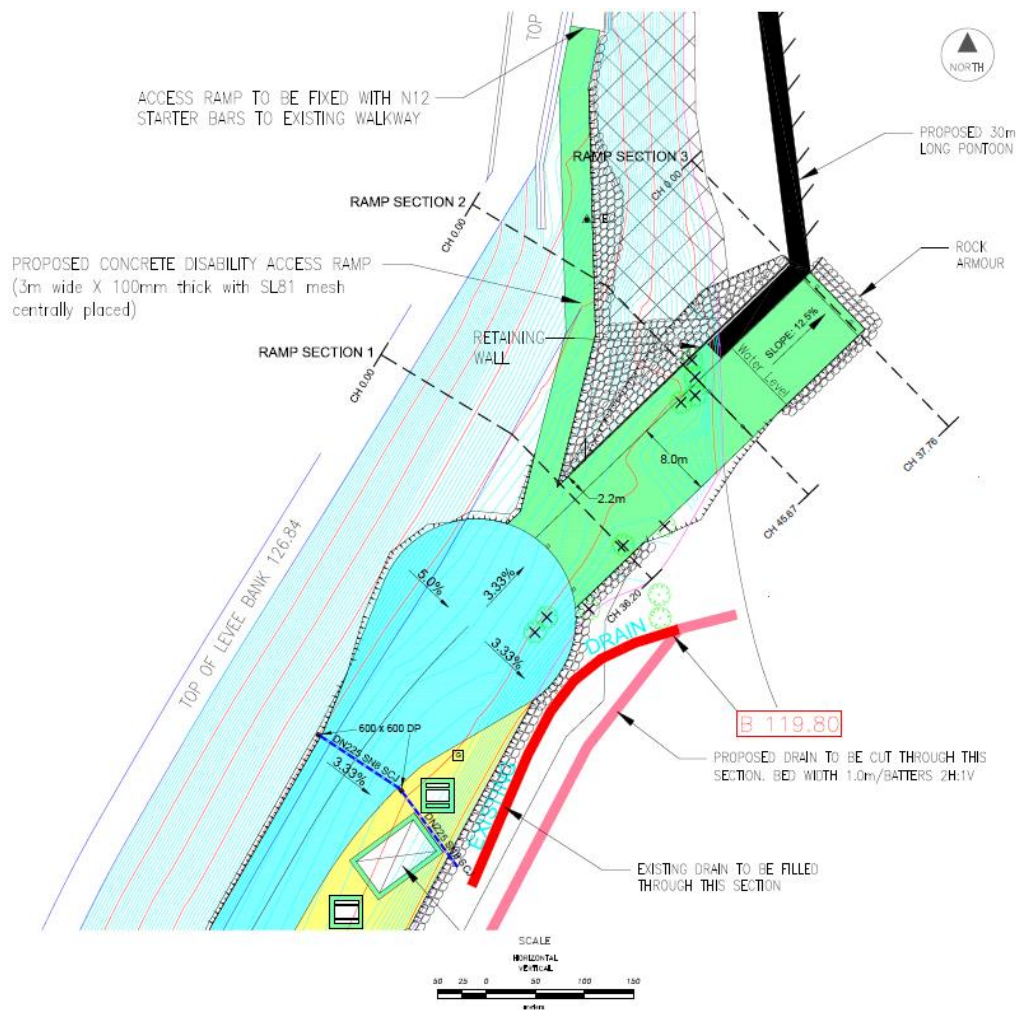


Figure 3 – Proposed Site Plan (Boat Ramp Details)

As the works relate to both Crown and Local Land Service (LLS) owned land, landowners' consent has been obtained from these landowners and is included as part of the application.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

4.15 EVALUATION

(1) Matters for consideration—general

In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

(a) the provisions of:

- (i) any environmental planning instrument, and*

The following environmental planning instruments are relevant to the application:

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State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land (SEPP 55)

Clause 7 of this SEPP requires Council to consider whether the land is contaminated prior to granting consent to the carrying out of any development on that land and consider whether the subject land in its current or remediated condition, is appropriate for the proposed development.

The subject land is currently undeveloped and is not known to have been used for any activities that would lead to land contamination. Consequently, no further investigation in this regard is warranted and Council can be satisfied in regard to its obligations under this SEPP.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017

The provisions of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017* (“the Vegetation SEPP”) applies to the removal of vegetation in a non-rural area including the E3 Environmental Management Zone.

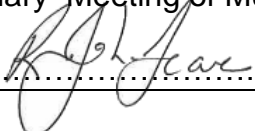
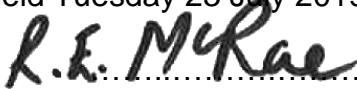
Clause 10 of this SEPP allows Council to issue a permit for the clearing of vegetation in the following circumstances:

- (1) *A Council may issue a permit to a landholder to clear vegetation to which this Part applies in any non-rural area of the State.*
- (2) *A permit cannot be granted to clear native vegetation in any non-rural area of the State that exceeds the biodiversity offsets scheme threshold.*
- (3) *A permit under this Part cannot allow the clearing of vegetation:*
 - (a) *that is or forms part of a heritage item or that is within a heritage conservation area, or*
 - (b) *that is or forms part of an Aboriginal object or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,*
unless the Council is satisfied that the proposed activity:
 - (c) *is of a minor nature or is for the maintenance of the heritage item, Aboriginal object, Aboriginal place of heritage significance or heritage conservation area, and*
 - (d) *would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the heritage item, Aboriginal object, Aboriginal place of heritage significance or heritage conservation area.*
- (4) *A permit may be granted under this Part subject to any conditions specified in the permit.*

The submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) provides a biodiversity assessment, with attachment # 17 of this report providing a threatened species assessment.

The report concludes that the subject land is contained within a modified riverine floodplain and that the works will require the removal of 8 juvenile river red gums, which contained no identified hollows or habitat formations. Groundcover in the project area consists of a heavy burden of introduced weeds and grasses.

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The works do not exceed the biodiversity offset scheme threshold, however the study area is located on land classified on the NSW Governments' Biodiversity Values Map as a 'protected riparian corridor'.

Following an inspection of the subject land and the trees proposed to be removed, it is generally agreed that the works will not have a significant impact on an identified threatened species or ecological community.

Notwithstanding the above, it is noted that during the site inspection, it was observed that a number of additional trees will need to be removed in order to construct the proposed vehicle turn around area (court head). This includes tree removal works and filling of the adjoining backwater, which has been identified as a protected riparian corridor. Further details regarding these works are discussed later in this report.

Local Environmental Plans

Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013

Clause 2.3 Zone Objectives and Land Use Table

The subject land is zoned E3 Environmental Management, W2 Recreational Waterways and RU5 Village under the *Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013*.

The objectives of the E3 Zone are:

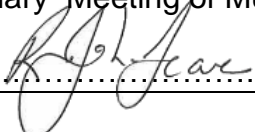
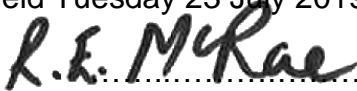
- *To protect, manage and restore areas with special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.*
- *To provide for a limited range of development that does not have an adverse effect on those values.*
- *To ensure development is compatible with the flood hazard and riparian corridor of the Murrumbidgee River.*

Clause 2.3(2) requires Council to have regard to the objectives and Land Use Table of the zone when determining a Development Application. The proposal seeks to construct a water recreation structure, which is permitted with consent in the E3 Zone.

Notwithstanding the above, consideration is required of the proposed development in relation to the objectives of the E3 zone. Having reviewed the proposed works and activities, the development is inconsistent with these objectives as follows:

- The proposal seeks to construct a new boat ramp on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River, which is a sensitive riverine environment. Whilst the area of works has largely been disturbed and/or cleared, it is noted that the land is subject to high hazard flooding and requires the removal of native vegetation.

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Given the location of the proposed boat ramp on the outside of a bend, several Government agencies have raised concerns with regards to the location of this boat ramp and its potential to cause erosion and sediment concerns ongoing, as well as alter the existing flooding conditions.

Whilst a hydraulic assessment has been undertaken, it is noted that this assessment has been based on the Narrandera Flood Study rather than the recent Flood Study prepared for Darlington Point.

- As outlined above, although development for the purposes of a boat ramp is permitted with consent in the E3 zone, the development has the potential to have an adverse ongoing environmental impact via erosion and scouring, which has the potential to adversely impact upon the Murrumbidgee River.
- The subject land is located in a high hazard flood area. A hydraulic assessment has been prepared in support of the application, which confirms that the boat ramp will be inundated to a depth of greater than 5 metres during a 1 in 100 year flood event. Whilst this assessment concludes that the proposed works will have 'little impact to the flood behaviour', it is noted that this hydraulic assessment was based on the Narrandera Flood Study (2015), rather than the more recent Darlington Point Flood Study (December 2018).

As outlined above, a number of public authorities have raised concerns in regards to the location of the boat and its potential impacts on water quality and the riparian corridor due to ongoing erosion and scouring.

Accordingly, the proposed new public boat ramp is inconsistent with the objectives of the E3 zone.

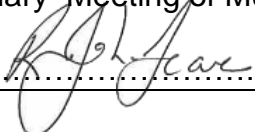
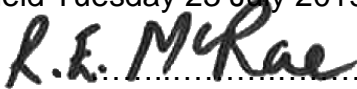
Furthermore, the area of works, as it relates to the proposed boat ramp and floating pontoon is zoned W2. The objectives of the W2 Zone are:

- *To protect the ecological, scenic and recreation values of recreational waterways.*
- *To allow for water-based recreation and related uses.*
- *To provide for sustainable fishing industries and recreational fishing.*

Clause 2.3(2) requires Council to have regard to the objectives and Land Use Table of the zone when determining a development application. The proposal seeks to construct a water recreation structure, which is permitted with consent in the W2 Zone.

As outlined above, an assessment is also required to ensure that the proposed development complies with the objectives of this zone, which is outlined as follows:

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- As outlined above, the proposed works are likely to have an adverse environmental impact in terms of erosion, scouring and flooding impacts due to the boat ramp's location on the outside of the river bend.

Whilst the proposed works are not expected to reduce the scenic or recreational values of the waterway the works are expected to have an adverse environmental impact as outlined within this report.

- The proposed new public boat ramp and floating pontoon will support and grow water-based recreation and related uses via the provision of new boating facilities.
- The new boat ramp and floating pontoon will provide additional recreational fishing opportunities. Notwithstanding as outlined above, given the location of the proposed boat ramp on the outside of the river bend, the development is likely to cause ongoing erosion and scouring concerns, which may have an impact on aquatic wildlife.

A portion of the proposed access road is zoned RU5 with the objectives of this zone being:

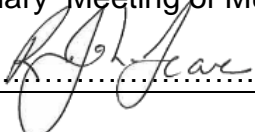
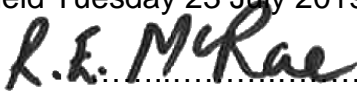
- *To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.*
- *To ensure that development in village areas is compatible with the environmental capability of the land.*
- *To retain and facilitate the expansion and redevelopment of the existing central business districts of Darlington Point and Coleambally and to further strengthen the core retail functions of these areas.*

Clause 2.3(2) requires Council to have regard to the objectives and Land Use Table of the zone when determining a development application. The proposal seeks to construct/upgrade a road in this zone, which is permitted with consent in the RU5 Zone.

As outlined above, an assessment is also required to ensure that the proposed development complies with the objectives of this zone, which is outlined as follows:

- The proposed new boat ramp will support the existing township of Darlington Point and will expand the range and type of recreational facilities available within the township.
- As outlined above, given the location of the proposed boat ramp and its potential impact on the existing flood levee bank and ongoing issues of erosion and river scouring, the development will not be compatible with the environmental capability of the land.

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Clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation

Clause 5.10 of the LEP relates to heritage conservation and seeks:

- (a) to conserve the environmental heritage of Murrumbidgee,
- (b) to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,
- (c) to conserve archaeological sites,
- (d) to conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance.

The subject land is not identified as a heritage item nor is it located within a heritage conservation area within Schedule 5 of the LEP.

Consideration however is required in relation to matters regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. A due diligence assessment was completed as part of the SEE and a review of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) identified 17 registered heritage sites/objects within proximity to the subject land.

Given the potential cultural sensitivities of the land due to its location, a site inspection was undertaken by Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council representative Mr Robert Carroll. Upon inspection of the subject land, it was concluded that:

“no cultural material was observed during the survey nor expected to be found within the area to be impacted by the development. The immediate area surrounding the proposed boat ramp and roadway have been impacted by clearing and previous flood protection works. This has left the proposed development area surrounded by disturbed landscapes”.

Council can therefore be satisfied that the area of proposed works is classified as ‘disturbed land’ given the previous works that have occurred in the project area resulting from the construction of the adjoining flood levee. Consequently, should approval be granted, development can proceed with caution, subject to a number of mitigation measures being adopted.

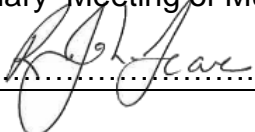
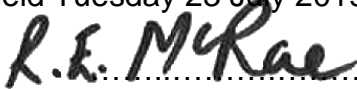
Clause 6.1 Earthworks

Clause 6.1 of the LEP relates to earthworks and seeks to ensure that earthworks for which development consent is required will not have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, neighbouring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land.

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) the likely disruption of, or any detrimental effect on, drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality of the development,
- (b) the effect of the development on the likely future use or redevelopment of the land,
- (c) the quality of the fill or the soil to be excavated, or both,
- (d) the effect of the development on the existing and likely amenity of adjoining properties,

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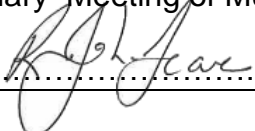
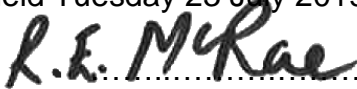
- (e) *the source of any fill material and the destination of any excavated material,*
- (f) *the likelihood of disturbing relics,*
- (g) *the proximity to, and potential for adverse impacts on, any waterway, drinking water catchment or environmentally sensitive area,*
- (h) *any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

An assessment of these matters for consideration is provided below:

- The proposal involves earthworks associated with the construction of a new boat ramp, associated car parking areas and an access road adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River. Accordingly, the works are expected to impact upon existing drainage patterns and soil stability, during both construction and use.
- The proposal will not adversely affect the future use or redevelopment of the land and it is reiterated that the purpose of the works is to construct a new boat ramp and associated infrastructure;
- No details have been provided in relation to the quality of fill or soil to be excavated. Notwithstanding, it is expected that excavated soil will be clean virgin material that can either be utilised as part of the subject project or transported off-site and appropriately used elsewhere.
- The proposed earthworks are not expected to adversely affect the amenity of adjoining properties. It is noted however that the development will involve works to the recently constructed flood levee bank that protects adjoining neighbours to the west. Should these works not be carefully designed, then there is a possibility that the development may undermine this structure, which would detrimentally affect these properties.
- The development does not involve the importation of any fill, with any residue excavated material to be transported off-site and appropriately disposed of.
- A due diligence heritage assessment was undertaken and a site inspection was conducted by Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council, which confirmed that the likelihood of Aboriginal objects being present on-site is considered to be 'low'.
- The project area is located immediately adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River and also involves works within the river bed. Given the nature of the works and its location, the application was referred to a number of public authorities for comment.

Upon referral, two public authorities raised significant concerns with regards to the location of the proposed boat ramp and its potential impact on the environment due to likely ongoing erosion and scouring of the banks of the river, which will have an adverse impact on this waterway.

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- Given the location of the proposed works alongside the Murrumbidgee River and in order to protect this waterway, the development proposes to implement and maintain sediment and erosion control measures in accordance with a sediment and erosion control plan.

