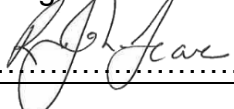



**REPORTS TO MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2020**

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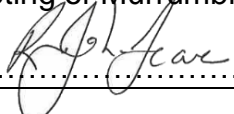
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NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER OR RESCIND A RESOLUTION

TIDDALIK WETLAND LAND CLASSIFICATION

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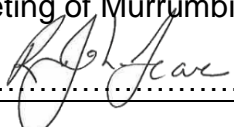
Councillors Curphey, Wells and McRae request Council rescind Resolution Number 107/05/20 as detailed below:

TIDDALIK WETLAND LAND CLASSIFICATION

107/05/20 Resolved on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Curphey that Council propose to reclassify all of Lot 20, DP 845355 from Community Land to Operational Land, and the proposed reclassification be placed on public exhibition.

CARRIED

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NO. 1 - GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	15 June 2020
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

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

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the General Manager's Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

1. COVID-19

Attached is the latest version of the COVID-19 Action Plan.

I am monitoring and making adjustments to the COVID-19 Action Plan after every announcement of the Premier as it relates to relaxation of restrictions.

2. Projects

During the last month Councillors have been provided with photos of the progress of various projects, and this practice will continue.

Brolga Place – is out to tender

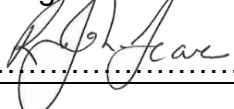
Coleambally Sports Precinct – decision of Council at today's Council meeting.

Coleambally Hall – have forwarded letters as consultation to stakeholders.

3. Organisational Structure Review

Have worked on additional structures for consideration of Council, as they involve the requirement for more allocation within the budget to fund.

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4. Bencubbin Avenue

Held stakeholder meeting and received feedback on specific questions.

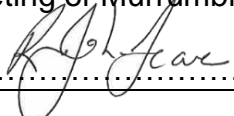
A separate report is being presented to Council at today's meeting.

5. Other Things On The Go

General Manager:

Description	Comment	
Meetings attended since last Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Meetings - 2 • RAMJO GM – 1 Special • Meetings with Mayor and/or Councillors - 2 • Residents and Ratepayers – 1 x Bencubbin Avenue • Budget Workshop • Transgrid – 1 • CICL - 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNSW - 2 • Individual Staff Meetings - 2 • Consultative Committee - 1 • LEMC – 1 • Extraordinary Meeting-Budget • Design Eng. Bencubbin
Salary Steps Structure	The USU has provided positive feedback, the system will form part of the performance appraisals currently being undertaken	
Management Team Performance Reviews	(2019/20) Completed (2020/21) Commencing	
Young Street Subdivision	Progressing	
Drought Grant	Successful – Agreements signed	
Writing proposal for Qualification Based Assessment for Engineering Services	Stalled	
Land sale contracts from Solicitors	As required	
Caravan Park Redevelopment	MDBA application submitted, unsure of when decision will be made	
Review agendas and business papers	As required	
Multipurpose Health Centre Coleambally and Ambulance Station Darlington Point	No date set	
Completion of surveys	Nil – May 2020	
Policies	Commenced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Disposal • Business Continuity • Communication Devices • Complaints Management • Media • Motor Vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities • Enterprise Risk Management • Fraud and Corruption Prevention • Gifts and Benefits • Internal Reporting • Leasing of Council Residential Properties

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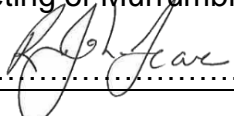

	<p>Not Commenced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection • Community Festival and Events • Corporate uniform • Councillor and Council Staff Interaction • Community Engagement Framework • Drinking Water Quality • Rates and Charges Hardship • Records Management • Related Party Disclosure • Statement of Business Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) • Procurement • Public Interaction and Meeting Disclosure • Road Risk Management • Social Media • Signs as Remote Supervision • Stormwater Risk Management
	<p>Polices to be reviewed due to inconsistencies (not commenced):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Strategy • Internet, Intranet, Email and Computer Use Management • Privacy Management <p>(Some policies may have only minor inconsistencies, eg referencing the incorrect management position, eg Assistant General Managers)</p>	
	<p>New Policy – Alcohol and Drug Policy - Continuing consultation – wrote letter to unions in relation to their objection to zero BAC in policy</p>	
Citizenship Ceremonies	As required	

General Manager - Distance by road travelled – 18 May 2020 to 15 June 2020 – 3890km

Human Resources:

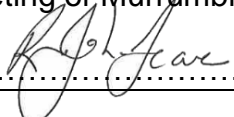
Description	Comment
Meetings	4 x Management Group 1 x Consultative Committee 11 June,2020 – nominations to be called for two vacancies on the Consultative Committee (1 x Darlington Point and 1 x Coleambally)
Employee Engagement Survey - 2020	Initial survey supplemented with a “Communications” questionnaire issued to staff during May 2020. Six key themes have arisen from staff feedback and these will be used to build a Communications Improvement Action Plan. Framework for Improvement Plan currently with Managers to build their Departmental Plan.
Recruitment	Accountant – offer has been made and accepted – start date in July 2020 to be confirmed. Four Plant Operators – interviews commencing week of 15 June 2020. Fabricator – no suitable applicants – review sourcing plan.

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	Interview panels will comprise the direct supervisor, a peer and HR.
Training	<p>2020 Budget = \$250,000 YTD Expenditure = \$262,760.91 at 31 May 2020</p> <p>Training budget of \$300,000 being proposed for 2020/2021</p> <p>2020/2021 training budget will support training required for progression through Salary System Grades and Steps.</p>
Salary System - Position Grades and Steps	<p>USU have indicated support verbally – to be introduced on a trial basis to monitor for any adjustments required to improve content and process.</p> <p>Process to provide and implement training needs to be clear, available and resourced so that this does not create an impediment for staff to access training.</p>
Time in Lieu and Banking of RDOs	Preparing final proposed policy and consistent, transparent administrative process to support the policy across the organisation. Input from pay team required.
Performance and Training Appraisal 2020	<p>Form for use in 2020 finalised. Matter raised with Consultative Committee. Need to pre-populate current training records prior to issue to Managers for implementation.</p> <p>Copy of Appraisal Form to be provided to members of the Consultative Committee.</p>
Local Government (State) Award 2017 - Allowances	Project three quarters completed. Findings and recommendations to be submitted to General Manager by 4:00pm on 24 June 2020.
Working Remotely – COVID-19	<p>Restrictions on numbers of staff in offices has been eased, but some staff still working remotely (full time or a combination).</p> <p>COVID-19 protocols being observed.</p>
Local Government (State) Award 2020	<p>Update on status provided by LG NSW on 22 May, 2020.</p> <p>Unions communicating with their members.</p> <p>Further update scheduled for 01 July, 2020.</p>

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Media and Communications:

Description	Comment
Preparing and distributing E-Newsletter (monthly)	May issue - compiling stories and monitoring grants that are open. May analytics: 446 recipients, 42.2% open rate (178 opens), 9.7% click through rate (41 clicks).
Preparing and distributing community newsletter (bi-monthly)	May-June issue
Preparing and distributing staff newsletter (monthly)	May issue
Preparing and distributing media releases and liaison with the media. Monitoring of media	6 x media releases Responding to media enquiries: 5 May analytics: 15 dedicated articles/multiple mentions, 1 mentions/small quotes (all positive). Total decrease of 1 from April.
Co-ordinating communications campaigns for Council activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 • Youth Week Entries • Community Grants • Water Restrictions • Water Main Flushing • Tourism Campaign
Preparing Council's digital artwork (promoting activities and initiatives and COVID-19 impacts)	4 x social media tiles
Co-ordinating Council's online presence (social media), including Council announcements and positions vacant and also promoting community events and announcements. This includes Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.	Facebook analytics: An average of 4 posts per day, 19 new likes in May (total of 1,275). 4,058 engaged. Organic reach of 33,040 people. Paid reach of 83,759. Instagram: 277 followers (7 new followers), 74% female, 78% aged 25-54.
Co-ordinating Council's online presence (Website), including improvements, administration and maintenance.	Ongoing – continual process of adding, updating, reviewing and adding new material. Liaising with provider to make improvements. Website traffic (Google Analytics): 2,036 users. Page views: 6,626.
Advertisements	May Mayoral Message 2 x Council advertisements 2 x Facebook ad campaigns
Grant Applications	Shared Spaces Program
Community issues and questions	Responding to messages received on Council's social media channels (3 messenger comments, 1 Facebook)
Assisting with business/tourism promotion	Preparing social media advertising campaign

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Attending formal meetings	4 x Management Group 1 x MLHD 1 x Council meeting
Representing Council at community events	None
Administration	Rewriting Media and Communication Policy Reviewing policies x 3

6. Movements

Nil to report

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our leadership – looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership Through Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

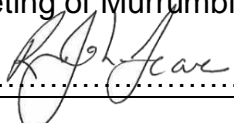

OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: COVID 19 Action Plan

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ITEM NO. 2 – REMUNERATION FOR COUNCILLORS & MAYORS

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	14 June 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC208
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to S239 and S241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has reviewed the range of fees for all Councillors and Mayors in NSW for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, and determined that given the current economic and social circumstances, no increase is applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Pursuant to S248(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council set the annual fee level for Councillors for the financial year 2020/21 at \$12,160.
2. Pursuant to S249(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council set the Mayoral additional fee level for the financial year 2020/21 at \$26,530.

BACKGROUND

Section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to pay each Councillor an annual fee and that it may fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 also requires that Council pay the Mayor an annual fee and may fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Rural Category fees have been determined as follows:

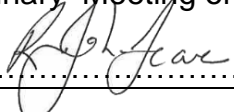
Councillor Annual Fee		Mayor Additional Fee	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
\$9,190	\$12,160	\$9,780	\$26,530

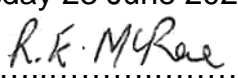
Council has previously determined the annual fees be paid at the maximum allowable amount.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal undertook a significant review of the categories and allocation of Councils into each of those categories. Whilst

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there were two new categories created within the Non-Metropolitan category, no changes were made to the Rural category, in which Murrumbidgee Council is categorised.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy

FINANCIAL

The draft Operational Plan for 2020-21 provides for an assumed 3% increase in fees.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

5.1 - Demonstrating transparent leadership through sustainability, accountability and community representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Ensuring compliance with Section 248(1) and Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination dated 10 June 2020.

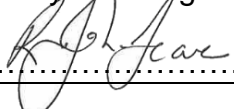
OPTIONS

1. Fix the annual fees for Councillors and the Mayor at the maximum level as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
2. Fix the annual fees for Councillors and the Mayor at a level between the minimum and maximum levels as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
3. Not fix an annual fee for Councillors and the Mayor and consequently pay the minimum level as set by the Remuneration Tribunal.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment # 2: Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Annual Report and Determination 10 June 2020.

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ITEM NO. 3 - BENCUBBIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	16 June 2020
Author:	Johann Pereira, Operations Manager
File #:	SC176
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report addresses design considerations for the Bencubbin Avenue reconstruction.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council contribute 100% of costs towards crossovers up to a width of 6m. Property owners to contribute 100% costs towards crossovers wider than 6m. If requested, property owners will be given the option of a 12-month payment plan. Council will consider constructing a 1.2m x 1300m gravel footpath for foot traffic only. Open table drain treatment will comprise of topsoil and seed. Council will consider a reduction in travelling lanes from 3.5m to 3.3m and widening parking lanes from 3m to 3.1m.

BACKGROUND

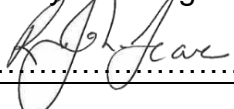
Bencubbin Avenue is scheduled for reconstruction in 2020/21, where both pavement and drainage design were undertaken by Xeros Piccolo according to feedback received from stakeholders. The final design and costings were submitted to Council on 31 January 2020.

A meeting on 5 February 2020 with the General Manager, Cr McRae, Cr Black and Cr Chirgwin resulted in revisions to the design.

Property owners were informed by written correspondence on 6 May 2020 that Council will be contributing 100% of costs for crossover installations up to 6m. Council will replace crossovers like-for-like if property owners have written approval for the installation of existing crossovers.

