



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

20 February 2024

Hillston District Office
139-145 High Street, Hillston



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Definitions

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Purpose:	Brief reason for report
Attachment:	Document appended to report
Information Item:	Document provided as background information (not part of report)
Separately Circulated:	Document provided as background information (separate document/booklet)

Council's Vision & Goals

Motto

Council's Motto is:

"Promoting our future through diversity"

Vision

Council's vision reflects what we are trying to achieve:

"Carrathool Shire Council's VISION is to have a connected and thriving community enjoying active and fulfilling lives while protecting and appreciating our environment and unique way of life."

The vision is the long term planning focus of Council.

Mission

Council's mission reflects what we will do to achieve the vision:

"Council's MISSION is to provide the community of Carrathool Shire with cost effective works, services and planning."

Council's mission is Council's medium term planning focus.

Values

We value:

- Honest, open, objective and accountable decision making;
- Our diverse communities;
- Responsiveness to community needs
- Open, fair and practical business relationships;
- Cost effective and commercially competitive service delivery, and
- Continuous improvement and best value in everything we do

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD
AT THE HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE
TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

Recording of Meeting

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Please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are turned off or are in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

1. Present

2. Apologies

3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflicts of Interest

Section 451 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that if a Councillor or member of a Council or committee has a pecuniary interest in any matter before the Council or committee, he/she must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable and must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting, when the matter is being discussed, considered or voted on.

A pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss (see sections 442 and 443 of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

A non-pecuniary interest can arise as a result of a private or personal interest which does not involve a financial gain or loss to the Councillor or staff member (eg friendship, membership of an association, or involvement or interest in an activity). A Councillor or staff member may elect to leave the Council Chambers during consideration of the matter.

4. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting 19 December 2023

5. Business Arising

6. Motions & Questions (notice given)

6.1 Notice of Motion – Concerning Fines Issued from State Debt Recovery

LE:INF:BLD

Author: Cr Heather Lyall

Purpose: To advise Council of the Notice of Motion received from Cr Heather Lyall

Background

A Notice of Motion was received from Cr Heather Lyall regarding fines issued from the State Debt Recovery

General Managers note:

Due to the subject of the notice it is recommended to discuss the Notice of Motion in Closed Council.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

For Council to discuss the Notice of Motion from Cr Heather Lyall as item 12.1 in Closed Council.

7. Presentations/Public Addresses (where scheduled)

Parts of the Meeting that can be Closed to the Public

Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that a Council, or a Committee of the Council of which all the members are Councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:

- a) The discussion of any of the matters listed below, or
- b) The receipt or discussion of any information so listed

Matters & Information

- (a) *Personnel Matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).*
- (b) *Personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.*
- (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, or*
 - (ii) *Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or*
 - (iii) *Reveal a trade secret.*
- (e) *Information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.*
- (f) *Matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council Staff or Council property.*
- (g) *Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.*
- (h) *Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of aboriginal significance on community land.*
- (i) *Alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.*

A Council or Committee of the Council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

A meeting is not to remain closed during the discussion of anything referred to in the above list except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret - unless the Council or Committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The grounds on which part of the meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The grounds must specify the relevant provision of Section 10A(2), the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting, and the reasons why part of the meeting is being closed.

8. Mayoral Report

8.1 Mayors Report

GOV:MCCC:MRPC

Author: Mayor Darryl Jardine

Purpose: To inform Council of the Mayor's activity since the meeting held 19 December 2023.

Background

Welcome back Councillors – I hope this year is a prosperous and happy one and that all had a good break over the Christmas period.

The highlight since our last meeting was certainly Australia Day and the successful event conducted at the Lions Park at Hillston. The event went smoothly on the day thank you to the staff involved as there is considerable planning put into this type of activity.

Thanks also to our Ambassador Ms Debbie Watson for her attendance on the day. Debbie was well received by the community and appeared at home on the day. Her speech was interesting and engaging for all in attendance.

Also, thanks to the Lions Club for their efforts on the day.

To all who were nominated for the various award categories it is an honour to be recognised by the community for your contribution over the past year.

Congratulations to the winners of each category below:

Citizen of the year	Jamie Parsons
Sportsperson of the year	Lachlan Keefe
Junior Sportsperson (12-18)	Jessie MacDonald
Junior Sportsperson (5-12)	Hamish Luelf
Community Event of the year	Rankins Springs Centenary
Community Group of the year	Hillston Swans Football and Netball Club

Finally thank you to the Councillors for your attendance on the day and for attending the dinner the night before with our Australia Day Ambassador.

