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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO. 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 16 August 2021 Author: General Manager

File #: SC218

Approval: General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

The contents of the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted, and:

- 1. a) Delegated Authority be granted to the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Service NSW; and
 - b) Any necessary documents associated with the Service NSW Agreement be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council;
- 2. The draft submission to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review be endorsed;
- 3. a) Expressions of Interest be entered into with regional civil contractors (total of 4) who will provide a budget estimate for the construction cost of the proposed Young Street subdivision;
 - b) The proposed Young Street subdivision Expression of Interest be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and the Division of Local Government Tendering Guidelines.

OFFICER COMMENT

1. COVID-19

The Action Plan – We are following the NSW Public Heath Order to the letter. When the Action Plan was developed we had to produce a plan we could use to keep us safe. Since then the NSW Government developed the COVID 19 Safe Plans, QR Coding, specific detail on can and can nots, significant fines for breaches etc. The space is changing daily, and making those changes to our Action Plan is not

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necessary, as we already have in the plan we will abide by the NSW Public Health Order.

Not saying changes will be ruled out, it's a daily watch and see, and providing all of the NSW Public Health Order is being adhered too, I do not see any need to modify our plan any further.

2. Service NSW Partnership Agreement

Attached is the renewal of the partnership agreement with Service NSW. Council currently has an agreement in place with Service NSW to promote and provide access to NSW Government information and services to better assist business owners and to support the local economy.

The support provided by Council to individuals and businesses to access these services has been invaluable, particularly during these challenging times.

Service NSW for Business provides free, personalised support to small business owners, to help them understand industry regulations, to guide them through transactions, and to access support.

The services provided to business owners include:

- Business Concierges offering over-the-phone, email and face-to-face support and case management.
- An online business profile to make it faster and easier for business owners to transact with NSW Government.
- Guidance and support for small business owners impacted by natural disasters or emerging issues to access a range of Government stimulus, support and information.
- Online business information hubs including how-to guides to help business owners understand key tasks and the support available when starting and running a business in NSW.

A new Partnership Agreement has been developed to provide consistency across all Councils, reflect the broader focus of Service NSW for Business and provide the opportunity for Murrumbidgee Council to engage with all services across Service NSW now and into the future.

The new Partnership Agreement includes further detail and clarity about the roles and responsibilities of all agencies in relation to the collection, storage and security of personal information.

The intention of the Partnership Agreement is to build awareness of specialist advice services available, ensure Council staff can direct enquiries to these services and provide applicants with the skills to be better informed and researched prior to lodging any applications.

For Murrumbidgee Council, the process is to endorse the proposed recommendations and to inform Service NSW when this endorsement has occurred.

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Recommendation

- 1. Delegated Authority be granted to the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with Service NSW; and
- 2. Any necessary documents associated with the Service NSW Agreement be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council;

3. Australian Government Regional Telecommunications Review

Every three to five years or so the Federal Government establishes an independent panel to undertake a review into regional telecommunications.

The terms of reference developed are as follows:

- 1. The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee must conduct a review of the adequacy of telecommunications services in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia.
- 2. In determining the adequacy of those services, the Committee must have regard to whether people in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia have equitable access to telecommunications services that are significant to people in those parts of Australia, and currently available in one or more parts of urban Australia.
- 3. In conducting the review, the Committee must make provision for public consultation and consultation with people in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.
- 4. In conducting the review, the Committee is to have regard to:
- a. the impact of the Government's policies and programs for improving connectivity, competition and digital literacy in regional, rural and remote areas, including rollout of the National Broadband Network, the Mobile Black Spot Program, the Regional Connectivity Program and the Regional Tech Hub;
- b. insights from COVID-19 on consumer access to and usage of broadband and mobile technology in regional, rural and remote areas;
- c. emerging technologies that could lead to significant changes in how telecommunications services are delivered in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia in the next 5-10 years:
- d. service reliability and impacts on customers and communities in regional and remote areas.
- 5. Taking into account Term of Reference 4, the Committee is to consider:
- a. whether changes are warranted to existing Government policies and programs to ensure they continue to be effective, fit for purpose and are maximising the social and economic potential from existing and emerging technological advances;
- b. policy settings that might be needed to support more rapid rollout of and investment in new telecommunications technologies in regional areas;
- c. ways in which improvements in digital connectivity could support the Government's broader regional development policies and priorities, such as decentralisation and the development of Northern Australia;

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- d. ways in which State, Territory, and Federal programs to support regional connectivity could be further coordinated.
- 6. The report may set out recommendations to the Australian Government.
- 7. In formulating a recommendation that the Australian Government should take a particular action, the Committee must assess the costs and benefits of that action.
- 8. The Committee must prepare a report of the review by 31 December 2021 or earlier and give it to the Minister for Regional Communications.