A Road Opening Permit application is the standard procedure for all rate payers to make a request of Council in order to seek approval and to construct a crossover. If approved, the applicant is responsible for 100% of all costs associated with installing the crossover.

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OFFICER COMMENT

A kerb and channel and piping option in lieu of open table drains for Bencubbin Avenue was considered by Council. An integration of kerb and channel on Bencubbin Avenue would require a lowering of the pavement to avoid an inundation of adjacent properties during a rainfall event. Further, as Bencubbin Avenue has a grade of 1% or less and a pipe network providing a lower drainage capacity when compared to an open drain, pump stations will have to be installed along Bencubbin Avenue for this option to be feasible.

Table 1: Additional Costs for Kerb and Channel on Bencubbin Avenue

Description	Amount (\$)
Kerb and Channel	577,500
Pump Stations	210,000
Inlet Pits	715,000
Piping	262,500
Earthworks	478,500
Total	\$2,243,500

It is strongly recommended from Council's asset management perspective or whole of life total cost of ownership analysis, that topsoil and seed is the preferred treatment for the open table drains. Other treatment options such as bitumen or gravel will contribute towards significant ongoing maintenance costs for Council. Further, a significant rainfall event may damage sections of the table drains, which is more cost effective to fix if the table drains are lined with turf. Continual exposure to water will also shorten the life of bitumen, leading to further maintenance costs for Council.

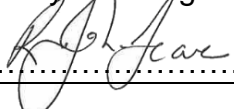
Table 2: 9800m² Bencubbin Avenue Table Drain Remediation

Description	Amount (\$)
Topsoil and seed	111,720
Topsoil, seed and geofabric	156,800
Gravel	411,600
Bitumen	578,200

Based on stakeholder feedback, Council will consider constructing a non-formalised gravel footpath of 1.2m in width, for pedestrian traffic only. Due to safety considerations, including the presence of power poles, cycling will not be permitted. The width of 1.2m is based on Austroads guides for low pedestrian traffic volume, see Table 3.

The additional costs for a non-formalised gravel footpath of 1300m x 1.2m is approximately **\$62,500**.

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Table 3: Austroads Width Requirements for Footpaths

Situation	Desired width (m)	Comments
General low demand	1.0 to 1.2	General minimum is 1.2m for most roads and streets. Clear width required for one wheelchair. Not adequate for shopping environments.
High pedestrian volumes	2.4	Shopping areas
For wheelchairs to pass	1.5 to 1.8	Allow for two wheelchairs to pass

Based on stakeholder feedback that the proposed 3m parking lanes are too narrow, Council will consider narrowing the width of the travelling lanes from 3.5m to 3.3m and widening parking lanes from 3m to 3.1m.

Table 4: Bencubbin Ave External Funding Sources

Funding Source	Amount (\$)
Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program (HVSP)	626,000
Stronger Communities Fund (SCF)	750,000
Shovel Ready Program	1,080,000
Total	2,456,000

Table 5: Bencubbin Ave Funding Shortfall

Bencubbin Ave Allocated Funds	\$2,456,000
Estimated Cost to Complete Works which includes Council contributing 100% towards a 6m crossover (\$350,000)	\$2,400,000
Non-formalised gravel footpath	\$62,500
Shortfall	- \$6,500
If Council contributes 100% towards like for like crossovers	\$440,000
Further Shortfall	- \$446,500

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Section 4.1.1 of Council's Asset Management Policy refers to committing to implementing a systematic asset management methodology in order to apply appropriate asset management best practices across all areas of the organisation. This includes ensuring that assets are planned, created, operated, renewed and disposed of in accordance with Council's priorities for service delivery.

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Section 4.1.5 of Council's Asset Management Policy refers to a strategic approach to asset management that will provide a positive impact on Council's financial position.

Section 4.2.1 of Council's Asset Management Policy refers to a consistent Asset Management Strategy existing for implementing a systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best-practice through all Departments of Council.

FINANCIAL

Table 4 shows \$2.456M in funding is currently allocated to the Bencubbin Avenue reconstruction, comprised of \$626,000 from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSP), \$750,000 from the Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) and \$1,080,000 from the Shovel Ready Program.

High level cost estimates of Bencubbin Avenue reconstruction amount to \$2.4M, which includes \$350,000 as Council's contribution towards installing a 6m crossover for property owners.

The addition of a non-formalised gravel footpath will add \$62,500 to construction costs.

If Council were to contribute 100% towards a like-for-like option, this would add \$440,000 towards the total cost estimates, bringing the total Bencubbin Avenue reconstruction figure to \$2.84M, resulting in a \$446,500 funding shortfall.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategy Plans

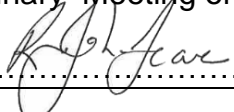
- 3.1 – Responsible, Sustainable Asset Management
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- 3.4 – Maintaining and Improving Transport Infrastructure

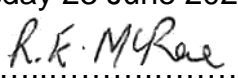
RISK MANAGEMENT

Council is unable to formalise a footpath on Bencubbin Avenue due to the presence of power poles within the vicinity of the proposed track. Formalising this footpath would require a relocation of power poles as Council would be liable if a cyclist were to utilise this path and collide with the existing infrastructure.

Council will consider a non-formalised gravel footpath for foot traffic only to mitigate potential risks.

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

- General Manager
- Operations Manager
- Asset Manager
- Overseer
- Cr McRae
- Cr Black
- Cr Chirgwin
- Cr Brown

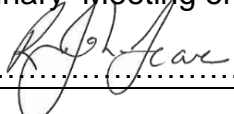
OPTIONS


1. Council to contribute 100% of costs towards crossovers up to a width of 6m. Property owners to contribute 100% costs towards crossovers wider than 6m. If requested, property owners will be given the option of a 12-month payment plan. Council will consider constructing a 1.2m x 1300m gravel footpath for foot traffic only. Open table drain treatment will comprise of topsoil and seed. Council will consider a reduction in travelling lanes from 3.5m to 3.3m and widening parking lanes from 3m to 3.1m.
2. Council to contribute 100% of costs towards like-for-like crossover option. Council will consider constructing a 1.2m x 1300m gravel footpath for foot traffic only. Open table drain treatment will comprise of topsoil and seed. Council will consider a reduction in travelling lanes from 3.5m to 3.3m and widening parking lanes from 3m to 3.1m.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 4 – UPGRADE SWINGS AT COLEAMBALLY YOUTH AND SPORTS CENTRE

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	10 June 2020
Author:	Asset Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To upgrade and replace the swing at the Coleambally Youth and Sports Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of Coleambally Playgroup's donation of one S-9900 Nest Swing for installation at the Coleambally Youth and Sports Centre. Swing installation and soft fall to be funded by Council, with Council to determine type of soft fall to be installed.

OFFICER COMMENT

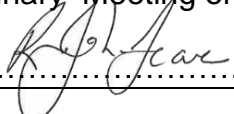
The swing, which is located at the Coleambally Youth and Sports Centre, is in need of replacement. An audit carried out on the swing identified a number of issues (attachment # 3).


Council officers have been in discussion with Coleambally Playgroup who have identified safety issues with the swing. The Playgroup has obtained funding to purchase a new swing for the Centre. This swing would be donated to Murrumbidgee Council and become an asset of Council. The swing they are purchasing is an S-9900 Nest Swing (attachment # 4) which is suitable for all ages and abilities.

There is no form of impact absorbing material beneath the swing at the Coleambally Youth and Sports Centre. Currently, standards for playgrounds are not mandatory, however it would be best practice for Council to meet these standards and provide a safe environment around any playground equipment.

Attachment # 5 indicates the location of the new swing within the grounds of the Coleambally Youth and Sports Centre.

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SUSTAINABILITY

The current swing at the Coleambally Youth and Sports Centre doesn't meet compliance standards. The new swing will have a useful life of 20 years before it would need to be considered for replacement.

The rubber softfall surface will need to be tested regularly and may only have a useful life of 5 years.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

The new swing and softfall would comply with the Australian Standards AS/NZS4222: Playground Surfacing and AS4685:2014 Playground Equipment.

FINANCIAL

The funds required to purchase the swing will come from Coleambally Playgroup as a donation of the swing. The value of the swing is \$4,673.

The costs involved in installing the rubber softfall under the swing, and installation of the swing set will be between \$19,000 to \$23,000. These funds can be obtained from savings recognised from the Coleambally Sporting Precinct upgrade, through contribution levies received or through grant funding.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 3: Infrastructure

3.2.1 Manage and maintain community and sporting building facilities for the benefit of the community

3.2.4 Manage public (safety) liability and risks associated with public infrastructure

RISK MANAGEMENT

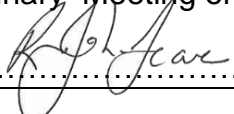
The current risks to Council are:

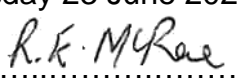
- An injury could occur on the current swing set as identified in the audit report
- An injury could occur due to no impact absorption material under the swing
- Costs can increase into the future

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Council officers have been in contact with Coleambally Playgroup, discussing their needs, and what is required for the swing.

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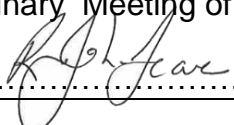
OPTION

1. Accept the donated swing and Council fund the rubber soft fall and installation of the swing at a total cost between \$19,000 - \$23,000 (includes price of swing).
2. Accept the donated swing and Council fund the loose fill soft fall (sand) and installation of the swing at a total cost between \$8,000 - \$13,000 (includes price of swing).

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 3: Swings Audit Report
Attachment # 4: Swing Details
Attachment # 5: Swing Location

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REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ITEM NO. 5 - MINUTES OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	3 March 2020
Author:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Secretary
File #:	SC21
Approval:	Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee

Meeting date - 3 March 2020

Present: Faith Bryce (chair), Ian Sneddon, (in our hearts) Sadie Herrick, Richard Wright, Joan Ferris, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, Garry Borger, Colin Sweeney, Dot Mills, Graham Mills, Polly Fisher,

Apologies: Robyne Sneddon, Ann Wright, Chris Girdwood, June Scammell, Fred Scammell, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Isabell Milne, Margaret Borger, Joan Kuschert, Ruth McRae, Sarah Gurciullo, Lisa Brackenrig, Ros Lockhart.

Moved Joan F. Seconded Gwen that the apologies be accepted.
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of Colin
Seconded Forbsey.
Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Email of thanks to Council Outdoor staff will be displayed at Depot.

Treasurer's report as tabled:

- \$200 sponsorship received from Jerilderie Lions Club.

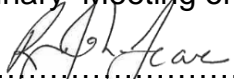
Moved Richard Seconded Faith that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted.
Carried.


Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Letter of thanks from Jerilderie Australia Day Committee.
- Sponsorships for Show & Shine received from Barlow's, Suncorp and Bendigo Bank

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Outwards:

- Letter of thanks to Council Outdoor Staff re fantastic work done at Luke Park and surrounds for Aust Day event. (reply received that our thanks would be displayed on Depot notice board).
- Letter to Council re road closure for Show 'n Shine
- Emails/letters requesting sponsorship for Show 'n Shine - 12 in total.
- Sports Club re offer to hold a raffle. Declined nicely. Good idea and initiative.
- TT & Show 'n Shine Minutes & treasurers reports to Council.
- Tax invoice to Bendigo Bank for sponsorship.

Business arising out of Correspondence:

- Sympathy card to be sent to Clara.

Moved MFDot Seconded Garry that correspondence be accepted.
Carried.

General Business:

- Working bee Willows to Luke Park and Bush Tucker Garden Thursday 12/3/20.
- We will organise a Road Side Clean Up sometime after Show & Shine weekend.

