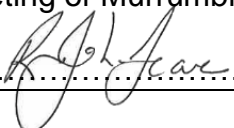


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019**

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DELEGATES' REPORTS

ITEM NO. 1 – DELEGATE'S REPORT-SPRAYDRIFT MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	1 March 2019
Author:	Cr Pat Brown
File #:	03.16.06
Approval:	Mayor

The inaugural Riverina Spray Drift Stakeholders Group meeting was held on 1 March 2019 at the offices of Irrigation Research and Extension Centre, Griffith.

Present at the meeting were 9 of the public forum nominees, with apologies from 5 others.

The decision was made to name the group "Riverina Spraydrift Stakeholders Group".

The Chairman elected is Kevin Sternberg and Secretary is Eva Quarisa.

The first job is to inform the public that there is an active group looking at the objective of removing spray drift in our region.

To that effect, Committee member Craig Bretherton, Regional Manager of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) will invite EPA representative who helped set up the successful "SOS" Spraydrift Program in the Macquarie Valley recently, to our next meeting.

We will then construct a local strategy.

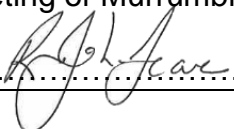
An information website will piggyback on the www.irec.org.au location.

Committee members are also active on 'twitter' accounts, which can pass on committee information.

Discussions around funding and education were to the forefront.

Pat Brown
COUNCILLOR

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ITEM NO. 2 – DELEGATE’S REPORT-WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	14 March 2019
Author:	Cr Faith Bryce
File #:	03.16.06
Approval:	Mayor

Western Riverina Arts

Annual General Meeting held at Darlington Point on 14 March 2019.

Executive for 2019/20

Chairperson- Sue Killham
Deputy Chairperson - Julie Briggs
Treasurer- Anthony Morton

Community Representatives

Narrandera - Julie Briggs
Griffith - Oumi Keranga
Murrumbidgee - Melanie Toscan
Leeton - no nomination received, Melanie to advise.

General Meeting

Programming for next 12 months to include –

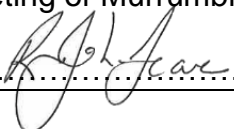
- Indigenous art exhibition to tie in with NAIDOC Week, to be launched in July;
- Musical project to aim for \$40,000 grant available as partnership with Leeton Council as a festival event;
- Sarah McEwin exhibition “Yield” - this is a disability arts exhibition;
- CASP grants open 24 May, Melanie to approach Kerry Weymouth;
- Digital arts program to be developed to tap into the \$100 school age Government voucher system.

New office space to be in the Water Board building in Leeton. This will provide both office space and display space, as well as a performance area.

As Miriam is resigning the Communications position will be advertised.

Budget shows a \$699.78 profit.

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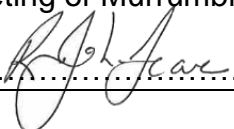
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Next meeting will be held in Griffith in June 2019.

Faith Bryce
COUNCILLOR

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM NO. 3- SWIMMING POOLS

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	18 March 2019
Author:	General Manager
File #:	07.04
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Moving forward, Council aspires to have each of the pools manned during operational hours. This report explores a couple of different ways to achieve this outcome.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council develop a lease document offering a \$60,000 lease payment for the pool season, with the lessee having the rights to operate a kiosk and keeping daily gate receipts collected. That this be widely advertised in the coming months, to enable the lessee to obtain the appropriate training in time for the season opening. Further, that the additional sum of \$145,000 be added to the 2018/19 budget to form the budget for 2019/20.

BACKGROUND

Council has requested options to provide manned operational hours for each of the three swimming pools.

As Council is aware, in 2018/19 the three pools operated in different ways.

Prior to the season, Council called for expressions of interest for leasing the pools in each community. Jerilderie received no expression of interest. Both Coleambally and Darlington Point each received one.

Jerilderie operated under the fob and indemnity system, Darlington Point operated under the hours of the lease for the entire season, Coleambally had a mixture of lease and fob, with the fob extending the operational hours and operating the last month of the season due to the lessee returning to university.

OFFICER COMMENT

Options for manned pools:

Determine the hours of operation, the request in Jerilderie and Coleambally was for the pool to be opened earlier to meet the needs of the community, as such it was opened at 6am. This meant staff needed to open at 5am. The pool closed at 7pm which also means that staff did not finish until 8pm.

If we were to man the pools, it would be a start time of 5am and a close of 8pm, which is a 15-hour day, and 105 hours of operational time/week. This is a lot more hours than is required in my opinion. A more realistic hours of operation would be 6am to 9am then 3pm to 7pm during week days, and 8am to 11am, 2pm to 7pm weekends. Which equates to 65 hours operational/week.

The scenario is working on 65 hours operational/week for the season. Employees work a 5-day week, pool attendants are a 38 hour work week, and on rostered weekends Saturday is 25% loading and Sunday 50% loading, public holidays would be at penalty if they work, the maximum of ordinary work hours in any one day is 10 hours.

The requirement would be for 6 members of staff to work these operational hours, for the approximate 5 months season the pool is open.

Each position is classified as a grade 3 in the salary structure which, at the highest step, is \$55,328pa, or \$1,064pw, in addition to a first aid allowance of \$15.50pw.

Cost for 6 full time employees is \$336,804, plus 25% on costs, which equates to \$421,005 (duties off season to include cleaning, mowing, whipper snipping, etc).

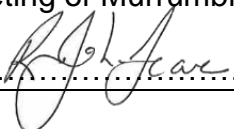
Cost for 6 five-month term employees is \$140,335 plus on costs associated with employment - superannuation, Workcover, annual leave, sick leave of 25% totals \$175,418.75.

My initial thought was to provide an annualised salary, where an employee would work more than 38 hours a week during the season and have extended holidays during the winter. The Award clearly spells out that we can enter into a specific agreement endorsed by the Unions to possibly provide for this scenario, however any agreement cannot be contrary to the Award. So, while we are still thinking of how to make this possible, I very much doubt it would be complete before the 2019/20 season.

Budgetary implications - in short, to provide for full time employees we would need to increase the budget by \$412,005, and if we were to provide term positions we would need to increase the budget by \$175,418.75.

Above is the employment analysis and the budgetary considerations.

