

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018**

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.....General Manager

.....Mayor

**ITEM NO. 1-MAYORAL REPORT**  
**FILE: 03.16.01**  
**FROM: MAYOR**

The month of July has been busy once again across our Council area.

The onset of 'real winter' has us all staying close to home. What it does do is highlight the very real and unaffordable/non sustainable cost of power - a daily dilemma for family and industry alike.

The recruitment process for our General Manager's position from 8 October 2018, continues to progress on time. Initial viewing of applications will take place on Friday 20 July. I am hopeful that this attractive opportunity will attract a high calibre of applicant and that Murrumbidgee Council will move forward with confidence and build on the positive foundations that the challenging merger process has seen us journey through in the past 2 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Denis Gelle for his service to the Jerilderie Shire Council, and more recently Murrumbidgee Council. His almost 13 years' service has seen many productive hours invested in our communities. We wish him good health as he continues his journey and happy travels as he moves on to his next venture in life.

We have also been advised that our Economic, Tourism and Community Development Manager, Ms Gerrie Carr-MacFie is departing Council as at 31 July 2018. Gerrie leaves Council after a hectic 18 months. An opportunistic environment and funds galore have ensured that Gerrie has had a mammoth challenge. We thank Gerrie for her diligence and creativity and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Our Council area seems to have a healthy focus surrounding us at present. With many levels of interest across solar farm investment, agricultural diversification, tourism, product development and a myriad of accommodation development enquiries on the front line. Economic development and planning departments are fielding many enquiries. What this activity does highlight and therefore necessitates, is the need to prioritise and expedite our residential and industrial land developments. Now is the hour.

Concern was identified at the June Council meeting regarding the 'spray drift' of defoliant, and its perceived detrimental effect on surrounding boree and pepper trees. Councillors had been approached by members of the public. Council sought qualification from the EPA, Griffith, and their response is as follows:

*"Anybody with concerns should report their concerns to the EPA Pollution Line 131555. They will need to provide some specific information, such as location of the incident (ie overspray) and if possible details of the company spraying the defoliant."*

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If there is general concern, then this should be directed to the Local Members of State and Federal Parliament.

Additional information regarding Estee, Escalate and Promote Plus have very clear information and safety guidelines.

Council will continue to be a conduit for information sharing and the link with the relevant authorities.

Murrumbidgee Council warmly welcomed Neil, Marie and Caitlin Chessor and Jocelyn Schubert at their Citizenship Ceremony in Darlington Point on 27 June 2018. We hope that Australia, and in particular our region, prove to be the home they hope it will be.

### **Inaugural RAMJO Meeting, Jerilderie 29 June 2018**

9 voting board members were identified: Mayors of Albury City, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Griffith City, Hay, Leeton, Murray River and Murrumbidgee.

1 NSW Government representative-James Bolton, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Riverina Murray (non voting).

10 other Board members-Council General Managers (non voting).

2 Office of Local Government representatives-Melissa Gibbs and our JO and Council Engagement Officer, Cameron Templeton.

### ***Executive***

Interim Executive Officer – Ray Stubbs  
Chair – Kevin Mack  
Deputy Chair – John Dal Broi

### ***Business***

- Draft Charter presented - with Councils for 42 days;
- RAMJO disclosures can be part of Council Section 449 Disclosures process;
- Same Code of Conduct and Meeting Procedures as apply to Councils;
- Carrathool and Narrandera Councils have joined RAMJO;
- RAMJO funding agreement signed;
- RAMROC functions, programs and working groups transferred to RAMJO.

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### **Inaugural Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee, Jerilderie 29 June 2018**

- Council's first meeting with two external representatives on Committee. David Maxwell (appointed Chair) and John Burge, Finance Manager Vicki Sutton, Acting General Manager Peter Chudek, Cr Smith and Mayor McRae.
- Terms of Reference identified. Number of items per annum nominated.

### **Tiddalik Meeting, Darlington Point 3 July 2018**

Following on from business item 17 in the June Meeting Paper, Acting General Manager Peter Chudek and I met with Laurie and Mona Finley and Mr Paul Goodsall, to address their submission on the draft Murrumbidgee Council Delivery Plan-Tiddalik issue.

Quotes obtained by the community committee and the scope of works presented by Council operational stall appear to be diametrically opposed.

Actions to come out of the meeting were:

- Acting General Manager, Peter Chudek to speak with Bidgee Excavations and gain costings from similar scopes of work;
- Acting General Manager to contact James McGuire at DPI Water and seek his input as to identifying grasses/reeds etc on site at Tiddalik;
- Agreed to adopt common terminology that Council and Committee will use in discussions eg not "beach" but "sand ledge" for bird habitat;
- Clearly identify Tiddalik function. Include mosquito management, annual maintenance, any vermin issues, fire risk, water management system, stagnant water issue;
- Acting General Manager to bring further report to Council when relevant information sourced.

### **Residential Land Forum – Griffith 3 July 2018**

I attended a Land Forum convened by Griffith City Council. This clearly identified the parcels of land available and the status of their development in Griffith City and surrounding villages.

There are currently 14 at varying stages. Many developers, Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Agents, Councillors and community were present.