The development also proposes rock beaching and rock armour for scour protection of the boat ramp, as well as a new retaining wall to help stabilise the bank of the ramp and allow for pedestrian access to the proposed floating pontoon.

Clause 6.2 Flooding

The subject land is flood prone and therefore the provisions of Clause 6.2 of the LEP apply. The objectives of this clause of the LEP are to minimise the flood risk to life and property, allow for development that is compatible with the land's flood hazard and avoid significant adverse impacts on flood behaviour and the environment.

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) *is compatible with the flood hazard of the land, and*
- (b) *will not significantly adversely affect flood behaviour resulting in detrimental increases in the potential flood affectation of other development or properties, and*
- (c) *incorporates appropriate measures to manage risk to life from flood, and*
- (d) *will not significantly adversely affect the environment or cause avoidable erosion, siltation, destruction of riparian vegetation or a reduction in the stability of river banks or watercourses, and*
- (e) *is not likely to result in unsustainable social and economic costs to the community as a consequence of flooding.*

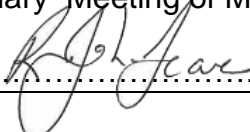
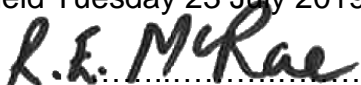
Appendix 4 of the submitted SEE provides a hydraulic/flood assessment of the proposed boat ramp and its impacts on the hydraulic functions of the river against a range of flood events, including the 1 in 100 year flood event.

The report outlines that during large flood events, the access road and boat ramp structure will be significantly inundated by floodwater to a depth of 5.98 metres due to its location on the outside bend of the Murrumbidgee River, as well as its location next to an adjoining backwater. These floodwaters, although deep, will not be fast moving and the report concludes that 'there is little impact to the flood behaviour through the area modified as part of the boat ramp design'.

The report also concludes that 'the approximate shear stresses are relatively low and standard rock protection and armour should be sufficient for protection of the structure'.

As outlined in this flood study, the proposed boat ramp is considered to be generally compatible with the flood hazard of the land and is not expected to adversely affect

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existing flood behaviours. Similarly, the development incorporates flood protection measures such as rock armour.

Notwithstanding, following advice received from several Government agencies, these agencies have raised concerns with regards to the location of the boat ramp on the outside bend of the river. As a consequence, Council have been advised by these authorities that the location of the boat ramp is likely to lead to ongoing erosion and siltation and that the concrete boat ramp is likely to be undercut by the current.

This is likely to lead to an adverse environmental impact in terms of water quality and will require Council to continually maintain the boat ramp to correct erosion and sediment issues, which may cause bank instability. This will create an unsustainable environmental, social and economic cost to Council, which Council will be liable for.

Furthermore, given the location of the works, the new boat ramp and associated works has the potential to impact upon the recently constructed flood levee bank. No details have been provided in the SEE in relation to the potential impacts on this levee bank structure, however following consultation with NSW Public Works, who constructed the levee, they have raised concerns that the proposed works may weaken their structure, which could reduce the level of flood protection for Darlington Point.

This authority has recommended that any proposed retaining wall designs be reviewed by their design engineers and that any costs associated with reviewing this information be funded by the boat ramp project.

It is also noted that the submitted hydraulic assessment report/model has been based on the Narrandera Flood Study, rather than the Darlington Point Flood Study, which would provide a more accurate assessment of flooding.

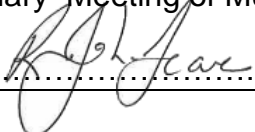
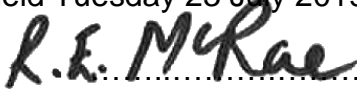
Clause 6.3 Terrestrial Biodiversity

The entire project area is mapped as 'Terrestrial Biodiversity' on the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map and therefore the provisions of this clause apply. The objectives of this clause are to protect native fauna and flora and their ecological processes.

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) *whether the development is likely to have:*
 - (i) *any adverse impact on the condition, ecological value and significance of the fauna and flora on the land, and*
 - (ii) *any adverse impact on the importance of the vegetation on the land to the habitat and survival of native fauna, and*
 - (iii) *any potential to fragment, disturb or diminish the biodiversity structure, function and composition of the land, and*
 - (iv) *any adverse impact on the habitat elements providing connectivity on the land, and*

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- (b) *any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

Matters regarding biodiversity have been discussed in Section 3.3 of the SEE and a Threatened Species Assessment ('5 Part Test') has been provided in attachment # 17. As outlined earlier in this report, the development will involve the removal of 8 immature river red gums in order to construct the proposed boat ramp and turn around area. None of these trees contain hollows and the majority of them are immature.

Following an inspection of the subject land and the trees proposed to be removed, it is generally agreed that the works will not have a significant impact on an identified threatened species or ecological community.

Clause 6.4 Groundwater Vulnerability

The provisions of clause 6.4 of the LEP apply as the land is classified as 'groundwater vulnerable' on the Groundwater Vulnerability Map. The objectives of this clause are to maintain the hydrological functions of the groundwater and to protect vulnerable groundwater resources from depletion and contamination.

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) *the likelihood of groundwater contamination from the development (including from any on-site storage or disposal of solid or liquid waste and chemicals),*
- (b) *any adverse impacts the development may have on groundwater dependent ecosystems,*
- (c) *the cumulative impact the development may have on groundwater (including impacts on nearby groundwater extraction for a potable water supply or stock water supply),*
- (d) *any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

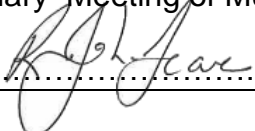
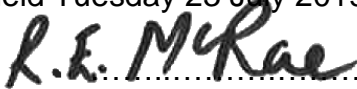
The development involves the construction of a new public boat ramp and associated works. Given the nature of these works and the fact that the development does not involve the use of any hazardous materials or chemicals, the works are not expected to contaminate the groundwater.

Clause 6.5 Riparian Land and Watercourses

Clause 6.5 of the LEP applies as the location of the proposed boat ramp where it connects with the Murrumbidgee River is classified as 'Riparian Land and Watercourse' on the Riparian Land and Watercourses Map. The objectives of this clause are to protect and maintain water quality within watercourses, the stability of the bed and banks of watercourses, aquatic and riparian habitats and the ecological processes within the watercourse.

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

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- (a) *whether or not the development is likely to have any adverse impact on the following:*
 - (i) *the water quality and flows within the watercourse,*
 - (ii) *aquatic and riparian species, habitats and ecosystems of the watercourse,*
 - (iii) *the stability of the bed and banks of the watercourse,*
 - (iv) *the free passage of fish and other aquatic organisms within or along the watercourse,*
 - (v) *any future rehabilitation of the watercourse and riparian areas, and*
- (b) *whether or not the development is likely to increase water extraction from the watercourse, and*
- (c) *any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

An assessment of these matters for consideration is provided below:

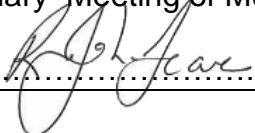
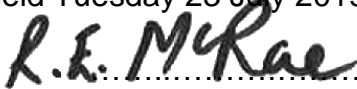
- Due to its location, the proposed boat ramp is expected to have an adverse environmental impact on water quality, aquatic and riparian species, as well as the stability of the bed and banks of a watercourse following advice received from the NSW Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR). More specifically, NRAR has advised Council that:
The proposal does not meet NRAR's guidelines for instream works and has the possibility to cause erosion and damage to the waterfront land and the alignment of the watercourse.... The location of the ramp on the outside bend is likely to lead to erosion which may result in the stream being realigned. It is recommended further consideration be given to the location and construction design to address these aspects.

Further details in relation to this submission are provided later in this report. In summary, the relevant water approval authority has raised significant concerns in relation to the proposed boat ramp design and its location, which they expect will create ongoing erosion issues due to its location on the outside of the bend.

Should Council decide to approve the development, it will need to ensure that the boat ramp does not cause ongoing erosion issues, which may be difficult given its location. It is also noted that NRAR have advised Council that any erosion, scouring or environmental degradation will result in NRAR taking compliance action against Council, which could take the form of remediation works.

- The development is not expected to lead to an increase in water extraction from the watercourse.
- Whilst there is an ability to adopt some mitigation measures during construction, such as sediment and erosion controls, ongoing protection measures may be limited to the installation of rock armouring. Advice received from the NRAR has advised that given the location of the boat ramp on the outside of the bend, it is likely to be subject to ongoing erosion and scouring issues, which will require periodic rectification works.

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Clause 6.6 Wetlands

The entire project area is mapped as a 'Wetland' on the Wetlands Map and therefore the provisions of this clause apply. The objective of this clause is to ensure that wetlands are preserved and protected from the impacts of development.

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) *whether or not the development is likely to have any significant adverse impact on the following:*
 - (i) *the condition and significance of the existing native fauna and flora on the land,*
 - (ii) *the provision and quality of habitats on the land for indigenous and migratory species,*
 - (iii) *the surface and groundwater characteristics of the land, including water quality, natural water flows and salinity, and*
- (b) *any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

An assessment of these matters for consideration is provided below:

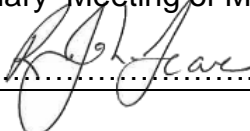
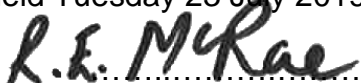
- The development is not expected to adversely impact native flora and fauna or indigenous and migratory species following the completion of a threatened species assessment (5 Part Test) as the development only involves the removal of immature vegetation and will not fragment an existing environmental corridor or reserve;
- The development has the potential to lead to water quality issues and ongoing erosion and scouring, as well as a potential change in the natural water flow and salinity due to the location of the boat ramp. More specifically, the relevant water authority (NRAR) has advised that given the location of the boat ramp on the outside bend of the river, it is likely to be subject to significant erosion and scouring ongoing.

This will result in potential water quality and salinity issues and NRAR has also advised that the location of the boat ramp may alter the natural water flows of the river.

- Whilst it is acknowledged that the development does seek to adopt a number of mitigation measures during construction such as sediment and erosion control measures, as well as rock armour for the protection of the proposed boat ramp, as outlined above the boat ramp is likely to be subject to ongoing erosion impacts due to its location on the outside of the bend.

Additional mitigation measures to further protect the boat ramp ongoing are limited without undertaking extensive works to the Murrumbidgee River, which is not likely to be supported by NRAR. Advice received from this authority is that in order to avoid the potential issues altogether, an alternative boat ramp location should be considered.

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Clause 6.7 Development on river front areas

The subject land is located on land classified as a 'river front area', being land within 100 metres of the top of the bank of the river in the E3 Environmental Management and RU5 Village zone. Therefore, the provisions of clause 6.7 of the LEP apply.

The objectives of this clause of the LEP are to support natural riverine processes, protect and improve bed and bank stability, maintain and improve water quality, as well as to protect amenity, scenic landscape value and cultural heritage of the river, public access and wildlife habitat.

The proposed boat ramp is permitted with consent in the river front area as it relates to a boat launching ramp and associated activities.

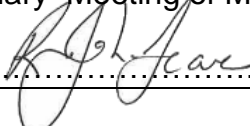

Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) *that the development will contribute to achieving the objectives for the zone in which the land is located,*
- (b) *that the appearance of the development, from both the river and adjacent river front area, will be compatible with the surrounding area,*
- (c) *that the development is not likely to cause environmental harm such as:*
 - (i) *pollution or siltation of the river, or*
 - (ii) *an adverse effect on surrounding uses, marine habitat, wetland areas, fauna or flora habitats, or*
 - (iii) *an adverse effect on drainage patterns,*
- (d) *that the development will only cause minimal visual disturbance to the existing landscape,*
- (e) *that continuous public access, and opportunities to provide continuous public access, along the river front and to the river will not be compromised,*
- (f) *that any historic, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic significance of the land on which the development is to be carried out and of surrounding land will be maintained.*

An assessment of these matters for consideration is provided below:

- The proposed boat ramp is inconsistent with the objectives of the E3 and W2 zones, which seeks to protect the ecological values of important environmental features. Whilst it is acknowledged that the boat ramp is permitted with consent in these zones, the development will have an adverse environmental impact for the reasons outlined in this report and as outlined below.
- The visual appearance of the boat ramp will be compatible with the surrounding river front environment as these are typical structures commonly found alongside waterways. In addition, the works are largely located on cleared land that has previously been disturbed as part of the construction of the adjoining flood levee bank.
- The proposed development will have an adverse environmental impact following consultation with NRAR. More specifically, the development is

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likely to lead to ongoing erosion and siltation issues due to the scouring of the river bed, which will have an adverse impact on water quality and aquatic species.

- The land is already highly disturbed and the construction of a boat ramp in this location will not create 'visual disturbance' and is consistent with a number of other water recreation structures constructed alongside the Murrumbidgee River.
- The new boat ramp will not reduce public access and will in fact improve existing public access via the extension of existing footpaths and access track.
- The land does not contain any items of historic, cultural, architectural, archaeological, social or aesthetic significance that would be adversely affected as a result of the development.

Clause 6.8 Development on river beds and banks

Clause 6.8 of the LEP applies to land comprising the bed of the Murrumbidgee River up to the top of the bank of that river and therefore applies in this instance.

The objectives of this clause are to: manage and maintain the quality of water in the Murrumbidgee River, protect environmental, scenic amenity and cultural values of the river, protect the stability of the bed and banks of the river, as well as to limit the impact of structures in or near those rivers on natural riverine processes and navigability of those rivers.

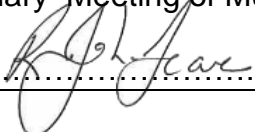
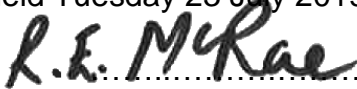
Before granting development consent, Council must consider the following matters:

- (a) *that the development is likely to contribute to achieving the objectives of the zone in which the land is located,*
- (b) *that the development will not increase erosion,*
- (c) *that the development is not likely to cause an adverse effect on riverine habitat or flora or fauna habitats,*
- (d) *that the development will not cause an adverse effect on drainage or flow patterns.*

Subclause (4) requires that development consent must not be granted for the erection of a structure on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied of the following:

- (a) *that the proposed structure will not be located on an outside bend of the Murrumbidgee River,*
- (b) *that the appearance of the proposed structure, from both that river and any adjacent land, will be compatible with the surrounding area,*
- (c) *that the development does not involve, and will not result in, the erection of more than one mooring per lot or, if more than one lot is owned by the same owner or owners, one mooring for all such lots owned.*

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An assessment of these matters for consideration is provided below:

- The proposed boat ramp is inconsistent with the objectives of the E3 and W2 zones, which seeks to protect the ecological values of important environmental features. Whilst it is acknowledged that the boat ramp is permitted with consent in these zones, the development will have an adverse environmental impact for the reasons outlined in this report and as outlined below.
- Following referral of the application to NRAR as the relevant water authority, this public authority has advised that:

The proposal does not meet NRAR's guidelines for instream works and has the possibility to cause erosion and damage to the waterfront land and the alignment of the watercourse.... The location of the ramp on the outside bend is likely to lead to erosion which may result in the stream being realigned. It is recommended further consideration be given to the location and construction design to address these aspects.

Consequently, the works do not satisfy this requirement as it is likely create ongoing erosion issues, which has the potential to realign the existing river. Whilst it is acknowledged that the development does propose rock armouring to protect the boat ramp, given the location of this structure on the outside bend, it is likely to be subject to ongoing scouring and undercutting by the current, which will cause erosion and water quality issues.