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

Couple of other options

- a) Lease the pools similar to how we have in the past. History has shown that we do not get many expressions of interest using the option of asking people to tell us how much they would require to lease the pool.
- b) Lease the pools with a specified amount as payment, plus daily gate fees and kiosk. In this option we could state the minimum hours of operation that the pool is to be manned, they receive the daily gate takings and the kiosk sales plus \$60,000 for the season. I say \$60,000 because it would cost us \$175,418.75 to employ a fixed term employee. For an individual, they would receive \$60,000 in five months, plus daily gate fees (maybe \$1,200/season) and kiosk sales which should profit around \$600 a month or \$3,000/season. In all, a total of \$64,200. This option would be made available for individuals or not-for-profits to lease. In essence, the Lions Club could take this on, distribute work amongst its members to cover the hours of operation, and the Club has just done their entire fund raising for three years in one year. Alternatively, a family could take it on as the second family income, cover the hours and receive the income.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Employees of Council are covered under the Local Government (State) Award 2017.

In reference to the Award throughout this report is as derived by my interpretation of this Award.

FINANCIAL

The 2018/19 budget was structured to cover all operations and maintenance under lease arrangements.

To provide full time workers to cover the shifts, we would need to increase the budget by \$380,000.

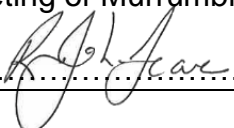
To provide fixed term employees for 5 months, the budget would need to increase by \$145,000.

To offer a lease with a guaranteed payment of \$60,000 to the lessee per community, the budget would need to increase by \$145,000.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Our Economy – Promoting and Developing Tourism Strategies and Opportunities.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

There is a possibility that we will be unsuccessful in:

- recruiting full time, fixed term employees;
- receiving expressions of interest for people to take on the lease at the pool.

My recommendation would be to offer the lease of the pool at a predetermined amount. It does not have to be \$60,000, it could be less or more. That we advertise now under the new arrangement to provide time to engage and train those we need to before they take on the lease.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Elected representatives at the Council Workshop
HR/IR Murrumbidgee Council

OPTIONS

1. Status Quo
2. Fob system all three pools
3. Employ 6 full time employees
4. Employ 6 fixed term employees
5. As recommended
6. As recommended with a different \$ amount.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 4 - DELEGATIONS FROM COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	19 March 2019
Author:	Executive Assistant
File #:	05.26.01 / 05.26.05
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting of 25 September 2018, resolution was passed that Council, in accordance with Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegates its power, authorities and function as set out in Part 1 of the Act – Delegations of Authority Register to the General Manager, Mr. John Scarce, effective from 8 October 2018. Part 1 of the Act – Delegations of Authority details the following:

The General Manager, and in the absence of the General Manager, the Assistant General Manager, in the period of the General Manager's absence, is delegated authority under Section 377 and 378, of the Act, to exercise and/or perform on behalf of Council the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Council, subject to the following:

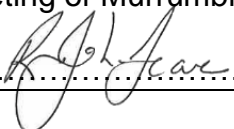
1. The General Manager is restrained from carrying out any of those functions of Council excluded from delegation by operation of Section 377(1) of the Act;
2. The General Manager is entitled to carry out any functions delegated to the Council by the Director-General or the Minister, subject to any express limitations imposed by the Director General or Minister.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, by resolution at its meeting on 26 March 2019 delegates its power, authorities and function as set out in Part 1 of the Act – Delegations of Authority Register to the General Manager, Mr. Rodney John Scarce effective 26 March 2019, and in the absence of the General Manager, (a person appointed by Council), in the period of the General Manager's absence, is delegated authority under Section 377 and 378 of the Act to exercise and/or perform on behalf of Council the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Council, subject to the following:

1. **The General Manager is restrained from carrying out any of those functions of Council excluded from delegation by operation of Section 377(1) of the Act;**

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.......... Mayor

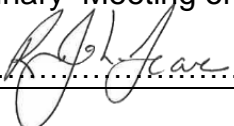
2. **The General Manager is entitled to carry out any functions delegated to the Council by the Director-General or the Minister, subject to any express limitations imposed by the Director General or Minister.**


BACKGROUND

The general power of the Council to delegate powers, authorities, duties and functions comes from Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. A Council may, by resolution, delegate to the General Manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the Council) any of the functions of the Council under this or any other Act, other than the following:
- (a) the appointment of a General Manager,
 - (b) the making of a rate,
 - (c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,
 - (d) the making of a charge,
 - (e) the fixing of a fee,
 - (f) the borrowing of money,
 - (g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,
 - (h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),
 - (i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the Council,
 - (j) the adoption of an operational plan under Section 405,
 - (k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,
 - (l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,
 - (m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the Council of work on private land,
 - (n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the Council for the carrying out of any such work,
 - (o) the review of a determination made by the Council, and not by a delegate of the Council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*,
 - (p) the power of the Council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,
 - (q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,
 - (r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,
 - (s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,

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- (t) this power of delegation,
- (u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the Council.

1A. Despite subsection (1), a Council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if:

- (a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and
 - (b) the program is included in the Council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and
 - (c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the Council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and
 - (d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the Council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the Council's area.
2. A Council may, by resolution, sub-delegate to the General Manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the Council) any function delegated to the Council by the Departmental Chief Executive except as provided by the Instrument of Delegation to the Council.

OFFICER COMMENT

I will be on annual leave during the period Wednesday 10 April 2019 to Thursday 25 April 2019.

Currently, in my absence, the Assistant General Manager is delegated authority under Section 377 and 378 of the Act to exercise and/or perform on behalf of Council the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Council, subject to the following:

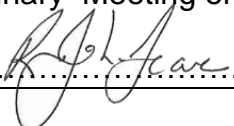
- 1. The General Manager is restrained from carrying out any of those functions of Council excluded from delegation by operation of Section 377(1) of the Act;
- 2. The General Manager is entitled to carry out any functions delegated to the Council by the Director-General or the Minister, subject to any express limitations imposed by the Director General or Minister.


SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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

.......... Mayor

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

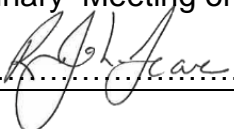
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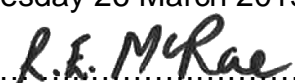
1. The resolution be adopted;
2. There be no change to the staff member delegated authority in the absence of the General Manager.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Delegations of Authority Part 1 – Delegations from Council

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ITEM NO. 5 – GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY UPDATE

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	18 March 2019
Author:	General Manager
File #:	03.16.02
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report as information.

OFFICER COMMENT

1. Water

I will be able to provide an update at the Council meeting on our success on bidding for a water licence. The auction is scheduled to close Thursday 21 March 2019.

2. RAMJO-Digital Connectivity Meeting

On 18 March 2019 our first Digital Connectivity Sub-Committee meeting was held. As a result, we have mapped a few pieces of data we need to collect, which will allow vision and action plans to be established prior to the Committee's next meeting in late May 2019.

3. Newell Highway Corridor Strategy-Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

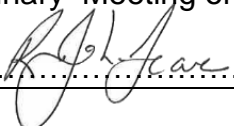
On 14 March 2019, I, along with Cr McRae, attended a meeting in Narrandera. You have received, via email, the on-survey to complete. At the meeting, we addressed a number of issues on how to improve the Newell Highway for safety, productivity, access, and community development.