Australia Day celebrations were held in conjunction with the Hillston Pool Party, and Gowi Groove on the Grass. Goolgowi also hosted a Pool Party on Sunday 28 January 2024. All these events were free for the community which were well attended.

Each year the Rankins Springs branch of the Isolated Children's Parents Association (ICPA) provides a tertiary bursary of \$500 to a student enrolled to study at University, TAFE or Agricultural College.

This year the bursary has been awarded to Hugh Argent-Smith who has gained employment as a mechanical fitter apprentice in Newcastle.

Congratulations to Hugh and best wishes for your future career.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Mayors report to the February 2024 meeting.

9. Delegates Report**10. General Managers Report****10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers**

GOV:MCCC:CR

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To update Council on ongoing action from previous Business Papers

Background**1045/20.08.19 – Hillston Common****Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council renegotiate with the Department of Industry regarding the water licence of 972ML currently held by the Hillston Common Trust, being transferred to Council should it resolve to become the land manager of the land under the <i>Crown Lands Act 2016</i> .	<p>Advised by Minister for Lands, water licence will not be transferred. (August 2023).</p> <p>Local Member seeking assistance from Minister, has had some discussion further information to be provided to minister.</p>

0483/ 18.04.23 – Electric Vehicle Destination Feasibility Assessment**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. request Council staff provide a further report and submission on the installation of EV charging stations at Goolgowi and Hillston when funding opportunities are available.	Report being prepared for the March meeting.

0508/ 16.05.23 – Umbrella Creek Bridge (Motions & Questions)**Responsible Officer: DIS**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Council increase the width of the culvert bridge over the Umbrella Creek on the Mossgiel Road by two culvert widths being approximately 2.5 metres.	Design to be brought back to Council
2. Council staff bring a costing back to the June Council meeting giving the approximate cost expected in undertaking the work, and	Report February 2024.

0619/ 15.08.23 – Creation of Shovel Ready Project List**Responsible Officer: CDO**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council determined that all projects listed in the report be developed, costed and scoped for an inclusion in a "Shovel Ready" List.	<p>Work in progress.</p> <p>Project costing being developed.</p>

0712/ 21.11.23 – Local Unsealed Road Pavement Stabilisation Trial**Responsible Officer: DIS**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Note the report on the stabilisation trial and a further report be presented to Council after further monitoring has occurred.	Pending.

That Council note the update on action report for December 2023.

10.2 **Precis of Correspondence**

GOV:MCCC:MRPC

Author: General Manager

Purpose: Matters for consideration by Council.

Information Items: 10.2.2 – Hillston Golf Club
 10.2.3 – Hillston Volleyball Association
 10.2.4 – Hillston Creative Arts Council Inc.

10.2.1 **Office of Local Government – Obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2018**

Informing Council of obligations under the Modern Slavery Act.

Councils are required to:

- take reasonable steps to ensure goods and services procured are not the product of modern slavery and to report these steps.
- Commencing 2022/23 Council are required to publish in the annual report
 - i. a statement of action taken by a Council in relation to any issue raised by the NSW Anti-Slavery Commissioner during the year concerning the operations of Council.
 - ii. a statement of steps taken to ensure that goods and services procured by and for the Council during the year are not the product of modern slavery.

Although the Guidance on Reasonable Steps to take to identify suspected issues is not yet available Councils are expected to report in accordance with it.

From 1 January 2024 Councils are required to report this information in the annual report and report it online in the Guidance on Reasonable Steps Form.

Councils will also be required to report to the Anti-slavery Commissioner within 45 days and “heightened” modern slavery due diligence procurement process with a value over \$150,000.

Recommendation:

That Council note the obligations placed on it by NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner.

10.2.2 **Hillston Golf Club – request for donation**

The club is informing Council they are holding a Business House Golf Day event on 23 March 2024 and seeking support from the Council towards prizes which could be cash, goods or vouchers.

Further stating the event is a major fundraiser for the year and all sponsors will be acknowledged.

Recommendation:

For Council determination.

10.2.3 **Hillston Volleyball Association – Waive Hall Fees**

Requesting Council waive hall hire charges for the next season 2024/25.