Meeting Closed: 6.15pm

Next Meeting:

At: Our Office

Time: 6.00pm

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President

ITEM NO. 6 - NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	12 May 2020
Author:	Secretary, Newell Highway Task Force Committee
File #:	SC12
Approval:	Newell Highway Task Force Committee

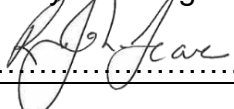
Attendees:

Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Chair)	Mayor Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord (Deputy Chair)	Vice Chairman
Cr Phyllis Miller	Mayor Forbes Shire Council
Allan Lawrance	Moree Plains Shire Council
Alistair Lunn	Director Transport for NSW
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance Co-Ordinator
Richard Jane	Director Engineering Forbes Shire Council
Shane Wilson	Infrastructure Services Narrandera Council
Rowan Holt	Assistant Director, NSW and ACT Section, NSW, Assurance, Sub Programs and SA, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications for her second update for the NHTF in the absence of Robyn Legg.
Mike Cush	ARTC Program Manager State Agency Interface ARTC
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor Gilgandra Shire Council
Mick Savage	Roads & Transport Directorate Manager
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor Warrumbungle Shire Council
Mr John Scarce	Murrumbidgee Shire Council

Apologies

Apologies name	Organisation
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Ben Shields	Mayor Dubbo Regional Council
Barry Heins	Works Manager Narrandera Shire Council
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains Shire Council
Lila Fisher	Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Katrina Humphries	Mayor Moree Plains Shire Council
Kevin Anderson MP -	Electorate Office Tamworth
Peter Dale	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor Narrandera Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager Narrabri Shire Council

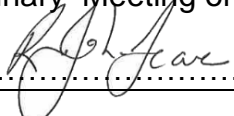
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Apologies name	Organisation
Warren Clark	CEO National Roads
Hon Michael McCormack	Deputy Prime Minister Federal Government
The Hon Scott Morrison PM	Prime Minister of Australia
John Scarce	General Manager Murrumbidgee Council
Andrew Gee MP	Member for Calare
Steph Cooke MP	Parliamentary Secretary to The Deputy Premier
Will Marsh	Bland Shire Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor Narromine Shire Council
Merran Socha	Berrigan Shire Council
Phillip Donato MP	Member for Orange
Cr Steven Karaitiana	Forbes Shire Council
John Zannes	Forbes Shire Council
John Graham	Shadow Minister for Roads member of Legislative Council
James Simmons	NRMA
Shahab Khaled	Weddin Shire Council
Ray Smith	General Manager Bland Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Dubbo Regional Council
David Tinlin	Acting Director Engineering Forbes Shire Council
Leanne Stacey	DPIE
Kevin Anderson MP	Electorate Office Tamworth
Steph Cooke MP	Nationals Cootamundra
Marina Uys	Bland Shire Council
David Neeves	Gilgandra Shire Council
Michael Cain	Acting Roads Services Manager Narrabri Shire Council
Ray smith	Bland Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Dubbo Regional Council
Dane Hendry	RMS
Carolyne Marchant	Narromine Council
Deena Murphy	Moree Plains Shire Council
Kathleen Mann	Transport NSW
Steph Cooke	Member for Cootamundra
Robyn Legg	General Manager, NSW, Assurance, Sub Programs and SA, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.
Kevin Tighe	Director Technical Services Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Robert Black	Deputy Mayor Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor Murrumbidgee Council
Mr Daren Raeck	Director Infrastructure Delivery Narrabri Council
Alan Magill	Vice Chairman National Roads

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1. Welcome, Apologies, Attendance

Resolution

That the apologies be received and noted.

Moved: John Morris

Seconded: Shane Wilson

All in favour

CARRIED

2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Recommendation

That the minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on the 11 February 2020 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved: Cr Dennis Todd **Seconded:** Cr Tony Lord

All in favour

CARRIED

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 Newell Highway Promotions Committee meeting dates for 2020 to be provided at next meeting.

Recommendation

The matters be received and noted.

Resolution

The recommendation be adopted.

Moved: John Morris

Seconded: Cr Dennis Todd

All in favour

CARRIED

4 Outwards Correspondence-

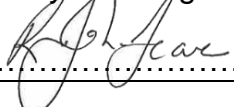
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The following are outwards correspondence related to the NHTF.

Attachments

- Letter from Cr Ken Keith to the Hon Paul Toole MP invitation to attend NHTC in May.
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- Letter from Cr Ken Keith the Hon Paul Toole MP - River Street Bridge Proposal Dubbo
- Letter from Cr Ken Keith to Councils seeking assistance for the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.
- Reply email to Simon Draper CEO Infrastructure NSW (email is noted in Inwards correspondence)

Recommendation

That the outwards correspondence be received and noted.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved: Dennis Todd

Seconded: John Morris

All in favour

CARRIED

5 Inwards Correspondence

Executive Summary

The following are Inwards correspondence including media releases that are of interest to the NHTF.

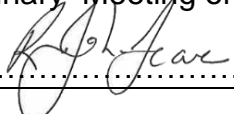
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- Media release from the Hon Michael McCormack MP - Federal Funding to fix black spots.
- Letter from the Hon Michael McCormack MP seeking assistance in fast tracking the delivery of land transport infrastructure projects on local roads.
- Media release from the Hon Michael McCormack MP - New funding for bridges and heavy vehicle safety.
- Email from John Morris - Newell Highway Taskforce supports a holistic approach to Newell Highway Corridor
- Letter from Brad Jackson Director - Program Delivery Inland Rail
- Media Release from the Hon Michael McCormack MP - Applications open for Road Safety Innovation Funding
- Media Piece - Liberal Daily News April 30, 2020
- Email from Simon Draper CEO Infrastructure NSW

Recommendation

1. Write to the Hon Michael McCormack MP and the Department of Infrastructure to stress the importance from a safety perspective of grade separation off state highways such as the Newell Highway with inland rail.
2. That the inwards correspondence be received and noted.

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Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved: Dr Doug Batten

Seconded: Cr Dennis Todd

All in favour

CARRIED

6 Transport for NSW Presentation

Executive Summary

Alistair Lunn Director West, Transport for NSW gave an update on current projects.

Changes to Transport for NSW

Regional boundary changes for the regions we are moving from a 5-region to a 3-region model and that progress is happening. It was announced on Monday 11 May that TransportFNSW are locking in the 3-region model. The boundary on the Newell Highway will remain at the Bland, Forbes Shire Boundary which we call West and South, however we have resolved that the Newell Highway will be solely managed by Alistair Lunn's West Department, from Tocumwal NSW to Goondiwindi QLD. TransportFNSW will be writing to all councils along the Newell Highway advising that this formal change will happen from 1 June 2020 with the financial side of things moving across on 1 July 2020. Councils along the Southern end of the Newell Highway will hear more about the specifics of how this transition will work in early June. The accountability to the minister a TransportFNSW senior leadership will come through Alistair Lunn and West. Formal correspondence will be sent out in June.

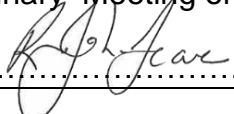
Overtaking Lanes

We have now completed 8 overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway with Telescope northbound overtaking lane opening in April and just north of Parkes the Bundaburrah site just south of Causeway has been completed. We anticipate opening the Peak hill southbound overtaking lane and overtaking lanes north and southbound before the end of the financial year. That will be 12 overtaking lanes open by the end of the financial year. We are moving into two northbound and southbound overtaking lanes in the Pilliga. Work on Northbound overtaking lanes on Chinamans Road, six kilometres north of Tocumwal NSW, started in May and will take about 5 months to complete.

TransportfNSW is doing a lot more with Local engagement -Before we go out to tender, we notify the local industry via advertising and then arrange drop in centres in the local towns for businesses to come and express and interest in working with and supporting the overtaking lanes.

The delivery of overtaking lanes is going strong with 30 yet still to deliver, ahead of schedule.

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Flood Immunity

Tenders have been closed for flood studies to occur between Forbes and West Wylong. A detailed study of that area has been done and planning is being undertaken on how discussions will be done with Local Governments. Engagement with Local Governments and landowners has been stalled due to COVID-19 but will happen in the coming months.

Grade Separation

TransportfNSW continues to look at what can be done with grade separating with Inland Rail for the Tichborne site, although there no funding at this stage. We are less focused on grade separating in Forbes. It would be very hard to grade separate in Forbes to allow double stat trains through. Certainly, Tichborne is a high-risk site and we are very focused on working with Inland rail and Federal government, State Government and ARTC on how to grade separate that. Going to Dougs Point on the other proposed grade crossings of State Highways it is correct what the Hon Paul Toole MP has said, for TransportfNSW it is stronger than preferred and are near adamant that they should grade separated although still waiting on agreement from Inland Rail and ARTC on those sites.

Parkes Bypass:

We have finalised the concept design with the Victoria street bridge in it that connects the town to the Christian School to the west of town as a road bridge not just an active transport bridge. Finalising detail design with this project now with the view of going to tender before Christmas. As the NHTF is aware we have \$100M current federal funding for this project.

Newell Highway - Mitchell Highway Intersection:

Commenced early works, with service relocations and demolishing of the tyres building and anyone who lives in Dubbo will be aware we have had some challenges with the contractor. However, it is moving ahead, and we are seeing what we can accelerate with less traffic around the towns. There is a desire to stimulate the economy by fast tracking work including utility cross overs.

Upgrade of truck stop on the Northern side of Dubbo -

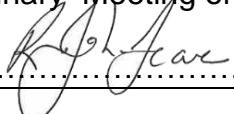
Working on this potentially with support from Federal Government or Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSP) with this program closing towards the end of May. Councils are encouraged to put in their own HVSP bids for projects that benefit the Heavy Vehicle Industry.

The upgrade for the Northside of Dubbo into Caltex, that site will be made bigger and better for decoupling with more facilities onsite. Alistair has a vision with state stimulus that he can do more to upgrade rest areas along the Newell Highway and he is working with the Government on this now.

New Dubbo Bridge:

Concept design and the REF was announced 6-8 weeks ago. This project will now look at commencing with property negotiations and detailed design for that project. Businesses within Dubbo are heavily supported. This project is still progressing at

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this stage notwithstanding the NHTF's views on this project. Dubbo Council are constantly briefed on this project.

NSW Stimulus for COVID-19

TransportfNSW will be undertaking the NSW Stimulus for COVID-19 with 5 kms of widening through the Pilliga that will kick in the new financial year. The shoulders through there are narrow which poses a risk for heavy vehicles. Includes centre line separation.

Coonabarabran:

TransportfNSW are working on the concept design with REF and that will be out for display for the public late quarter of this year, September or October. We will be reviewing other factors such as economic impacts and assessments for the preferred alignment.

Heavy Duty Pavements:

There is a priority for Narrabri and North of Moree because of the incorporation of 5 overtaking lanes. The beauty of these projects is they are very scale-able and are looking at several ways to fund them to deliver part if not all the heavy-duty pavement. Funding requirement to do the 30kms between Narrabri and Moree it is around \$250m.

The Chair Cr Ken Keith thanked Alistair Lunn for his report.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a letter be sent to the Hon Michael McCormack MP regarding grade separation.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved: Cr Doug Batten **Seconded:** ... Cr Dennis Todd

All in favour

Carried

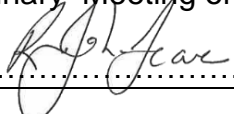
The NHTF Chair Cr Ken Keith welcome Rowan Holt to the meeting.


7. Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Executive Summary

Rowan Holt Assistant Director, NSW and ACT Section, NSW, Assurance, Sub Programs and SA, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications gave an update on current projects on the Newell Highway and related corridor.

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Report

Following on from the last NHTF meeting in February 2020 consultations have been undertaken with a range of Councils along the Newell Highway which is part our ROSSI consultation process. Following on from recent meetings we have taken on all the comments and all the high level summaries which was put together as a high level report and sent out to Central NSW Joint Organisation and individual Councils outside of the Central NSW Joint Organisation for comment and have received some comments back which will be addressed. Overall what the concept was to get a sense of the keys that everyone is facing along the corridor and work towards developing a stronger network. The focus of ROSSI is smaller projects that will give access to the Newell Highway. At the moment, a range of projects are being pulled together that were provided to us by both within the strategic plans for each Council and organisations and working on the projects that are a priority according to consultations. Discussions will continue with TransportfNSW to identify priority projects. And where there isn't a priority for TransportfNSW we will consider working directly with Councils. Projects are still being assessed now and soon as the Department are in a position to offer recommendations to the Australian Government, they will be in contact with Councils to help develop projects. Timeframe on when projects will be prioritised and be identified within May 2020.