4. Movements

Tuesday 26 March 2019 – Jerilderie
Wednesday 27 March 2019 – Darlington Point
Thursday 28 March 2019 – Coleambally

Monday 1 April 2019 – Sydney – Industrial Relations Commission

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Tuesday 2 April 2019 – Sydney – Industrial Relations Commission
Wednesday 3 April 2019 – Darlington Point
Thursday 4 April 2019 – Jerilderie
Friday 5 April 2019 – Coleambally

Monday 8 April 2019 – Jerilderie
Tuesday 9 April 2019 – Darlington Point – AM only
Wednesday 10 April 2019 – annual leave
Thursday 25 April 2019 – last day of annual leave

Tuesday 30th April 2019 – Council Meeting, Darlington Point

23/24 May 2019 – Melbourne – Municipal Association of Victoria Future of Local Government National Summit
16-19 June 2019 – Canberra – National General Assembly

SUSTAINABILITY

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

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

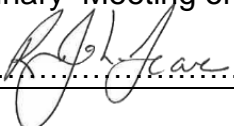
OPTIONS


N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 6 - CREDIT CARD POLICY

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	19 March 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	03.06 / 05.09.02
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to improve the control over credit card usage and decrease the risk of unauthorised and/or fraudulent transactions, a credit card policy and credit card procedures be developed and implemented.

RECOMMENDATION

The Draft Credit Card Policy be endorsed and the document be placed on public exhibition in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Act 1993.

BACKGROUND

The Audit Office of NSW has recommended Council perform a full review of the credit card/purchasing card process including:

- adopting a credit card policy;
- assessing which staff actually require a credit card and the limits associated with each card;
- education on the use of credit cards; and
- implementation of a credit card review process on at least a monthly basis.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Office of Local Government has implemented a range of measures to help ensure Council credit cards are not abused, and to ensure the right mechanisms are in place to account for all expenditure and identify any irregularities.

This includes asking the NSW Auditor General to undertake a state wide performance audit of credit card usage at local Councils and calling on all NSW Councils to review their fraud prevention controls.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Adoption of a Credit Card Policy ensures proper financial management systems are in place to regulate credit card expenditure by staff and increases the tailored management of fraud control systems within Council.

FINANCIAL

Credit cards be provided to the Mayor and managers who have delegated financial authorities. Limits for credit card usage be set at a maximum of \$5,000 for the General Manager and Finance Manager and \$2,000 for other cardholders.

INTEGRATED PLANS

The provision of a Credit Card Policy meets with the requirements of Council's Community Strategic Plan for Leadership:

- Item 5.1.5 "Review and implement appropriate procurement, risk and project management frameworks and cultures".

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Audit Office recognised, as high risk, the lack of documented control over credit card usage and lack of an up-to-date Credit Card Policy and Procedures. Implementation of the Policy, together with staff education and documented review processes, ensure that the possibility of unauthorised and/or fraudulent transactions are detected and adequately addressed.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

The Management Group will be provided with a copy of the Policy and Procedures for comment and implementation.

OPTIONS

1. Do nothing and continue with the current practices;
2. Adopt a Credit Card Policy and Credit Card Procedures that fulfils the requirements of the NSW Auditor General and the Office of Local Government.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 2: Murrumbidgee Council Draft Credit Card Policy

ITEM NO. 7 – REVIEW OF 2018/19 DELIVERY PROGRAM

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	18 March 2019
Author:	Manager, Corporate and Community Services
File #:	03.38
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Council must have a Delivery Program, detailing the principal activities it will undertake to achieve the objectives established in the Community Strategic Plan, within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy.

The General Manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to the Council, with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every 6 months. This progress report is up to 31 December, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the progress report on the Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Program to 31 December, 2018, be noted.

BACKGROUND

Following is a summary of the requirements of Section 404 of the Local Government Act:

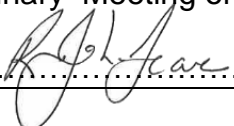
A Council must have a Delivery Program, detailing the principal activities it will undertake to achieve the objectives established in the Community Strategic Plan, within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy.


The Delivery Program must include a method of assessment to determine the effectiveness of each principal activity detailed in the Delivery Program in achieving the objectives at which the activity is directed.

A Council must prepare a new Delivery Program after each ordinary election of Councillors to cover the principal activities of the Council for the 4 year period commencing on 1 July following the election.

The General Manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to the Council, with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every 6 months.

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OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act – Section 404

FINANCIAL

Any activities not completed by 30 June, 2019, will result in a carryover of expenditure to the following financial year. The quarterly budget review as at 31 March, 2019, will give a more detailed account of how the Delivery Program is progressing within the Resourcing Strategy and 2018/19 Budget.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan
Murrumbidgee Council Resourcing Strategy
Murrumbidgee Council Operational Plan

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Accountable officers for each action included in the Delivery Program.

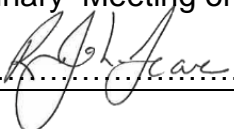
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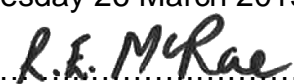
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 3: Progress Report on Delivery Program to 31 December, 2018.

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ITEM NO. 8 – COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	20 March 2019
Author:	Manager Corporate and Community Services
File #:	02.22
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report was presented to the March, 2018 meeting of Council outlining the Community Care Services available within the Local Government Area. Following on from that report and the Councillor Workshop, it has been requested that an update be provided on the progress and budget for the Community Services provided by Murrumbidgee Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the Community Services Update Report to 28 February, 2019, be noted.

BACKGROUND

Home Modifications and Maintenance

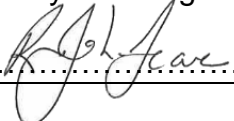
The Home Modifications Program objectives are to provide a comprehensive, coordinated and integrated range of basic maintenance and support services for frail, aged people and people with a disability, to support them to be more independent at home and in the community. In October 2008, Murrumbidgee Shire Council took over Home Modifications and Maintenance Service (HMMS), Level 1 (\$0 - \$10,000), for the Griffith City Council area as well as the former Murrumbidgee Shire Council area. Services to Jerilderie are provide by Berrigan and District Home & Community Support Services.

A coordinator is currently employed for 22.5 hours per week. Funding received from the Department of Health for 2018/19 will be \$77,367.56, with additional growth funding of \$25,487.00. Funding of \$78,528.04 was received for the 2017/18 financial year, with an additional amount from Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (State) of \$43,982.45. The introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has meant that we are no longer funded through the State.