At the October 2023 meeting Council considered a request from the Hillston Volleyball Association to waive fees for the 2023/24 season. Council resolved “to waive the hall fees for the Hillston Volleyball Association for the first season subject to a further review upon request.

The amount that would be charged for use of the hall for two hours would amount to \$50 per night.

The current season finishes on 31 March 2024 and the club are requesting a continuation of the fees being waived for the next season.

Recommendation:

For Council determination.

10.2.4 Hillston Creative Arts Council Inc. – Requesting Sponsorship

Requesting sponsorship of \$500 or a reduction in hall hire for their “River Country” art exhibition to be held from Friday 12 April and Saturday 13 April 2024.

The exhibition is open to Wiradjuri artists residing in the Riverina.

Further stating this is a first for the HCAC and if successful should pave the way for future events of this nature.

GM Note: Hire of the hall only for two days is \$340 – any hire of the kitchen facilities would incur another \$60 per day.

Recommendation:

For Council determination.

10.3 Local Government Conference 2024

GR:LRL:LGNSW

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the dates of the 2024 Local Government Conference.

Background

The 2024 Local Government Conference is to be held Sunday 17 November 2024 to Tuesday 19 November 2024 at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

Issues

Although there is no indicative agenda available at present the conference generally commences on Sunday afternoon with some conference sessions and in the evening the president's welcome function. Monday is generally given over to debate on motions and Tuesday could be described as a fill in day with various speakers providing information sessions. Past practise has been to travel to the venue on the Sunday and return home on the Tuesday. Travel time by car would be around 8 hours.

Financial Implications

Past registration expenses indicate delegate expenses will be \$1,000, accommodation and meals \$400 per person and travel expenses by vehicle around \$400.

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership & Governance

Recommendation:

That:

- 1. Council note the Local Government Conference is to be held at Tamworth from 17 November to 19 November 2024.**
- 2. Councillors give an indication if they wish to attend.**

10.4 Election of Deputy Mayor

GOV:ELE:MDM

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To provide for the election of deputy mayor.

Separately Circulated: Nomination form for deputy mayor.

Background

Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states the Council may elect a deputy mayor to exercise the functions of the mayor in their absence. Council elected a deputy mayor in January in January 2022 for a two year term.

Issues

There is no requirement for the election of a deputy mayor to be carried out in any specified manner however Council has in the past used the same process as for the mayor. ie: open ballot, (show of hands) ordinary ballot (secret) or preferential ballot (secret).

There is a requirement for nominations by two or more Councillors and the nominee should indicate consent to the nomination all of which is required in writing. Nominations are accepted until the commencement of election. The term of the election is until the eve of the next general election in September 2024.

In accordance with schedule 7 the General Manager is nominated the returning officer.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council determine the method of electing the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the regulation by either;

- 1. Open voting.**
- 2. Ordinary Ballot.**
- 3. Preferential Ballot.**

10.5 Caravan Parks - Operations

CP:MAINT:CP

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To update Council as to the operations of the caravan parks to 31 December 2023.

Background

Council operates caravan parks at Hillston, Goolgowi and Rankins Springs. The amenities at all locations are satisfactory with only ongoing maintenance required.

The following table details operational revenue and expenditure for the facilities, depreciation has been excluded.

Goolgowi

INCOME	2021/22	2022/23	31/12/23
Fees & Charges	\$29,675	\$39,407	\$19,312
EXPENDITURE			
Rates/Charges/Insurance	\$5,117	\$7,136	\$4,290
Electricity	\$4,933	\$6,054	\$3,997
Maint. & Repairs	\$26,508	\$30,773	\$13,018
	\$36,588	\$43,963	\$21,305
(DEFICIT)	(\$6,883)	(\$4,556)	(\$1,993)

Rankins Springs

INCOME	2021/22	2022/23	31/12/23
Fees & Charges	\$14,335	\$16,274	\$10,342
EXPENDITURE			
Rates/Charges/Insurance	\$2,918	\$3,358	\$2,667
Electricity	\$2,816	\$3,076	\$2,710
Maint. & Repairs	\$51,796	\$58,954	\$33,320
	\$57,530	\$65,388	\$38,697
(DEFICIT)	(\$45,754)	(\$49,114)	(\$28,355)

Hillston Caravan Park

Contains 30 powered grass sites, and 24 Cabins.

There is a constant demand for cabin accommodation with very high occupancy rates, the facility is unable to accommodate demand.