What was made very clear was the fact that the demand for available housing is highly problematic. Developers spoke well of the collaboration with Council. Approaches to Regional Development Australia and Infrastructure NSW are well underway in an attempt to address this issue quickly.

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**Land Rent Proposal Initiative – Griffith 4 July 2018**

On 4 July I attended an invitation session by Beyond Bank with a presentation on 'affordable housing'. This initiative appears to have merit. It is not social housing, it is another approach for first home buyers. The General Manager will arrange a meeting with Griffith City and further explore this opportunity.

**Edify Energy Meeting – Jerilderie 5 July 2018**

State Significant Development Application 8392 - item 13 in the June business paper.

Present were Peter Chudek, Susan Appleyard, myself and representatives from Edify Energy - we met to discuss issues proving challenging in the compliance process.

Stakeholders gradually coming on board-RFS, Fire & Rescue NSW, DPI, RMS, EOEH, Trangrid, addressing issues of connection agreements, EIS's, plan for dam rehab, traffic management plans, ecosystem credits, rehabilitation/decommissioning process, maintenance programs for natural grasses and exotics.

Developer Contributions.

Will have up to 500 working there at peak time. Further reports to Council as information comes to hand.

**Regional Telecommunications Meeting – Griffith 6 July 2018 “Leaving Nobody Behind!”**

Travelling review panel conducting triennial review - has been operating since 2007. Since 2015 there has been an huge increase in demand for data. Identified issues with NBN/providers-appears to be a disconnect.

Increased data use on mobiles - decreased capacity.

Common drift of the meeting was that the whole 'system' is oversubscribed and lacking in capacity. We did ask about 'agreement' to install equipment on our tower at Broome Lane-answer is still pending!!

**METAG Meeting – Coleambally 18 July 2018**

The first meeting of this new Council Advisory Group was held in Coleambally on Wednesday 18 July. The assembled group will ideally inform Council and work collaboratively with our communities to ensure effective promotion and informed and inclusive networking is how we mean to go forward into the future.

Ruth McRae  
**MAYOR**

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## ITEMS FOR DECISION

### ITEM NO. 2 - ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR UPGRADE TO CIVIC HALL KITCHEN, JERILDERIE

FILE: 04.03

FROM: ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT

It was identified by the former Jerilderie Shire Council that the upgrade to the kitchen at the Civic Hall should be a priority project. This report outlines the estimated costs and the time frame for the upgrade works to the kitchen.

The hall is the main venue in town for large events and is used frequently by various groups in the community. An inspection of the gas fittings and pipe work has already been undertaken and some minor works will be required. This cost has been included in the plumbing works component of the costs.

| Item  | Cost                | Timing                     |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Removal of old kitchen and disposal of waste                | \$15,000            | Week 1                     |
| Installation of benches and equipment (including cool room) | \$57,526.77         | Week 1 & 2                 |
| Installation of Appliances                                  | \$27,749            | Week 2 & 3                 |
| Installation of trade waste equipment and plumbing          | Up to \$45,000      | Week 2 to 4                |
| Electrical  | \$8,000             | Week 1 to 4                |
| Flooring  | \$9,500             | Week 4 (trades to confirm) |
| Subtotal  | \$162,775.77        |                            |
| Contingency   | \$19,533.09 (12%)   | 2 weeks                    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$182,308.86</b> | <b>6 weeks</b>             |

### Budgetary Considerations

There is no current allocation for this project, however it was a priority project for the former Jerilderie Shire Council.

The overall cost may be able to be borne by the interest from the unexpended Stronger Communities Fund Grant, however it should be noted that the Assessment Panel have not considered this proposal.

### RECOMMENDATION

That an allocation be made from the Stronger Communities Fund Grant, subject to agreement from the Assessment Panel.

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**ITEM NO. 3 - COLEAMBALLY CEMETERY CONCEPT PLAN AND PUBLIC TOILET CONSTRUCTION**

**FILE: 02.15**  
**FROM: ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

**Background**

In order to manage the Coleambally Cemetery site for future expansion, a concept plan has been proposed. The concept plan is attached with this report (attachment # 1). In addition, it has been agreed that a public toilet is required for this site. The proposed location of the toilet is included on the concept plan.

A photo of the proposed toilet site is shown below. The toilet will be located approximately where the two pines are in the middle of the photo. An access path will be constructed after the toilet is built. Disabled access will be provided to both the toilet and the existing ashes wall.



**Issues**

This cemetery was commenced in 1975 and has been used as a lawn cemetery and ashes wall facility only. It does not have separate sections for different cultures or religions. It has been assumed that this plan of management will continue as is shown on the concept plan.

In order to construct a public toilet there needs to be services available. Unfortunately, there is no electricity, town water or sewerage available at the cemetery. This has restricted the siting of the toilet as there needs to be a septic tank included, downhill of the cemetery.

A water tank and solar power will be included in this facility, so it can be serviceable.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions**

N/A

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*Chris ...* ..... General Manager ..... Mayor



**Financial Consideration**

The concept plan needs to be considered by Council. An amount of \$50,000 is available through grant funds for the toilet and access path. An estimate of costs has been determined at \$49,000.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Coleambally Cemetery concept plan be adopted.