Murrumbidgee Council Multi Service Outlet

At present, the Murrumbidgee Council Multi Service Outlet is funded to provide Meals on Wheels, Respite Day Care and Community Transport for both Darlington

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Point and Coleambally and areas within the former Murrumbidgee Shire Council LGA. Services to Jerilderie are provide by Berrigan and District Home & Community Support Services based in Finley and Valmar Support Services, Lockhart for Community Transport.

Three part-time coordinators are employed to oversee these services, with the Meals on Wheels/Respite Coordinator in Darlington Point currently working 5 hours per week and the two Meals on Wheels/Respite/Community Transport/Reporting Coordinators based in Coleambally working 22.5 and 15.5 hours per week respectively.

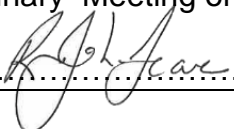
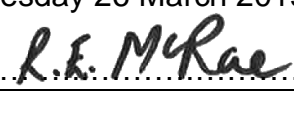
Funding received from the Department of Health for 2018/19 will be \$92,053.32 with additional growth funding of \$9,518.99. Funding of \$93,933.94 was received for the 2017/18 financial year, with an additional amount from Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (State) of \$19,066.40. The introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has meant that we are no longer funded through the State.

Below is a table of expenditure and income for Community Services to 28 February, 2019.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET 2018/19

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	TOTALS TO 28-2-2019	PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET SPENT/ RECEIVED
Home Modifications Grant Income	77,367.56	58,025.67	75.00%
Home Modifications Growth Income	25,487.00	0.00	0.00%
Home Modifications Contributions	35,000.00	17,775.61	50.79%
Home Modifications Expenditure	-130,000.00	-92,594.96	71.23%
Multi Service Outlet Grant Income	92,053.32	69,039.99	75.00%
Multi Service Outlet Growth Income	9,518.99	0.00	0.00%
Multi Service Outlet Contributions	120,000.00	63,299.24	52.75%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meals on Wheels - Respite Day Care - Community Transport - Client Contributions - Department of Veteran Affairs - Transport for Health NSC (Department of Transport) 			
Meals on Wheels Expenditure	-28,000.00	-22,321.78	79.72%
Respite Expenditure	-70,000.00	-53,236.53	76.05%
Community Transport Expenditure	-135,000.00	-106,824.18	79.13%

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OFFICER COMMENT

Since the introduction of the NDIS, funding has discontinued from the Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (State). The Home Modifications Program is separate funding and is currently within budget. The funding split for the Multi Service Outlet was originally 83%/17%, which means 83% for aged clients and 17% for those clients with a disability. It has been recognised that the funding split may not have been correct, as most of the work in this area has been with aged clients and representations have been made to acquire additional funding under this program. Community transport expenditure has increased steadily over the past few years and additional funds have been received through Department of Veteran Affairs, Murrumbidgee Local Health District under the "Transport for Health" Program and through Department of Transport for transport disadvantaged. The distances needed to travel for specialist appointments etc has meant that this is a much needed service, and meetings have been held with local agencies for assistance in attracting additional funding.

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

FINANCIAL

Community Services are to be totally grant funded. Currently the budget is very tight following the introduction of NDIS and the reduction in funding and additional funding is being explored to assist in this area.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Murrumbidgee Community Strategic Plan

Strategy 1.4.8 Support our community services programs and encourage collaboration and communication linkages between service providers across the region.

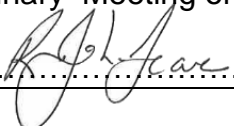
RISK MANAGEMENT


N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Meetings have been held with Community Services Coordinators and Narrandera Shire Council Community Transport. Discussions have been held with Department of Social Services, and a meeting has been arranged with the Regional Development Officer Riverina Murray – Ageing regarding funding options.

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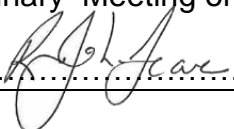
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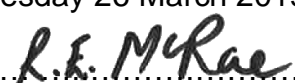
1. That the information contained in the Community Services Update Report to 28 February, 2019, be noted;
2. That depending on the outcome of discussions regarding further funding being available, Council consider the future of services provided in the Community Services area.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ITEM NO. 9 - MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & RISK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	15 February 2019
Author:	Audit & Risk Improvement Committee
File #:	01.15
Approval:	Committee of Council Minutes

Attendance: David Maxwell (Chairperson), John Burge & Gaila Smith (Committee Members)

Ruth McRae, John Scarce & Vicki Sutton (Observers)

1. Apologies: Nil.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved John Burge, Seconded Gaila Smith

"That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 29 June, 2018 be accepted".

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: Nil

4. General Manager's Report – Risk Matrix and Enterprise Wide Identified Risks

Discussion was held regarding the General Manager's Report and typical risks in relation to the policy. Attention needs to be given to the matrix, impact and rationale.

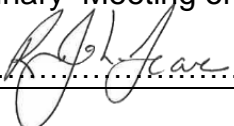
David Maxwell said that it will have to be workshopped with Council but we need a timeframe. Need to determine element of risk.

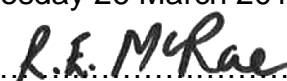
Moved John Burge, Seconded Gaila Smith

"That the first three pages of the document be referred to Council and the basis of the Risk Management Framework then advised to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee."

CARRIED

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Risk register starting point – David Maxwell said that a risk rating procedure needs be put together. Once framework is in place we can proceed in determining risks. Audit Committee will then take into account in determining internal audit assignments.

Moved John Burge, Seconded Gaila Smith
“That the report be received and noted”

CARRIED

5. Annual Statements and External Audit

Were adopted by Council on 10 January 2019.
Discussions were held regarding the annual financial statements.

Moved John Burge, Seconded Gaila Smith
“That the financial statements be noted”.

CARRIED

Letter from Audit Office 20 December 2018 – Engagement Closing Report

Vicki Sutton gave background to the merging of the two prior accounting systems into the new one. Models were gradually being brought into the new system.

Moved David Maxwell, seconded John Burge
“That the Finance Manager be asked to prepare a position paper on whether the interest in the Western Riverina Libraries should be recognised and that David, as Chairperson, be authorised to liaise with the Finance Manager to assist in the provision of the position paper.”

CARRIED

Letter from the Audit Office 10 January 2019 – Management Letter on the final phase of the Audit & Response

The meeting worked through the responses to the items in the letter.

Moved John Burge, Seconded Gaila Smith
“That the financial management letter be received and noted and that all incomplete items be added to the Audit Committee Follow-up Matrix.”