Recommendation

The draft submission to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review be endorsed by Council.

4. Young Street Subdivision

Expressions of interest will be sought for the total pricing of the proposed Young Street subdivision.

Recommendation

- a) Expressions of Interest be entered into with regional civil contractors (total of 4) who will provide a budget estimate for the construction cost of the proposed Young Street subdivision;
- b) The proposed Young Street subdivision Expression of Interest be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and the Division of Local Government Tendering Guidelines.

5. Movements

19 August 2021 - RAMJO Board Dinner, Albury – Postponed to November

20 August 2021 - RAMJO Board Meeting (on line forum)

25 - 27 August 2021 - Annual Leave - Application Withdrawn

28 - 30 November 2021 - LGNSW Conference (on line forum)

11 December 2021 - 9 January 2022 - Annual Leave

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

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INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

OPTIONS

As per the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Service NSW Agreement

Attachment # 2: Draft 2021 Regional Telecommunications Submission

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ITEM NO. 2 - ICT STRATEGY AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN - IT STRATEGY SUB-PLAN

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 16 August 2021

Author: Manager, Corporate & Community Services

File #: SC144

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Part of the audit process each year is to identify IT functions, developments, access, governance and Disaster Recovery Plans. In response to this, Council staff have been working with Veritech to develop the ICT Strategy and Information Services Disaster Recovery Plan (Business Continuity Plan – IT Strategy Sub-Plan). This is the first sub-plan developed under the complete Business Continuity Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The draft ICT Strategy and Business Continuity Plan – IT Strategy Sub-Plan be endorsed by Council.

OFFICER COMMENT

Council has a Business Continuity Policy which is currently being reviewed. The Policy sets out Council's commitment to business continuity and the principles upon which it will manage outage events.

Although the overarching Policy has been developed and is due to be reviewed, the plans that sit under this policy are currently being produced – these include:

- Business Continuity Plan a collection of procedures and information that is developed, compiled and maintained in readiness for use in a business outage event.
- Emergency Response Plans these address the immediate response to the incident and are primarily concerned with the protection and preservation of life and property.
- Critical Incident Management defines how strategic issues are managed and addressed by Senior Management during emergencies or outages.
- Information Services Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) a mechanism by which technology systems are recovered in line with the needs of the entity. Information services systems are essential and Council would only be able to operate for a very short period of time without them.

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• Critical Functions Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) – specific plans, procedures and documents for critical business processes that will enable critical business functions to continue during a business outage event. These plans support the Business Continuity Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY

Information services systems are essential and Council would only be able to operate for a very short period of time without them.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 3 – Our Infrastructure – What we have Built 3.1 Supporting and Developing Responsible, Sustainable Asset Management

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Business Continuity IT Strategy Sub-Plan includes specific plans, procedures and documents for critical business processes that will enable these functions to continue and lessen the risk of ongoing delays and loss of critical information.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- Veritech Senior Consultant
- Management Group

OPTION

As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 3: ICT Strategy

Attachment # 4: Business Continuity Plan IT Strategy Sub-Plan

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 3 - MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 6 August 2021

Author: Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

File #: SC130

Approval: Committee of Council

1. Present Mr David Maxwell (Chair); Cr Gaila Smith, Mr John Burge (via

video link), Mayor, Ruth McRae, General Manager, Mr John Scarce, Finance Manager, Mrs Vicki Sutton, Mr Matthew Knox of National Audits Group and Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe

Australasia (via video link - joined 10.30am.

2. Apologies Mr Stephen Goodsall, Asset Manager

The apology be accepted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

Declaration of Interest - NIL

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting - Friday 7 May 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2021, be amended to include the attendance of Councillor Gaila Smith and Mayor Ruth McRae, after amendment the Minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

5. Business Arising NIL

6. External Audit – This item was delayed on the agenda, as Mr Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia was unable to join the meeting at 10.00am.

Brad joined the meeting at 10.30am and addressed the meeting.

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6.1 Audit Office - Interim Management Letter

<u>ICT Strategy</u> - No requirement for the ICT Strategy to be considered by members of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee.

<u>Internal Audit Function</u> - What is expected of Committee and Finance Manager between now and end of August? From a governance perspective, need to have a plan of audits. Chair advised ARIC does have an internal audit schedule. <u>Outdated Policies and Procedures</u> - List of policies and their proposed review date is required.