**ITEM NO. 4 - STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 8392 – DARLINGTON POINT SOLAR FARM AMENDMENTS TO SUBMISSION**

**FILE: SSD 8392**

**FROM: ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Property Description**

Applicant: Edify Energy  
Property: Lot 160, DP821551; Lots 41, 42 & 64, DP750903; Lot 2, DP 542215; Lots 18, 35 & 36, DP 750903 and Lot 2 DP 628785, Donald Ross Drive, Darlington Point.  
Zoning: RU1 – Primary Production  
Proposed Development: 275 Megawatt Capacity Solar Photovoltaic Farm  
Consent Authority: NSW State Government  
Reason for Report: This is a state significant development and this report outlines Council's submission in relation to the project.

**Project Details**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Area Covered       | 710 hectares  |
| Capital Investment | \$407 Million |
| Life Span          | 30 years      |

Works on site include:

The key features of the development are as follows:

- Photovoltaic solar panels
- Steel mounting frames with piled foundations
- Single-axis tracking system
- Direct current/alternating current inverter stations
- Medium voltage electrical reticulation network
- 33/132kV switchyard and internal switch room
- A battery yard (BESS – Battery Energy Storage System), consisting of individual power pack cubicles or skid-mounted/containerised power packs and modular inverters and MV transformers, including a connection to the above switchyard
- Internal access tracks for operational maintenance and housekeeping
- Security fencing
- Staff car park and small amenities building

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**Background**

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*Chauhan* General Manager ..... Mayor

At the June 2018 meeting of Council, it was resolved:

**130/16/18** *Resolved on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that Murrumbidgee Council's submission be the comment section of this report for State Significant Development 8392 for a 275 Megawatt Capacity Solar Photovoltaic Farm, on Lot 160, DP821551; Lot 41, 42 & 64, DP750903; Lot 2, DP 542215; Lots 18, 35 & 36, DP 750903 and Lot 2 DP 628785, Donald Ross Drive, Darlington Point, and a meeting between the Department of Planning & Environment and Council be held to emphasise the importance of conditions 27, 28 and 29 as identified in the comment section of this report.*

5 July 2018 the Mayor, Assistant General Manager and Director of Environmental Services met with representatives of Edify Energy to discuss the Council submission and a number of the conditions of consent. The conditions of consent are outlined below and comment is provided regarding the agreements reached with Edify Energy.

## **27. Contribution**

Under the provisions of Section 7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, Council requires the payment of a monetary contribution towards the provision of public services and amenities as provided for in the Murrumbidgee Council Section 7.12 Developer Contributions Plan 2017. The contribution has been assessed, as of the date of this consent, as follows:

Section 7.12 \$4.07 million (being 1% of the estimated cost of development).

Contributions are due prior to any works commencing on-site and will be calculated or recalculated at the rate applicable under the plan current at the time of payment. A copy of the Murrumbidgee Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2017 is available for inspection at Council offices or by visiting Council's website: [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au).

Reason: To ensure that the development contributes towards the provision of public services and amenities.

Comment: Edify Energy have agreed to a contribution of a lesser value.

This levying of a contribution was discussed with the assessing officer at Department of Planning and Environment, and the advice provided was that the department would be unlikely to support the levying of a developer contribution, and have suggested Council explore the option of a planning agreement with the developer.

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The planning agreement option was viewed favourably by the developer so it is recommended the Council and the developer meet to negotiate the details to be included in a planning agreement.

## 28. Decommissioning

The site is to be decommissioned by way of removal of all infrastructure above and below ground on the site.

Reason: To ensure the site can be developed in the future in line with the provisions of the RU1 – Primary Production Zone, in Murrumbidgee Local Environmental Plan 2013 and any subsequent zoning and Environmental Planning Instrument applying to the land.

**Comment:** The concerns raised by Council will be addressed by the developer in the submission report to the Department of Planning and Environment. This condition should remain as it will ensure that the site infrastructure is removed both above and below ground.

## 29. Park and Ride

Prior to works commencing on site, details of the location and scale of the park and ride area are to be provided to Council. Please note that a separate approval may be required for the development of the park and ride area.

Reason: To ensure adequate room and infrastructure is provided for the park and ride site.

**Comment:** Again, this issue will be addressed in the submission report to the Department of Planning and Environment. The park and ride area will be replaced by a bus service to the site, most likely from Griffith. Council are happy for the condition to be removed if the park and ride component of the application is altered to a bus service.

## Issues Raised by the Applicant:

9. Provision is to be made of an approved safety fence around the site prior to commencement of works.

Reason: To protect the safety of persons on adjoining land.

**Comment:** After discussions with the developer it was resolved to delete the word commencement and replace it with commissioning.

11. Prior to release of the Construction Certificate, detailed plans of the upgrade works to the road network surrounding the development is to be supplied to

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Murrumbidgee Council and the Roads and Maritime Service for approval. The plans are to include the following areas as a minimum:

- Intersection of the Kidman Way and Ringwood Road;
- The entrance to the development on Donald Ross Drive;
- Any emergency entry or exit points onto the road network from the site.