CARRIED

6. Internal Audit – Expressions of Interest

Discussion regarding a forensic audit of the conversion of the financial systems to be carried out and recommendations to Council about future internal audit plans was undertaken. The General Manager wishes to pursue specialist audit processes for particular areas, including but not limited to:

- Data conversion
- Procurement
- Other Specialist audit processes

Moved David Maxwell, Seconded John Burge

“That the committee endorse the Expressions of Interest for the IT conversion”

CARRIED

7. ARIC Operations

Committee charter has been adopted by Council and has been supplied. It governs future operations and future meeting dates.

A special meeting is to be held to consider the draft financial statements before the Council meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

Jerilderie on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 1.00pm

Darlington Point on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 1.00pm

Jerilderie on Thursday 14 November 2019 at 1.00pm

The meeting closed at 4.25pm.

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David Maxwell
Chair

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

Council Meeting: 26 March 2019
Report Date: 7 February 2019
Author: Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #: 02.09
Approval: Committee of Council Minutes

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Ian Sneddon, Sadie Herrick, Isabell Milne, Richard Wright, Joan Ferris, Chris Girdwood, Elaine Forbes, Fred Scammell, June Scammell, Dot Mills, Graham Mills, Colin Sweeney,

Apologies: Robyne Sneddon, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Alan Knight, Joan Kuschert, Ann Wright, Polly Fisher, Lisa Brackenrig, Louisa Bryce, Sarah Gurciullo, Ruth McRae, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Jan Crittenden, Bruce Crittenden, Garry Borger.

Moved Sneds Seconded Chris that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of MFDot
Seconded Isabell
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Faith thanked the Committee for the judging of the Christmas Lights..
- All members were thanked for being on raffle rosters.

Treasurer's report as tabled:

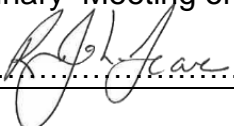
Moved Richard Seconded Colin that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted.
Carried.

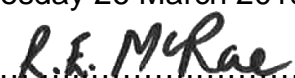
Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Jerilderie Portsea Camp C/tee re certificate of thanks for donation.
- Jerilderie District Race Club re letter of thanks for manning gate at Gold Cup Meeting. A donation of \$250.00 was given JTTC.
- RAMJO re letter of success of grant application to the amount of \$4500.00.
- John Craig (RAMJO) requested that advertising material same as on 2 bins at Elliott Park be used. (Sadie to request this signage)
- 50% of grant monies has been sent. The second 50% will be paid on completion of project.

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- Check list from John Craig for tracking purposes and a request for updates to progress.
- KABNSW Awards Program now open.

Outwards:

- Letter to GM re appreciation of works carried out in Luke Park. We love Sned's Bench.
- Numerous emails re Litter Grant
- Email to Justin Williams regarding suitable signage for rubbish bins

Business arising out of Correspondence:

- Colin informed the Committee that he would have liked to rehouse the old bbq table to the Old Swimming Hole.
- Faith informed meeting that this could not happen and suggested that Committee write to Council requesting a quote for a picnic table and bench seats to be placed at the Old Swimming Hole. Tidy Towns are prepared to pay half of the cost.

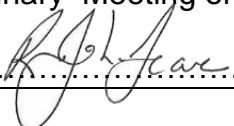
Moved Faith Seconded Forbsey that correspondence be accepted.

Carried.

General Business:

- Discussion re applying for a Heritage Grant to obtain automatic sprinklers for The Willows.
- Faith suggested that a major project for our Committee could be a Water Wise Program. TT to assist with educating the community regarding water saving.
- Mowing at Town Entrance sites. Chris informed meeting that Girdy will do this job. Thanks Girdy, you are a good bloke.
- Rose Replacement: Johann Pereira, Colin Hines and Graeme Read working towards obtaining suitable roses for the Cemetery. Purchase depends on amount of roses and the price.
- KAB have sent awards categories. Discussion on the amount of work required to put in these applications. If anyone has an idea or knows of a suitable project, then go for it. Sadie will assist in any way needed (not do it all)
- Arts Exhibition to be in Civic Hall. Tidy Towns Members to assist with manning event.
- Sneds offered the catering job for his Two Rivers Tractor Run to be held Monday May 20, 2019. After consideration, it was decided that we won't have the work power because we are old and would be very tired after the Show 'N Shine the previous day..... Thank you for offering this to us Your Eminence.
- Show 'N Shine to be held Sunday May 19, 2019.
- Colin introduced himself and the Show 'N Shine to Mr John Scarce and asked Council for assistance.

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- Council require letter requesting road closure (Powell Street) on the day.
- Raffle to be organised. Two selling dates prior to event. Letters to sponsors.
- Lisa Brackenrig hopefully is still able to organise Market Stalls.
- Apex to be approached regarding operating Mini Rail on the day.
- Faith will present KNSWB Award to Council. To add to our big display.

Meeting Closed: 6.55pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2019, at Office, 6.00pm

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JOBS TO BE DONE QUICK SMART

* Sadie: letters to sponsors, Council, Bendigo Bank. Book 2 raffle dates.
Posters, raffle signs etc.

Letter to Johann requesting quote for picnic table.

List of Award Categories to all members.

Deliver trophies OMG! (gardens and Christmas lights)

* Millsy: organise trailer.

* All Members to think about a project for Tidy Towns Awards.

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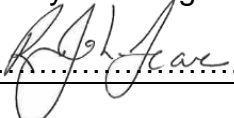
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Account QuickReport

As of February 7, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
BENDIGO BANK A/C							8,701.86
Cheque	1/11/2018	74	MURRUMBIDGEE C...	REGO TRAIL...	-SPLIT-	-254.00	8,447.86
Cheque	1/11/2018	75	M A'VARD	DONATION T...	-SPLIT-	-200.00	8,247.86
Deposit	2/11/2018			Deposit	FINES & TRAV...	45.50	8,293.36
Cheque	20/11/2018	76	IGA	GOODS S & S	-SPLIT-	-13.58	8,279.78
Cheque	20/11/2018	77	EAST END WELDING	GARDEN CO...	-SPLIT-	-81.70	8,198.08
Deposit	22/11/2018			Deposit	Other Income	400.00	8,598.08
Cheque	6/12/2018	78	Coloney Inn hotel		-SPLIT-	-250.00	8,348.08
Deposit	17/12/2018			Deposit	Unrestricted	250.00	8,598.08
Deposit	17/12/2018			Deposit	Grants	2,250.00	10,848.08
Deposit	19/01/2019			Deposit	Grants	2,250.00	13,098.08
Total BENDIGO BANK A/C						4,396.22	13,098.08
TOTAL						4,396.22	13,098.08

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ITEM NO. 11 - MINUTES OF THE COLEAMBALLY TOWN LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	19 February 2019
Author:	Coleambally Town Life Committee
File #:	02.33
Approval:	Committee of Council Minutes