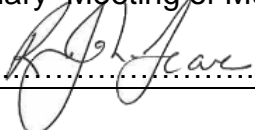
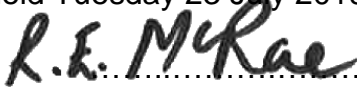
- The development involves the removal of a number of immature river red gums. Notwithstanding, a threatened species assessment has been undertaken, which has confirmed that the works will not result in an adverse environmental impact in terms of the riverine habitat of flora or fauna.
- As outlined above, the development has the potential to realign the Murrumbidgee River due to ongoing scouring and erosion, which will affect flow patterns.
- The development does not comply with subclause (4)(a) as the works involve the construction of a structure (boat ramp) on the outside bend of the Murrumbidgee River.

(ii) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and

There are no draft planning instruments that apply to the proposed development.

(iii) any development control plan, and

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No Development Control Plans apply to the township of Darlington Point.

In addition, there are no controls contained within the *Jerilderie Development Control Plan 2012* that apply to the construction of a proposed boat ramp and associated works that could be used in this instance.

(iia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and

There are no planning agreements under Section 7.4 of the EP&A Act applicable to the proposed development.

(iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

There are no matters prescribed by the Regulations applicable to this development.

(b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,

Section 4.15 of the EP&A Act requires consideration of likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on both natural and built environments and social and economic impacts in the locality.

Key areas for consideration in respect to the subject application are outlined as follows:

Context and Setting

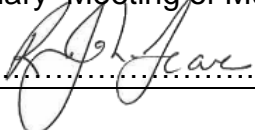
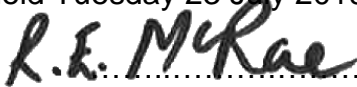
The subject land is zoned E3 Environmental Management, W2 Recreational Waterways and RU5 Village given the location of the land alongside and within the Murrumbidgee River. The construction of a proposed boat ramp adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River is considered to be appropriate with other water recreation structures commonly found alongside waterways and is generally consistent with the context and setting of the area, however as outlined within this report, the location of the proposed boat ramp will have an adverse environmental impact in terms of ongoing erosion and scouring.

Similarly, the location of the proposed new boat ramp and associated access road will be located immediately adjacent to a number of residential dwellings that back onto this area and which will be impacted upon by increased vehicle traffic, noise and dust, which all have the potential to adversely affect the amenity of these residents.

Infrastructure

Matters regarding infrastructure and services have been considered as part of this development and are appropriate. Given the nature of the proposed works, being the construction of a new boat ramp, the development will require road access.

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Access is already currently available via an existing unsealed access track and the development will involve regrading and upgrading this track in order to service the proposed development. Further details regarding traffic, access and parking are discussed later in this report.

Biodiversity

The subject land is located immediately adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River and is located within a riverine environment. Biodiversity in this area includes both flora and fauna species, including aquatic species.

The submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) provides a biodiversity assessment, with attachment # 17 of this report providing a threatened species assessment.

The report concludes that the subject land is contained within a modified riverine floodplain and that the works will require the removal of 8 juvenile river red gums, which contain no identified hollows or habitat formations. Groundcover in the project area consists of a heavy burden of introduced weeds and grasses.

The works do not exceed the biodiversity offset scheme threshold, however the study area is located on land identified on the NSW Governments' Biodiversity Values Map as a 'protected riparian corridor'.

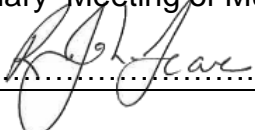
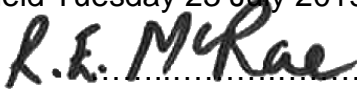
Following an inspection of the subject land and the trees proposed to be removed, it is generally agreed that the works will not have a significant impact on an identified threatened species or ecological community in terms of vegetation to be removed.

Notwithstanding the above, it is noted that during the site inspection, it was observed that a number of additional trees will need to be removed in order to construct the proposed vehicle turn around area (court head). This includes tree removal works and filling of the adjoining backwater, which has been identified as a protected riparian corridor. The impacts of filling in this backwater could be significant and are further discussed in relation to flooding below.

The application was referred to a number of Government agencies for comment and review. Whilst a number of these agencies did not raise any objection, both the NSW Public Works Advisory and the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) raised significant concerns about the location of the works and their likely impacts.

More specifically, NRAR raised concerns that the location of the works was likely to lead to erosion and damage to the waterfront and the alignment of the watercourse, which would be undercut by the current. The biodiversity implications of this are significant as it could result in adverse impacts to the stability of the bed and bank of the river, which in turn could create water quality issues and impacts upon aquatic marine life.

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Whilst the development does propose some erosion protection measures such as rock beaching and rock armour, given the location of the boat ramp on the outside bend, advice received from the relevant water authority has indicated that the works are likely to result in ongoing environmental concerns.

For these reasons, the proposed works are not considered satisfactory from a biodiversity and environmental perspective.

Natural Hazards

The subject land is not known to be contaminated given the previous land use activities conducted on-site, however the land is classified as being both bushfire prone and flood prone.

Matters regarding bushfire have been assessed and are considered appropriate in this instance given the nature of the works and the fact that the development does not involve the construction of any habitable buildings or structures. Similarly, the proposed works are non-combustible and there are alternative access and egress points that can be utilised during the event of a fire.

Given the site's location within and adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River, the land is classified as being flood prone.

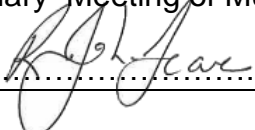
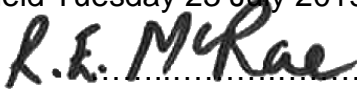
More specifically, the land is classified as being within a 'floodway', as well as being in the highest flood classification area in the recently adopted Darlington Point Flood Study. A hydraulic (flood) assessment has been prepared in support of the proposed development, which confirms that the location of the proposed boat ramp will be inundated to a depth of 5.98 metres. These floodwaters, although deep, will not be fast moving and the report concludes that 'there is little impact to the flood behaviour through the area modified as part of the boat ramp design'.

The report also concludes that that 'the approximate shear stresses are relatively low and standard rock protection and armour should be sufficient for protection of the structure'.

As outlined in this flood study, the proposed boat ramp is considered to be generally compatible with the flood hazard of the land and is not expected to adversely affect existing flood behaviours. Similarly, the development incorporates flood protection measures such as rock armour.

Notwithstanding, following advice received from several Government agencies, they have raised concerns with regards to the location of the boat ramp on the outside bend of the river. As a consequence, Council have been advised by these authorities that the location of the boat ramp is likely to lead to ongoing erosion and siltation and that the concrete boat ramp is likely to be undercut by the current.

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This is likely to lead to an adverse environmental impact in terms of water quality and will require Council to continually maintain the boat ramp to correct erosion and sediment issues, which may cause bank instability. This will create an unsustainable environmental, social and economic cost, which Council will be liable for.

Furthermore, given the location of the works, the new boat ramp and associated works has the potential to impact upon the recently constructed flood levee bank. No details have been provided in the SEE in relation to the potential impacts on this levee bank structure, however following consultation with NSW Public Works, who constructed the levee, they have raised concerns that the proposed works may weaken their structure, which could reduce the level of flood protection for Darlington Point.

This authority has recommended that any proposed retaining wall designs be reviewed by their design engineers and that any costs associated with reviewing this information be funded by the boat ramp project.

In addition, the proposed works will also involve the filling in of an adjoining backwater (classified as a 'drain' in the submitted SEE) for the purposes of constructing the proposed boat ramp and vehicle turn around area. This backwater currently feeds into an adjoining lagoon and is also classified as a floodway and high hazard flooding area that intersects with the adjoining Murrumbidgee River.

The submitted SEE does not provide any details of the specific works or impacts on this backwater, but given that this backwater currently provides an additional storage and diversion area for water during times of a flood, the development has the potential to adversely impact upon the natural regime of the river and increase the potential for flooding.

Lastly, it is also noted that the submitted hydraulic assessment report/model has been based on the Narrandera Flood Study, rather than the Darlington Point Flood Study, which would provide a more accurate assessment of flooding.

For these reasons, the proposed development is considered to have an adverse impact in relation to matters regarding flooding.

Aboriginal and European Heritage

The subject land is not identified as a heritage item within Schedule 5 of the Jerilderie LEP, nor does it adjoin any heritage items.

Consideration however is required in relation to matters regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. A due diligence assessment was completed as part of the SEE and a review of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) identified 17 registered heritage sites/objects within proximity to the subject land.

Given the potential cultural sensitivities of the land due to its location, a site inspection was undertaken by Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council representative Mr Robert Carroll. Upon inspection of the subject land, it was concluded that:

“no cultural material was observed during the survey nor expected to be found within the area to be impacted by the development. The immediate area surrounding the proposed boat ramp and roadway have been impacted by clearing and previous flood protection works. This has left the proposed development area surrounded by disturbed landscapes”.

Council can therefore be satisfied that the area of proposed works is classified as ‘disturbed land’ given the previous works that have occurred in the project area resulting from the construction of the adjoining flood levee. Consequently, should approval be granted, development can proceed with caution, subject to a number of mitigation measures being adopted.

Air Quality and Dust

Matters regarding air quality and dust have been considered as part of this assessment and are considered appropriate in this instance where they relate to the proposed construction works, which will be limited to a finite period of time. Furthermore, workers will be made aware of relevant dust mitigation measures and techniques and all disturbed areas will be appropriately stabilised, top dressed and compacted.

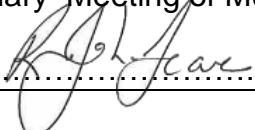
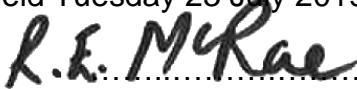
Notwithstanding, air quality and dust issues will need to be considered in relation to the ongoing use of the area as a boat ramp. Given the nature of the works, dust and air quality issues will be primarily limited to dust generated from vehicles utilising the proposed access road. It is noted that the proposed boat ramp and vehicle parking areas will be constructed of concrete and bitumen, which will cover the main vehicle turning areas, which will prevent opportunities for dust generation.

It is noted however that approximately 2/3 of the proposed access road will remain unsealed and has the potential to cause dust concerns, particularly for those residents that directly back onto this area. Notwithstanding, this is considered satisfactory in this instance, given that these residents will be separated from this road way by approximately 20 metres and will be largely screened via the existing flood levee. Furthermore, this access road will be appropriately re-graded and constructed and vehicles utilising this area will generally be travelling at low speed volumes, thereby limiting opportunities for dust generation.

Noise and Vibrations

Matters regarding noise and vibrations have been considered and are considered appropriate in this instance, where they relate to construction impacts, which are limited to a finite period of time.

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Consideration however needs to be given to the potential noise and vibration impacts of the development from its ongoing use as a boat ramp. Likely generators of noise will include road traffic and operational/patron noise of users utilising this facility. Whilst it is acknowledged that the development will increase the level of background noise within this area, the level of expected noise is not considered to be excessive, particularly given that the proposed boat ramp will be generally set back from surrounding residents, which will be protected via an existing flood levee bank.

Traffic, Access and Parking

Matters regarding traffic, access and parking have been considered as part of the application with vehicular access to the site to be via a new access road, which will be connected to both Cemetery Road and Curphey Place via the construction of a partially sealed (bitumen and concrete) and unsealed access road.

More specifically, the proposed boat ramp and turn around area will be constructed of concrete, whilst the car and trailer parking areas will be constructed of bitumen. Remaining access roads will remain unsealed. The proposed access road will allow two-way vehicular movement, which will allow vehicles to pass one another.

Provision has been made for parking for up to 23 cars, boats and trailers and the development provides several turn around areas so cars can enter and exit the site in a forward direction, which is consistent with Council's requirements. In addition, the development also proposes the construction of a new disabled access ramp that will connect the proposed boat ramp and floating pontoon to the adjoining flood levee structure.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed unsealed access road is not expected to create any significant adverse amenity impacts in terms of dust generation or noise from the use of this accessway, there may be a potential traffic safety issue for vehicles utilising Curphey Place. More specifically, given the fact that vehicles will need to traverse the existing flood levee bank, opportunities to achieve appropriate sight lines may not be able to be achieved and it is recommended that this access and egress point be generally restricted to vehicles only and not vehicles towing any boats.

In addition, given the site's location in a high hazard area, the proposed unsealed access road will require ongoing maintenance and re-grading as it has the potential to be washed out during times of a flood.

The application was referred to the NSW Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) for review. In response, the RMS raised no objection to the proposal on the grounds of impact to navigation, as well as the fact that the proposed structure is for the temporary occupation of vessels and other watercraft rather than for the permanent occupation of any such vessels.

Waste Management

The development will only generate low levels of waste during construction, as most of the structures will be pre-fabricated and transported to site. Construction wastes will therefore generally be limited to overburden and vegetative material, which can be appropriately transported or re-used in other projects for mulch or land filling works (where the material is clean).

Ongoing waste materials will be generated from the use of the site as a boat ramp, which will include general packaging wastes, food scraps, as well as any bi-products or wastes associated with fishing.

No designated waste disposal areas (bins) have been nominated on the submitted plans, however should the development be approved, then the requirement to provide waste receptacle bins can be included as a condition of development consent.

Soils

Matters regarding soils and soil erosion have been considered as part of this application. As outlined above, given the location of the proposed boat ramp on the outside of the river bend, Council have been advised by several public authorities that the works are likely to lead to erosion, scouring and bed and bank instability.

Whilst the development does provide some rock beaching and rock armour as a means of protecting the proposed boat ramp against erosion, advice received from the relevant water authority has indicated that the works are likely to contribute to ongoing erosion and soil quality concerns. In turn, this may also lead to water quality issues and have an impact on aquatic species.

For these reasons, the location of the proposed boat ramp is considered inappropriate.

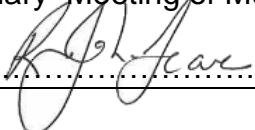
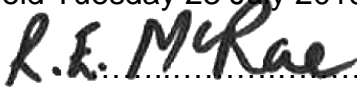
Social and Economic Impacts

Social impacts are a broad definition of the impacts of a development on either individuals or the general community. In the context of this application, consideration needs to be given to a range of factors including; the need for the project, alternative options to the project, as well as the environmental, social and economic impacts of the works on the community.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed works will have a positive social impact insofar as providing additional recreational facilities for local residents and user groups, the impacts of this needs to be weighted against other considerations.

It is noted that the primary purpose of the development is to construct a new boat ramp that complies with current day requirements, which is currently not achieved by the current boat ramp located on the opposite side of the bank. The SEE outlines that there are a number of advantages associated with the new boat ramp location over the existing boat ramp location including:

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- *The project provides an opportunity to provide better connections with the town,*
- *It supports a growing demand for water recreation activities such as boating and fishing, including the annual Darlington Point fishing competition;*
- *Incorporates the town and river and the existing levee bank with the potential to better link and extend a number of walking paths connecting the towns infrastructure,*
- *It will better promote water-based recreation activities,*
- *The proposal is expected to provide economic benefits through tourism and improved township appeal, and*
- *The potential environmental impacts of the proposed development are considered as minimal.*

Whilst the development will link with existing walking paths and is located on the main township side of the river, as outlined in this report, the development is likely to result in adverse ongoing environmental issues including erosion and scouring due to the boat ramp's location on the outside of the bend.

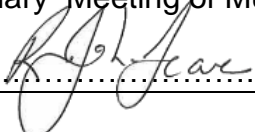
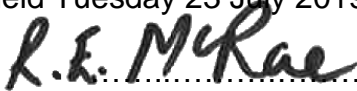
The impacts of constructing the proposed boat ramp in this location could be significant and could create a financial liability/burden for Council and the community ongoing. No discussion has been provided in the SEE in relation to the existing boat ramp and what will happen to this structure once the new facility is built, which may also require ongoing upgrade or improvement works by Council.