Reason: To ensure adequate vehicular access to the proposed development

**Comment:** The applicant has committed to all “bulk deliveries” using the Sturt Highway/Donald Ross Drive access and not the Kidman Way/Ringwood Road access. In addition, there will be an assessment report undertaken as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement on the roads to ensure that any damage to the roads caused by the increased traffic during construction will be repaired.

In light of this information it is recommended that the first dot point be removed from proposed condition 11.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council's submission to State Significant Development 8392 be altered in the following manner:

**Condition 9** replace the word *commencement* with the word *commissioning* to read as follows:

9. Provision is to be made of an approved safety fence around the site prior to *commissioning* of works.

Reason: To protect the safety of persons on adjoining land.

**Condition 11** remove the first dot point referring to the Kidman Way and Ringwood Road intersection in light of the applicants undertaking to limit bulk deliveries via Sturt Highway/Donald Ross Drive intersection. The amended condition to read as follows:

11. Prior to release of the Construction Certificate detailed plans of the upgrade works to the road network surrounding the development is to be supplied to Murrumbidgee Council and the Roads and Maritime Service for approval. The plans are to include the following areas as a minimum:
  - The entrance to the development on Donald Ross Drive;
  - Any emergency entry or exit points onto the road network from the site.

Reason: To ensure adequate vehicular access to the proposed development

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**Condition 27** be deleted and the Council and developer meet to discuss the terms of a planning agreement;

**Condition 28** to remain to ensure that the underground infrastructure is removed; and

**Condition 29** to be modified to provide the park and ride area or a bus service.

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.....Mayor

# COMMITTEE MINUTES

## ITEM NO. 5 - MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2018 AT 2.00PM

FILE: 05.08.03

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**Present:** David Maxwell, John Burge, Cr Gaila Smith, Cr Ruth McRae, Vicki Sutton and Peter Chudek

Cr McRae welcomed all to the meeting.

Cr Smith gave an introduction about Murrumbidgee Council and the area.

David Maxwell assumed position of Chair and introduced himself.

John Burge, Cr Smith and Cr McRae introduced themselves to the committee.

### PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mr Maxwell declared an insignificant pecuniary interest for his supply of goods and services to Local Government generally.

### DRAFT CHARTER

The Chair tabled and discussed the draft Internal Audit Committee Charter.

Change clause 6.1 of meeting frequency to "at least 3 times a year".

The charter as amended be recommended to Council for adoption.

Moved: J Burge

Seconded: Cr Smith

### RISK MANAGEMENT

The Chair discussed the requirement for risk management plans, matrix, policies and processes.

Committee is to focus on high risk areas of Council.

### INTERNAL AUDIT

That Council be recommended to invite expressions of interest for internal audit for approximately 3 internal audit assignments per year for a 3 year term.

Moved: D Maxwell

Seconded: Cr Smith

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..... Mayor



**EXTERNAL AUDIT**

That the final management letter be received and noted.

Moved: J Burge

Seconded: Cr Smith

Items outstanding be moved to the follow up matrix.

Committee to hold meeting to consider the Draft Annual Statements. Date to be considered and advised.

**Client Service Plan**

That the Client Service Plan be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Smith

Seconded: J Burge

That it be recommended to Council that David Maxwell be appointed as Chair to the Committee.

Moved: J Burge

Seconded: Cr Smith

The next meeting to be held at Darlington Point, Friday 7 September 2018 at 2pm.

A date in October to be advised to consider the Draft Annual Statements.

The meeting concluded at 4.22pm

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David Maxwell  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**ITEM NO. 6 - MINUTES OF THE JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 5 JULY 2018, COMMENCING 6.00PM**

**FILE: 02.09**

**Present:** Ian Sneddon (chair), Sadie Herrick, Faith Bryce, Isobel Milne, Richard Wright, Joan Ferris, Joan Kuschert, Chris Girdwood, Polly Fisher, Judy Knight, Gwen McLaughlin, Elaine Forbes, Fred Scammell, June Scammell, Garry Borger, Dot Mills, Graham Mills,

**Apologies:** Robyne Sneddon, Ann Wright, Jan Crittenden, Bruce Crittenden, Ruth McRae, Loretta Marriott, Pat Godfrey, Alan Knight, Colin Sweeney, Lisa Brackenrig.

Moved Fred Seconded Richard that the apologies be accepted.  
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read on the motion of Faith  
Seconded Garry  
Carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

- We have 4 good submissions for KNSWB Tidy Town Awards.
- Community Grant was successful. Thanks heaps Faith.
- Letter still to be done to Council re roadside clean up late August.
- Letter also to be written to Council re Solar lights. See GB

**Treasurer's report as tabled:**

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

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Council notification of successful grant application for the amount of \$1092.
- Council re transfer of \$3000 to our account for Community Grant.... Think maybe a mistake?
- Emails in and out re TT Submission info.

**Outwards:**

- Letter to Phillip Sweeney re thanks for his rocks.
- Community Grant submission

Moved Polly Seconded Fred that correspondence be accepted.  
Carried.