The keys principles of the ROSSI program is to have a corridor approach and as projects are being pulled together we will made it known to everyone that has been consulted with what projects are being put up for funding consideration in the first instance. In conjunction with the ROSSI program there is also the Newell Highway Upgrade Program and combined there is \$700m being committed to the corridor. The Parkes Bypass is being funded by the Newell Highway Upgrade Program and you can expect that the larger projects will be funded through the Newell Highway Upgrade Program. Notification will be made on projects that will be considered and those that will receive funded and the Department is working hand in hand with TransportfNSW on this.

Chair Ken Keith thanks Rowan for his presentation

At 11.00am Rowan Holt left the meeting

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

Resolution

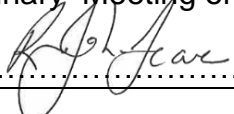
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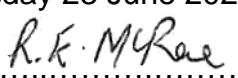
Moved: John Morris **Seconded:** Cr Tony Lord

All in favour

Carried

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8 General Business

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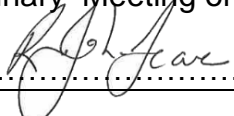
9 Future Meetings Dates and Venues

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th August 2020 was scheduled to be in Moree but will now be locked in as a Microsoft Teams meeting at this stage due to COVID-19. All were in agreeance

Chair Cr Ken Keith thanked everyone for joining the meeting and wished them all to stay safe and well.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.06am

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ITEM NO. 7 – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION MEETING

Council Meeting: 23 June 2020
Report Date: 20 April 2020
Author: Secretary, Murray Darling Association
File #: SC66
Approval: Murray Darling Association

MINUTES - MEETING No. 397

1. ATTENDANCE

Meeting declared open at 10.36am

1.1. Present

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Dennis Patterson	City of Greater Shepparton	Region 2
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council	Region 5
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council	Region 6
Cr Andrew Tilley	City of Mitcham	Region 7
Cr Brian Lockyer	Barunga West Council	Region 8
Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council	Region 9
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10
Cr John Campbell	Gunnedah Council	Region 11
Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	Region 12
Pete George	M&S Group	Treasurer
Emma Bradbury	MDA	CEO
Tony Banks	MDA	Executive
Jessica Maher	MDA	Minute Taker

1.2. Apologies:

1.3. Declarations

J MacAllister declared to the board that she has started working with the Nature Conservation NSW since 3rd of March 2020.

M Rebbeck also declared ongoing role within her own business regarding Climate and Agricultural Support for farmers to support them to manage their properties in a changing and variable climate, as well as her ongoing interest and roles within natural resource management space as well.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1. [Meeting 396](#) held via Zoom Calendar Monday 23rd March 2020

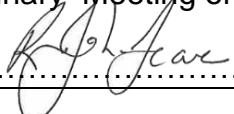
Motion: That the minutes of board meeting 396 are approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

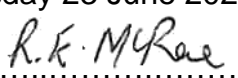
Cr Campbell / B Lockyer

Carried

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.....Mayor

3. REPORTS

- 3.1. Chairman's report
D Thurley reported that it has been a very quiet month in Region 1 and Albury. Updates included reasonable rain and that storages are rising very slowly.
- 3.2. [Finance Report:](#)
P George spoke to the financial reports and provided a comprehensive overview, with the financials reflecting the end of the MDA's financial year.

J MacAllister noted the difficulty in accessing and understanding this month's financial reports due to technological issues and late distribution of the end of financial year documents.

E Bradbury assured the board that the up-to-date financial reports would be distributed, and further comments provided by P George, following the board meeting.

A Tilley enquired about the categorisation of the grant as a liability in financial terms.

P George noted that a grant that has been received in advance cannot be included as income in that financial year. It must be expended over the time where that project has been used.

Motion: That the finance reports are noted
Cr Patterson / A Tilley Carried

J MacAllister – voted against.

- 3.3. [Chief Executive Officers report](#)

In addition to the tabled CEO's Report, E Bradbury provided the following update:

Funding: E Bradbury notified the board that the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Fund submission assessment panel process is ongoing. The MDA currently has three project applications submitted to the funding, with results expected mid-May.

Memberships: E Bradbury noted that the MDA executive team has been working hard on developing products and services to attract memberships. In light of circumstances around COVID-19, the MDA met with Go1 to discuss the further development of the MDA academy. More information will be forthcoming on these products as they develop.

Engagement: In addition to the list of engagements in the CEO's report, E Bradbury noted that she met with National Farmers Federation President Fiona Simson and a member of the NFF Executive team, who are very keen to be involved with the Basin Communities Leadership Program leadership project.

J MacAllister requested minutes from the floodplain harvesting meeting.

ACTION: MDA executive to provide minutes for the floodplain harvesting meeting.

Motion: That the CEO's report is noted.

D Thurley / M Rebbeck Carried

- 3.4. [Region reports](#)

Region 6

Cr Melissa Rebbeck: *I was heartened by the recent conversation with E Bradbury and CSIRO, and happy to hear about NFF. I also think that some of the opportunities that we identified there fit in with the recommendations from Mick Keelty's report. From a knowledge perspective, I'd like to see how we can progress some of those recommendations.*

Region 12

Richard Marsh: *I had a discussion with Region 4 Chair Jane MacAllister last week regarding the Region 4 Report and I just want to set the record straight on some of the Cubbie matters that are mentioned there. As Jane said, Cubbie is the favourite of everybody. I just want to make a couple of comments there, firstly Cubbie can't hold 1.3 million megalitres, which is the equivalent of 1,300 gigalitres. Its current storage is 469 GL and Sydney Harbour is 500GL. The other thing that Cubbie did get mixed up in going back into August last year was with the sell down with Shandong Ruyi from 90% to 51%, with the balance to Macquarie Ag. Under that sell down, there were some agreements that were volunteered, which were accepted. The 10% first flush flow is standard in the existing Queensland rules / state legislation. The rules there are the volume that users can extract in the first five days is reduced by 10%. Cubbie, in the agreement, have increased that to a 50% reduction where it's a low flow event. If it's a medium flow event, they will give up 25% reduction of extraction rights. Largely Cubbie have agreed they'll let up to 10gl flow past their pumps by restricting their take during the 5 day period and it's in excess of what the requirements are in QLD. The general practice in the Northern Basin is that 10% early flow past. We hear lots of things about the Darling and the fact that it's dry. I think we see too much criticism of where the water might go. I point out to everybody the Darling has never been a constant flow river. I accept that we have to make efficient use of our water and all these people involved in the system need to comply to make the requirements. I spent the tour of the conference in Leeton, tour of the Murrumbidgee, wouldn't it be nice to have this flow of water going down our channels? Yes, water does flow in the northern Basin when it is available, but other times it runs dry.*

P Maytom left at 11.07am

A Tilley noted the importance of the study tour in understanding the context and history of Cubbie Station, although not necessarily supporting.

Region 4

Cr Jane MacAllister: *Thank you Richard for your generous explanation and fact-checking. I'd be really interested in seeing how QLD rules work. I have to admit that's an area that I'm not really familiar with. I think it does, particularly in NSW where we don't have any storages, which is part of the problem of the zero allocation on the NSW Murray because we are so reliant in NSW on water coming across the water, it is important that we understand. While I'm talking about our region and the excitement of the water coming down, the ephemeral nature of the Darling River is one that's often used by way of deflecting the conversation. Historically, it's always been connected apart from up to 14 days at the most of no water – it's usually been low flow continually running through. There have been some exceptions. The last cease to flow before this one was 500 days, but this one that we've just received rains from the North connected to the Murray was 18 months. It is a problem that is increasing in intensity and while there is no water at all it is killing the ecosystem. While we're on the point and referring back to my initial declaration of interest, the lifeblood alliance, of which the Nature Conservation Council of NSW is a member, has put out a campaign for buying back more water seeing as how there is still 47.4 GL under the cap available for purchase legally and the money is still there to do that. At the last meeting, there was a question put, would the MDA support this buybacks campaign?*

E Bradbury noted that the MDA's current position has advocated for a cap on water buybacks. The MDA recognises that buybacks are one part on a suite of measures and the impacts of buyback on one region are different to other regions.

E Bradbury encouraged J MacAllister to forward relevant information and the MDA board will start a conversation to see how we collaborate.

Region 8

B Lockyer: *Pretty quiet in Region 8. Obviously we've got the same situation as across the Basin. I am currently in the process of communicating with Mayor Clarke to do our region report for the annual report, so I'll have that finalised soon. Excited to be getting back into gear now.*

3.4.1. Appointment to the board – Region 5

Following the AGM at Region 5, Cr Peter Hunter concluded a 5-year term as regional chair. Cr Peter Raison of Mid-Murray Council, a long-term delegate of the council was elected to the chair.

Motion: That the MDA

- i) Thanks, and commend Cr Peter Hunter for his valuable contribution to the board and to Region 5, and
- ii) Note the election of Cr Peter Raison of Mid Murray Council to the position of chair of Region 5, and his appointment to the board of the MDA.

P Miller / J Campbell

Carried

Region 5

Cr Peter Raison: *I apologise for not filing a report, due to circumstances around COVID-19. I just want to say a big thank you for outgoing chair P Hunter for everything that he has done. Our region is very happy that Region 4 is getting water down the Darling. We've still got full councils in Region 5 who are happy to be members, which is a good thing.*

Motion: That the MDA

- i) Thanks, and commend Cr Richard Marsh for his valuable contribution to the board and to Region 12, and
- ii) Note the election of Cr Sam O'Toole to the position of chair of Region 12, and her appointment to the board of the MDA.

D Thurley/ P Miller

Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Correspondences Out

With Queensland Local Government elections held in April, the MDA have forwarded the following Letter of Congratulations

- 4.1.1 [Mayor Samantha O'Toole](#) – Balonne Shire Council

4.2. Correspondences In

4.2.1

Motion: That the Board receive correspondence.

P Maytom / J MacAllister

Carried

5 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Review of actions table

MDA Matters in Progress arising from previous Meetings
Board to review the motions arising and actions completed in detail from previous board meetings as per discussions held at Board Meeting 396 – 23rd March 2020

Motion: That the Board note updates

J Campbell / P Miller

Carried

5.2 Strategic Planning Workshop 2020

Meeting 396 – Item 5.2 considered the outcomes of the 2020 SPW, including top priorities. Further information and the opportunity for further consideration and feedback was requested. Feedback from R6 was sent to all board members via email on 7th April. Further feedback via comment sheets was also received relating to process matters. The **Strategic Planning Workshop Communications Report** were previously distributed.

E Bradbury noted that the feedback from Region 6 and other regions will be extremely valuable, as feedback from the regions will be collated and used in collaboration with a consultant to produce a body of work, and then brief that consultant and work with them to have a draft plan to put the board at the June board meeting.

Motion: That the board

- a) note the 3 Top Priorities identified at the strategic planning workshop,
 - i) *Development and production of **Membership Tools and Services**.*
 - ii) *Implementation of **Strategic Projects, Initiatives and Programs** within the wider MDB Footprint.*
 - iii) *Establishment of the **Murray-Darling Basin Local Government Centre of Excellence**.*
- b) Note the Strategic Planning Communications Report and summary notes **[Confidential]**
- c) Approve the appointment of an external consultant to develop the Strategic Plan 2020 - 2024 and supporting documents in line with local government standards using the integrated planning and reporting framework

D Thurley / D Patterson

Carried

5.3 Membership Fee 2020/2021

Invoicing for membership fees for the 2020/2021 membership year are due to be calculated and prepared in May for distribution to councils and members on or before 30 June 2020. With the events on 2019/20 including drought, bushfires and now Covid-19, we recognise that many councils will be closely scrutinising their budget allocations and may consider reducing memberships. MDA's membership fees usually increase annually in line with either CPI or general rates increases. In order to acknowledge the hardship on councils that may be felt as a result of extraordinary events, and to encourage membership continuity, it is recommended that the MDA does not increase membership fees this year.

Motion: That

- a. the fees for Membership to the MDA for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 remain unchanged from 2019/20 in recognition of financial hardship on rural communities due to drought, bushfires and Covid 19.
- b. Fees for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 are set as follows

Local Government entity	\$0.305 cents per head of population, capped at \$6,681.82 (ex GST).
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Under this pricing, the cap benefits councils with a population exceeding 21,900

Non-local government entity	\$350 (ex GST)
Individual	\$90 (ex GST)
Life Member	no fee

Membership fees for new members will be pro-rata, with an annual renewal date of 1 July.