Present: Pat Brown, Penny Sheppard, Bob Thornton, Christine Chirgwin, Catherine Demamiel

Apology: Tracey Boschetti

Minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

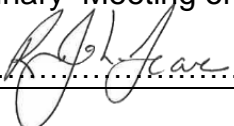
Moved: C. Demamiel


Seconded: P. Brown

Carried

- Cemetery toilets – have been completed.
- Neoen \$20,000 has been signed off by Council but not by Neoen.
Official opening of solar farm will now be Saturday, 6th April. There will be farm tours in afternoon with social event at Club from 6pm. Councillors will receive an invitation.
- Pool blanket is in transit – should be here by Friday. Pool will go to fob when Zac leaves. Council staff will put pool blanket on and off.
- Caravan Park – Council is in discussion with new owner. Could be compliance issues? Council is supportive.
Darlington-Point caravan park – lots happening with upgrade.
- Lions' Park toilets – will start in March. Ian Sutherland has okayed plan re-access to Lions' shed.
- Peter Chudek is doing special projects.
- Meeting room – ongoing discussions. Could expand community hall and sell/lease offices.
- Pioneers' museum – need a building. Council could possibly allocate land for site. Identify potential sites around town. For example, where trucks are parked near motel could establish tourist information and museum.
Possibly establish a working group for this project. Article in paper to form a committee. Could have a town meeting.
We need to formulate ideas/vision. Everyone to come up with 3 points for vision for next meeting. Ask Kellie Dissegna to attend – Christine and Pat to follow up. Pat to raise Pioneers' Museum at Council meeting.

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- Bus with wheelchair access. Nothing further from P&C. Council needs to define what its role is on health issues. Does Council become an NDIS provider?

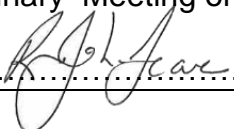
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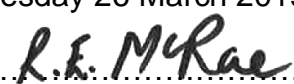
- Several complaints have been made to Council over dog barking. Will has been to see dog owners and they have received a letter. What happens next?
- Next meeting: 5.30pm Tuesday, 2nd April at Community Club.

Recommendations to Council:

- Please follow up on dog barking complaints.
- Consider Pioneers' Museum for Coleambally – work with interested residents.

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 12 – MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	20 March 2019
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	05.13
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 28 February 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly cash and investment report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 28 February 2019.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 28 February 2019 was \$31,421,051.25 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$8,686,235.97.

Investments: As at 28 February 2019, Council's total invested funds were \$22,734,815.28. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 2.36%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (68.32%), IMB Ltd (17.41%) and ANZ (5.09%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

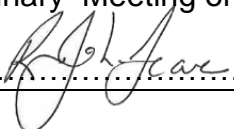
I certify that: 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 28 February 2019;
2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

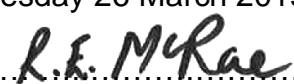
Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

ATTACHMENTS

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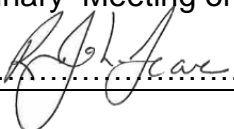
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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2018-19	2017-18
	Consolidated	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 31 JANUARY 2019	224,014.41	901,855.82
ADD - Receipts - 28 February 2019	1,185,925.90	2,307,965.06
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	9,273,523.09	1,322,902.83
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	144.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-5,762.34	-88,402.66
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-755,246.48	-2,831,605.07
LESS - Payroll	-363,140.62	-332,214.30
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-51,949.17	
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-676.14	-2,175.10
LESS - Loan Repayments	-10,753.99	-10,753.99
LESS - Investments	-800,000.00	0.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-7,585.04	-3,346.28
LESS - Fuel Card	-864.05	-1,245.44
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-1,249.60	-1,249.60
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2019	8,686,235.97	1,261,875.27
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2019	245,791.05	593,966.63
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	8,563,633.14	650,854.21
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	17,789.43
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-5,531.90	-735.00
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-117,656.32	0.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 28 FEBRUARY 2019	8,686,235.97	1,261,875.27
Add Investments	22,734,815.28	23,405,356.23
Total Cash and Investments	31,421,051.25	24,667,231.50
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	202,703.39	202,703.39
Water Fund	1,895,288.20	1,968,550.98
Sewer Fund	3,211,484.46	3,869,894.78
Domestic Waste Management - North	90,505.06	90,505.06
Unexpended Grant Funds	2,555,967.58	628,357.62
Plant Reserve - North	1,422,374.00	1,422,374.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve-North	1,210,000.00	1,210,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve - North	4,717,348.26	4,900,372.20
Residential Housing Reserve - North	0.00	0.00
New Council Implementation Fund	2,506,963.45	1,018,974.88
Stronger Communities Fund	12,570,394.21	8,663,175.39
General Fund	1,038,022.64	692,323.20

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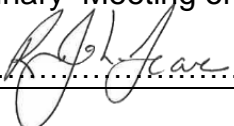
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
28 FEBRUARY 2019

Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	202,615.62	2.55%	05-Mar-19	18/19
NAB	208,468.10	2.00%	01-Mar-19	19/19
IMB Ltd	405,667.34	2.60%	11-Apr-19	20/19
NAB	309,045.11	2.57%	22-Mar-19	21/19
ANZ-Les Wallis	44,757.26	2.00%	29-Mar-19	22/19
IMB Ltd	312,932.95	2.55%	10-Apr-19	23/19
SUNCORP	1035078.69	2.65%	07-Jun-19	24/19
IMB Ltd	304,361.55	2.55%	18-Apr-19	25/19
Bendigo	777,100.52	2.00%	18-May-19	26/19
Bendigo	1,025,421.72	2.00%	22-May-19	27/19
St George	535,906.91	2.00%	22-May-19	28/19
IMB Ltd	414,980.26	2.65%	31-May-19	20
IMB Ltd	506,468.04	2.55%	14-Mar-19	21
IMB Ltd	605,214.25	2.55%	10-May-19	24
IMB Ltd	305,820.18	2.55%	07-Mar-19	25
Bendigo	519,582.68	2.55%	08-Apr-19	26
Bendigo	605,030.14	2.60%	06-May-19	28
ANZ	703,969.86	2.30%	11-Mar-19	29
Bendigo	301,512.33	2.00%	16-Apr-19	35
IMB Ltd	400,000.00	2.60%	23-May-19	36
Bendigo	3,855,272.31	2.30%	16-May-19	38
ANZ	407,534.49	2.20%	29-Apr-19	39
Bendigo	1,000,000.00	2.00%	16-Mar-19	40
Bendigo	2,081,950.74	2.30%	16-Jul-19	42
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	2.55%	29-Mar-19	44
Bendigo	5,366,124.23	2.30%	16-May-19	45
<u>Total Investments</u>	<u>22,734,815.28</u>			
Average Interest Rates	2016/17	2.43%		
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.15%		
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.36%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,035,078.69	4.55%		
ANZ	1,156,261.61	5.09%		
Bendigo	15,531,994.67	68.32%		
IMB Ltd	3,958,060.19	17.41%		
NAB	517,513.21	2.28%		
St George	535,906.91	2.36%		
TOTAL	<u>22,734,815.28</u>	<u>100%</u>		

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ITEM NO. 13 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM ACTIVITIES

Council Meeting:	29 March 2019
Report Date:	19 March 2019
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	03.16
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report on Economic Development and Tourism activities during the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Activities in March 2019 were focussed on the development of the Murrumbidgee Council Economic Development Strategy.