The Interim Management Letter 2021 be received and noted and the uncompleted items be transferred to the Audit Follow-Up Matrix

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

The Committee notes that the annual financial statements are currently expected to be completed in accordance with requirements.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

6.2 Audit Office - Audit arrangements for years ending June 2022 and June 2023

The reappointment of Crowe Australasia as auditors for years ending June 2022 and June 2023 be noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

6.3 MC Accounting Policy Position Statement

The Murrumbidgee Council Accounting Policy Position Statement be adopted.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

- 7. Internal Audit (dealt with prior to Item 6 External Audit)
 - 7.1 Internal Audit Report Private Works CONFIDENTIAL

Discussions held on how private works are invoiced at each of the offices. Different system currently in place for Jerilderie and Darlington Point Offices. Explanation provided by Vicki.

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Single system across the organisation is to be implemented by March 2022. New policy and procedures are to be written.

Flexibility and the ability to quote needs to be included in the private works policy.

The Internal Audit – Private Works Report -

- a) be received and noted;
- b) uncompleted management actions be transferred to the Audit Follow-Up Matrix:
- c) the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee review the draft Private Works Policy and Procedures prior to their submission to Council.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

- 8. Other Reports
 - 8.1 General Manager's CONFIDENTIAL report (verbal)

The General Manager's Confidential Report be received and noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

8.2 Statewide Mutual-CIP Final Report to Council 2020-2021 CONFIDENTIAL

The Statewide Mutual - CIP Final Report to Council 2020-2021:

- a) Be received and noted;
- b) The uncompleted items with a target date of 30 June 2022 and before be transferred to the Audit Follow-Up Matrix; and
- c) This Committee review the other items in 12 months time.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

8.3 Self Risk Assessment – Motor Fleet CONFIDENTIAL

The Self Risk Assessment - Motor Fleet be noted.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

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State Cover Reports and WHS Committee Meeting Minutes be provided to the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee for review.

Moved: Gaila Smith Seconded: John Burge

CARRIED

- 9. ARIC Operations
 - 9.1 Audit Follow-Up Matrix

That the Audit Follow-Up Matrix be noted and updates be made.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

9.2 Draft Committee Report

That the Draft Committee Report as tabled be adopted and presented to Council at its August meeting.

Moved: John Burge Seconded: Gaila Smith

CARRIED

10. General Business

Local Government Election now 4 December 2021. Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections to be held at Council's September meeting. Council delegates to be appointed to Committees.

Next Meeting: Special Meeting of Committee to review draft annual financial

statements - Friday 15 October 2021 - DP Chambers,

commencing 10.30am. Blue Jeans link to be provided.

Friday 5 November 2021, Jerilderie Chambers - 10.00am

Meeting concluded 11.47am

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AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman's Summary August 2021

Internal Audit

The key takeaway from the internal audit report on *Private Works* was that operational, administrative and accounting procedures differ between the north and south of the Council area, and that common policy and administrative procedures need to be developed. Many of the points noted by internal audit are contingent on this and hence there will be some delay until these are resolved. The Committee has asked that it review the draft policy prior to its submission to Council.

The next scheduled internal audit is *contract management* and this report should be available for the next ordinary Committee meeting in November.

External Audit

The interim management letter was reviewed and although it was noted that all 11 issues had been raised in previous years, none were assessed as high risk, and indeed that some have subsequently been completed.

The Committee noted that Crowe Australasia will continue as contract auditors for the Auditor-General for a further 2 years.

Brad Bohun of Crowe Australasia advised (by Blue Jeans) that all indications are that the Annual Financial Statements will be completed within the required legislated deadlines. The Committee will hold a special meeting on 15 October to review the draft statements.

The Auditor-General requires that Council specifically address any new Accounting Standards, and the Committee adopted a report that AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements would have no direct application to Council. As part of the annual statements process, the Committee asked that reports on Control of Rural Fire Service assets, interests in other entities and water billing cycle cut off be submitted so that these matters can be disposed of quickly.

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General Manager K. K. M. Kare Mayor

Other Reports

General Manager's Verbal Report

At each meeting the General Manager provides a verbal report, principally directed at any protected disclosures, to the extent that the confidentiality provisions of the relevant legislation permits.

Statewide Mutual Continuous Improvement Program and Motor Fleet Self Risk Assessment

Each year this program reviews nominated areas of Council operations, this year addressing *building assets, event management, footpaths* and *motor fleet* (the latter via an international self risk assessment program supplied by Zurich Insurance), and makes recommendations for improvements both large and small.

The Committee was pleased to note that Council's assessed performance for building assets and footpaths was above the average for comparable Councils, and that changes to procedures for events management subsequent to completion of the workbook would have significantly improved its rating. For motor fleet, Council was assessed as fair-standard, a rating higher than 54% of other Councils.