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**General Business:**

- Prizes for raffle have arrived. Tickets to be organised. Sadie to do. Richard suggested Printworks Shepparton. (Ken Faulkner)
- Slabs have been laid for bus shelters at Caltex Servo and on opposite side of road alongside golf course.
- Raffle selling to coincide with important dates on JTown calendar.
- Photo of glamorous and handsome TT members to be taken at southern town entrance to send to Russell McIntyre (Mawson's Quarries). To be done day of Roadside Cleanup.
- Next meeting is AGM. As per usual, all non-attendees will get a position!!!!

**Meeting Closed: 6.35pm**

**Next Meeting: August 2, 2018**

**At: Our Office**

**Time: 6.00pm**

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**President 2/8/18**

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JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Account QuickReport  
 As of July 6, 2018

05/07/18

| Type                   | Date      | Num | Name              | Memo           | Split           | Amount           | Balance         |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                        |           |     |                   |                |                 |                  | 10,185.47       |
| BENDIGO BANK A/C       |           |     |                   |                |                 |                  | 9,766.31        |
| Cheque                 | 7/06/2018 | 64  | IGA               | GOODS S & S    | -SPLIT-         | -419.16          | 9,706.91        |
| Cheque                 | 7/06/2018 | 65  | BAKERY JER        | S & S BREAD    | -SPLIT-         | -59.40           | 9,457.91        |
| Cheque                 | 7/08/2018 | 66  | MURRUMBIDGEE C... | S & S PRINTING | SHOW & SHINE    | -249.00          | 9,424.96        |
| Cheque                 | 7/08/2018 | 67  | AGnVET SERVICES   | BBQ GAS        | -SPLIT-         | -32.95           | 9,373.28        |
| Cheque                 | 7/08/2018 | 68  | S HERRICK         | SEC's EXP      | -SPLIT-         | -51.70           | 9,399.96        |
| Deposit                | 8/08/2018 |     |                   | Deposit        | FINES & TRAV... | 26.70            | 7,215.36        |
| Cheque                 | 4/07/2018 | 69  | CVIQ              | PURCHASE N...  | -SPLIT-         | -2,184.60        | 7,215.36        |
| Total BENDIGO BANK A/C |           |     |                   |                |                 | -2,970.11        | 7,215.36        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |           |     |                   |                |                 | <b>-2,970.11</b> | <b>7,215.36</b> |

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*Craig Quirk* General Manager ..... Mayor

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**ITEM NO: 7 - LOAN BORROWINGS INFORMATION AS AT 30/6/18**

**FILE NO. 05.14**

**FROM : FINANCE MANAGER**

The following table of information regarding loan borrowings is provided for Council's information.

| <b>Loan No</b> | <b>Original Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>             | <b>Outstanding At 30/6/18</b> | <b>Interest Rate</b> | <b>Repayment Per Annum</b>   | <b>Maturity Date</b> |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 160            | \$200,000              | Streetscape                | \$ 27,496.64                  | 7.90%                | \$28,860.15                  | 12.6.2019            |
| 161            | \$200,000              | Streetscape                | \$ 47,553.98                  | 8.14%                | \$29,440.40                  | 15.3.2020            |
| 162            | \$295,000              | Streetscape/<br>Cenotaph   | \$113,812.06                  | 7.922%               | \$43,015.96                  | 27.5.2021            |
| Internal Loan  | \$285,000              | Library                    | \$ 21,375.00                  | Variable             | \$21,375.00<br>plus interest | 31.3.2019            |
| Internal Loan  | \$250,000              | Real Estate<br>Development | \$143,749.00                  | Variable             | \$25,000.00<br>plus interest | 1.4.2024             |

The above shows outstanding loan balances at 30/6/18 of \$353,986.68, including internal loans from the Sewer Fund totalling \$165,124.

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

### RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Loan Borrowings Information Report be noted.

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**ITEM NO. 8 – MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2018**  
**FILE: 05.13**  
**FROM: FINANCE MANAGER**

## **BACKGROUND**

The financial reports are presented to Council on a monthly basis. To develop this report, Council's Cash Book is reconciled with the bank balances shown in Council's bank statements as at 30 June 2018. The report shows that Council's investments have been invested in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999* and Regulations and Council policies and procedures.

## **ISSUES**

1. **Cash at Bank:** Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 30 June 2018 was \$25,952,137.76 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$2,664,501.85.
2. **Investments:** As at 30 June 2018, Council's total invested funds were \$23,287,635.91. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 2.35%. The bulk of Council's investments (69.56%) are held in Bendigo Bank, the ANZ (6.92%) and IMB Ltd (14.69%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.
3. The above balances include a prepayment of the 2018/19 Financial Assistance Grant in the amount of \$2,134,116.00.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

I hereby certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 30 June 2018;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

That Council receive and note the monthly financial report containing the bank balances and investment schedule as at 30 June 2018.