Economic Development Activities

Economic Development Strategy

- Collated statistics and literature review for the background information for the strategy;
- Draft development of business operators' survey for the strategy.

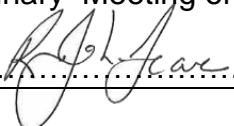
Regional Development Australia


- Attended the 'Grown Our Own' network meeting hosted by Regional Development Australia - Riverina in Griffith (see attached Network Focus 2019). Potential Careers Expo as part of the 'Grown our Own' program in Leeton - 18 June 2019.

Solar Farms

- Assisted Sygnal Energy with logistics and promotion for the Darlington Point Solar Farm Careers Fair on 28 February at the Darlington Point Sports Club;
- Assisted Neoen with logistics and promotion for the Coleambally Solar Farm Community Celebration for Saturday 6 April.

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Skills Development

- Promoted BEC Business Advice South & West NSW workshops in Finley and Berrigan through Council website and social media;
- Promoted The Tourism Tribe Instagram immersion webinar for tourism operators through Council website and social media;
- Promoted the Rice Growers Rice Industry Field Day at Rice Research Australia through Council website and social media;
- Promoted the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Manufacturing Efficiency Fund webinar through Council website and social media.

METAG Actions

- Updated content and categories on the Business and Tourism pages of the Council website;
- Received draft designs for the Darlington Point town entrance sign.

Tourism Activities

Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Limited

- Signed letter of understanding for Jerilderie to become part of the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Limited RV Friendly Town Program (Darlington Point and Coleambally are both part of the program already). Two signs will be erected at the entrances to Jerilderie to promote this, and there will be free editorial in The Wanderer monthly magazine, which is distributed to 36,000 members nationwide.



Newell Highway Promotion Committee

- Developed and sent 600 fliers for the Newell Highway stand at the 2019 Gold Coast Caravan and Outdoor Show.

Thrive Riverina

- Submitted details on the League of Silent Flight Australia Scale Glider Rally in Jerilderie for the Thrive Riverina April event newsletter, and details for the Behind the Scenes tours at Altina Wildlife Park for Inside the Riverina February newsletter.

Kidman Way Promotions Committee

- Attendance at the 2019 Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow 22-23 February at the Melbourne Showgrounds;
- Teleconference with Committee 1 March (minutes attached);
- Provided editorial on Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie for the feature on The Kidman Way in The Wanderer for May 2019. Passed on advertising details to tourism operators to participate in the May edition of the magazine.

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Economic and Tourism Development Manager promoting Murrumbidgee Council area at the 2019 Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

Destination Riverina Murray (DRM)

- Submitted details for collateral for DRM to take to consumer-based events and to feature the caravan/RV holiday parks as well as our best camping spots across the Riverina region.

Destination NSW

- To host the travel show Postcards in the Riverina. Filming to take place on Monday 25 March at Darlington Point and Altina Wildlife Park with the episode to air on Sunday 14 April;
- Promoted the Destination NSW Regional Scholarship Program as part of the Regional Conferencing Strategy & Action Plan;
- Destination NSW delivered their Statewide Destination Management Plan [Statewide Destination Management Plan](#)

Ned Kelly Touring Route

- Confirmed with Committee the next meeting for May 2019 in Wangaratta.

OFFICER COMMENT

NIL

SUSTAINABILITY

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

NIL

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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

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

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

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

4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers

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

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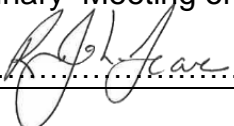
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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

The Economic and Tourism Development Manager has consulted with the following in the past month:

- Meetings with local business owners and tourism operators in Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie;
- Meetings with potential business owners for Darlington Point and Jerilderie;
- Meetings with regional stakeholders including: Department of Industry – Business Connect, Department of Industry – Training Services NSW, Regional Development Australia - Riverina, Service NSW, TAFE NSW, Thrive Riverina and Kidman Way Promotions Committee.

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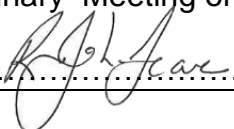
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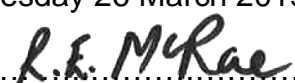
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 4: Regional Development Australia – Riverina Grown our Own Network Focus 2019

Attachment 5: Kidman Way teleconference minutes from 1 March 2019

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ITEM NO. 14 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, FEBRUARY 2019

Council Meeting: 26 March 2019
Report Date: 8 March 2019
Author: Manager, Planning & Environment
File #: 04.25
Approval: General Manager

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, February 2019, be noted.

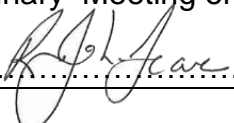
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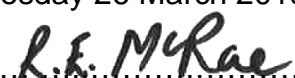
DA No.	Property Location	Works Undertaken	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA29-17/18	11-15 Southey Street Jerilderie Lot 1 & 2 DP 515642, Lot 15 DP 564034, Lot 143 DP 756426	DA Consent	Re-Development of Existing Highway Service Centre	\$2,800,000	26/02/2019
DA52-17/18	64 Jerilderie Street Jerilderie Lot 5 Sec 2 DP 758541	DA Consent	Fence and Shipping Containers	\$5000	26/02/2019
DA26-18/19	21 Oaklands Road Jerilderie Lot 1 DP 16814	Construction	Construction of Inground Swimming Pool	\$92,870	7/02/2019
DA27-18/19	Falcon Road, Coleambally Lot 86 DP 236144	Construction	Carport	\$20,000	26/02/2019
DA33-18/19	12 Lander Street, Darlington Point Lot 107 DP252736	Demolition/Construction	Demolition of old shed & Construction of new shed	\$8,500	11/02/2019

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 15 - NOXIOUS WEEDS / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	19 March 2019
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	04.21
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Jerilderie:

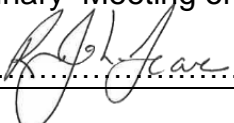
Weeds


- Khaki Weed treated and table drain maintenance of tree suckers on MR321;
- Silverleaf Nightshade treated on the Newell Highway;
- Horehound, Bathurst Burrs and Silverleaf Nightshade treated on local roads;
- Assisted Iain with Mesquite at Toganmain;
- Galvanised Burr treated at Emery Pit;
- Field inspections undertaken throughout Jerilderie area;
- Table drain maintenance on MR552 of tree suckers.
- Silverleaf Nightshade popping up on local roads in new and previous sites;
- Bathurst Burrs on local roads are not in large numbers;
- Boxthorns present in large numbers along the entire length of Jerry's Lane through the borees;
- Town drains treated where required;
- Identify and treat water plantain in Billabong Creek with Central Murray County Council Officer Matt Wooden.