P Miller / J Campbell

Carried

5.3.1 Extinction of historical discounts

In July 2015 at board meeting 348 motion 8, the board of the MDA recognised the inequity arising from an historical and unaccountable discount structure benefiting some councils. The board resolved as follows.

Motion: That the board a) Adopts the proposed fee schedule for the 2015/16 year b) Explicitly extinguishes any distinction between riparian and non-riparian categories of membership c) Resolves that all new members will pay full rate from commencement. d) Will phase out all discounts by 2020.

Implementation of that motion over the last five years has resulted in the loss of 4 member councils as a result of the withdrawal of the discount, with a further 8 transitioning to full fee paying with the last remaining discount to be extinguished on 1 July 2020.

Motion: That the board note the complete implementation of motion 348 – 8, completing the removal of all historical discounts.

J MacAllister / P Raison

Carried

A Tilley agreed with the motion, but noted his interest in further discussions around regional equity, particularly exploring the different experiences for councils who are not directly on the Murray River.

P Miller noted that having two pricing structures would undermine the MDA's work and instead suggested that the MDA needs to try to increase the organisation's benefit to our members.

5.4 National Conference 2020

The executive team are continuing to explore options for delivery of the 2020 National conference, including development of virtual tours, workshops and symposia, with discussions continuing regarding product development, costs, and revenue opportunities. The challenges presented by current restrictions have provided some genuinely exciting opportunities to review our delivery model. A detailed report will be provided, when decisions are taken.

Cr MacAllister suggested that each of the MDA regions should produce a two minute video about their region, as an engaging method of education across regions and to be included as part of the National Conference 2020.

D Patterson acknowledged that the MDA needs to consider other options as well as the traditional national conference option during the COVID-19 context.

P Miller agreed, but noted that following the lock-down period, MDA members will be keen to meet physically at an in-person event.

5.5 Strategic Advisory Group

Board meeting 396 5.2 resolved to invite Bob Stewart to join the Strategic Advisory Group. Bob Stewart accepted the invitation.

Motion: That the board approve the appointment of Bob Stewart – Administrator of Central Darling Shire to the Strategic Advisory Group.

J MacAllister / P Maytom

Carried

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 [Code of Conduct](#) and [Constitution](#)

The MDA 2015 Code of Conduct is due for a timely refresh and review, particularly focussing on the Boards:

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Inductions
3. General Conduct

- Motion:** All Chairs to commit to current Code of Conduct by:
- a. Reviewing the Current Code of Conduct
 - b. Provide feedback for any update requirements

D Thurley / D Patterson

J MacAllister noted that the Code of Conduct should form a key document in the MDA's induction process for both board and MDA members, and would like further work to be done on how to use these documents at a region level.

E Bradbury said the MDA is in the process of looking at capable resources to start delivering these products and services, and enhancing membership values

P Miller expressed concern over further training for board members, noting extensive existing requirements from other commitments.

6.2 BCLP Re-scheduling

Considering the current and emerging circumstances around COVID-19, the Murray Darling Association (MDA) will reschedule the Basin Communities Leadership Program (BCLP) workshops in the Lower Lakes/Loxton and combined Cobdogla-Barmera/Berri regions to a date to be determined subject to government advice.

[Media Release](#)

Motion: Board to note the re-scheduling and receive the Media Release
P Miller / J Campbell Carried

6.3 BCLP Video

The MDA procured the services of Rayner TV to develop the BCLP introduction video as part of the BCLP curriculum delivery. The video was made available to the board for reviewing and feedback.

Motion: That the Board note the content and approve for distribution
D Thurley / A Tilley Carried

6.4 Socio-Economic Assessment Panel Report Submission

The MDA submitted feedback to the Socio-Economic Assessment Panel on 7th April 2020. It should be noted that this report was prepared by the team in particularly challenging circumstances, with exceptional work done by Policy Officer James Marshall.

[Report submission](#)

Motion: That the Board note the report submission
J Campbell / J MacAllister Carried

6.5 Climate Ready Communities – MDA Commitment to Action

Board meeting 392 Motion 6.2 resolved That the MDA express a statement of climate ready communities. A position statement has been drafted, with provision for each region to contribute a region profile and commitment to support their communities to be climate ready.

[Region 11's profile](#)

J Campbell provided an update to the board on Region 11's draft position statement, and particularly noted

the process of consultation. J Campbell noted that there was consultation on this, with Tenterfield on the phone. Councils were noted to take advance notice. I came home and put it all together, and sent it out to get there together on the day. Since the strategic plan workshop, with Melissa's ideas, we've added this to. We're taking this to our AGM in June 11. We're sending it out to ALL councils, not just member councils.

M Rebbeck commended J Campbell on Region 11's draft statement, and leadership in putting together this draft ahead of the other regions. M Rebbeck noted that she would like to see Region 6 follow suit.

E Bradbury echoed M Rebbeck's comments, and also commended Region 11's strategy for engaging non-member councils.

P Miller noted that the past month has been challenging for Region 10, and that she is keen to contribute more as we come out of this crisis situation.

Motion: That the Board note Region 11's feedback and provide their own regional reports.

J Campbell / B Lockyer

Carried

ACTION: MDA to circulate Climate Ready Communities Region template and region reports for group discussion.

6.6 MDA Delegates Report for Tabling at Council

At the SPW in March, one of the top 3 priorities identified by the leadership team was *Development and production of Membership Tools and Services*.

The development of the **MDA Delegate's Report to Council** is a key service for members and will support delegates to report back to their councils consistently, regularly and succinctly. The **MDA Delegate's Report to Council** will be produced monthly and will be presented to the board for noting and comment prior to being directly emailed to each member council's nominated delegate for tabling at their next council meeting. The *MDA Delegate's Report to Council* is designed

- to be no more than 1 x A4 double sided in length
- to be tabled at every member council's monthly council meeting, regardless of activity in that region during that month
- to provide consistent input to member councils at the Basin scale
- to promote knowledge sharing
- to reduce the workload on elected members in actively reporting back on their committee involvement
- to encourage more active participation and engagement by member councils
- to use content that is already produced monthly; and
- to provide easy access to further information
- to be distributed via our CRM platform **only** to delegate members.

Board members are encouraged to consider the process and the content for this service and provide any comments of feedback that may strengthen the product. This product will benefit from continuous feedback and input.

J MacAllister commended the MDA executive team, noting that it would be a useful tool for reporting back to councils.

Motion: That the board note the April/May **MDA Delegate's Report to Council** and approve its distribution to delegates.

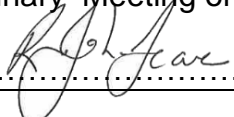
J MacAllister / A Tilley

Carried

6.7 MDA Communication Reports and Regional Meeting Minutes

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Date	Report No	Topic	Author	Approved
08/04/2020	200408	Salesforce Security	Jess Maher	E. Bradbury
16/03/2020	Region 5 Minutes	AGM	Cr Peter Hunter	Cr Peter Hunter

P Miller left the meeting 12.07pm.

Motion: That the Board receive communication reports.
D Thurley / D Patterson

Carried

Late Item 6.8

The Impact of lower inflows on state shares under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement report – by the Interim Inspector General

See details in separate email

Recommendation: That the board

- a. Note the report
- b. Prepare a response from the MDA.

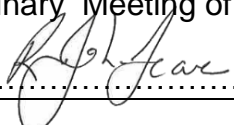
D Thurley emphasised the importance for board members to provide feedback.

J MacAllister suggested that the MDA record the recommendations for the MDBA and incorporate them into the MDA's MOU with the MDBA.

Close 12.11pm.

7. CLOSE

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OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

ITEM NO. 8 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – MAY 2020

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	13 June 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 31 May 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 31 May 2020.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 31 May 2020 was \$27,336,134.52, with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$4,124,635.33.

Investments: As at 31 May 2020, Council's total invested funds were \$23,211,499.19. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 1.17%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (58.20%), IMB Ltd (17.37%) and ANZ (9.38%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

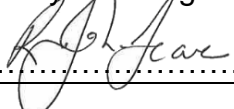
OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 31 May 2020;
- 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

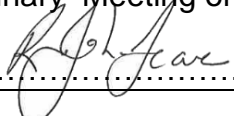
OPTIONS


NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

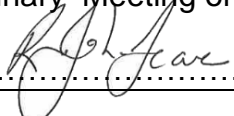
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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2019-20	2018-19
	Consolidated	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 30 APRIL 2020	1,468,768.63	1,761,255.45
ADD - Receipts - 31 May 2020	845,784.10	1,202,488.70
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	5,226,610.18	2,965,440.81
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-212,795.95	-58,979.42
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-2,366,531.20	-3,405,902.26
LESS - Payroll	-325,114.74	-494,377.80
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-644.86	-46,816.23
LESS - Loan Repayments	-10,753.99	-10,753.99
LESS - Investments	-500,000.00	-377,985.12
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-226.64	-7,595.75
LESS - Fuel Card	-130.62	-1,518.60
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-329.58	-768.48
CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2020	4,124,635.33	1,524,487.31
CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2020	1,035,495.72	283,602.01
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	3,092,085.09	1,244,815.32
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-2,945.48	-3,006.02
LESS Outstanding Autopay	0.00	-924.00
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2020	4,124,635.33	1,524,487.31
Add Investments	23,211,499.19	29,564,456.44
Total Cash and Investments	27,336,134.52	31,088,943.75
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	156,099.24	206,358.23
Water Fund	2,372,913.13	1,762,526.29
Sewer Fund	4,124,524.40	3,551,249.92
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	73,804.00
Unexpended Grant Funds	1,457,567.09	2,622,006.53
Plant Reserve	1,558,978.00	1,608,792.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,468,000.00	1,466,868.00
Infrastructure Reserve	3,140,269.00	3,063,581.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	403,620.00	
New Council Implementation Fund	575,475.67	1,036,985.55
Stronger Communities Fund	9,906,862.20	11,610,057.64
General Fund	2,098,021.79	4,086,714.59

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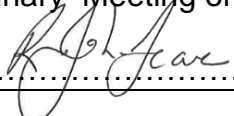
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

31 MAY 2020

Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	506,217.28	1.20%	20-Jul-20	31/20
St George	509,924.36	1.05%	18-Jul-20	30/20
St George	505,764.72	1.05%	03-Aug-20	33/20
NAB	505,903.40	1.47%	14-Jun-20	27/20
NAB	911,839.78	1.00%	28-Aug-20	32/20
IMB Ltd	509,161.49	1.25%	09-Jul-20	29/20
ANZ-Les Wallis	45,762.64	1.00%	25-Jun-20	28/20
SUNCORP	1,059,171.79	1.50%	02-Jul-20	23/20
IMB Ltd	1,003,991.78	1.25%	09-Jun-20	26/20
IMB Ltd	609,819.90	1.10%	06-Aug-20	20
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	0.90%	24-Sep-20	25
Bendigo	605,795.28	1.45%	10-Jun-20	26
Bendigo	804,418.63	1.55%	09-Jun-20	28
ANZ	500,000.00	1.05%	06-Jul-20	29
ANZ	815,710.49	1.03%	22-Jul-20	30
Bendigo	300,000.00	1.20%	16-Jun-20	35
IMB Ltd	401,495.89	1.20%	23/07/20	36
Bendigo	3,500,000.00	1.25%	16/09/20	38
ANZ	814,672.44	0.80%	21/09/20	39
Bendigo	2,300,000.00	1.50%	16/08/20	40
Bendigo	1,000,000.00	1.00%	16/07/20	42
IMB Ltd	501,849.32	0.90%	26/08/20	44
Bendigo	5,000,000.00	1.30%	16/11/20	45
Total Investments	23,211,499.19			
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.31%		
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.32%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	1.17%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,059,171.79	4.56%		
ANZ	2,176,145.57	9.38%		
Bendigo	13,510,213.91	58.20%		
IMB Ltd	4,032,535.66	17.37%		
NAB	1,417,743.18	6.11%		
St George	1,015,689.08	4.38%		
TOTAL	23,211,499.19	100%		

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ITEM NO. 9 – FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT – MAY 2020

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	11 June 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Finance Manager during May, 2020.