Being an improvement program, there were many specific improvements (39) listed, many of which were minor or assessed as low risk. The Committee decided to limit its formal follow up, in the first instance, to those items assessed as high risk or above with a targeted completion date within the next 12 months. The remaining items will be reviewed for inclusion in 12 months time.

WHS Committee Minutes

The Chairman noted that the Committee at present is not taking any specific action to satisfy itself that the risks relating to WHS are being appropriately addressed, and suggested that review of WHS Committee minutes and the Statecover Self-Audit Report should adequately serve this purpose, and this was agreed to.

Committee Operations

Audit Follow-up Matrix

It is important that where management has agreed to give effect to recommendations contained in an external or internal audit report, or other report, that the promised action actually happens. The Audit Follow-up Matrix is the mechanism used by the Committee to monitor progress towards the completion of these items.

The Committee reviewed the Matrix in detail and identified a number of items that had been completed and could be removed. We also identified a number of items lacking target dates and where dates had passed and requested that these be reviewed and updated.

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R.K. M.Rae Mayor

Annual Report to Council

The Committee's Annual Report to Council was adopted, and I will attend at the next Council meeting both to formally present the report and to answer any questions Councillors may have about the Committee's operations.

David G Maxwell CHAIRMAN

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R.K. M.Rae Mayor

4 - AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT YEAR ITEM NO. **ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 30 June 2021 Report Date:

Author: Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

File #: SC130

Committee of Council Approval:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report is made in accordance with clause 5 of the Committee's Charter and covers the financial year to 30 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Report for year ended 30 June 2021 be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Committee membership during the period:	Meetings attended
Independent External Members	
David Maxwell (Chairperson)	4
John Burge	4
Councillor	
Cr Gaila Smith	3
Also attended	
Mayor, Ruth McRae	3
General Manager, John Scarce	4
Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton	4
Asset Manager, Steve Goodsall	2

External audit representatives have attended as required.

Committee meetings during the period

The Committee held meetings on 7 August 2020, 6 November 2020, 12 February 2021 and 7 May 2021.

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Arc......General Manager

Reporting Lines

The Committee reports to Council after each meeting in the form of minutes (all Councillors also receive copies of Committee agendas) and provides an annual report of activities undertaken each year.

To further inform Councillors of the deliberations of the Committee, the Chairman has commenced providing a summary of the matters considered at each meeting, additional to the formal minutes.

The Committee Chairman will take the opportunity to formally present this report to Council, and to answer any questions Councillors may have on the role and operations of the Committee.

Approach of the Committee

The Committee seeks to take what may broadly be described as a "risk management" approach which includes:

- monitoring the risk exposure of Council
- reviewing the level of resources allocated to internal audit and the scope of its authority
- reviewing the scope of internal audit plans and the effectiveness of the function
- reviewing reports of internal audit and the extent to which Council and management react to matters raised by internal audit
- facilitating liaison between the internal and external auditor to promote compatibility, to the extent appropriate, between their audit programs
- critically analysing and following up on any internal or external audit report that raises significant issues relating to risk management, internal control, financial reporting and other accountability or governance issues raised
- identifying and referring specific projects or investigations deemed necessary through the General Manager, internal auditor and the Council as appropriate
- addressing issues brought to the attention of the Committee that are within the parameters of its terms of reference
- considering and recommending any changes to the Committee's Charter and the Internal Audit Charter.

Annual Financial Statements and External Audit

At its meeting held 6 November 2020 the Committee considered the draft 2020 Annual Financial Statements and directed questions to the Finance Manager and external audit staff present. The Committee reported to Council that it was not aware of any matter which would prevent Council from executing the certificates required by section 413 of the Local Government Act.

It was pleasing to note that the Annual Financial Statements were completed and audited within the timeframe ordained by the Office of Local Government.

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The Committee has reviewed all correspondence from the external auditor in relation to the external audit. The major items of correspondence were:

- Interim Management letter 2020
- Auditors Reports 2020
- Report on the Conduct of the Audit 2020
- Engagement Closing Report 2020
- Final Management letter 2020
- Annual Engagement Plan 2021

External audit continues to hold the view that Council should recognise RFS assets in the financial statements and claims this omission to be an immaterial unadjusted error. Management holds the view that Council lacks the necessary control for these assets to qualify for recognition. The Committee supports management's view.

Internal Audit Operations during the Period

National Audit was selected from Council's panel to undertake an internal audit relating to Council's Procurement & Purchasing procedures and this report was considered at our May meeting, and follow up of the recommendations has commenced.

The next scheduled internal audit relating to Private Works and it is expected that this report will be considered at our August 2021 meeting.

A draft schedule of future internal audits has been developed and these will be completed as Council's allocated budget permits.