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Vicki Sutton  
**RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

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**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**

|  | <b>2017-18<br/>Consolidated</b> | <b>2016-17<br/>Consolidated</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>CASH AT BANK 31 MAY 2018</b>          | <b>1,760,764.70</b>             | <b>3,095,239.33</b>             |
| ADD - Receipts - 30 June 2018            | 3,395,135.78                    | 1,987,741.11                    |
| ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank            | 999,561.09                      | 2,603,387.18                    |
| ADD - Cancelled                          | 0.00                            | 15.00                           |
| ADD - Adjustments                        | 0.00                            |                                 |
| LESS - Cheques                           | -39,342.10                      | -33,745.96                      |
| LESS - EFT - Autopay                     | -2,540,161.40                   | -4,223,920.73                   |
| LESS - Payroll                           | -314,461.99                     | -329,020.56                     |
| LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers          | -80,268.88                      | -6,765.53                       |
| LESS - Loan Repayments                   | -14,645.57                      | -27,371.54                      |
| LESS - Investments                       | -500,000.00                     | -1,344,134.40                   |
| LESS - Visa Card Pymt                    | -464.00                         | -6,065.55                       |
| LESS - Fuel Card                         | -1,176.88                       | -501.58                         |
| LESS - Photocopy Rental                  | -438.90                         | -438.90                         |
| <b>CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2018</b>         | <b>2,664,501.85</b>             | <b>1,714,417.87</b>             |
| <b>CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2018</b>         | <b>2,212,163.53</b>             | <b>1,197,537.42</b>             |
| Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank           | 454,622.12                      | 519,093.87                      |
| PLUS Outstanding Deposits                | 0.00                            | 100.00                          |
| LESS Unpresented Cheques                 | -2,283.80                       | -2,313.42                       |
| LESS Outstanding Autopay                 | 0.00                            |                                 |
| LESS Reverse Autopay                     | 0.00                            |                                 |
| <b>CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE 2018</b>         | <b>2,664,501.85</b>             | <b>1,714,417.87</b>             |
| Add Investments                          | 23,287,635.91                   | 28,063,205.55                   |
| <b>Total Cash and Investments</b>        | <b>25,952,137.76</b>            | <b>29,777,623.42</b>            |
| <b>Represented by:-</b>                  |                                 |                                 |
| Trust Account - North                    | 179,961.02                      | 167,320.00                      |
| Trust Account - South                    | 26,586.76                       | 17,858.76                       |
| Water Fund - North                       | 1,238,440.33                    | 1,305,596.79                    |
| Water Fund - South                       | 762,412.91                      | 462,681.80                      |
| Sewer Fund - North                       | 1,895,390.52                    | 1,788,961.09                    |
| Sewer Fund - South                       | 1,800,363.50                    | 1,792,505.20                    |
| Domestic Waste Management - North        | 11,701.06                       | 11,701.06                       |
| Domestic Waste Management - South        | 73,804.00                       | 103,804.00                      |
| Unexpended Grant Funds                   | 1,203,555.55                    | 506,254.13                      |
| Plant Reserve - North                    | 512,030.48                      | 713,943.71                      |
| Plant Reserve - South                    | 522,686.00                      | 31,000.00                       |
| Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve-North | 450,000.00                      | 450,000.00                      |
| Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve-South | 920,000.00                      | 810,000.00                      |
| Infrastructure Reserve - North           | 3,516,721.20                    | 4,074,176.20                    |
| Infrastructure Reserve - South           | 791,758.00                      | 701,447.00                      |
| Residential Housing Reserve - North      | 0.00                            | 120,000.00                      |
| New Council Implementation Fund          | 730,756.59                      | 3,064,733.91                    |
| Stronger Communities Fund                | 8,366,339.02                    | 9,453,222.44                    |
| General Fund                             | <b>2,949,630.82</b>             | <b>4,202,417.33</b>             |

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS****30th June 2018**

| <b>Institution</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Matures</b> | <b>NO.</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| IMB Ltd            | 306,895.89    | 2.45%       | 05-Jul-18      | 38/18      |
| St George          | 527,288.18    | 2.45%       | 22-Aug-18      | 42/18      |
| IMB Ltd            | 300,000.00    | 2.70%       | 20-Sep-18      | 46/18      |
| SUNCORP            | 1,015,361.29  | 2.50%       | 09-Jul-18      | 39/18      |
| IMB Ltd            | 200,000.00    | 2.60%       | 30-Aug-18      | 43/18      |
| IMB Ltd            | 201,801.73    | 2.60%       | 12-Sep-18      | 45/18      |
| Bendigo            | 735,769.14    | 2.00%       | 18-Aug-18      | 40/18      |
| Bendigo            | 1,010,069.03  | 2.00%       | 22-Aug-18      | 41/18      |
| NAB                | 206,427.14    | 2.00%       | 02-Sep-18      | 44/18      |
| NAB                | 305,284.88    | 2.45%       | 23-Aug-18      | 47/18      |
| ANZ-Les Wallis     | 44,267.64     | 2.20%       | 28-Sep-18      | 48/18      |
| IMB Ltd            | 405,608.10    | 2.40%       | 5/07/18        | 20         |
| IMB Ltd            | 500,000.00    | 2.55%       | 15/08/18       | 21         |
| IMB Ltd            | 400,000.00    | 2.60%       | 10/09/18       | 24         |
| IMB Ltd            | 301,775.34    | 2.60%       | 07/08/18       | 25         |
| Bendigo            | 509,887.86    | 2.35%       | 09/07/18       | 26         |
| Bendigo            | 405,336.16    | 2.55%       | 05/09/18       | 28         |
| ANZ                | 552,698.01    | 2.30%       | 12/09/18       | 29         |
| Bendigo            | 500,000.00    | 2.00%       | 16/07/18       | 35         |
| IMB Ltd            | 500,000.00    | 2.65%       | 25/09/18       | 36         |
| Bendigo            | 3,816,853.70  | 2.00%       | 16/09/18       | 38         |
| ANZ                | 400,000.00    | 2.30%       | 03/07/18       | 39         |
| Bendigo            | 1,869,059.83  | 2.10%       | 16/07/18       | 40         |
| ANZ                | 614,974.45    | 2.30%       | 13/08/18       | 41         |
| Bendigo            | 2,040,045.61  | 2.10%       | 16/09/18       | 42         |
| IMB Ltd            | 305,513.98    | 2.60%       | 01/08/18       | 44         |
| Bendigo            | 5,312,717.95  | 2.00%       | 16/09/18       | 45         |