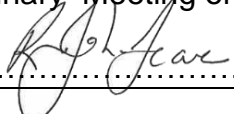
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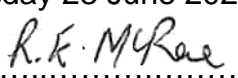
The information contained in the Finance Manager’s Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Description	Action
Meetings	3 x Management Group
	2 x Civica
	1 x Council
	Staff Budget Workshop
	ICT Strategy
	Potential Accountant candidate
Training	Civica Refresher Training/Updates – Administration/Role Hierarchy Rating Accounts Payable
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Monthly Cash & Investments
	Manager Report
Preparation of financial data	Monthly grant expenditure reviews
	Transport for NSW monthly grant expenditure report
	Mid Murray Zone RFS Buildings Reimbursement Grant
Audit Preparation	Source and provide information to external auditors in preparation for 2019/20 audit visits.
Grant Funded Projects	Prepare advice of all current grant funding for distribution to Councillors
	Prepare and submit final milestone report for SCCF 1 – Promoting and improving sporting infrastructure Darlington Point

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	Prepare and submit milestone 2 progress reports for SCCF 2 for 2 projects
	Prepare and submit SCCF 2 project variation requests for 3 projects
	Prepare and submit EFT and project details for SCCF 3 x 7 projects
	Prepare and submit Funding Deed for 1 x SCCF 3 project
Grant Funding Application	Prepare and submit grant funding application for Female Sports Participation Grant – Election Commitment Funding
Tenders	Assist with preparation of Request for Tenders for Coleambally Brolga Place Upgrade
	Prepare and upload request for Expressions of Interest for Internal Audit
Prepare Council purchase orders	Advise various staff and prepare orders for grant works expenditures
Provision of financial advice	Liaise with staff in order to provide financial advice regarding budgets, grants and reserves
Review and authorise payments	Undertake review of payments made to staff and creditors and authorise and undertake bank transfers

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

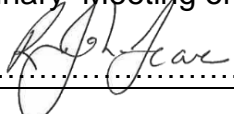
Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

Strategy 5.1 – Transparent leadership, sustainability, accountability and community representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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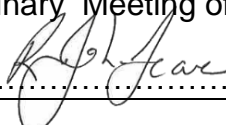
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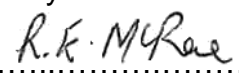
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NIL

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ITEM NO. 10 – MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT– MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	15 June 2020
Author:	Manager, Planning & Environment
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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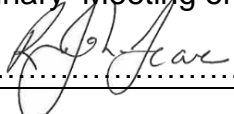
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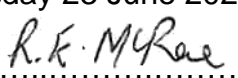
The information contained in the Manager, Planning & Environment Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Period from 18 May to 18 June 2020	
Meetings (Management)	3 x Management Group 3 x Planning & Environment Team 2 x interdepartmental
Other meetings	1 x RAMJO waste meeting 1 x neighbour objection meeting 1 x Notice of Intention to Issue Order meeting
Legislation reviews	Biodiversity, Planning & Building Certification Legislation State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) , Design and Place
Assessments	Boundary fencing Silos Class 7
Development Enquiries	1x CDC Waddi Hall fees Tubbo Station heritage impacts Toganmain subdivision Shed details
Inspections	2 x site 1 x road closure

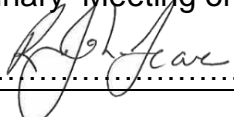
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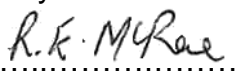
 General Manager

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Complaints	Old cars on rural property, waste water disposal to public land, health and safety risks, motorbike noise, abandoned vehicle, visual impacts of proposed building, Tiddalik Wetlands
Compliance	Review of representations of proposed Order 2 x Notice of Intent to Issue Order-Stormwater Bed and Breakfast- Development consents and fire safety to be checked
Consultants	General liaison (internal) External- UNSW Peter Kabaila and Addie Watts
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	2
Telephone and site inspection and advice	3 x Exempt and 2 x Complying Development Code Rural address Oolembeyan King Street subdivision Caretaker house
Coleambally Lake	No action
Review	Planning Certificates (DP and Coleambally only) -format and currency, contamination, flooding and complying development responses
Administration and Management	Working remotely framework - planning, legislation advice, waste water leakage/leachate and LSPS, notification. Existing use development Team - Goanna Walk OSSMS, UPSS
Kangaroo Cull	Phase 1- completed. Phase 2 remainder to be programmed in next week or so
External Liaison	Rural Fire Service - Legal advice, Environmental Protection Authority.
Grant Applications	Streets as Shared Spaces - funding for business recovery through shared use of roads and triggers for activation
Community Engagement	Newsletter Annual Fire Safety Statements Wiradjuri locals meeting, Kerri Weymouth-art
Internal /External Engagement	Beautification works, Council entrance identify statements, street bonding Flooding -OEH

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Projects	Beautification - hard and soft potential works across 3 villages engagement, concepts and logistics Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan- review and submissions LEP - bush fire spatial data, aboriginal and biodiversity study, potential development sites. Young Street- Contamination assessment Penalty Infringement Notices Certificates of Authority Waste audit and landfill environmental management plan - No action LSPS- final Murrumbidgee Shire Hall- structural engineers options assessment
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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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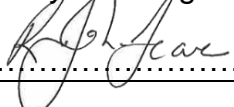

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N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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**ITEM NO. 11 – MANAGER, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES –
MONTHLY REPORT**

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	15 June 2020
Author:	Manager, Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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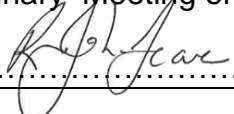
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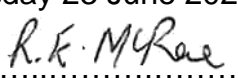
The information contained in the Manager, Corporate & Community Services Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	Management Group Meetings via videolink Council Meeting
Training	Civica Authority Administration
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report
Preparation of Data	Liaison with Neoen regarding Council recommendations for Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund Grants. Advising of successful and unsuccessful grant applications for Council Community Grants and Coleambally Solar Farm Community Grants. Distribution of funds to successful applicants.
	Working with Veritech and Advanced Communications regarding re-cabling of Darlington Point Office renovations.
	Updating information for Jardine Lloyd Thompson regarding asset insurance renewals for 2020/21.
Community Services	Home Modifications – minor modifications carried out.
	Home Maintenance – minor maintenance being carried out.

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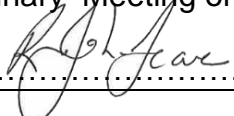
	Community Transport – Weekly bus to Griffith has been put on hold. Only urgent community transport being undertaken at present time.
	Community Transport Bus – Wagga trips have been put on hold.
	Meals on Wheels – no centre-based meals, home deliveries to clients – increase in number of frozen meals delivered.
	Respite Groups – Weekly functions have been put on hold. Coordinators have been contacting clients regularly to check on their welfare.
Library	The Jerilderie library re-opened on 1 June. Doors open 10am-4.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The extra half hour on Monday, Thursday and Friday to 5pm, has been spent returning books, collecting reservations and cleaning items. The library staff have measures in place so that social distancing is maintained, and are still offering home deliveries as well as taking bookings for computer usage and printing, and reservations for loan items to reduce the number of patrons in the library at any one time. Additional cleaning is also being carried out.
Drought Support Officer	Information as below

Drought Support Officer Report

This month represents the final month for the first Drought Communities funding Programme DCP000395 which commenced last year with Milestone # 1 31 July 2019. The Council has managed to complete various infrastructure projects across the 3 communities and carry out events as per grant requirements. The next step is to finalise, with the completing of the grant acquittal and independent audit.

- Over the last week I have sent out newsletters to each community with drought updates and mental health information – (1100 booklets were folded and posted to each town community). Hopefully the information included provides some assistance to those reading. I decided to do this as I know many do not have internet access and also, with no local paper, information to our community is limited.
- DPI has now launched a drought recovery hub on their website for primary producers, it helps with financial management – creditor/farmer relationships,

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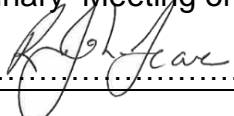
upskilling and business plans – it is a stand-alone resource which aims to support primary industries transition from drought to recovery, and to improve drought resilience in the future. I will email details and send to Communications/Media Officer to put on our social media sites <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub/drought-recovery>


- DPI has now a COVID-19 Primary Industries Liaison Team to help primary producers navigate the impacts of COVID-19 on their business and industry - <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/home/covid-19>
- Rural Financial Counselling Service has had \$15 million additional funding provided for financial counsellors and support workers by the Federal Government to assist primary producers amid the bushfires and drought crisis.
- Emails will also be sent regarding drought policy updates – The Federal Government has extended its \$150,000 instant asset write-off offer until December. The instant investment depreciation write-off was initially announced in March for any business with annual turnover less than \$500m.

FROM PREVIOUS REPORT – ONGOING

Item	Dates/Timelines/type	Action/s
Budgeting Masterclass – Agrifocused	Financial/drought proofing	2 evening sessions completed online. Organise final session as a get together in Coleambally to round up what has been learned.
Solutions4All – Alan Davies	Ongoing – Covid-19 Career/improving skills within community	Working with us to develop a program to visit schools/community. Grant monies extended enabling days to be held later in the year.
Art in the Park Darlington Point	Ongoing Covid-19 restrictions Mental Health	Spoken to local artisans regarding participating in wellbeing day – Paint/socialisation/meal.
AgData Aust	Ongoing Covid-19 restricting travel from QLD, Financial	Garner any interest in community to participate. Software training - Phoenix
RAMHP – Faith Rogers	Ongoing Mental Health Sessions	Garner any interest in community to participate – “Getting through the Dry” sessions in each community.
Grant Acquittal	Ongoing Financial	Finalise Grant Milestones Financials, Independent Audit, Acquittal completion August 2020 Collating events, expenses, original invoices, attendance figures, infrastructure completed, email received regarding auditing requirements.

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Drought, Recovery and Mental Health – a new way of communicating!

(Emailed to our community and on social media)

- I have been able to watch a few webinars produced by **Rural Aid** over the weeks and I have found them to be very good and applicable to our community. I would recommend watching them if you have the time, some fantastic ideas for our community during changing times and recovery from drought.

Videos of recent webinars (listed below) can be viewed at link:

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/towns/webinars/>

- What Makes a Great Town
52 Ways to connect with your Neighbours
[Reflection Sheet on Building Blocks of Strong Towns](#)
- Building good businesses in small towns
- The role and opportunities of tourism in a post Covid World
- The role leadership plays in developing resilient communities
- Finding your Community Asset Base – You'll be surprised at what you have
[Practical Tools and Techniques for community asset mapping](#)
- Grants for your Community including FRRR
- All Things Leadership, Resilience and Recovery – Shane Fitzsimmons, Resilience NSW Commissioner

The Tune In and Tune Up webinars – as per Australian Red Cross Drought Program as included in the mailout for the Jerilderie – I had already posted out Coleambally and Darlington Point prior to printing this flyer:

- Maintaining wellbeing through drought and prolonged stress
- The drought cycle, adaptation and strengthening
- Wellbeing after the rains
- Family wellbeing in the face of ongoing stress
- Preparing for tough times

www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/recovering-from-emergencies/drought-resilience-program#webinar

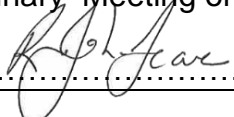
SUSTAINABILITY

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STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

OPTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 12 – MANAGER, ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	15 June 2020
Author:	Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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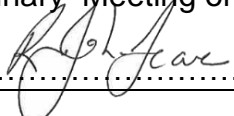

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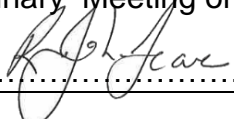
Description	Comment
Economic Development	
METAG	June meeting postponed
Regional Development Australia – Riverina	No action
Business Murrumbidgee	Liaison with Business Solutions Executive, from Murray-Riverina NSW Business Chamber in relation to set up of Chamber of Commerce (Business Murrumbidgee).
Business activities	Phone calls with businesses to ascertain impacts of pandemic and discussion around ideas for recovery.
Tourism	
Destination New South Wales	Update of product listings on the Australia Tourism Data Warehouse for inclusion on the VisitNSW website.
Destination Riverina Murray	No action
Thrive Riverina	Digital Content Strategy sub-committee teleconference. Ideas and recommendations (for social media, e-newsletter and website) will be put forward to Board for adoption in the Strategic Plan 2020-2021. Local business featured in the Discover the Riverina June newsletter.