Training

Attended Regional Weeds Committee meeting at Corowa on 6 March 2019. Discussions included: BIS mapping, education program for schools and reviewed summary/edits to compulsory Weeds Action Plan documents, which were passed.

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Truck Wash

- Drying one pond for cleanout.
- After feedback from drivers, a request has been lodged for another pipe and tap to be installed.

Stock Control

Call out from Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) on 1 February 2019 - sheep on road 8km north of boundary. Returned them to paddock. Informed RMS they should have reported the stock to Federation Council.

Saleyards

- Watering trees and chipping of burrs in February.
- Watering of trees and couch grasses to be carried out again in March.

Coleambally & Darlington Point:

Weeds

- 13 private property inspections, 16 high-risk pathway inspections, 9 red guide post inspections;
- Darlington Point sewer ponds and levee bank rocks area sprayed;
- Silverleaf Nightshade treated on: Yamma Road, Darlington Point Tip Road , MR321, Whitton Road, Morundah Road, Britts Road, Sturt Highway.
- Prickly Pear treated on Bonnars Lane.
- Spiny Burr Grass treated at 11 Mile Pit, Four Corners Road and Darlington Point Cemetery.
- Johnson Grass treated on Darlington Point levee bank.
- Mesquite mapped on Toganmain.
- Shoulder spray Main Canal Road.

Stock Control

Call outs:

- Cattle on MR321;
- Sheep on MR 321;
- Goat on Sturt Highway.

Training

Introduced to a new mapping system that is more compatible with BIS reporting.

INTEGRATED PLANS

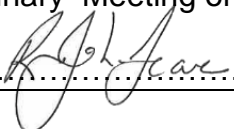
Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management

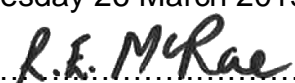
- Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Councils weed management program;
- Action 2.6.2.2 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;
- Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestations inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 16 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 18/2/2019 to 19/3/2019

Council Meeting:	26 March 2019
Report Date:	19 March 2019
Author:	Johann Pereira and William Wade, Operations Managers
File #:	03.16.04
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 18 February 2019 to 19 March 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

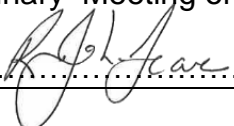
The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.


BACKGROUND

WORKS COMPLETED IN PERIOD

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	Guide post maintenance, tree clearing, rubbish collection. Resealing completed on Segments 4, 5, and 6 Resealing completed on Segments 10, 9, 5 and 4
MR321 – Kidman Way	Heavy patching completed on segment 10, segment 90, segment 260 Guide post maintenance, tree clearing, rubbish collection.

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	Delineators installed where heavy patching and resealing has been completed.
H17 – Newell Highway	
Local Road Maintenance	<p>Grader Maintenance</p> <p>McLennons Bore Road, Fernbank Road, Wilson Road, Cadell Road, Jerry's Lane, Woodside Lane, Kyola Road, Lovegrove Road, Muntz Lane, Sheppard Lane, Pike Lane, Egan Road, Citrus Drive, Mellington Road, Main Canal Road, Martin Bell Road</p> <p>Guide posts and signage</p> <p>Harvey Wells Road, Ryan Road, McLeay Road</p>
Roads to Recovery	<p>Resheeting works started on Bonnar's Lane.</p> <p>Eulo Road reconstruction first stage sealed. Second stage started with the road surface ripped.</p>
Fixing Country Roads	McDonald Road reconstruction – First 4.2 km sealed.
Town Streets	Weeds sprayed throughout towns.
Resealing Programme	Main Canal Road
Town Maintenance	<p>Road reserves in towns slashed.</p> <p>Tree loppers have trimmed back trees throughout Darlington Point and Coleambally.</p> <p>Trees pruned in Coreen Street, Mahonga Street and on Berrigan Road</p>
Staff Training	
Parks and Gardens	Weeds sprayed throughout Darlington Point parks and gardens.
Private Works	Water deliveries throughout the area.
Water & Sewerage	Several sewerage blockages cleared.
Building Maintenance	

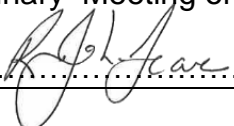
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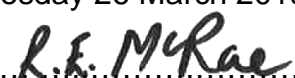
Local Road Maintenance	Grader Maintenance McLennons Bore Road, Fernbank Road, Wilson Road, Harvey Wells Road, Four Corners Road, Ercildoune Road, Martin Bell Road, McGrath Road
Regional Roads	RR564 – Line marking segments 4, 5 & 6 RR59 – Line marking segments 10, 9, 5 & 4 RR596 – Shoulder widening. 2.4km length of works. RR356 – Rehab 600m of damaged section of road near Wangamong Creek Bridge.
Local Roads	Reconstruction of Greens Lane, 1.8km. Reconstruction of Channel 9 Road, 1.2km section.
H17 – Newell Highway	Council will undertake a 35m x 3m rehabilitation of section near Stadium, prior to RMS works.
MR321 – Kidman Way	Resealing Segments 10, 190, 200, 210 and 250
Roads to Recovery	Green Swamp Road, 4km resheeting.
Fixing Country Roads	Final 4km of McDonald Rd reconstruction to be completed before Easter.
Town Streets	Darlington Point kerb and gutters to be swept.
Resealing Programme	See MR321 above
Town Maintenance	Additional trees to be lopped in Darlington Point and Coleambally. Essential Energy to inspect proximity of tree branches to power lines within Jerilderie's town streets.
Water & Sewerage	Water main flushing in Darlington Point and Coleambally. Investigation of Jerilderie's Water Treatment Plant structural integrity prior to sand filter refurbishment.

ATTACHMENTS

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 17 – DARLINGTON POINT CARAVAN PARK

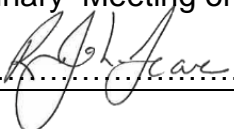
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Approval:	General Manager

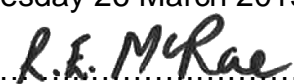
RECOMMENDATION

This item be referred to the **CONFIDENTIAL** section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors);
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

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