Given that this boat ramp already exists, there are a number of benefits associated with utilising and upgrading this existing facility as outlined below:

- The boat ramp already exists and the level of work required to upgrade this facility would be less than constructing an entirely new boat ramp;
- The location of this pre-existing boat ramp is not on the outside bend of the river and the ongoing use and upgrade of this ramp is not expected to create any adverse environmental impacts;
- The boat ramp is visually prominent and access to this facility already exists;
- The boat ramp already contains adequate areas for parking and manoeuvring, which can be upgraded to satisfy current day requirements;
- The boat ramp is located adjacent to other tourist facilities including a beach and a caravan park and the development does not immediately adjoin any residential dwellings;
- Upgrading this facility will provide the same tourism benefits as constructing a new boat ramp; and
- Council will avoid potential ongoing liability for any environmental harm associated with the construction of a new boat ramp that does not comply with relevant state government guidelines and requirements.

It is noted that Council received a number of submissions opposed to the boat ramp on the grounds of the need for the new boat ramp, the financial cost of the boat

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ramp, as well as potential concerns regarding the environmental impacts of the works. Further discussion regarding these submissions is provided below.

Construction Impacts

Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed development will result in a number of amenity impacts during construction, such as noise, dust, vibrations and traffic, these are considered appropriate in this instance and will only occur for a finite period of time and can be appropriately conditioned.

(c) the suitability of the site for the development,

As outlined within this report, the site is not considered suitable for the proposed new boat ramp. Whilst objection is not raised to the construction of a new boat ramp, following advice received from the relevant water authority, the suitability of this site is not appropriate given that it is located on the outside bend of the river and will encounter the highest flow rates, which will cause erosion and scouring.

(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,

The development application was notified from 6 February 2019 to 6 March 2019. During this period, Council received five (5) submissions, including four (4) opposed to the development and one (1) in support of the development.

It is noted that two of the submissions opposed to the development are identical and for the purposes of this report, the issues have only been summarised and responded to once.

Below is a summary of the issues raised and a town planning response.

Issue No. 1: Flood Hazard and Riparian Corridor

The works are inconsistent with the objectives of the E3 Environmental Management zone.

Planning Response:

As outlined within this report, the proposed works have been assessed as being inconsistent with the zone objectives of the E3 zone as the works will create ongoing erosion and water quality issues due to the location of the works on the outside of the river bend and their location in a high flood hazard area.

Issue No. 2: Tender for works

The report incorrectly reports that the project is currently being tendered, when in fact it has been awarded.

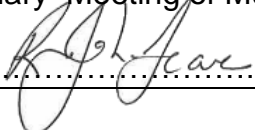
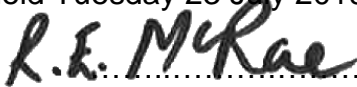
Planning Response:

Matters regarding the awarding of any tenders, whilst acknowledged, are outside of the scope of this planning assessment.

Issue No. 3: Impacts on Threatened Fauna

The proposed development will severely impact upon threatened species.

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Planning Response:

Matters regarding impacts on threatened species have been considered as part of the SEE and a threatened species assessment ('5 Part Test') has been completed as part of the development.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the development will involve the removal of a number of existing trees (approximately 12), these trees comprise immature river red gums that do not contain any hollows. The threatened species assessment concludes that the impacts of the works will not adversely affect threatened species and Council agrees.

Notwithstanding, as outlined above, the works do have the potential to create bank instability, erosion and water quality issues that may impact upon aquatic species and for this reason the development is not recommended for approval.

Issue No. 4: Flooding

The location of the proposed boat ramp is outside of the Darlington Point Flood Levee and will be subject to a high degree of flooding.

Planning Response:

Due to the site's location alongside the Murrumbidgee River, the proposed boat ramp will be subject to inundation during the event of a flood. Given the nature of the works, being a boat ramp, opportunities to avoid locating this facility on flood prone land are limited. It is noted that the existing boat ramp located on the opposite side of the river is also located on flood prone land.

Notwithstanding, given the location of the proposed boat ramp on the outside of the river bend, this structure will be subject to the highest flow rates during a flood event, which has the potential to cause both erosion and scouring.

Furthermore, the proposed development will involve the filling in of an adjoining backwater, which also has the potential to alter existing flooding conditions.

Issue No. 5: Removal of floating pontoon during flood event

No details have been provided that outline how the floating pontoon and walkway will be removed prior to a flood event.

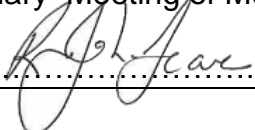
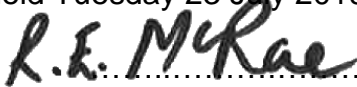
Planning Response:

Noted, the submitted SEE does not provide any details of how this floating structure will be removed from the water. Should Council decide to approve the development, appropriate management measures will need to be adopted outlining the procedure for removing this structure.

Issue No. 6: Financial implications to Council (upfront and ongoing)

The development will have a large financial cost on Council (and ratepayers) and there are no details regarding the ongoing financial maintenance costs.

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Planning Response:

Matters regarding financial implications for Council, whilst acknowledged, are outside of the scope of this planning assessment.

Notwithstanding, Council will need to consider the upfront costs of undertaking the works, as well as any ongoing financial maintenance obligations when compared to other alternative options.

Issue No. 7: Impacts on existing Flood Levee Bank

The proposed works will undermine the existing flood levee bank by cutting into the toe of the bank.

Planning Response:

Following a review of the submitted plans and having undertaken an inspection of the subject land, it is confirmed that the proposed works will extend into the adjoining flood levee bank. No details have been provided in the submitted SEE and consultation has been undertaken with the NSW Department of Public Works, who have raised concerns that the works may potentially undermine this structure.

It was recommended that before any works are commenced, that further consultation and detailed plans be submitted to the NSW Department of Public Works to ensure that this structure does not become undermined.

Issue No. 8: Alternative/Existing Boat Ramp Location

Darlington Point already has an existing boat ramp, which can be utilised and upgraded rather than constructing a new boat ramp.

Planning Response:

Whilst it is acknowledged that Darlington Point already has an existing boat ramp, this does not preclude the construction of a new boat ramp. Notwithstanding, the decision to construct a new boat ramp, must be weighted against a number of different factors including the financial, social and environmental costs.

Issue No. 9: Safety concerns of Floating Pontoon

The construction/installation of a floating pontoon will create safety concerns for users, which Council may become liable for.

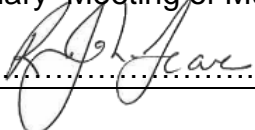
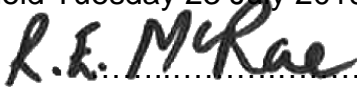
Planning Response:

Matters regarding user safety and how people use the proposed floating pontoon, whilst acknowledged is outside of the scope of this planning assessment. Notwithstanding, the application was referred to the RMS, being the relevant authority, who did not raise any objection to the proposed development.

Issue No. 10: Filling in of a backwater

The development involves the filling in of an existing drain (backwater) and construction of a new drain, which may affect existing flood behaviours, as well as having environmental impacts.

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Planning Response:

It is confirmed that the submitted plans identify the need to fill in an adjoining drain (backwater). Whilst a hydraulic assessment has been prepared in support of the development, it does not adequately discuss the environmental impacts that filling in this backwater may have, particularly in relation to flooding. For these reasons, the development is not supported.

(e) the public interest.

The impacts of the proposal on the environment in general, and on surrounding amenity, have been considered and addressed in this report. Having regard to the issues raised and discussed in relation with applicable planning instruments, Council controls and advice received from relevant government agencies, it is considered that the proposal in its current location is not in the public interest and may create an ongoing liability to Council due to the potential ongoing environmental concerns.

7.12 Fixed development consent levies

The *Murrumbidgee Council Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2017* ('the contributions plan') was endorsed by Council on 25 May 2017 and applies to any development over \$100,000.

For development with a total development cost of more than \$200,000, a 1% development contribution levy applies.

Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Section 1.7 of this Plan, the works are exempted from the levy as the works involve:

Recreational facilities, community, cultural or educational facilities provided by or on behalf of the Council or another public authority.

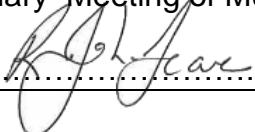
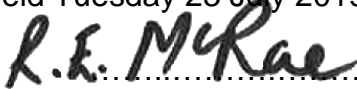
FINANCIAL

The project is a Council-initiated project and will have a total value of \$1.2M, of which Council will fund approximately half. The remaining portion of the works will be funded via recent grant funding awarded to Council.

As part of the Development Application process, the application was referred to all relevant public authorities for review and comment. Whilst a number of these authorities did not raise any objection, the NSW Department of Public Works and Natural Resource Access Regulator raised concerns that may present an ongoing financial risk to Council.

More specifically, the NSW Department of Public Works have requested that this organisation's civil engineers be provided with the opportunity to comment on any proposed retaining wall structures to ensure that the works will not undermine this recently constructed flood levee.

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To date, no detailed designs have been undertaken to determine if the proposed works will impact upon the adjoining levee bank structure and what protection works, if any will need to be undertaken. Depending on the results of these design options this is likely to increase the overall project cost of the development.

Similarly, NRAR raised concerns with regards to the location of the proposed boat ramp on the outside bend of the river and the likelihood of erosion and scouring to occur ongoing. If ongoing maintenance and restoration/rehabilitation works are required, this will create an ongoing financial obligation for Council.

In addition, it is also noted that NRAR may take compliance action against Council where it becomes aware of any erosion or sedimentation impacts. Again, this will have a financial implication for Council to undertake ongoing works, as well as having to pay any potential financial penalties that this authority may issue.

Lastly, whilst it is not a consideration in assessing the current Development Application, it is acknowledged that Council has already awarded a tender for the construction of the boat ramp prior to obtaining relevant planning approvals. Should the proposed boat ramp not be approved (which is recommended), this may also have a potential financial implication on Council.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

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

Community Strategies

The proposed development is generally consistent with the following strategies contained under the theme of 'Community'.

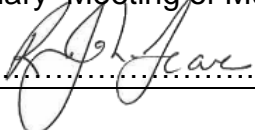
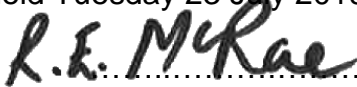
- *Foster current sporting, social, recreational and cultural events and activities to increase participation and inclusion.*

Environment Strategies

The proposed development is generally inconsistent with the following strategies contained under the theme of 'Environment'.

- *Ensure the conservation of the Council's natural beauty and ecology for future generations and visitor attractions;*
- *Encourage and support sustainable land use, planning and development;*
- *Protecting and managing waterways and catchments.*

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Infrastructure Strategies

The proposed development is generally consistent with the following strategies contained under the theme of 'Infrastructure' although, as outlined within this report, the environmental impacts and ongoing risks to Council of the works are considered to outweigh the potential benefits of the project:

- *Develop riverside locations for the enjoyment of all and to promote tourism;*
- *Enhance and expand sporting opportunities;*
- *Provide and maintain a range of community recreation facilities.*

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

As outlined above, two Government agencies have raised serious concerns with regards to the location of the proposed boat ramp and its likely impacts on bank stability (erosion and scouring), as well as impacts on the adjoining flood levee bank due to the location of the works on the outside bend of the river.

Whilst Council does not require the formal approval of these agencies, Council does however need to ensure that it complies with the relevant guidelines and directions of these agencies.

More specifically, the Natural Resource Access Regulator has advised that the works do not comply with their in-stream waterway guidelines and are likely to cause erosion and damage to waterfront land.

Should Council undertake these works (as proposed) and the development results in environmental harm, NRAR have advised that they may be required to undertake compliance action against Council, which could include remediation works and/or prosecution.

Similarly, the NSW Public Works Authority have advised should Council undertake works adjacent to the recently constructed flood levee bank, which undermines this structure, then Council will become liable for any flooding impacts or damage to result as a consequence of the proposed boat ramp.

Based on advice received from the NSW Public Works Authority and NRAR, the approval of the new boat ramp in its current location represents a significant risk to Council, which needs to be considered when determining the subject Development Application.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Internal Referrals

- Engineering.

External Referrals

- Adjoining neighbours (see above for further details);
- NSW Public Authorities/Agencies (see below for further details):

NSW Department of Industry

No response was provided from this agency in relation to the submitted Development Application, however this agency did provide their landowner's consent.

NSW Roads and Maritime Service

Upon review, the NSW RMS did not raise any objection to the proposed development on the basis that the purpose of the proposed structure is to provide for enhanced access to the waterway and the related 'temporary' occupation of vessels and other watercraft, rather than for the permanent occupation of any vessel or apparatus.

NSW Public Works Advisory

Upon referral, this authority did not provide an official response as it is not classified as a referral or approval authority under the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Notwithstanding, this authority did provide the following advice:

...if the construction of the boat ramp in any way encroaches the levee structure, it is up to the client to have appropriate engineering design undertaken to retain remaining levee structure.

I would also strongly advise that our civil designers who designed the levee, are given the opportunity to provide comment on any required retaining design as we have not spent millions of dollars on the levee structure to have it weakened by adjacent construction. Funding for this audit will be required to be paid for by the boat ramp project.

It is worth noting that the location where the boat ramp is proposed will encounter the highest flow rates during a flood event being on the outside of the bend in the river.

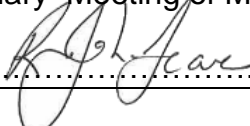

This is the primary reason why the boat ramp and surrounds requires a sound civil design.

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)

Consultation was undertaken with NSW OEH and an informal response was received via email dated 10 October 2018.

In summary, OEH advised that the proposed works are an activity that will cause sedimentary disturbance and are within an area that is likely to contain Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, which would normally require the preparation of a formal detailed archaeological assessment.

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Notwithstanding, this agency did advise that if previous site disturbance can be established then a due diligence (as provided) would be appropriate.

This agency did conclude however by stating that:

'from our experience, most activities of this nature within the region tend to do a complete formal investigation and not be reliant on a DD [due diligence] (which tends to be more a feasibility study and only used as a standalone planning and approvals document for lower risk projects)'.

NSW Fisheries

A response was provided by NSW Fisheries dated 13 May 2019 advising that they do not object to Council granting development consent provided that a number of conditions included in their letter are incorporated into the development consent.

This agency concluded by stating that:

I do not consider that the works are likely to have a significant adverse impact upon threatened fish species, populations or the aquatic ecological community which reside in the river in this area provided the works are carried out as stated and all conditions are faithfully implemented.

NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator

A response was provided via letter from the NRAR on 8 July 2019, which advised that Council is exempt from obtaining a Controlled Activity Approval under Clause 41 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, but is not exempt from Clause 40, which requires compliance with all applicable requirements.

More specifically, this agency advised Council of the following:

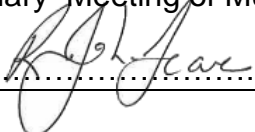
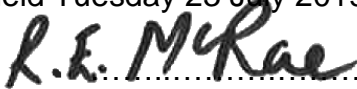
Council is to be made aware however that the proposal does not meet NRAR's guidelines for instream works and has the possibility to cause erosion and damage to the waterfront land and the alignment of the watercourse. If environmental damage does occur NRAR may undertake compliance action which could take the form of remediation works in the future.

The current alignment of the boat ramp indicates that the ramp is located so that water can push up along the ramp rather than back up onto the ramp. The concrete configuration is also unsuitable for the site. The location of the ramp on the outside bend is likely to lead to erosion which may result in the stream being realigned. It is recommended further consideration be given to the location and construction design to address these aspects.

NSW Local Land Services

No response was provided from this agency in relation to the submitted Development Application, however this agency did provide their landowner's consent subject to a number of conditions.

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NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

A response was provided by the NSW EPA on 18 March 2019 advising that they do not object to the proposed development provided that a number of conditions included in their letter are incorporated into the development consent.

OPTIONS

1. Refuse the development application;
2. Defer decision on the development application and seek further information;
3. Approve the development application subject to conditions.