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	 <p>Go wild at Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point</p> <p>Was meeting a white Rhino face to face on your bucket list of things to do when travel restrictions in NSW lifted?</p> <p>You don't need to travel to Africa for the experience, as at Altina Wildlife Park you have the opportunity to meet their three radical White Rhinos! As part of their exclusive "Behind the Scenes - Radical Rhinos" tour, you can give this rare and endangered species a pat, scratch and give them a few handfuls of feed. Have a chat with the keepers and learn all about this amazing species. Experience this once in a lifetime opportunity and Meet Itoto, from New Zealand, Mango, our very own Aussie icon, & Tatu all the way from Germany! Tours are conducted in your own motorised cart.</p>  <p>Green lawn sites and excellent customer service in Jerilderie</p> <p>Pull off the Newell Highway to experience a spacious and clean caravan park with large comfortable sites, reasonably priced, well cared for green grass, and fast and reliable wifi. The Jerilderie Motel and Caravan Park receives fantastic reviews from customers and looks forward to welcoming visitors.</p> <p>Accommodating management who escort caravans to their site and make each guest feel welcome, they have implemented extra cleaning and safety measures to keep you safe.</p> <p>The Jerilderie Sports Club is located next door, and there's easy access to the boat ramp and floating pontoon on the Billabong Creek for the fishing enthusiast.</p>
Newell Highway Promotions Committee	No action
Kidman Way Promotions Committee	No action
Ned Kelly Touring Route	Updates to brochure are being completed.
Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide	<p>Joint Visitor Guide and Destination Marketing project to be undertaken in collaboration with Narrandera, Leeton and Lockhart Shire Councils.</p> <p>Marketing Packages from Murrumbidgee LGA confirmed to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairways Bed and Breakfast at Jerilderie • Sticky Fingers Candy Shop • Altina Wildlife Park • Hygge Living & More • Hawkesbury Park Country Cottages • Yarrow Park <p>Teleconference 15 June (see attached Minutes)</p>
Advertising	Full page advert in Southern Riverina What's On in Winter 2020.
	<p>Social media campaign promoting tourism assets, with posts scheduled throughout the month, across the following platforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murrumbidgee Council • Kidman Way – Backtrack to the Outback • Riverina Outdoor Art Trail • Visit Riverina • Taste Riverina • The Official Ned Kelly Touring Route


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 General Manager

 Mayor

Riverina Outdoor Art Trail
Posted by Kellie Dissegna
Tuesday at 6:00 pm · 🌐

Created by local Jerilderie artists, the image of the local Wedge-Tailed Eagle carries the line of the Billabong Creek and some of its tributaries... See more



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2,107 people reached >

Boost Post

Murrumbidgee Council
8 June at 10:00 am · 🌐

Venturing out after COVID isolation? Heading north or just spending a few days away?

Our caravan parks are ready and waiting!


Enjoy our beautiful area with our bountiful winter sunshine!

Check out our great range of accommodation providers and attractions: <https://bit.ly/2AixfE5>

#MyRiverina #VisitMurrumbidgee #VisitRiverina #MyRiverinaMurray #NewSouthWales #LoveNSW #SeeAustralia #KidmanWay #Jerilderie #Coleambally #DarlingtonPoint #MurrumbidgeeTrails #LoveMurrumbidgee #MyMurrumbidgee #MurrumbidgeeRiver

Need to put your feet up?

We have plenty of places to stay



COLEAMBALLY DARLINGTON POINT JERILDERIE

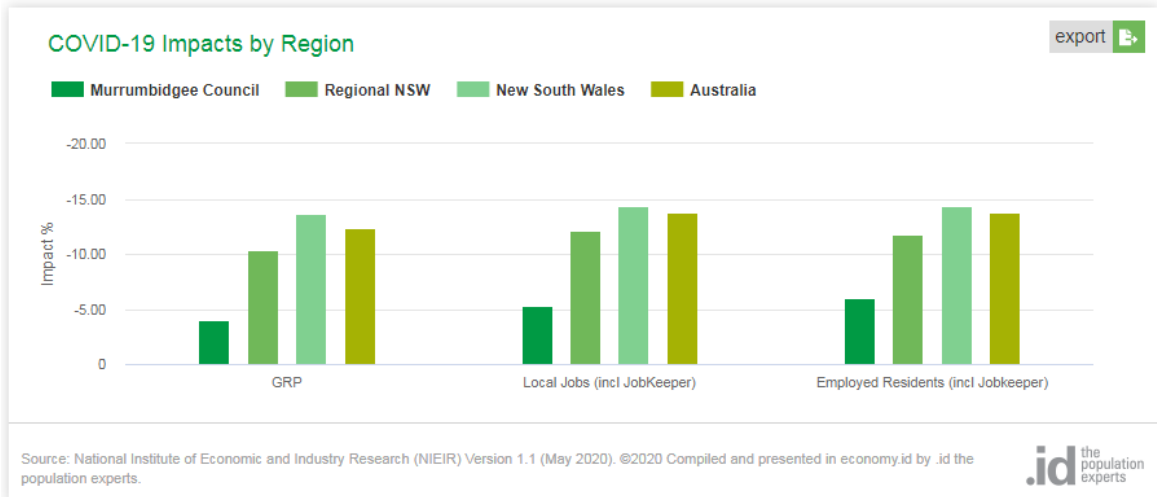
Four page lift-out in the Southern Riverina News featuring businesses in Jerilderie.

.ID Profile Update

The impacts of COVID-19 on the local economy.

Key Insights

- Gross Regional Product is forecast to fall by -4.0% in the June Quarter 2020. This fall was lower than the state average.
- Local Jobs are forecast to fall by -2.1% in the June Quarter 2020. This equates to a fall of 44 local jobs.
- If JobKeeper recipients impacts are included then the employment fall is estimated at -5.3% (112 jobs)
- The impact on employed residents (-2.2%) was higher than the local job impact.



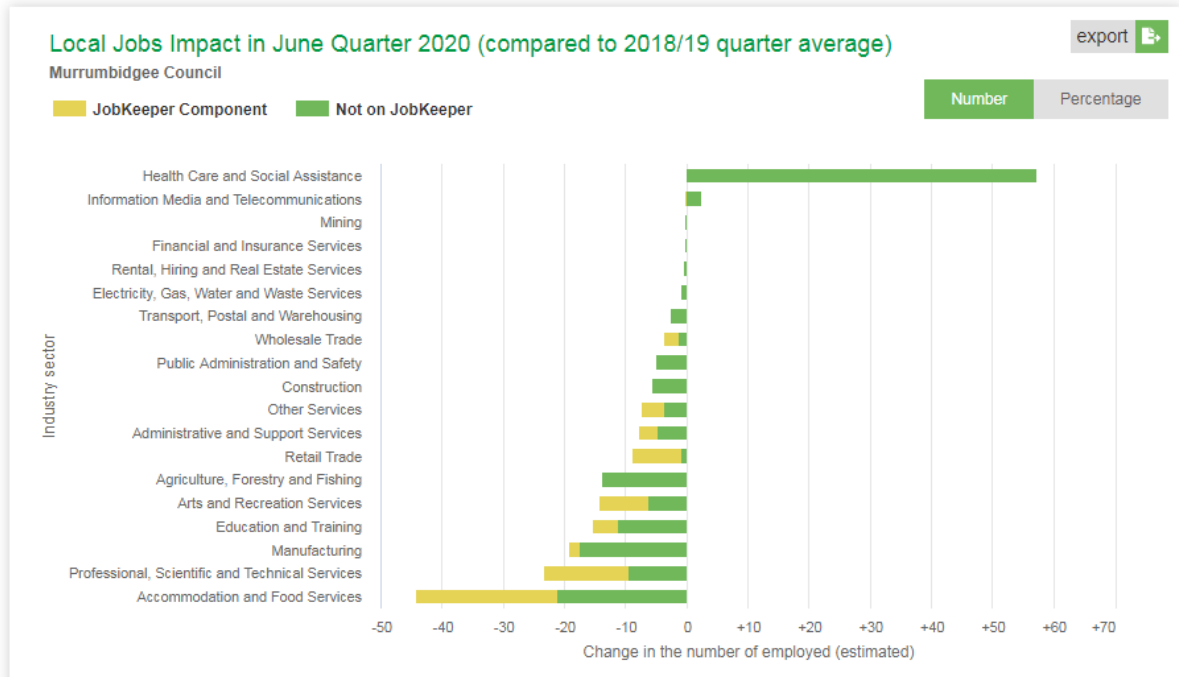
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R. J. Scar General Manager

R. K. McRae Mayor

Local Jobs Impact

This indicator shows the estimated number of jobs in Murrumbidgee Council. Local job impacts are typically higher in regions with a relatively high share of service sector and labour-intensive jobs (e.g. tourism and hospitality, entertainment, and business services).



SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

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

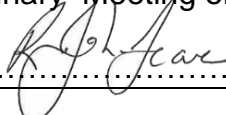
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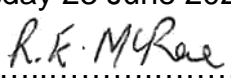
4.1.2 Promote Murrumbidgee and its towns and potential light manufacturing wholesale and retail business opportunities to diversify industry and stimulate employment growth

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

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

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

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

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

4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers

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

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Issues raised from consultation:

- Coleambally as a town in its own right on the ATDW/VisitNSW website.
- It's been terribly dead, so any support we can receive is most appreciated.
- While we adhered to COVID-19 restrictions, we were fortunate to not have to shut down.
- Recovery for us will happen when the Qld State border re-opens and visitors head north.

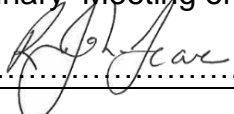
OPTION


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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 6: Murrumbidgee Trails Minutes 15 June 2020

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.....Mayor

ITEM NO. 13 – ASSET MANAGER – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	10 June 2020
Author:	Asset Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

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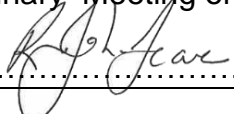
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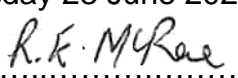
The information contained in the Asset Manager Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	2 x Management Meetings
	1 x LEMO/LEOCON COVID19 Meeting
	4 x Riverina Murray REOC COVID-19 briefings
	1 x LEMC meeting
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report
RMS	Continue development of Council System Management Plan
	3 x RMS Inspections (MR321)
	5 x RMS Inspections (HWY17)
	1 x RMCC JPA Meeting
Darlington Point Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works
Darlington Point Floodplain Management Project - Construction of Levee	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works
Darlington Point Shire Hall	Further detailed investigation into Hall
Assets	Doors & manhole cover - Jerilderie Depot
	Toilets, A/C- Sports Stadium, Jerilderie
	Office Renovations- Darlington Point
	Doors - Monash Park, Jerilderie
	Doors – Library, Jerilderie

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

OPTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 14 – OPERATIONS MANAGER - MAINTENANCE – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 23 June 2020
Report Date: 15 June 2020
Author: William Wade, Operations Manager – Maintenance
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

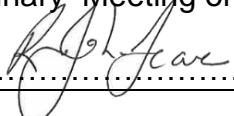
RECOMMENDATION


The information contained in the Operations Manager – Maintenance, Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	2 x Management Group 3 x Transport NSW 1x Local Emergency Management Meeting
Council Meeting and Reports	Preparation of reports for Council Business Paper
Council Maintenance Works	Managing and scheduling maintenance works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance grading• Town Maintenance• Water and Sewer• Parks and Gardens• Contractors for specialised works
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan	NSW Public Works have been officially engaged to complete the IWCM for Council. They are unable to attend a start-up meeting with the current travel restrictions in place so I have been collating data for them to start on the proposal. This data includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• network drawings,• historic water quality data,