Other Reports Reviewed by the Committee

The Committee looks to review all reports received by Council that contain recommendations for Council action, and includes these in its follow up procedures. The reports reviewed have included:

- Statecover WHS Action Plan 2020
- Statecover WHS Audit Report 2020
- Statewide Mutual Continuous Improvement Pathway 2019-20

Risk Management

The Committee reviewed the draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Plan for submission to Council and thanks Damien Connell of Statewide Mutual for his attendance at this meeting.

The Committee looks forward to further progress with the development of Council's risk management procedures and Risk Register. The Committee encourages the maximum possible expedition in progressing this work.

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Mayor R.K. M. M. Mayor

Summary

In May a verbal report was received that an OLG Principal Policy Officer foreshadowed further consultation on the arrangements consequent on the 2016 amendments to the Local Government Act for ARICs. This consultation was to take place in "early 2021", with the framework to be released and regulations and guidelines made in "mid 2021". The framework was stated to commence in "March 2022", with full compliance required by "March 2027".

At the time of writing nothing further has been heard, nor has the foreshadowed consultation for "early 2021" taken place. As it appears that there will be at least some transition period, until further information is received the Committee will continue to operate as if there are no changes pending. However, such matters as the scheduled review of the Committee's Charter will be deferred until the situation is clarified.

The Committee acknowledges the support and assistance received from the General Manager, John Scarce, and Finance Manager, Vicki Sutton.

David G Maxwell CHAIRMAN

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R. General Manager R. K. M. Mayor

ITEM NO. 5 - MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 9 August 2021

Author: Traffic Committee Meeting

File #: SC20

Approval: Committee of Council

Location: E-meeting Time: 12.00 pm noon

Traffic Committee included in e-meeting

Mr Tom Dimec Convenor Director of Infrastructure, Murrumbidgee

Council

Sgt Jason Hinson NSW Police

Mr. Greg Minehan Roads & Maritime Services (RMS).

Mr. Shawn Gras Representing Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray Mr Ian Girdwood Representing Justin Clancy, MP, Member for Albury

Non-voting members included for information only

Cl Ruth McRae Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council

CI Robert Black Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council (Chairperson)

Cl Gaila Smith Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council

Kate Warren Senior Administrative Assistant, Murrumbidgee Council

Confirmation of Minutes RESOLVED (by consent)

That the Minutes of the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee held on Thursday 06 May 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

REPORTS OF THE CONVENOR

TC21.29 Town Entrance Statements - Jerilderie

CM

Ref: 21/7817

The committee recommended that the proposal not be adopted until an inspection of the site has taken place by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). An inspection will be conducted by Greg Mineham and Tom Dimec at a date and time to be confirmed.

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Mayor R.K. M.K. Mayor Mayor

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed installation of the town entrance statements to be installed as per the location identified on plan CM 21/6532 and map CM 21/6531

Recommendation (by consent)

The committee seek confirmation of suitability of the site from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) prior to approving the installation.

NOT CARRIED

TC21.30 Edgeline & Rumble Bars – Stock St, Darlington Point CM Ref: 21/7816

The committee recommended an amendment to the draft proposal due to concerns over installing raised rumble strips at the apex of a corner may present as a hazard, in particular to motor cycle riders. This is apart from the potential noise generated by vehicles hitting them.

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed installation of Edge lines with the addition of bio directional RPM on Stock Street, Darlington Point as per Plan No CM21/6532 and drawing CM21/7815

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed Double barrier lines(BB) 30m, with the addition Retro-reflective raised pavement markers (RRPMs).

CARRIED

TC21.31 No Thru Road – Curphey Place, Darlington Point CM Ref: 21/7819

Recommendation

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection for the installation of NO THROUGH ROAD (G9-18) signage as per Plan No CM 21/7819 to be erected to the entrance of Curphey Place, Darlington Point

Recommendation (By Consent)

That the General Manager (Director of Infrastructure) be advised that the Murrumbidgee Council Traffic Committee has no objection for the installation of NO THROUGH ROAD (G9-18) signage as per Plan No CM 21/7819 to be erected to the entrance of Curphey Place, Darlington Point CARRIED

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Kare General Manager R. K. M. Mayor

There being no further business, the meeting was closed Thursday 12 August at 4.30 pm
Next LTC meeting to be held November 11 2021 at 10.00 am
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General Manager R. K. M. Rae Mayor

ITEM NO. 6 - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HERITAGE DARLINGTON POINT COMMITTEE

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 1 August 2021

Author: Heritage Darlington Point Committee Secretary

File #: SC24

Approval: Committee of Council Minutes

Meeting held at the Museum, Darlington Street, commencing 10.00am

Present: Shirley Norris-Kennedy (chair), Ken Geltch, Roger McGann, Laurie Finley, Mona Finley. Also Sue Mitchell representing Murrumbidgee Council.