It is recommended that Council adopt option 1, being to refuse the development in accordance with the attached reasons for refusal.

CONCLUSION

The development seeks approval for the construction of a new public boat ramp, floating pontoon and associated infrastructure located on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River in Darlington Point on land described as Lot 7312 in DP1159328, Lot 7008 in DP1021217 and Lot 5 in DP804882 and addressed as Stock Street, Darlington Point.

The application has been independently assessed, as the development is a Council-initiated project and the works are partially contained on Council land.

The development has been assessed against the relevant planning requirements of the *Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013*, as well as other relevant planning instruments including Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

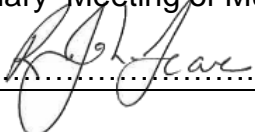
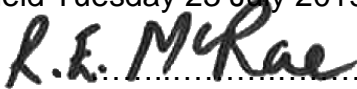
Having undertaken this assessment and following consultation with relevant public authorities and agencies, Council have been advised that the location of the proposed boat ramp is likely to cause ongoing environmental harm in terms of erosion and scouring, which may undermine the stability of the beds and banks of the Murrumbidgee River.

In recognition of the potential financial and legal risks of the proposed development, as well as the potential environmental harm that the development represents in its current location, it is recommended that the application be refused in accordance with the reasons for refusal provided in attachment # 15 to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 15: Draft Reasons for Refusal
- Attachment # 16: Plans
- Attachment # 17: Copies of Government Agency Responses
- Attachment # 18: Copies of Public Submissions received
- Attachment # 19: Draft Conditions of Development Consent (*should Council decide to approve the development*)

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ITEM NO. 5 – DARLINGTON POINT NATURE TRAILS

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	19 July 2019
Author:	Asset Manager
File #:	SC122 / SC138
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To name the constructed walking tracks in Darlington Point's town common, the forest area at the end of Cemetery Road and around the Caravan Park (Lot 7008, DP1027096 Lot 7305, DP1155816).

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council review and adopt the identified names for the Darlington Point nature tracks proposed; and
2. Installation of plank or street blade signs (as appropriate) at the beginning and end of each track.

BACKGROUND

At the February Council meeting it was determined that the nature tracks at Darlington Point be identified using Aboriginal dialogue. The new map was updated and put on exhibition for 30 days from 15 March to 15 April 2019.

An example of types of signs that could be installed was also provided at the February meeting. The options given are to install either plank signs or street blades.

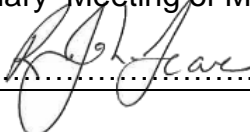
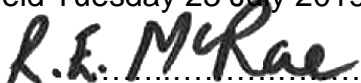
OFFICER COMMENT

Discussion has been undertaken with members of the Aboriginal community in Darlington Point in regards to the correct spelling and meaning of the identified, suggested names.

When discussing the sign posting of the tracks, it was determined that both the Aboriginal word and English translation be put in the description. This would help provide a definition for what the Aboriginal words mean. An example would be:

Gurudhaany "Goanna" Walking Track

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The type of sign posting to be installed should depend on the circumstances where traffic and flood water will impact the area. Areas to the west of Darlington Point are less impacted by the flow of flood waters, than the eastern side. The area on the western side could allow the installation of the plank signs and the eastern side street blades. This will reduce costs in the future to replace the signs on the eastern side should they be impacted greatly by flood waters.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The installation of the track names on Lot 7008, DP102217 will still require concurrence from Local Land Services as it is a Travelling Stock Route. However, in the Local Land Services Regulation 2014 it states:

62 Authorised use of travelling stock reserves for recreational activities:

(1) For the purposes of section 74 of the Act, the following are prescribed as recreational activities for which a person is authorised (subject to the Act and subclause (2)) to use a travelling stock reserve (or part of a travelling stock reserve) other than an excluded reserve:

- (a) walking, running and other kinds of individual physical exercise,
- (b) horse riding,
- (c) camel riding,
- (d) picnicking,
- (e) fishing,
- (f) swimming,
- (g) pedal cycling.

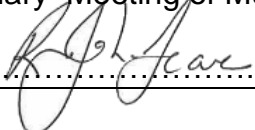
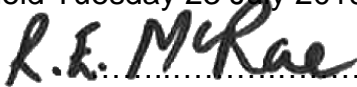
(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to use of a travelling stock reserve (or part of a travelling stock reserve) for a purpose referred to in that subclause if Local Land Services has made a closure order in respect of the reserve or part of any such reserve under section 70 (1) (b) of the Act.

(3) In this clause:

Excluded reserve means a travelling stock reserve (or part of a travelling stock reserve) in the Western Division or a stock watering place.

The installation of the signs on the town common and around the caravan park will be on Crown land, of which Council is the Trustee. Council is developing a Crown Land Management Plan which allows Council to make decisions on the management of the land.

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FINANCIAL

Funding for the purchase and installation of the nature track signs has been identified as one of the projects in Council's Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 1. The project has been allocated \$27,500.

First estimates for the installation of the track signs comes in at a price between \$15,000 - \$20,000. This is a combination of both plank and street blade signs.

INTEGRATED PLANS

This project is linked to Council's Operational Plan and Delivery Program:

Strategy Action 3.3.1.3 - Increase the number of walking tracks in all towns and their surrounds;

Strategy Action 3.3.1.4 - Ensure adequate signage and representation of Council's aquatic locations and facilities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

At present both vehicles and pedestrians are using the roads and walkways around the town common area. To minimise the risk to pedestrians the tracks and roads need to be separated and clearly identified. The naming and sign posting of these tracks will help to eliminate the risks by making vehicles aware that this track is identified for walking.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Council officers made contact with the Waddi Housing & Advancement Corporation to notify them of the naming of the tracks which were going on exhibition, and they were given a copy of a plan with the proposed names. Discussions have been undertaken with the Aboriginal community about spelling and meaning of the proposed names

OPTIONS

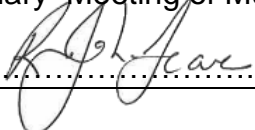
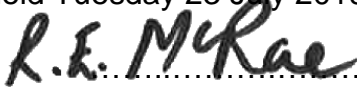
4. Adopt proposed track names and combination of plank and street blade signs;
5. Rename tracks;
6. Propose different sign option.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 20 : Track names and sign locations

Attachment # 21: Sign examples

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ITEM NO. 6 - MONASH PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	20 June 2019
Author:	Monash Park Advisory Committee
File #:	SC84
Approval:	Committee of Council

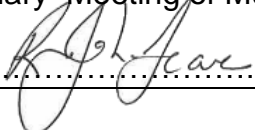
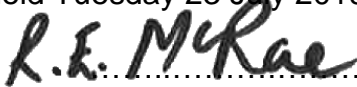
- 1. Present:** Dean Knight- Jerilderie Football Club, Brad Belling and Alistair Wells-Jerilderie Cricket Club, Councillor Gaila Smith, Councillor Ruth McRae, Vicki Sutton, Sue Mitchell, Ben Nash
- 2. Apologies:** Megan Mauger-Jerilderie Netball Club
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes 7 August 2017:** (attached)
Moved Dean Knight, Seconded Gaila Smith
- 4. Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - Exhaust fan in barbecue area still not attended to. Ben to follow up on this issue.
 - Individual clubs to continue discussions concerning utility payments.
 - Discussion at length concerning dogs at Monash Park.
 - Reminders to be put out to owners that dog's are to be on a leash, as per the Companion Animals Act, and they must clean up after their animals and that also we consider that no dogs be allowed at Monash Park on game days.
 - Committee request Council to follow up issue of fines for non-compliance with the above.
 - Council to send a letter to PDFNL that as of 1 July 2019, dogs will not be allowed entry to Monash Park on game day and that patrons will be refused entry, with the exception of service animals. There have been a number of incidents involving dogs.

5. Monash Park Master Plan:

Review of Master Plan (attached)

- The concrete base of old cricket nets to be removed and grass to be re-established
- Progress the plans for the upgrade of the main building and ensure that they are ready for future grant proposals.
- Emergency Access Area established, requires signage to ensure no parking.
- With regards to replacement of the fencing, it is only part of the fencing, on the east side. Committee wants to readjust the signage attached to the

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fencing on the eastern side to allow an additional pedestrian access. For the replacement of the fencing, include replacement of seating and that consideration of such be included within drought funding works.

- Finalisation of shade at the new cricket nets under the SCF funding.
- An addition to the Master Plan would be netting around the cricket area
- Lighting to remain
- An irrigation system around the cricket net area to establish a grass area to allow for a cooler area in the summer.
- Committee requested removal of Peppercorn tree at the southern end near the gate entrance.

6. Users' Agreement:

- New ones issued mid-June for 2019/20 year. Suggestion that Football and Netball Clubs initiate a programme to ensure completion of the user agreement for the ensuing year at part of their annual meeting processes.

7. Correspondence

Inwards Correspondence:

- Lynton Nugent-Thanks to Council for maintenance of facilities for Shaun Brown Cricket Coaching Clinic
- Acknowledged the thanks of Shaun Brown and Lynton (Ted) Nugent.
- Council on behalf of the Advisory Committee acknowledge the efforts that Lynton puts in, particularly in respect of the Shaun Brown Cricket Coaching Clinic, and also acknowledge and thank him for his other ways of advocating our area and sporting clubs.

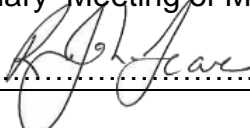
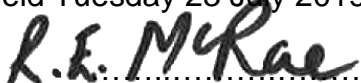
Jerilderie Netball Club requests/issues as below:

- Dogs defecating around Netball Courts and seeking action – as per business arising
- Requesting extra mobile garbage bins – 6 extra bins to be provided at Monash Park
- Mouse problem – Baits have been refilled
- Bigger oven for canteen – Ben to liaise with the netball club in the interim as renovations to the building are being considered for the future. Plans are under consideration.

8. Grants

Individual Clubs be advised of any grants that become available.

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9. Current activities/issues for each stakeholder:

- a. Jerilderie Cricket Club – as discussed within Master Plan
- b. Jerilderie Football Club - as discussed within Master Plan
- c. Jerilderie Netball Club – as discussed within Inwards Correspondence
- d. Murrumbidgee Council - as discussed within Master Plan

10. Maintenance items

- Covered above.

11. General Business

- Security lighting to be repaired.
- Discussions about installing security cameras. Probably \$4 – 5K set up cost. Ben to continue research in this area.

12. Next meeting

- To be held at the end of September and to continue quarterly.

Closure

The meeting closed at 1.05pm.

ITEM NO. 7 - AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	21 June 2019
Author:	Murrumbidgee Council Audit Risk & Improvement Committee
File #:	SC130
Approval:	Council Committee

Agenda

1. Present David Maxwell (Chair); Councillor Gaila Smith, Mr John Burge, Mayor, Councillor Ruth McRae, General Manager, Mr John Scarce, Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton

Via Videolink: Crowe Horwath representative Ms Dannielle MacKenzie
2. Apologies Nil
3. Declaration of Interest
John Burge declared an insignificant interest as the organisation he works for purchases occasional services, not involving him personally, from Murrumbidgee Council.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Moved: G Smith Seconded: J Burge
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

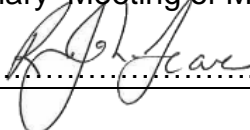

5. Business Arising from Minutes
To be discussed during meeting as they arise.
6. Annual Statements & External Audit
 - 6.1 Audit Engagement Plan (attached) to review.
The receipt of the Audit Engagement Plan was largely procedural.
The Committee received assurances from the Finance Manager that, at this stage, she was comfortable with the resources at her disposal to enable the completion of the Annual Financial Statements within the projected timeframe.

Moved: J Burge Seconded: G Smith

1. That the Audit Engagement Plan be received and noted.
2. That a verbal briefing on the progress of the preparation of Annual Financial Statements be provided to the next meeting.

CARRIED

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7. Internal Audit

- 7.1 Expressions of interest for provision of internal audit of the IT conversion were tabled at the meeting
Conversion to be undertaken next week, after which the assignment can commence. The Committee discussed each applicant.

Moved: J Burge Seconded: G Smith

That the Committee receive and note the expressions of interest for the provision of internal audit of IT conversion assignment and referred them back to management for decision.

CARRIED

7.2 Internal audit program

The Chairman suggested various projects/assignments for Internal Audit to carry out to ensure Councils compliance with legislation, and recommended that expressions of interest be sought to carry out this program.

The General Manager mentioned the allowance for internal audit and the committee is proposed to be set at \$30,000, permitting some \$25,000 excluding committee costs available for this purpose.

Moved: J Burge Seconded: D Maxwell

That the Committee recommend for Council to call for expression of interests for an Internal Audit contractor for a 4 year period and to allow a budget of \$25,000 per annum for this purpose.

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

- 8.1 Statewide/Statecover self audits received since February 2019 meeting – **NIL**

David explained the importance and these self audits to the committee

Moved: G Smith Seconded: J Burge

That Council staff be requested to provide copies of reports received from Statewide/Statecover to the Committee at the meeting following their receipt.

CARRIED

- 8.2 Any other reports

Discussion around the Risk Management Plan; an update on progress to be provided to next meeting.

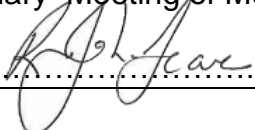
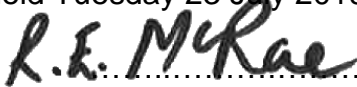
- 8.3 GM confidential report (verbal) – **NIL**

9. ARIC Operations

- 9.1 Audit follow-up matrix

- 9.2 Chairman report on attendance at ARIC training

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Moved: D Maxwell Seconded: G Smith

That:

1. The report be received and noted;
2. Council be requested to make representations to the Minister for Local Government, the local Member and the Office of Local Government seeking the urgent issue of the draft guidelines for ARICs;
3. Staff and elected members be encouraged to attend any future workshops;
4. This report be made available to all elected members;
5. Council be recommended to approve external members be paid a meeting fee for attendance at the training.

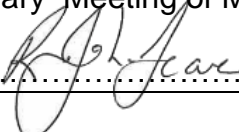
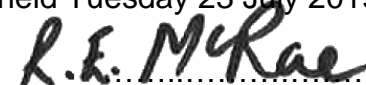
CARRIED

10. Future meeting dates
8 August 2019, 1pm at Darlington Point

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.50 pm

David Maxwell
Chairperson

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Report by Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Chair, Mr David Maxwell, on Training Workshop 26 May 2019.

On Sunday 26 May 2019 ARIC members Cr Gaila Smith, John Burge and I attended an ARIC training workshop provided jointly by LGNSW and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) at Leeton Shire Council. The presenter was Stephen Horne, a senior member of the Institute and himself member or chair of some 10 Council Audit Committees.

The workshop covered virtually all aspects of ARIC operations in greater or lesser depth and was attended by a mix of ARIC chairs and members, staff and elected members. Approximately 16 persons attended, which was probably a practical maximum number for the content and style of the workshop.

By way of introduction, Mr Horne addressed the changes (not yet gazetted) to the Local Government Act relating to internal audit and ARICs. He reported that “the Government sees internal audit in Councils as an integral part of its reform agenda for Local Government to achieve improved governance and performance” and that “the reforms contemplate internal audit operating not only as an internal assurance mechanism but also as a powerful business improvement tool to support Councils to better achieve their strategic objectives and to meet the needs of their communities more effectively and efficiently”.

He spent some time addressing the IIA model of four “pillars of governance” and the similar HSBC / KPMG “governance and the three lines of defence”. These are:

- Line 1 – Line Management
 - Line 2 – Management initiated monitoring (e.g. WHS, risk management, quality assurance, etc.)
 - Line 3 – Independent monitoring and advisory (ARIC, external audit, internal audit)
- (Internal audit is shown separately in the IIA model.)