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Investments</b> | <b>23,287,635.91</b> |
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|------------------------|---------|-------|
| Average Interest Rates | 2015/16 | 2.76% |
|                        | 2016/17 | 2.34% |
| Average Interest Rates | 2017/18 | 2.35% |

**PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD**

|           |               |        |
|-----------|---------------|--------|
| SUNCORP   | 1,015,361.29  | 4.36%  |
| ANZ       | 1,611,940.10  | 6.92%  |
| Bendigo   | 16,199,739.28 | 69.56% |
| IMB Ltd   | 3,421,595.04  | 14.69% |
| NAB       | 511,712.02    | 2.20%  |
| St George | 527,288.18    | 2.26%  |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>23,287,635.91</b> | <b>100%</b> |
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**ITEM NO. 9 - PRIORITY PROJECTS REGISTER-JULY 2018 - UPDATE**  
**FILE: 03.13.08A / 05.17.04**  
**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER**

There has been little movement in the funding environment over the June/July 2018 period.

**Stronger Country Communities Round 2 Update**

Some underpinning work has been done on the projects submitted under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 2 (SCCFR2). All submitted projects have been supported by the Assessment Panel as eligible to go forward.

Work on SCCFR2 has included contact with external proponents to assist them with advance planning for their initiatives. Activity includes looking at alternative funding sources as a back-up should they be unsuccessful in Round 2 funding; and working on issues to make the project 'shovel ready' should they be successful eg Jerilderie Pre-School Kindergarten and Long Day Care land acquisition/Waddi Housing development of a strategic plan, including a building plan for a third stage project element refurbishing the current centre which is leveraged off the cultural garden element that has been the focus of SCCFR2.

Assistance has been given to Jerilderie Sports Club to submit under Club Grant Category 3 funding for an automatic watering system. This has been done as a back-up to not achieving a SCCFR2 grant, as a result of funding constraints due to the dollar value of our applications exceeding the available funds.

**Other Funding Update**

Work this month includes assistance to clients submitting applications under the Regional Tourism Product Development Program.

The Willows Heritage Near Me grant acquittal has been submitted.

All owners/managers of heritage listed properties have been advised of Heritage Green Energy Grants which are open for applications. Applicants must attend an Energy Management Services workshop conducted through Office of Environment and Heritage prior to application, and a business case must be presented.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information contained in the Priority Projects Report be noted.



**ITEM NO. 10 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION**

**FILE: 04.25**

**FROM: ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

Development Applications approved under delegation for the month of June 2018 are detailed below.


| DA No.      | Property Location   | Works Undertaken | Description         | Value        | Approval Date |
|-------------|---|------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| CDC19-17/18 | Lot 57 DP 750881<br>16705 Sturt Highway Darlington Point NSW 2706 | Construction     | Machinery Shed      | \$126,680.00 | 7/06/2018     |
| DA55-17/18  | Lot 2 Sec 8 DP 758340<br>19 Uri Street Darlington Point NSW 2706  | Construction     | Carport             | \$10,000.00  | 20/06/2018    |
| DA57-17/18  | Lot 1 DP 206531<br>146 Jerilderie Street Jerilderie NSW 2716      | Demolition       | Demolition of Motel | \$40,000.00  | 21/06/2018    |
| DA59-17/18  | Lot 2 DP 860991<br>2 Sleeman Street Jerilderie NSW 2716           | Construction     | Storage Additions   | \$20,000.00  | 14/06/2018    |

**RECOMMENDATION**

The information contained in the Applications Approved Under Delegation Report be noted.