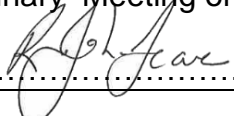
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water usage data, • sewer treatment plant drawings, and • previous water management plans.
Young Street Subdivision	<p>Planning and documentation preparation with other Council staff.</p> <p>Engineers have been engaged to complete updated construction documentation.</p> <p>Surveyors have been engaged to conduct detailed survey of the area.</p> <p>NBN engaged to provide details for network connection for the subdivision.</p>
Waddi Truck Parking Area	<p>Met with the owner of the Waddi Roadhouse and discussed his concerns over the safety of the truck parking area.</p> <p>Material currently being ordered and works plan put in place to complete the work on the area.</p>
Darlington Point Cemetery	<p>Rose garden areas is being established, with soil brought in and drainage set up.</p>
Council DWMS Audit	<p>Preparing information for the Drinking Water Management Strategy Audit by NSW Health, including water usage data, customer feedback and other information.</p>
Coleambally Depot Redevelopment	<p>Architect has produced a concept plan.</p> <p>Engineers are preparing construction documentation.</p>
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	<p>Comdain Infrastructure have commenced works on site. The vegetation from the site has been cleared with trees removed, earthworks and sheet piling works are underway.</p>
Waste Audit and Study	<p>Surveyors have been engaged to carry out drone studies of each of the landfills. This data will calculate current and future usage of the landfills.</p>
Road Maintenance Council Contract	<p>Working on the review of the new Road Maintenance Council Contract from Transport for NSW. Assisting with Council's prequalification for Traffic control.</p>
RMS Heavy Patching and Shoulder Grading	<p>RMS heavy patching is currently ongoing, ensuring compliance with the RMS requirements.</p> <p>Correct traffic control, site audits and tool box talks.</p>

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	Arranging shoulder grading and pricing of heavy patching.
Resheeting Program	Resheeting programme ongoing, with trucks carting material and plant being allocated to complete works.
Various Public Requests/Complaints	Dealing with and responding to various enquiries, complaints and requests from the public.
Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Plans	Rehabilitation plans have been approved for the Gravel Pits and works have started on the 11 Mile Pit. Constant communication with Department of Crown Lands to update them on progress.
Darlington Point Lion's Park – Amenities Building and Display	Working with the contractor to locate services, and provide access to landfill when required.
Darlington Point Football Ground Change Rooms	Landscaping and levelling around the new football facility.
COVID-19 Action Plan	Working on Council's action plan for COVID-19 by scheduling works around the restrictions. Constantly ensuring staff are safe and minimising their possible exposure.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

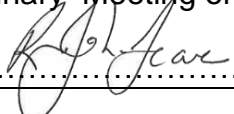
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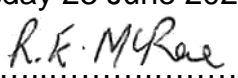
5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

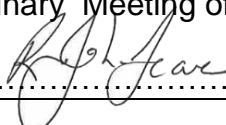
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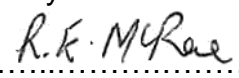
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ITEM NO. 15 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, MAY 2020

Council Meeting: 23 June 2020
Report Date: 11 June 2020
Author: Manager, Planning & Environment
File #: SC210
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, May 2020, be noted.

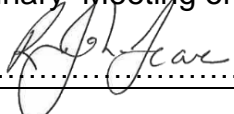
BACKGROUND


DA/CDC No.	Property Location	Description	Value	Determination Date
CC19-2020	Lot 1 DP 724046 48 Coreen Street Jerilderie	New Dwelling	\$329,542	13/05/20

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 16 - BIOSECURITY/SALEYARDS/TRUCKWASH/STOCK CONTROL

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	11 June 2020
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	SC92
Approval:	Asset Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Jerilderie:

Weeds

- Sprayed Airport late May.
- Second treatment of Monash Park for Kikuyu in late May.
- Horehound treated along local roads in mid-May.
- Galvanised Burr treated along MacDonald Road in mid-May.
- Burned off Spiny Burr sites along local roads.
- Tree suckers treated along Broome Lane in mid-May.
- Sweet Briar treated along local roads in the southern end of Council.
- African Boxthorns program in progress - ongoing.
- Treating sewerage pond tracks and surrounds in June.
- Inspections ongoing.
- Lodged WAP (Weed Action Plan) funding application through Widx, awaiting confirmation.

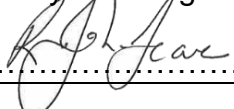
Truck Wash

- Sump pumped and cleaned.

Stock Control

- Sheep loose on local roads, contacted landholders.

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Saleyards

- Electric motor on loading ramp south end requires repairs.

Coleambally & Darlington Point:

Weeds

- High risk pathway inspections undertaken on Sturt Highway, Conargo Road and Four Corners Road.
- 26 high risk private property inspections undertaken during May.
- 3 high risk site inspections undertaken during May.
- 17 local road inspections undertaken during May.
- Red Guide Post inspections on Four Corners Road undertaken during May.
- Boxthorn treated at Reserve behind Coleambally Golf Course, Yamma Road, Four Corners Road, North Boundary Road, Main Canal Road, Morundah Road, Martin Bell Road, MR 321, Reserve South Coleambally, Reserve West and Kookaburra Avenue. Treatment ongoing.
- Spiny Burr burned along Main Canal Road.
- Prickly Pear treated along Bonnars Lane.
- Sprayed boree suckers at Martin Bell Road intersection.
- Contacted relevant farmers about our unsuccessful grant application for boxthorn control.

Stock Control

- 1 goat and 1 sheep on Sturt Highway returned to owners.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management:

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

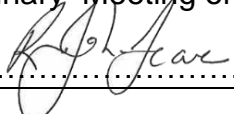
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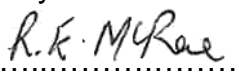
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ITEM NO. 17 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 18/05/20 to 15/06/20

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	15 June 2020
Author:	William Wade, Operations Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 18 May 2020 to 15 June 2020.

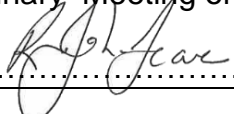
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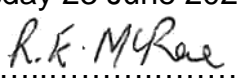
The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

BACKGROUND**WORKS COMPLETED IN PERIOD**

		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
Regional Roads	Guideposts installed			
RR552 – Conargo Road				
RR564 – Berrigan Road				
RR323 – Oaklands Road				
RR59 – Urana Road				
RR596 – Morundah Road				
RR356 – Berrigan Oaklands Road				
RR183 – Whitton Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control Slashing of vegetation on road shoulders.			
Carrathool Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control			

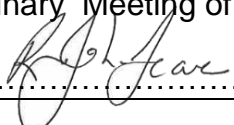
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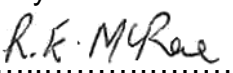
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MR321 – Kidman Way	<p>Tar patching on various segments. Guidepost installations</p> <p>Slashing of roadside vegetation in the below locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segment 400 • Coleambally Intersection • Surrounds of signs in Darlington Point <p>RMS roadside shoulder grading completed on the below segments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segment 290 • Segment 280 • Segment 270 • Segment 260 			
H17 – Newell Highway	<p>Rubbish collection</p> <p>Roadside vegetation control at the Waddi intersection – slashing and spraying of weeds.</p> <p>Spraying of roadside vegetation.</p>			
Local Road Maintenance	<p>Grader Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovegrove Road -3 km • Bourke Lane • Martin Bell Road – 8 km • Steele Road – 8km • Gaston Road – 10km • Culley Road – 6km • Egan Road – 1km • Citrus Road – 3 km • Euroley Road – 5km • Pike Lane - 1km • O'Neill Road – 8km <p>Guide post replacement and signs replaced on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald Ross Drive • Eulo Road • Four Corners Road <p>Roadside vegetation control including slashing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eulo Road • Jimmy Cull Road • Kook Road 			
	<p>Tar Patching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Nine Road • Main Canal Road • Rural Roads 			

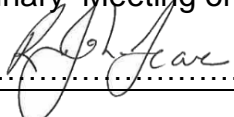
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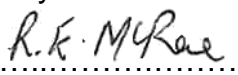
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Construction	Britts Road Road sealed			
Resheeting	Harveys Well Road - resheeting road surface 100mm of road surface for 2.8km. Commins Road - resheeting road surface 100mm of road surface approx. 2km Traffic control signage installed and material stockpiled in preparation for the resheeting of roads.			
Town Streets	Darlington Point: Roadside vegetation control throughout town. Tar patching throughout town streets. Table drains around town slashed and sprayed for weeds. Streets swept with street sweeper truck. Tar patching around Darlington Point streets. Vegetation and removal of trees on Britts Road.			
Resealing Programme				
Town Maintenance	Darlington Point Vegetation control on asset protection zones around town. Fire breaks around town slashed. Garden beds in road medians cleared up and maintained. Tar patching on all town streets Twice daily cleaning of public toilets has been carried out as required for COVID19 restrictions. Public spaces reopened as per the COVID19 action plan, including skate park, parks and public seating. All safety barriers were removed and new signs installed.			

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	<p>Coleambally</p> <p>Vegetation control on asset protection zones around Coleambally.</p> <p>Slashing of vegetation at town entrance.</p> <p>Spraying around town for weeds on walkways, footpaths and drainage channels behind Sandpiper Street</p>			
	<p>Jerilderie</p> <p>Spraying around town for weeds on ATV along all streets.</p> <p>Twice daily cleaning of public toilets has been carried out as required for COVID19 restrictions.</p>			
Parks and Gardens	<p>Parks and gardens maintained throughout Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.</p>			
Water & Sewerage	<p>Darlington Point</p> <p>Sewerage pump station blockages were cleared.</p>			
	<p>Coleambally</p> <p>Sewerage pump station blockages were cleared.</p>			
	<p>Jerilderie</p>			
	<p>Bore Coverage:</p> <p>Coverage of bores within the Council area:</p> <p>Darlington Point:</p> <p>Bore No 1: 30 m coverage while idle, 27m coverage while running</p> <p>Bore No 2: 30m coverage while idle, 27m coverage while running</p> <p>Coleambally</p> <p>Bore No 1: 30m cover while idle, 20m coverage while running</p> <p>Bore No 3: 30m while idle, 27m coverage while running</p>			

OTHER ITEMS

Darlington Point Cemetery	Rose garden and new lawn area is currently being established.			
Land Fills	Shredding of green waste material is underway at landfills by shredding contractor.			
Main Canal Road - truck accident and road closure	19 May – Truck accident on Main Canal Road at the bridge over Tubbo Supply Channel. Council closed the road while recovery took place. There were 6 (six) staff in attendance, the road closed all day and detours put in place			
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plans	NSW Public Works have been formally engaged to complete the IWCM Plan for Council. Council are currently collecting plans, drawings and historical data requested by NSW Public Works.			
Coleambally Depot Upgrade	Engineers have been engaged to start preparing the specification for the project. Milbrae Quarries are currently on site at the Coleambally depot, crushing waste concrete stockpiled on site.			
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	The head contractor Comdain Infrastructure has established on-site boundaries and signage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth works are currently underway • Sheet piling is currently underway • Pontoon construction has commenced 			

UPCOMING WORKS

		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Local Road Maintenance	All roads within the bus routes to be maintenance graded. Tar patching throughout towns.		
Roads to Recovery			

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.....*R. K. Myrae*..... General Manager

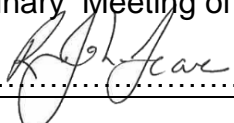
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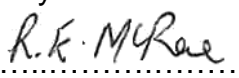
Regional Roads			
H17 – Newell Highway			
MR321 Kidman Way	–	Roadside vegetation to be slashed.	
Water & Sewerage			
Concreting Works			

ATTACHMENTS

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 18 – TENDER 14-2020 – COLEAMBALLY SPORTS PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT

Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	15 June 2020
Author:	Development Officer, Ben Nash
File #:	SC303
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - i. Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
 - iii. Reveal a trade secret.

ITEM NO. 19 - NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE ORDERS

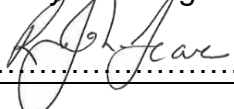
Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	12 June 2020
Author:	Manager Planning and Environment
File #:	SC 168
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors),
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

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ITEM NO. 20 - SALE OF COUNCIL LAND – SHOWGROUND ROAD

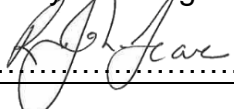
Council Meeting:	23 June 2020
Report Date:	11 June 2020
Author:	Manager Planning & Environment
File #:	SC88
Approval:	General Manager

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