INCOME	2021/22	2022/23	31/12/23
Cabin Rent	\$392,472	\$395,414	\$166,967
Site Rent	\$130,643	\$123,901	\$67,620
Sundry Income	\$11,478	\$41,626	\$6,605
	\$534,593	\$560,941	\$241,192
EXPENDITURE			
Wages	\$141,847	\$170,531	\$100,394
Rates/Charges/Insurance	\$24,014	\$24,385	\$21,666
Electricity	\$36,793	\$40,554	\$20,312
Maintenance & Repairs	\$80,492	\$57,560	\$22,610
	\$283,146	\$293,030	\$164,982
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$206,704	\$267,911	\$76,210

Capital Updates – Hillston:

Two bedroom cabin – scheduled for delivery February/March 2024.

Drainage Works – contractor has indicated it will commence March 2024.

New Cabin – prices requested from suppliers to enable orders to be placed.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 4 – Reliable and Relevant Services.

Recommendation:

That Council note the update to the Council operated caravan parks to 31 December 2023.

10.6 Application for Road Closure – EventRDS:LR:JDN
RDS:LR:MCL

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To advise Council of an application to close a number of roads with the Shire

Attachment: Proposal with roads to be closed

Background

Carrathool Shire staff have recently received an application from Greg Peterson of Grassroots Enduro Australia to close a number of roads on the eastern side of Hillston.

There is currently an active Development Application for two off road races each year that are held on Mitchells property, Hillston. A new Development Application would be required for this particular event to happen.

Issues

The applicant has requested the following road closures from 19 July to 21 July 2024;

1. Closure of Jardines Road from the intersection of the Springs Road Hillston to where it meets Mitchells Road, this is approximately 30 kms.
2. Closure of the Springs Road from the intersection of Collins Street to Jardines Road.
3. Closure of Mitchells Road Hillston from where it meets Jardines Road

It is considered the closure of these roads will be problematic and cause unacceptable disruption to traffic.

The closure of the Springs Road would effectively close Cowper Street resulting in no access for heavy vehicles unless they can navigate High Street and use the Smith Road bypass back to the Kidman Way south. It is unlikely combination vehicles can get around the roundabout at the Hillston Hall.

Any closure of the Springs Road also prevents reasonable access to Hillston from Rankins Springs and any road along that length.

While the benefits of such an event may be appealing to the town for economic reasons it is considered that the current proposal is too onerous on traffic movements over a three day period.

Council has also been asked to provide traffic control which would be an overtime rate for most of the weekend.

Financial implications

Nil at present.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. note the request from Grassroots Enduro Australia for the closure of roads from 19 July to 21 July 2024.**
- 2. inform the applicant that Council is unable to agree to the proposal at present regarding the closure of the Springs Road and Jardines Road due to the impost it would place on traffic movements.**
- 3. request the proponent to discuss with the General Manager alternate proposals that may be acceptable to Council that do not involve such a degree of restriction on traffic movement.**

ATTACHMENT



**Proposed Off-Road Race Event
Hillston NSW**

July 18-21 2024

To all concerned,

Grassroots Enduro Australia has begun planning an off-road motorcycle race which will start & finish in the town of Hillston NSW.

Grassroots Enduro Australia (GEA) is the promotor & organizer of the Australia Hard Enduro Championship, we have previously held several race events in Hillston on the Mitchells property, 30kms from town.

GEA are affiliated with Motorcycling Australia, the recognized governing body of motorcycling, with this affiliation we carry the necessary Public Liability insurance, in excess of the required \$20mil.

Aside from racing events, we also promote and run recreational motorcycle events across Australia.

The proposed event to be held this coming July will be a high speed event and is expected to attract competitors from all states of Australia, based on our experience we estimate a minimum of 350 competitors, plus their pit crew, support crew our staff & volunteers we should expect approximately 2000 people to attend.

In regard to spectators, we are yet to establish exactly the track route, once this is established we can decide if the event will be spectator safe and friendly.

We need to take into account where spectator points can be established and accessed, safety is paramount for spectators.

If we can safely accommodate spectators the total number of visitors to Hillston during the event would grow considerably, numbers would be monitored via a registration process.

Location & Community

We strongly believe the community in which we operate should benefit from the events we run.

Our plan is to have the competitors & race teams located at the showground for the term of the event. Catering and other services such as portable toilets, large marquees etc would be sourced from local businesses wherever possible. We would request permission from council to allow for the responsible service of alcohol at the showground, we have established a good relationship with The Hillston Club House Hotel and would approach them if permission was granted to serve.