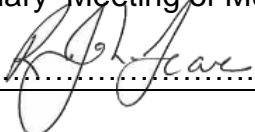
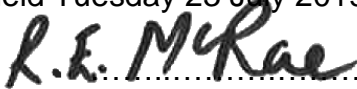
Particular emphasis was placed on the Government’s expectations of improved governance, and the inevitable costs in achieving this, not limited merely to the costs of the actual ARIC itself.

Although Mr Horne has been involved in discussions with the Office of Local Government during the development of the yet-to-be-released Office of Local Government (OLG) guidelines for ARICs, he had no definite knowledge of its contents other than the understanding that they will be based on the procedures for State authorities.

The delay in the issue of the draft guidelines is, in my opinion, inexcusable.

At an Auditor-General briefing of Audit Committee chairs held in March 2018, we were advised that these guidelines would be released before the end of June 2018, but restructures of OLG, the State election and now another restructure of OLG have compounded delays. There is now only 21 months remaining before Council

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ARICs are required to be established in accordance with the new guidelines and regulations, and no doubt there will be an expectation that ARICs will be fully compliant from the time of commencement of these provisions. This translates to a maximum of 7 meetings for most ARICs.

Possibly too much time was spent outlining the current guesses on the future requirements for the establishment and membership of ARICs. At this stage, **Murrumbidgee Council's ARIC and membership complies with the expected requirements**, but I would anticipate issues for future appointments with some aspects of these. Depending on the timing of the release of the guidelines, and their contents, it may be appropriate to convene a special meeting of the Committee to help draft Council's response.

After reviewing the need for a balance of skills amongst the membership of the Committee, it was emphasised that members are in a unique position and have an obligation to maintain an ARIC perspective in the interests of the community. For elected members, this will require them to display an independence of mind separate from their role as a Councillor. There was also discussion on the responsibilities of Chairman over and above other members.

The workshop considered meeting procedures and ARIC responsibilities and work plans (examples of these were provided and discussed). Considerable attention was given to effective reporting to Council by way of the minutes and annual Committee report.

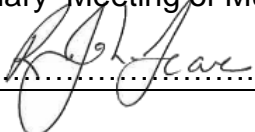
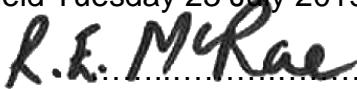
I was disappointed that there was little attention given to the process to be adopted by the Committee on receipt of external and internal audit reports, although the importance of the Committee following up on actions taken in response to any recommendations was emphasised.

Much of the rest of the workshop was taken up by an item by item review of the Committee's responsibilities as set out in the unproclaimed sections of the Act. These are:

The Committee must keep under review the following aspects of the Council's operations:

- (a) compliance,
- (b) risk management,
- (c) fraud control,
- (d) financial management,
- (e) governance,
- (f) implementation of the strategic plan, delivery program and strategies,
- (g) service reviews,
- (h) collection of performance measurement data by the Council,
- (i) any other matters prescribed by the Regulations.

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Finally, some attention was given to quality assurance aspects of the Committee's own performance.

Overall, the workshop was very valuable in putting a framework to (what is currently expected to be) the role and responsibilities of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees. Leeton Shire Council is to be commended on its initiative in obtaining this training locally, rather than the Sydney, Dubbo and Coffs Harbour sessions originally advised by LGNSW.

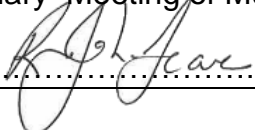

Recommendation:

That:

1. The report be received and noted;
2. Council be requested to make representations to the Minister for Local Government, the local Member and the Office of Local Government seeking the urgent issue of the draft guidelines for ARICs;
3. Staff and elected members be encouraged to attend any future workshops;
4. This report be made available to all elected members.

David G Maxwell
Chairman, ARIC

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**ITEM NO. 8 - MINUTES OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING**

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	6 June 2019
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Committee of Council Minutes

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Ian Sneddon (in our hearts), Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Joan Ferris, Chris Girdwood, Polly Fisher, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, Fred Scammell, June Scammell, Garry Borger, Margie Bird, Colin Sweeney,

Apologies: R Sneddon, Ann Wright, Isobel Milne, Dot Mills, Graham Mills, Ruth McRae, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Joan Kuschert, Jan Crittenden, Bruce Crittenden, Lisa Brackenrig, Sarah Gurciullo.

Moved: Gwen Seconded: Polly that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

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

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Picnic table is now in place at Swimming Hole. Thanks Council.
- Thanks again to Joan Ferris for more work in Memorial Gardens.

Treasurers report as tabled:

Moved: Richard Wright Seconded: Garry that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted.
Carried.

- Final accounting from Ros Lockhart re the Art Exhibition.

Correspondence:

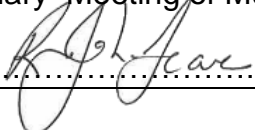
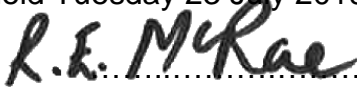
Inwards:

- 04.06.2019 email from KNSWB re condolences for Sneds. Requesting a photo and a couple of sentences about Sneds.
- Faith re table at swimming hole.
- Justin re update on bins – waiting on availability of staff.
- John Craig re update on bins.

Outwards:

- Emails to Justin W and John Craig re bins.
- Reply to Yolande re info on Sneds.

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- 09.05.2019 Tax Invoice to Bendigo Bank for Sponsorship for Show 'n Shine.
- 06.06.2019 Certificates of Appreciation sent to S&S sponsors.

Business Arising out of Correspondence: NIL

Moved: Chris Seconded: Judy that correspondence be accepted.

Carried.

General Business:

- Show & Shine update:
 - Family Day format was a great success.
 - Disappointing that cars etc down at least 30 vehicles.
 - We will see how it goes next year.
 - Ellen will set up an email data base which may help reach more entrants.
 - Colin felt that we need more entries otherwise it is not worth the effort.
 - Raffle – good take but prizes worth exceeded the take. Maybe next year we walk around the grounds to sell tickets.
 - There was lots of positive feedback.
 - Hopefully we will have the tractors back next year. Noel A'Vard will handle that side of the event.
 - Markets were a great success. Thanks Lisa.
- Our condolences go to Isabelle who lost her brother during the week. Sadie has card to send from her friends in Tidy Towns.
- Gwen spoke about how great the Art Exhibition was. Wondered if it was possible to have one next year? Perhaps include the 3 schools?
- Roses hopefully to arrive mid July. We will have a working bee to plant them. Maybe on a Sunday? Members to be notified.
- Road side Clean Up September 8, 2019. Committee to inform Council closer to the day.
- B&S Saturday July 27, clean up Sunday July 28. Will discuss next meeting.
- AGM Horses Birthday (August 1, 2019). Books to be audited, report from Chair, advertise date mid July.

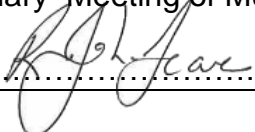
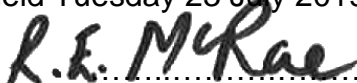
Meeting Closed: (I always forget to write it down!!!!)

Next Meeting: Thursday July 4, 2019

At: Our Office

Time: 6.00pm

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Tidy Towns Treasurer's Report

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Account QuickReport
As of June 6, 2019

06/06/19

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance	
BENDIGO BANK A/C								
Deposit	3/05/2018			Deposit	FINES & TRA	18.00	12,982.83	
Deposit	20/05/2018			Deposit	-SPLT-	1,895.45	12,960.63	
Deposit	21/05/2018			Deposit	-SPLT-	740.00	14,875.38	
Deposit	28/05/2018			Deposit	SHOW & SHI	163.05	15,516.38	
Cheque	01/06/2019	84	IGA	GODDS S & S	-SPLT-	-389.14	15,780.63	
Total BENDIGO BANK A/C							2,469.95	15,421.82
TOTAL							2,469.98	15,421.80

JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Account QuickReport
August 1, 2018 through June 6, 2019

06/06/19

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	
SHOW & SHINE							
Deposit	28/02/2018		LIONS CLUB JERI	DONATION	BENDIGO BA	-250.00	
Deposit	5/03/2019		SUNCORP NET	DONATION	BENDIGO BA	-350.00	
Deposit	8/03/2019		L KELLY	DONATION	BENDIGO BA	-200.00	
Deposit	21/03/2019		BARLOW GRAIN	DONATION	BENDIGO BA	-100.00	
Cheque	4/04/2019	80	DRAIG MATHERS	MATHERS	BENDIGO BA	692.05	
Cheque	4/04/2019	51	COL SWEENEY	SWEENEY P	BENDIGO BA	213.00	
Deposit	16/04/2018		SHOW & SHINE	S&S RAFFLE	BENDIGO BA	-191.00	
Deposit	20/05/2018		SHOW & SHINE	BBO	BENDIGO BA	-815.00	
Deposit	20/05/2018		SHOW & SHINE	RAFFLE	BENDIGO BA	-709.00	
Deposit	20/05/2018		SHOW & SHINE	ART SHOW	BENDIGO BA	-373.48	
Deposit	21/05/2018		SHOW & SHINE	CAR ENTRIES	BENDIGO BA	-440.00	
Deposit	21/05/2018		SHOW & SHINE	RAFFLE	BENDIGO BA	-300.00	
Deposit	26/09/2018		SHOW & SHINE	ART SHOW	BENDIGO BA	-163.65	
Cheque	01/06/2019	84	IGA	BBQ SUPPLI	BENDIGO BA	358.14	
Total SHOW & SHINE							-2,469.91
TOTAL							-2,469.91

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ITEM NO. 9 - RIVERINA SPRAY DRIFT STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: 23 July 2019
Report Date: 11 June 2019
Author: Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholder Group Secretary
File #: SC92
Approval: Cr Brown



Bittern Room Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Research Station Rd Hanwood

1. Welcome: Chair Kevin welcomed- Craig Bretherton, Lachlan Danckhert, Tammy Galvin (RLLS), Robyn Troidahl (Tocal College), Pat Brown, Brian Bortolin, Matt Toscan, Mark Groat, Adam Signor (YPC), Gerry Wilcox, Iva Quarisa.
2. Apologies: Peter McGrath, Honi Anderson, Neil Bull.
3. Minutes May meeting:

Motion: Minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **Moved:**
Craig **Seconded:** Lachlan CARRIED

4. Business arising from minutes:

- Register as an incorporated association- Complete- awaiting notification from Dept of Fair Trading.
- Riverina Field Days- RGA sent info sheet round- very positive feedback esp once people saw the widespread representation on the committee. Pat Brown had the same feedback.
- Agronomist training- accredited level IV by Craig Day. May not be available till November.
Feeling was Nov too late, so we will proceed with August date with Brett, Harry & Charlie as presenters. Is it possible to have recognised prior learning from August workshop at 1 day workshop in November?
ACTION: ROBYN to investigate RPL.

5. General business

- Need to include Lachlan Valley (Lake Cargelligo, Hillston) agros too.
- Grassroots grants funding about \$2500 remaining. Any ideas for funding? Biodiversity funds. OEH administer the Environmental Trust

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Money. Approach Helen Dalton & Justin Clancy (State Member for Albury) for any State funding, Sussan Ley & Michael McCormack for Fed funding.

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ACTION: All attendees to identify one NEW funding source.

ACTION: develop one pager identify what funding is for.

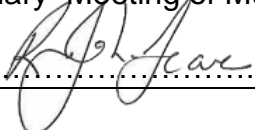

ACTION: Iva send one page MR to all with minutes (including Tammy/Robyn/Adam). Also get costings for SOS M events (do they have an annual budget?).

- IREC Machinery Demo Day- fliers were not handed out. There were 4 Self Propelled Sprayers there, but spray equipment was not the focus of the day.
- Lockhart running a sprayer Demo/education day at Osbourne sprayers. Possibly get a bus to attend (if the machinery is relevant).

6. Next meeting- 1pm July 16th. To discuss Beer & Banger nights & finalise Agro Training.

Meeting Closed 5.15pm

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ITEM NO. 10 - NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION - SOUTH WEST ZONE MEETING

Council Meeting: 23 July 2019
Report Date: 30 May 2019
Author: NSW Public Libraries Association, South West Zone Committee
File #: SC194
Approval: External Committee with Council Representation



Delegates Attending

Cr Yvonne Braid	Claire Campbell
Cr Barbara Bryon	Amy Heap
Cr Denis Glanville	Emma Holgate
Cr Pam Halliburton	Robyn Howard
Cr Robert Howard	Judy Kennedy
Cr Mike Nevlie	Sue Killham
Cr Tony Reneker	Shiron Kirkman
Cr Margaret Roles	Robert Knight
Cr Gaila Smith	Cathy Lange
Cr Bronwyn Thomas	Wendy Manning
Cr David Thurley	Sue Mitchell
Cr Jan Wyse	Derek Motion
	Anne Nevins
	Terry O'Keefe
	Brian Plummer
	Karen Wendt

Welcome and Apologies

Cr Barbara Bryon welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Apologies were received from:

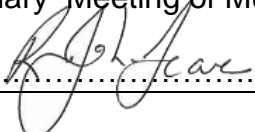
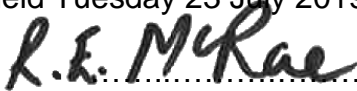
Cr Tony Aquino	Rhonda Cox
Cr Chris Bilkey	Miriam Crane
Cr Leigh Bowden	Camille Cullinan
Cr Gen Campbell	Steve Firth
Cr Nikki Cohen	Penny Howse
Cr Greg Conkey	Janice Ottey
Cr Simon Croce	Kim Richards
Cr Cate Cross	Jo Shannon
Cr Jenny Dwyer	Cindy Smith
Cr Bev Furner	Rhonda Twomey
Cr Dan Hayes	Helen Underwood
Cr Ruth McRae	Cr George Weston
Cr Paul Miegel	Cr Michael Rutledge
Cr Penny Nicholson	Cr Dennis Sleight
Cr Max Oliver	Cr Dallas Tout
Cr Narelle Payne	

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Speakers, Workshops and Presentations	
3	Derek Motion, Executive Officer, Western Riverina Arts, delivered a presentation on the various arts projects and events held in the region.
Reports	
4	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting – 15 November 2018 (Wagga Wagga) The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 November 2018 were endorsed. A motion to endorse the minutes of the previous meeting was received by Cr David Thurley and seconded by Cr Pam Halliburton. There was no business arising from the previous meeting.
5	State Library of NSW Report Robert Knight presented highlights from the State Library of NSW report. See report attached
6	Public Library Consultative Committee Report Robert Knight provided an update on the activities of the Public Library Consultative Committee.
7	South West Zone Strategic Plan – 2019-2021 Robert provided an overview of the plan which will be circulated with the minutes SWZ Councillors, Library Managers, and Council staff are requested to review the plan and note areas of responsibility. All feedback on the plan is welcome and can be forwarded to the SWZ Secretary, Robert Knight: knight.robert@wagga.nsw.gov.au .
8	NSW Public Libraries Association Robert Knight provided an update on the activities of the NSWPLA Association executive. See report presentation attached. SWITCH / REACH OUT 2019 The NSWPLA SWITCH 2018 conference and AGM is scheduled for 19-22 November 2019 at Penrith Panthers. Early bird registrations close on 30 August 2019. Information is available on the website: https://nswpla.org.au/switch2019/ . The REACH OUT 2019 symposium will be held in conjunction with SWITCH 2019 on 19 November 2019.
9	Notices of Motion and Special Resolutions to the NSWPLA AGM Notices of Motion and Special Resolutions to the NSWPLA AGM are due by 27 September 2019 and must be endorsed by a NSWPLA Zone. Any proposed Constitutional changes are to be submitted as Special Resolutions, checking that proposed changes do not affect other clauses in the Constitution. No motions for the 2019 NSWPLA AGM were proposed by the South-West Zone.
10	South West Zone Digital Library Report Brian Plummer provided an update on the South West Zone Digital Library and statistics overview. See report attached.
11	South West Zone Training and Events Amy Heap provided an update on zone-wide training and events held and future training opportunities. See report attached.