Apologies: Geoff and Joy Schubert.

Minutes: AGM for 2020 was deferred indefinitely; no minutes recorded.

Treasurer's Report: Financial statement was tabled, for period 30/7/2020 to 30/7/2021, showing a balance of \$8183.69. Accepted (Mona/Roger)

Annual membership: Moved and unanimously agreed that membership remain \$5.00 per annum (Shirley/Laurie).

President's Report: Shirley presented a detailed recap of our organisation's activities covering the period 2020- 21.

Motion to thank Shirley and accept the report (Laurie/Roger.) Copy hereby enclosed.

Office Bearers: It was proposed that if current office bearers are willing that they continue in those roles. (Laurie/Roger), Agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed: 10.12 a.m. to be followed by Ordinary Meeting.

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General Manager K. K. M. Mayor

Heritage Darlington Point

President's Report 2020-2021

1st August 2021

In October 2020 Heritage Darlington Point committee developed a Forward plan for Darlington Point history Museum. The Courthouse was nominated as a priority. The plan was submitted to Murrumbidgee Shire Council. The following report will be based on projects within this plan

It is a pleasure to report that several of the several of the projects have been completed.

Please note: works on the Police complex began prior to 2021, the courthouse was painted by volunteers and the jacking, levelling and re-flooring of the police residence was ompleted Feb 2020. Local craftsman, Hugh McLachlon began constructing windows for the police residence. This is a major job, it includes making eight windows, four sash's and architraves, to date this project is on-going, the hold up being Hugh's hip replacement. Funding for the above two projects was provided by Crown Lands Improvement Funds. 2019-2020

In 2020-2021 we once again applied for funding through Crown lands. We were extremely lucky and pleased to receive another round of funding which will allow us to continue further conservation, restoration and other general works required to enhance the museum buildings and grounds.

Forward plan are as follows;

- 1. Courthouse: Re roofing of the courthouse was completed July 2021. This involved removing corrugated iron. capping and gutters, all replaced with new materials. Damaged sections of facia and verandah posts have been repaired. This involved lifting and securing posts to a steel base and set in concrete pads. Works carried out by Jackson Building.
- 2. Shire Chambers & Disability ramp: Construction of the disability ramp is due to commence early August 2021. The steel framed construction to be built by local engineer Steve Fattore and the decking by the darlington Point Mens Shed. On completion of the ramp we hope to replace the very tired worn out floor coverings. The floor coverings have become a real safety issue and when completed we will be able to assess work needed to the building and displays.
- Police residence: As mentioned the levelling, jacking and replacement of flooring timbers was completed Feb 2020. Boldiston plumbing replaced guttering and down pipes completed April 2021. Window replacement on-going.

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.Mayor

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- 4. Century plant: Removed by Murrumbidgee Shire Council 2020
- 5. Windmill: The windmill was removed by Council workers from its original site, Waddi creek around 2010, it is likely to have been the water supply for the Punt Hotel. Although contact has been made with two Windmill repair specialist we have not been supplied with a costing to date.
- 6. Wagon: placement: The Water resources and conservation paymasters wagon was donated by the McGann family. With assistance from Murrumbidgee Shire Council men and machinery the wagon is now positioned on the site originally where the Police stable and buggy shed was. Project completed early 2020.
- 7. Signage: A3 history information signs were made by volunteers and fixed to all the major buildings on the complex, **completed August 2021.** This signage provides visitors with information whilst on self-guided tours.

In the near future when the museum grounds are up to scratch, further signage will be needed.

8. Ground improvements: No major improvement has happened as to date. Volunteers have planted a row of native Westringia shrubs along the front fence which are thriving and will enhance the general view of the complex in the near future. We continue to battle with the large proportion of cathead burr (Calthorpes) that appear after rain. Council continue to spray, however it still remains a never ending problem. This issue needs to be re addressed.

Overall I do believe that we are making headway, however the more we do the bigger the need for a strong volunteer base to keep the future up-grades in order. At the moment we are few....I suggest that the committee think strongly about how we can recruit new volunteers.

In conclusion I would like to thank volunteers for their ongoing support. Big thanks to Mona who has worked hard in securing funding for our projects and to Murrumbidgee Shire Council for their assistance throughout the past year. Thank you all.

President 'Heritage Darlington Point' Shirley Norris – Kennedy.

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...General Manager

R.K. M.RaeMayor

ITEM NO. 7 - MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF HERITAGE DARLINGTON POINT COMMITTEE

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 1 August 2021

Author: Heritage Darlington Point Committee Secretary

File #: SC24

Approval: Committee of Council Minutes

Meeting held at the Museum, Darlington Street, commencing 10.13pm.