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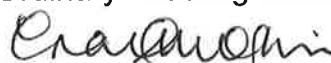
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**ITEM NO. 11 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 11/6/2018 to 13/7/2018**  
**FILE: 03.16.04**  
**FROM: ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

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| <p><b>Regional Roads</b></p> <p>RR552 – Conargo Road<br/> RR564 – Berrigan Road<br/> RR323 – Oaklands Road<br/> RR59 – Urana Road<br/> RR596 – Morundah Road<br/> RR356 – Berrigan/Oaklands Road<br/> RR183 – Whitton Road</p> | <p>Hand patching, guide post maintenance<br/> Bitumen patching<br/> Guide post maintenance, bitumen patching<br/> Guide post maintenance<br/> Guide post maintenance, bitumen patching<br/> Guide post maintenance, bitumen patching</p>   |
| <p><b>MR321 – Kidman Way</b></p>   | <p>Shoulder grading, guide post maintenance, tree clearing, rubbish collection.<br/> Delineators installed where heavy patching and resealing had been completed.</p>  |
| <p><b>H17 – Newell Highway</b></p>   | <p>Bitumen patching, rubbish collection.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Road Maintenance</b></p>   | <p><i>Grader Maintenance</i><br/> Jerry’s Lane, Graham Road, McDonald Road, Mercer Road, Four Corners Road, Hardy Road, Field Road, Boerema Road, Hunter Road, Green Swamp Road, Kyalla Lane, Old Corowa Road, Innes Bridge Road, Elliott Lane, Colombo Road, Rifle Range Road, Thurrowa Road, Preston Road, McLarty Road, Telephone Gate Road, South Boundary Road, Main Canal Road, Citrus Drive, Egan Road, Old Morundah Road</p> <p><i>Bitumen Patching</i><br/> Willawa Road, Elliott Lane, Mayrung Road, Old Urana Road</p> <p>Jerilderie, Darlington Point and Coleambally townships on as-required basis.</p> <p><i>Edge Patching</i><br/> Wilson Road</p> |

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| <p><b>MR321 – Kidman Way</b></p>   | <p>Shoulder grading, guide post maintenance, tree clearing, rubbish collection.<br/>         Delineators installed where heavy patching and resealing had been completed.</p>  |
| <p><b>H17 – Newell Highway</b></p>   | <p>Bitumen patching, rubbish collection.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Road Maintenance</b></p>   | <p><i>Grader Maintenance</i><br/>         Jerry’s Lane, Graham Road, McDonald Road, Mercer Road, Four Corners Road, Hardy Road, Field Road, Boerema Road, Hunter Road, Green Swamp Road, Kyalla Lane, Old Corowa Road, Innes Bridge Road, Elliott Lane, Colombo Road, Rifle Range Road, Thurrowa Road, Preston Road, McLarty Road, Telephone Gate Road, South Boundary Road, Main Canal Road, Citrus Drive, Egan Road, Old Morundah Road</p> <p><i>Bitumen Patching</i><br/>         Willawa Road, Elliott Lane, Mayrung Road, Old Urana Road</p> <p>Jerilderie, Darlington Point and Coleambally townships on as-required basis.</p> <p><i>Edge Patching</i><br/>         Wilson Road</p> |

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| <p><b>Roads to Recovery</b><br/><b>McDonald Road</b><br/><b>Eulo Road</b></p> | <p>Survey and design consultant engaged for both projects.<br/>Road base material delivery to the designated stockpiles commenced for McDonald Road.<br/>Eulo Road stockpiles assessed and prepared for the delivery of road base material.</p>   |
| <p><b>Town Streets</b></p>  | <p><i>Jerilderie</i><br/>Bitumen patching town streets.<br/>Kerb and gutter Mahonga Street, O'Neill Street, Coreen Street<br/>Bus shelters at Caltex petrol station concrete slabs completed. Structures being built by the Council workshop.<br/>Driveway Balmeringa Units construction commenced.<br/><i>Darlington Point</i><br/>Kerb, guttering and median strips cleaned with the Leeton Shire Council street cleaner.<br/><i>Coleambally</i><br/>Street trees all trimmed and tidied.<br/>Kerb, guttering and median strips cleaned with the Leeton Shire Council street cleaner.</p> |
| <p><b>Staff Training</b></p>  | <p>Traffic Control<br/>Chlorine gas bottle change over training completed</p>   |
| <p><b>Darlington Point Office</b></p>   | <p>The following documentation completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical engineer</li> <li>• Mechanical engineer</li> <li>• Hydraulic engineer</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Parks and Gardens</b></p>   | <p>All parks and gardens general maintenance, including mowing, tree trimming and leave collection.<br/>Jerilderie replacement of soil around Chinese Elm trees in the main street commenced.<br/>Umpire shelter at Monash Park construction commenced<br/>Jerilderie Lake exercising equipment installed.<br/>Coleambally Cemetery new plinth constructed.</p>   |

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| <b>Private Works</b>              | Grader and loader hire. Gravel and sand deliveries.  |
| <b>Water &amp; Sewerage</b>       | <p>Jerilderie, Darlington Point and Coleambally water supply and sewerage scheduled and preventative maintenance.</p> <p>North Jerilderie Sewerage nearing completion.</p> <p>Jerilderie Civic Hall sewerage main replacement completed.</p> <p>Sewerage mains replacement at Monash Park.</p> <p>Coleambally water mains flushing completed.</p> <p>Darlington Point water main link up works forward planning started.</p> |
| <b>Darlington Point Boat Ramp</b> | Tender meeting held on 11 July 2018.   |

## RECOMMENDATION

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

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## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

**ITEM NO. 12 - PURCHASE OF LAND**  
**FILE: 04.12 / 04.08**  
**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER**

### RECOMMENDATION

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

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**ITEM NO. 13 - DARLINGTON POINT CARAVAN PARK**  
**FILE: 04.13**  
**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER**

### RECOMMENDATION

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