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General Business

12	<p>Increased library funding - \$60m over next four years</p> <p>NSW libraries will receive \$60m extra state funding over the next four years. Subject to endorsement of the proposed formula for the distribution of library funding for the period 2019-20 to 2022-23, state funding to NSW councils will be allocated as follows in 2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately 58% of the funding in per capita payments• Approximately 19% of the funding in “flat” payments (ie, same amount for each LGA)• Approximately 4% of the funding in SEIFA indexed payments• Approximately 18% of the funding in a library grants program• Approximately 1% of the funding for opt-in Service NSW Kiosks <p>Councils with smaller populations will benefit from the “flat” payments and (in most cases) the SIFA indexed payments. Large populations will benefit from per capita payments.</p> <p>The funding proposal is awaiting approval by the Minister for the Arts.</p>
13	<p>Libraries Australia consortium – changes to membership model</p> <p>Libraries Australia is changing its membership model from 1 July 2019. The new user-pays model is based on three activity measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of records in both Trove and Libraries Australia• Interlibrary loan activity• Data harvest streams (download of catalogue records and Trove data) <p>The associated data then determines the Libraries Australia subscription cost for individual libraries. The NSWPLA Executive was unable to negotiate a revised consortium deal for NSW libraries. No consortium discount was available to NSWPLA for a statewide Libraries Australia subscription under the new pricing model. Library services across the state have received advice of their individual Libraries Australia costs for 2019-20 (and a few years beyond). This national user pays system has resulted in broad variations in Libraries Australia subscription costs for NSW libraries. The new charges will be implemented incrementally over 3 years.</p>
14	<p>Establishment of Statewide eResources Consortium for NSW Libraries</p> <p>The March meeting of the NSWPLA Executive considered a report recommending: <i>That the NSWPLA Executive support research into the development a statewide eResources Consortium for NSW libraries.</i> Consultation is currently being undertaken with NSW library staff about the appetite for a statewide NSW eResources Consortium through discussions at Zone meetings where members of the NSWPLA Executive are in attendance. Depending on the response from Zones, a survey will later be distributed through the NSW library managers list to elicit broader responses.</p> <p>This matter will be added to the agenda of the next SWZ Librarians meeting for further discussion.</p>

15	<p>NSWPLA Website Portal for Outreach Services Programs</p> <p>The March meeting of the NSWPLA Executive considered a report recommending: <i>That the NSWPLA Executive support research into the development of an Outreach Services Programs portal on the NSWPLA website.</i> Given the amount of time, effort, cost and duplication associated with the development and presentation of library events and programs nationwide, what if there was a mechanism through which libraries can share programs and events? NSWPLA/AMLOS N has a great opportunity to explore the case for establishing an Australian Public Libraries Programs & Events Portal, accessible via the NSWPLA website. Libraries would need to be paid members of AMLOS N to upload and download content.</p> <p>This matter will be added to the agenda of the next SWZ Librarians meeting for further discussion.</p>
16	<p>ALIA Update</p> <p>Robert Knight provided details of the ALIA Presidential Theme: 'Leadership' for this Year and the 10 themes of the 2019 Library and Information Week theme: 'Truth Integrity & Knowledge (TIK).</p>
17	<p>Next SWZ Meeting – 14 November 2019 at Wagga Wagga</p> <p>The next SWZ Meeting will be held on 14 November 2019 at Wagga Wagga. Registration forms will be distributed in October 2019 and Councillor attendance is strongly encouraged to ensure continued engagement at the elected level.</p>
18	<p>Next SWZ Library Managers Meeting – 25 September 2019 at Wagga Wagga</p> <p>The next SWZ Library Managers meeting will be held on 25 September 2019 at Wagga Wagga.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 11:55am and was followed by lunch at the venue. Cr Barbara Bryon thanked the staff of Narrandera Shire Library for their kind hospitality.</p>

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 11 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – JUNE 2019

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	17 July 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 30 June 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 30 June 2019.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 30 June 2019 was \$31,835,149.36 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,218,375.53.

Investments: As at 30 June 2019, Council's total invested funds were \$29,616,773.83. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 2.24%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (60.22%), IMB Ltd (18.71%) and ANZ (9.28%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

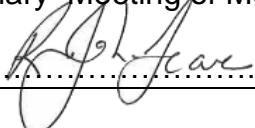
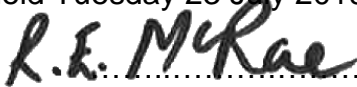
OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 June 2019;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

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SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

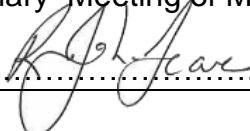
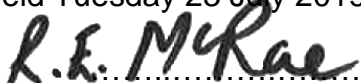
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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES

	2018-19	2017-18
CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2019	1,524,487.31	1,760,764.70
ADD - Receipts - 30 June 2019	614,353.33	3,395,135.78
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	3,598,109.96	999,561.09
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-3,654.09	-39,342.10
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-3,176,951.87	-2,540,161.40
LESS - Payroll	-315,080.32	-314,461.99
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-1,859.75	-80,268.88
LESS - Loan Repayments	-14,363.84	-14,645.57
LESS - Investments	0.00	-500,000.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-4,668.68	-464.00
LESS - Fuel Card	-1,228.04	-1,176.88
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-768.48	-438.90
CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2019	2,218,375.53	2,664,501.85
CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2019	246,525.96	2,212,163.53
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	2,043,351.79	454,622.12
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	6,217.54	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-2,646.00	-2,283.80
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-75,073.76	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2019	2,218,375.53	2,664,501.85
Add Investments	29,616,773.83	23,287,635.91
Total Cash and Investments	31,835,149.36	25,952,137.76
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	206,762.95	206,547.78
Water Fund	2,515,640.23	2,000,853.24
Sewer Fund	4,133,309.41	3,695,754.02
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	85,505.06
Unexpended Grant Funds	1,979,660.62	1,203,555.55
Plant Reserve	2,533,812.00	1,034,716.48
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,466,868.00	1,370,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	3,600,307.00	4,308,479.20
New Council Implementation Fund	1,003,320.32	730,756.59
Stronger Communities Fund	11,631,087.64	8,366,339.02
General Fund	2,690,577.19	2,949,630.82

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
30th June 2019

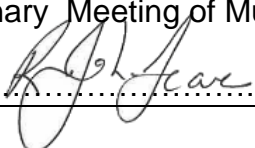
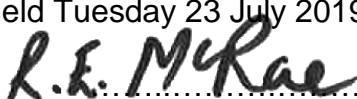
Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	2.40%	10-Jul-19	35/19
IMB Ltd	409,134.96	2.40%	17-Jul-19	36/19
Bendigo	780,890.22	2.00%	18-Aug-19	38/19
St George	538,520.37	2.00%	22-Aug-19	40/19
Bendigo	1,030,422.41	2.00%	22-Aug-19	39/19
NAB	500,000.00	2.00%	28-Aug-19	41/19
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	2.20%	03-Sep-19	42/19
Suncorp	1,046,351.12	2.18%	06-Sep-19	43/19
NAB	500,000.00	2.05%	18-Sep-19	44/19
NAB	402,570.96	2.00%	27-Sep-19	46/19
St George	503,188.49	2.22%	28-Sep-19	45/19
ANZ-Les Wallis	45,227.39	2.20%	29-Sep-19	47/19
IMB Ltd	306,466.65	2.45%	16-Oct-19	37/19
IMB Ltd	600,000.00	2.20%	30-Aug-19	20
IMB Ltd	510,714.05	2.60%	15-Jul-19	21
IMB Ltd	610,288.10	2.35%	09-Sep-19	24
IMB Ltd	700,000.00	2.60%	05-Jul-19	25
Bendigo	522,849.65	2.45%	08-Jul-19	26
Bendigo	610,331.20	2.35%	03-Sep-19	28
ANZ	1,100,000.00	2.35%	09-Jul-19	29
ANZ	804,536.98	2.10%	27-Aug-19	30
Bendigo	400,000.00	2.45%	06-Aug-19	31
Bendigo	600,000.00	2.00%	16-Jul-19	34
IMB Ltd	600,000.00	2.25%	23-Sep-19	35
Bendigo	3,891,955.49	2.05%	16-Oct-19	36
ANZ	800,000.00	2.30%	28-Jul-19	38
Bendigo	2,500,000.00	2.30%	16-Aug-19	39
Bendigo	2,081,950.74	2.30%	16-Jul-19	40
IMB Ltd	804,191.78	2.40%	29-Jul-19	42
Bendigo	5,417,183.27	2.05%	16-Oct-19	44
<u>Total Investments</u>	<u>29,616,773.83</u>			

Average Interest Rates	2016/17	2.34%
	2017/18	2.35%
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.24%

PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD

SUNCORP	1,046,351.12	3.53%
ANZ	2,749,764.37	9.28%
Bendigo	17,835,582.98	60.22%
IMB Ltd	5,540,795.54	18.71%
NAB	1,402,570.96	4.74%
St George	1,041,708.86	3.52%
TOTAL	<u>29,616,773.83</u>	<u>100%</u>

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ITEM NO. 12 – LOAN BORROWINGS AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	12 July 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	FY5
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information regarding the position of loan borrowings is provided for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Loan Borrowings Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Loan No	Original Amount	Purpose	Outstanding At 30/6/19	Interest Rate	Repayment Per Annum	Maturity Date
161	\$200,000	Streetscape	\$ 21,213.48	8.14%	\$21,213.48	15.3.2020
162	\$295,000	Streetscape/ Cenotaph	\$ 78,806.52	7.922%	\$43,015.96	27.5.2021
Internal Loan	\$250,000	Real Estate Development	\$118,749.00	Variable	\$25,000.00 plus interest	1.4.2024

The above shows outstanding loan balances at 30 June 2019 of \$218,769.00, including internal loan from the Sewer Fund of \$118,749.00.

Interest repayments on the internal loan are calculated on the average interest earnings of Council's external investments each month.

OFFICER COMMENT

Loans numbered 161 and 162 are loans sourced by the previous Jerilderie Shire Council, being fixed term, 10 year loans, for the purpose of partially funding the capital improvements to the streetscape of Jerilderie Street, from Bolton Street to Memorial Park.

The internal loan was sourced from Sewer Funds for the purpose of partially funding the development of Wunnamurra Estate Stage 2. This loan was approved by the Minister for Local Government in pursuance of Section 410(3) and 410(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines).

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 13 – NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – JUNE 2019

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	12 July 2019
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.

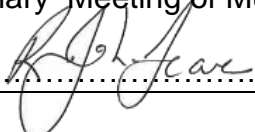
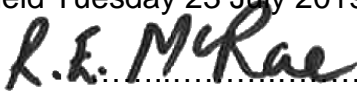
RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of the report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Expenditure	Amended	
	Budget	(Jun 2019)
PMO Staffing	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,091
Asset Management	\$330,000	\$336,300
Communications/Webpage	\$74,500	\$67,254
Information Technology	\$1,800,000	\$1,570,358
Policy Development	\$31,000	\$30,522
Human Resources (staff training and accommodation)	\$265,000	\$304,476
Marketing & Branding	\$92,500	\$92,440
Service Reviews	\$180,000	\$126,672
Signage/Uniforms/Rebranding	\$127,000	\$120,871
SCF Grant Administration	\$50,500	\$50,335
Miscellaneous	\$265,000	\$246,215
GIS Conversion Project	\$80,000	\$31,585
Integrated Telephone System	\$60,000	\$61,058
Local Representation Committee Allowances (2016/17)	\$124,500	124,118
Provision for adjustment to new Salary System during 18/19	\$120,000	\$324,617

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Provision of funding for telephone tower at Bundure	\$425,000	
Integrate & update LEP and DCP's	\$350,000	
Provision of Integrated Risk Management Systems	\$150,000	
Provision of project readiness-design briefs and estimates	\$300,000	\$134,768
TOTAL	6,225,000	\$5,221,680

OFFICER COMMENT

The PMO staffing figure should now be finalised, with the Human Resource Officer position now being funded by Council as of 1/7/19.

Information Technology will continue to be implemented over the next 12 months. Further modules to be included within the Civica Authority V7 System include assets, applications and customer service. The Records Management System (or Trim) has been implemented, with general records component going live from July. Further training is scheduled for August for Civica to Trim capabilities.

Further GIS conversion will continue, including the outcomes of amalgamation of Land & Property Information data and valuations.

The majority of staff have been transferred to the new salary structure, with a small number of staff adjustments still to be finalised.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

FINANCIAL

As listed.

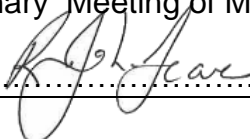

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 14 – RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION REPORT – JUNE 2019

Council Meeting: 23 July 2019
Report Date: 15 July 2019
Author: Finance Manager
File #: SC165
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on rates and charges collection, showing totals for the initial levy, rebates applied, interest and legal costs incurred and total outstanding as at 30 June 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of the Rates and Charges Collection Report - June 2019 be noted.

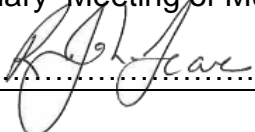
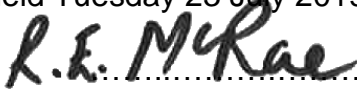
BACKGROUND

	Total
Arrears brought forward	\$ 451,094
2018-2019 Levy	\$6,092,845
Less Pensioner Rebates	\$(100,875)
Interest raised to 30/6/19	\$ 36,393
Debt Recovery costs to 30/6/19	\$ 9,123
Rates and Charges to 30/6/19	\$ 6,488,580
Amount Collected to 30/6/19	\$ (6,002,882)
Total Outstanding (to 30/6/19)	\$485,698

OFFICER COMMENT

The percentage of rates and annual charges collected as at 30 June 2019 equates to 93%.

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SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Rates Officers

OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 15 – STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – JUNE 2019

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	12 July 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC137
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Under the terms of the funding deed, Council provided for grants in the amount of \$1,414,822.24 to local community organisations.

Council has also determined a further \$13,714,516.63 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 - June 2019 be noted.

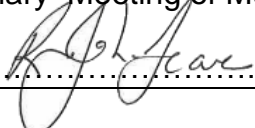
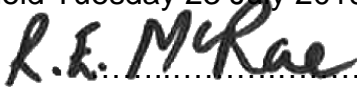
BACKGROUND

As at 30 June 2019, of the 55 community grants projects provided for, 96% are now complete. Two projects are substantially complete, with some minor works still to be undertaken. The Jerilderie Pre School project has been deferred, with funding to be included with construction and fit out of the anticipated Long Day Care & Pre School, funded from both this Fund and Stronger Country Communities Grants.

Of the 38 major projects determined, 12 projects have been completed and 2 projects are nearing completion.

11 of the projects still to be commenced will be undertaken utilising additional funds received from various other sources. Plans and designs are currently being sourced or are on display for public comment for a number of these projects, and 2 projects are ready to proceed to tender stage.

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OFFICER COMMENT

Subject to savings being received within any of the projects, Council has determined to provide additional funds up to \$100,000 for the Independent Living Unit project at Jerilderie. This funding, as necessary, will be provided by an interest free loan in the interim.

SUSTAINABILITY

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 \$656,650.00 in interest on the unexpended grant funds into the funding pool, leaving an amount of \$107,688.00 worth of projects unfunded as at 30 June 2019.

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Management Group
- Council
- Community

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 22: Stronger Communities Fund Grant information as at 30 June 2019.