Present: As for AGM.

<u>Minutes of Meeting</u> of 6 June had been circulated previous to meeting; moved (Roger/Ken)

Business from Minutes: All matters to General Business.

Correspondence:

Outward: Nil

Inward:

1. 24 June 2021 – Origin Energy – info re new charges.

RAHS e-newsletters,

- 1. 1 July 2021 New listings on NSW Heritage Register Podcast: 'Portrait Detective' Article: 'New Perspectives on an Old Case; "Somerton Man", can be downloaded.
- 2. 22 July 2021 'Researching Soldiers in Your Local Community' includes downloadable research guide (26pg) Free online lecture 4 Aug, 1-2 pm, Philip Roth and end of literary censorship in Australia.

Correspondence accepted as read: (Laurie/Roger)

Treasurer's Report: As for AGM.

General Business:

1. Progress of CRIF Projects:

(a) <u>Courthouse roof job</u> carried out 5-22 July. David Jackson presented invoice: \$16,230.00. Mona took photographs to record progress; additional photos by D. Jackson taken inside roof space, showing extra reinforcing timbers installed.

Reported of compliments received regarding improved appearance of courthouse. PVC downpipes have been installed – yet to be replaced by gal. iron. Bases to be constructed for realigned veranda posts – Shirley and Laurie to investigate options.

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- (b) <u>Access Ramp</u> Steve Fattore advised he can commence job next week. Ken tabled brochure, 'New Techwood Decking' committee to choose preferred colour. Chosen colour named IPE (Mona to advise Steve.) Downpipes and drainage sumps around old Chambers to be adjusted, to allow for ramp placement (Rod Watts, Council, to carry out).
- 2. **Spare Keys for Shed**: Three new keys have been cut, following one shed key being mislaid. Account for \$16.19 presented for reimbursement.
- 3. <u>Membership and Volunteers</u>? A need for new members and volunteer helpers, as mentioned in Shirley's report. Mona to include this in next HDP Newsletter, to be issued this month.

Meeting closed: 10.55am.

Next Meeting: 10 October, 10am.

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 8 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2021

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 17 August 2021 Author: Finance Manager

File #: SC133

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 31 July 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 July 2021.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 July 2021 was \$25,398,670.75, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$357,723.21.

Investments: As at 31 July 2021, Council's total invested funds were \$25,040,947.54. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 0.21%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (57.79%), IMB Ltd (15.27%) and Suncorp Metway (8.27%), 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 31 July 2021;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

Vicki Sutton

Responsible Accounting Officer

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

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

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

Provide leadership through ethical accountable and legislative decision making processes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

General Manager

OPTIONS

A\s per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2021-22	2020-21	
	Consolidated	Consolidated	
CASH AT BANK 30 June 2021	2,920,191.05	4,124,635.33	
ADD - Receipts - 31 July 2021	82,324.13	816,377.81	
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	513,291.98	1,801,792.56	
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00	
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	3,860.79	
LESS - Cheques	-95,932.41	-1,281.96	
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-2,632,833.73	-2,803,715.91	
LESS - Payroll	-350,307.55	-320,704.31	
LESS - Interbank Transfers	-67,563.40	-25,840.21	
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-1,804.72	-1,626.99	
LESS - Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	
LESS - Investments	0.00	-890,261.17	
LESS - Emergency Services Levy	0.00	-88,405.51	
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-9,315.42	-1,200.29	
LESS - Fuel Card	-326.72	-66.13	
LESS - Photocopy Rental	0.00	-329.58	
CASH AT BANK 31 July 2021	357,723.21	2,613,234.43	
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CASH AT BANK 31 JULY 2021	204,369.42	1,000,938.35	
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	266,327.30	1,629,535.36	
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00	
LESS Unpresented Cheques	0.00	-2,784.31	
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-95,932.41	-14,454.97	
LESS Reverse Autopay	-17,041.10	0.00	
CASH AT BANK 31 July 2021	357,723.21	2,613,234.43	
Add Investments	25,040,947.54	24,621,172.72	
Total Cash and Investments	25,398,670.75	27,234,407.15	
Represented by:-			
Trust Account	295,416.46	111,444.29	
Water Fund	2,783,256.59	2,432,093.40	
Sewer Fund	4,305,413.82	4,143,915.65	
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00	
Unexpended Grant Funds	2,318,600.31	2,338,512.21	
Plant Reserve	1,654,230.00	1,694,605.00	
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,170,781.00	1,468,000.00	
Infrastructure Reserve	2,586,105.00	3,105,696.00	
Contributions Levy Reserve	379,630.00	440,720.00	
New Council Implementation Fund	186,675.95	528,755.67	
Stronger Communities Fund	6,822,411.59	9,684,864.17	
General Fund	2,822,346.03	1,211,996.76	