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ITEM NO. 16 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION - JUNE 2019

Council Meeting: 23 July 2019
Report Date: 12 July 2019
Author: General Manager
File #: SC210
Approval: Manager Planning & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications approved under delegation during the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation Report - June 2019 be noted.

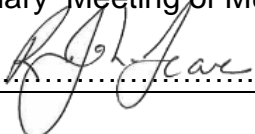
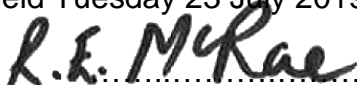
DA No.	Property Location	Works Undertaken	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA01-17/18	3-5 Ashton Street Jerilderie Lot 41 DP 84	Construction	Shed	\$13,000.00	20/06/2019
DA47-18/19	14432 Sturt Highway, Darlington Point Lot 1 DP 867699	Development Consent	Use of Site for a Wildlife Park for Conservation, Tourism and Education Purposes	N/A	20/06/2019
DA50-18/19	623 Macleay Road, Coleambally Lot 16 DP 750904	Development Consent	Upgrade of existing storage facility to 505ML	\$550,000.00	6/06/2019
DA51-18/19	61-63 Mahonga Street, Jerilderie Lot 10 Sec 4 DP 758541	Construction	New Dwelling	\$413,135.00	27/06/2019
DA52-18/19	112 Mahonga Street, Jerilderie Lot 4 DP 262152	Construction	Shed	\$19,000.00	28/06/2019

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 17 - ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
REPORT**

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	5 July 2019
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	SC26
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report on economic and tourism development activities during the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Economic and Tourism Development Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Activities in July 2019 focussed on handing over projects:

Economic Development Activities

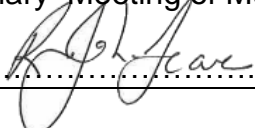
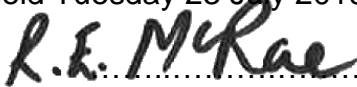
Economic Development Strategy

- Placed on exhibition until 31 July for feedback.

Drought Communities Programme

- Application submitted to Federal Government. Feedback from Federal Government is to exclude the training and skills development element of the application.
- Draft Budget for the Community Wellbeing event includes \$31,458 for Infrastructure (including \$4,500 for local community groups to assist with the event coordination, such as waste management and car parking), \$42,245 for entertainment (including \$25,000 for headline act and up to \$7,000 for local performers and artists), (\$14,500 for marketing and advertising, \$10,290 for local event coordinator to assist with running of the event. Focus for the budget is to maximize income to local suppliers, businesses and community groups rather than asking for volunteers.
- An expression of interest has been drafted for community groups to be involved and will be advertised in local papers, Council website and social media.

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Building Better Regions Fund

- Murrumbidgee Council (in conjunction with Balranald, Edward River and Murray River Councils) were successful in securing funding for the Connect2Business initiative.
- The funding provides each Council a full day per month of training for the community, culminating in a organised career expo towards the end of the program. Completion of the program is 30 June 2020.

Regional Development Australia – Riverina.

- Invite to participate at the Murrumbidgee Local Health District - Graduate Nurse Expo on 22 August in Wagga
- The expo provides an opportunity to talk about the towns in the region to over 100 enthusiastic Registered Nursing graduates who are eager to complete their graduate nursing year at regional facilities.

Tourism Activities

Promotion

- ½ page information on Jerilderie in the June edition of The Wanderer (see image).
- Submitted content and images for the three towns for the Griffith Region Visitor Guide.

Dump Point	The Willows, KoNewman Visitor Centre, Corner Forbes Ave & Newman Dr, Newman	out Radio Hill. This location offers excellent views over the town in the afternoon and over the Mt Whaleback Mine in the morning.
Potable Water	Newman Visitor Centre, Corner Forbes Ave & Newman Dr, Newman	

RV Friendly Town: Jerilderie, NSW

Jerilderie is a town in the southern Riverina region of New South Wales and is the largest town in the Murrumbidgee Council local government area. Famous for its connection to Ned Kelly, Jerilderie is reputedly the only town in New South Wales that had its local bank robbed by the Kelly Gang.

RV travellers looking to explore the rich history of this town will find parking at the Ashton St and Bolton St Campgrounds. Travellers can stay at the campgrounds free of charge for a negotiated length of time. No facilities are available at these sites, however pets on leads are permitted. Potable water can be located at Luke Park, and a dump point is available for use on Conargo Rd next to the church.

Begin your historical adventure of Jerilderie with a self-guided tour of the Ned Kelly Raid Trail of 1879 and discover how the Kelly Gang held up the town. After a busy day soaking in the history of the region, take a stroll around Lake Jerilderie or enjoy a bush tucker walk along the Billabong Creek.



Tourist/Visitor Information Centre	Sticky Fingers Candy Shop 63 Jerilderie Rd, Jerilderie T: 0448 878 597
Casual Parking (near retail centre)	Powell St adjacent to Lake Jerilderie or at the back of the bakery.
Short-Term Parking	Ashton St and Bolton St Campgrounds. Negotiable stay limit, nil charge, pets welcome on lead, no facilities
Dump Point	Conargo Rd, next to church Lat: -35.3551 Long: 145.7228
Potable Water	Luke Park near the shed (Powell St) at the lake end.

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Thrive Riverina

- Submitted details for Ned Kelly Raid Trail for the multi-generational family content for *Inside the Riverina* July newsletter.

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Kidman Way Promotions Committee

- Teleconference Meeting 19 June (attachment # 23).

Destination Riverina Murray

- The Value of Tourism to the Riverina Murray Report (attachment # 24). The report was produced by the research and insights team at Destination NSW and it is envisaged versions will be made available on an annual basis.
- Invitation to Murrumbidgee Council to develop an expression of interest to Destination NSW for the development and delivery of a second phase of the Riverina Go with the Flow campaign (attachment # 25). Destination Riverina Murray are asking for \$10,000 from Murrumbidgee Council for Phase #2. Council have allocated \$5,000.

Murrumbidgee Council Visitor Guide

- To date have received 11 full page bookings and two 1/3 page bookings.

OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

Theme One: Our Community

Strategies:

1.4.9 Provide support to community funded cultural and wellbeing activities and events across Murrumbidgee

Theme Four: Our Economy

Strategies:

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

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

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

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

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

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

4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

The Economic and Tourism Development Manager has consulted with the following in the past month – BEC Business Advice, Destination Riverina Murray, Regional Development Australia – Riverina and Thrive Riverina.

OPTIONS

NIL

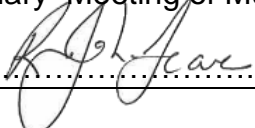
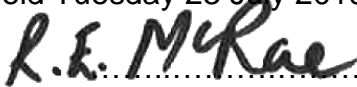
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 23: Kidman Way Promotions Committee Minutes

Attachment # 24: The Value of Tourism to the Riverina Murray

Attachment # 25: Destination Riverina Murray Cooperative Project Brief

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ITEM NO. 18 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 18/06/19 to 16/07/2019

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	17 July 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira & William Wade, Operations Managers
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 18 June 2019 to 16 July 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

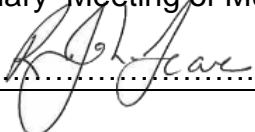
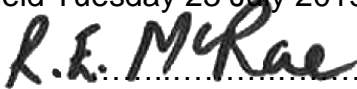
The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Works Completed In Period

		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
Regional Roads RR552 – Conargo Road RR564 – Berrigan Road RR323 – Oaklands Road RR59 – Urana Road RR596 – Morundah Road RR356 – Berrigan Oaklands Road RR183 – Whitton Road Carrathool Road	Guideposts installed			
MR321 – Kidman Way	Rubbish collection Roadside vegetation control at Waddi intersection. Patching bridge approaches in Darlington Point on both lanes.			

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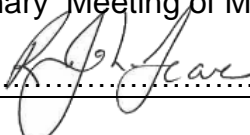
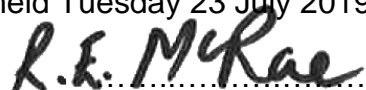
		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
H17 – Newell Highway	Rubbish collection			
Local Road Maintenance	<u>Tree Trimming</u> - Hardys Road <u>Guidepost Maintenance</u> - Hardys Road <u>Grader Maintenance</u> Four Corners Road 7km, Euroley Road 7.5km, Banandra Road 3km, Hardys Road, Ercildoune Road 8km, Britts Road 3km, Darlington Point Tip Road 3km, Short Street 3km, Kulkai Road 1km, Hardys Road 4km, Jim Cattanach Road 6km, Boondilla Road 3km, McLeay Road 6km, North Coree Road 11km, Old Corowa Road 3km. Roadside vegetation control carried out on the shoulders of the approaches into Darlington Point in all directions.			
Construction	Reconstruction on Eulo Road completed with Stage 3 sealed and signage installed.	1,331,605	992,681	Fixing Country Roads Grant
	Reconstruction of Greens Lane. 1900m length, 6m width.	285,000	200,835	Roads to Recovery Grant
Resheeting	Wilson Road, Hardy Road, Hunter Road, McLennons Bore Road.			

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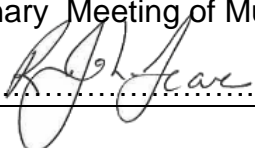
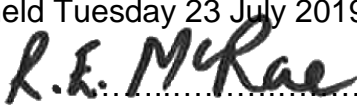
		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
	Resheeting works on Green Swamp Road. 4km length.	84,000	27,087	Roads to Recovery Grant.
	Resheeting 100mm of road surface completed on 3km of Bull Road.	100,800	23,799	Roads to Recovery Grant.
	Resheeting 100mm of road surface completed on 3.5km of Harvey's Well Road.	100,800	81,030	Roads to Recovery Grant
	Resheeting 100mm of road surface completed on 3.5km of Bonnars Lane.	75,600	37,945	Roads to Recovery Grant
Town Streets	<p>Line marking at the intersection of DeMamiel Street and Carrington Street was corrected as per set out provided by the RMS. The overtaking lane is not clearly defined. Superseded line marking was blacked out by jet patcher.</p> <p>Caravan Parking signage was installed in Darlington Point to direct motorists travelling from the north to Stock Street from Carrington Street to park their caravans.</p>			
Resealing Programme	Resealing programme has concluded for the year. To recommence October 2019.			

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		Actual Cost (\$)	Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Town Maintenance	<p><u>Darlington Point</u></p> <p>Trees trimmed in Darlington Point at the below locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fig tree at bridge over Murrumbidgee River • Trees at the bus stop • Gum tree at front of Council Chambers • Trees over road at Ryan Street • Large trees at McLeay Street <p>Removal of concrete waste stockpile at the end of Cemetery Road.</p> <p><u>Coleambally</u></p> <p>Clean up of town in preparation for Vintage Machinery Rally.</p> <p><u>Jerilderie</u></p> <p>Repainted disabled parking spots, and faded parking lines.</p> <p>Bins on main street cleared 3 times a week.</p>			
Parks and Gardens	<p>Parks and gardens maintained throughout Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.</p>			

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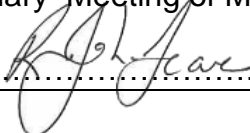
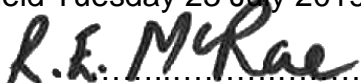
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		Actual Cost (\$)	Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Water and Sewerage	<p><u>Darlington Point</u> Water mains were flushed throughout Darlington Point.</p> <p>Four (4) x sewer main connections-replaced earthenware with PVC in Darlington Point.</p> <p><u>Coleambally</u> Sewerage blockage and mains repaired at St Peters Primary School.</p> <p><u>Jerilderie</u> 3 x filtered water mains fixed at Water Treatment Plant, Coreen Street and Mahonga Street.</p> <p>2 x raw water mains fixed at Wood Street and Mahonga Street</p> <p>Sports Stadium water works completed</p>			
Other Works	Maintenance graded and put own material where required on the driveway to Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural Centre.			

UPCOMING WORKS

		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Local Road Maintenance	All bus routes to be maintenance graded.		
Roads to Recovery			
Regional Roads	Roadside vegetation control after recent rain events.		

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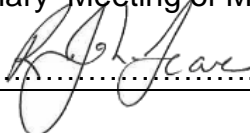
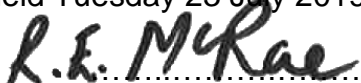
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		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
H17 – Newell Highway	Realignment of water mains on Jerilderie Street in preparation for 400m O'Neill Street to Brown Street RMS rehabilitation.	70,000	RMS
MR321 – Kidman Way			
Water and Sewerage	Angela Dwyer (Hunter H2O) and Glen Fernandez (Public Works) are working on a proposal for addressing Council's lack of an Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy. The IWCM Strategy is a necessary requirement for continued Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) support, as well as providing a significant portion of the business case for funding to modernise Council's water treatment plants. Proposals from both consultants will be provided by end of August 2019.	TBC	Council/DPIE
Concreting Works	<p>Preliminary concreting works which have been identified to be undertaken under Drought Funding include:</p> <p><u>Darlington Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McLeay Street • Bridge Street • Hay Road <p><u>Coleambally</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kookaburra Avenue • Kingfisher Street • Sandpiper Street • Falcon Road • Sports Precinct <p><u>Jerilderie</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennedy Street • Bolton Street <p>Please note that the list will be prioritised according to funding constraints and is subject to change. Finalisation of concreting sites to occur by August Council meeting.</p>		

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 19 - BIOSECURITY / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL – JUNE 2019

Council Meeting:	23 July 2019
Report Date:	12 July 2019
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	SC92
Approval:	Manager Planning & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Biosecurity Officers during the previous months.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Biosecurity, Saleyards, Truckwash and Stock Control Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Jerilderie:

Weeds

- Treating large infestation boxthorns - Emery Pit; and routine boxthorn spraying ON local roads - Jerry's Lane, Liddle Lane, Cadell Road.
- Table drain maintenance (tree suckers) Main Road 321.
- Finalising WAP funding 2018/19.

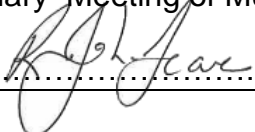
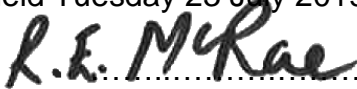
Truck Wash

- Working fine - cleaned sump.

Stock Control

- Local Land Services (LLS) was informed of another two cows and two calves found, presumed stolen, which were placed in Council pound yards. The stock squad was informed and the owner found. Came on 1/7/2019 to identify and return to his property. The owner was from Yea, Victoria. Reported one black cow on Conargo Road near Wunnamurra Estate - placed in LLS yards - owner found later that day.

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Saleyards

- Walk through yards to identify any maintenance issues for upcoming season - various repairs required in coming months.

Coleambally & Darlington Point:

Weeds

Boxthorn sprayed along Sturt Highway, Old Morundah Road, Main Canal Road, Gaston Road, reserve west of Kookaburra Avenue, Argoon Road, Pine Drive, Prickly Road, Martin Bell Road, Kyola Road, Four Corners Road, Morundah Road, Bull Road, Reserve North Coleambally, Reserve South Coleambally, Coleambally Horse Paddock and old demo farm.

Main Road 321

- * Prickly Pear and Bridal Creeper both sprayed on Gaston Road
- * Local road inspections, including Gaston, Prickly and Argoon Roads
- * 3 private property inspections

Stock Control

NIL

INTEGRATED PLANS

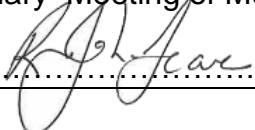
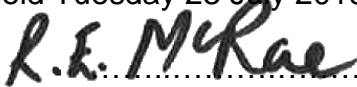
Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management:

- Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Council's weed management program;
- Action 2.6.2.1 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;
- Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestation inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

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