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTME	NTS			
31 JULY 2021 Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
ANZ-Les Wallis	46,087.62	0.10%	25-Aug-21	21
IMB Ltd	1,012,522.41	0.21%	08-Sep-21	22
NAB	502,593.69	0.05%	07-Sep-21	23
IMB Ltd	510,023.59	0.22%	20-Jan-22	24
IMB Ltd	700,000.00	0.25%	23-Aug-21	25
Bendigo	1,000,000.00	0.25%	09-Aug-21	26
St George	508,831.01	0.32%	03-Feb-22	27
Bendigo	813,278.08	0.20%	05-Oct-21	28
ANZ	821,403.56	0.15%	22-Sep-21	30
St George	750,000.00	0.22%	18-Aug-21	31
NAB	716,271.62	0.20%	26-Nov-21	32
SUNCORP METWAY	1,571,073.39	0.28%	26-Nov-21	34
Bendigo	803,369.70	0.10%	16-Oct-21	35
IMB Ltd	600,000.00	0.22%	20-Sep-21	36
Bendigo	3,527,869.20	0.25%	16-Sep-21	38
ANZ	819,328.56	0.15%	17-Nov-21	39
Bendigo	2,327,241.77	0.30%	16-Oct-21	40
SUNCORP METWAY	500,495.21	0.30%	09-Dec-21	41
NAB	510,558.13	0.22%	09-Oct-21	43
IMB Ltd	1,000,000.00	0.20%	26-Oct-21	44
Bendigo	6,000,000.00	0.30%	16-Jan-22	45
Total Investments	25,040,947.54			
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.40%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	0.81%		
Average Interest Rates	2020/21	0.21%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS	HELD			
SUNCORP	2,071,568.60	8.27%		
ANZ	1,686,819.74	6.74%		
Bendigo	14,471,758.75	57.79%		
IMB Ltd	3,822,546.00	15.27%		
NAB	1,729,423.44	6.91%		
St George	1,258,831.01	5.03%		
TOTAL	25,040,947.54	100%		

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General Manager K. K. M. Mayor

ITEM NO. 9 - TENDER - PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 16 August 2021

Author: Director of Infrastructure

File #: SC171

Approval: General Manager

BACKGROUND

Tenders have been received via the Vendor panel (LGP Contractors - VP reference Number: VP252160) portal - 1 July 2021 with the closing date of 15 July 2021. Four (4) tenderers were selected and only 2 submitted tenders via the Vendor Panel portal.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider a separate confidential report on Tender – Purchase of a Street Sweeper - in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993

OFFICER COMMENT

This report is to inform Council of the tender process for VP reference Number: VP252160 Road Street Sweeper. In accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, some information should remain confidential as it would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as it may reveal commercial-in-confidence provisions of a contract, diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person, and/or prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests. This information will be considered under a separate confidential report.

Tenders Received

Tenders were received from the following:

Tenderer	Location
Bucher Municipal Pty Ltd	Wetherill Park NSW
Rosmech Sales & Service Pty Ltd	Salisbury Plain SA

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation

FINANCIAL

Council proposes to fund the plant equipment from the plant funding FY21/22

INTEGRATED PLANS

N/A

RISK MANAGEMENT

Ultimately the awarded tender and price will be public information.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Plant Committee

OPTIONS

As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 10 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, JULY 2021

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 10 August 2021

Author: Manager Planning & Environment

File #: SC210

Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Application No	o Address	Decision Date	Value	Decision
DA13-2021	12 Calrose Avenue Coleambally	15/07/2021	\$60,000	Approved (Council)
<u>Description:</u>		Consideration in determining application:		
New grain cleaning shed		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required.		
DA14-2021	3759 Newell Highway Finley	30/07/2021	\$0	Approved (Delegation)
Description:		Consideration in determining application:		
Boundary realignment		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required. The application was referred to Essential Energy and Transport for NSW for comment.		
DA15-2021	19805 Sturt Highway Darlington Point	29/07/2021	\$900,000	Approved (Delegation)
Description: Consideration in determining application:				cation:
3 silos, upgraded weighbridge and transportable office		The development application was assessed under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Neighbour notification was not required. The application was referred to Essential Energy for comment.		

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ac......General Manager

K.K. M.K. M. Mayor

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 11 – TENDER - PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER

Council Meeting: 24 August 2021 Report Date: 16 August 2021

Author: Director of Infrastructure

File #: SC171

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) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(d) i. Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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John Have General Manager R. K. M. Mayor Mayor