The Track

Racing would start on The Spring Rd out the front of the showground and continue onto Jardines rd until it entered the property of Jager Farming Pty Ltd, the track would cover the Jager property and extend in the Mitchells property which joins the Jager property.

I have spoken with both property owners, they are excited to be a part of the event.

Drop pin for reference:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gcLzW2TiHv22tzMJA>

The track would need to cross Mitchells road to allow access to the northern section of the Mitchells property.

The track length is yet to be establish.

The competitors would return back the showground via Jardines rd.

All of the tracks would be marked with large bright orange arrows, the arrows and any other markings would be removed post event.

Options for traffic management

Would council be able to supply supply/erect/remove barricades & signs as well as conduct traffic management if required?

Should council be able to assist we could promote their contribution & assistance via our social media pages of which we manage.

Safety

Motorcycle racing is a dangerous activity, all who enter a race are aware of this.

As the promoter, safety is at the forefront of our minds.

Track design, track markings such as bunting, arrows & caution signs are critical to helping to ensure a safe track.

As part of our usual process we notify the local area health service of our activities, to help ensure they have enough doctors and paramedic staff rostered on.

We also engage the services of commercial medics to attend the events.



If this event appeals to the Carrathool Shire, would the council be interesting in supporting its application?

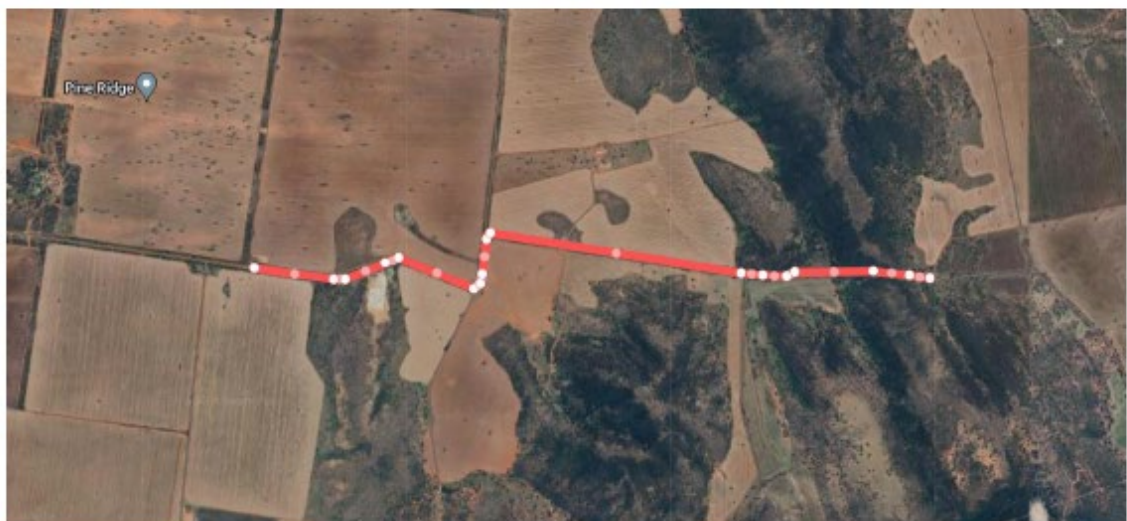
Kind regards,

Greg Peterson

info@grassrootsenduro.com.au

0414 864 793

Australian Desert Rally



10.7 IPART Investigation and Review of Financial Modelling of Councils

GR:SL:SG

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the issue of the draft terms of reference for the above review.

Background

The NSW government has asked IPART to investigate and report on the financial model for Councils in NSW, with the final report to be delivered within 12 months of receiving the final terms of reference.

Issues

To date the following issues have been proposed for review:

1. The visibility of Councillors and the community over the financial and operational performance of their Councils.
2. Whether the current budget and financial processes used by Councils are delivering value for money for ratepayers and residents.
3. Whether the current funding model will sustainably support the needs of communities.
4. Whether Councils (both Councillors and staff) have the financial capacity and capability to meet current and future needs of communities.
5. How can better planning and reporting systems improve long term budget performance, transparency and accountability to the community?
6. Any other matters IPART considers relevant.

The review was recommended by IPART last year as part of the rate peg methodology.

Submissions on the draft terms of reference will be accepted until 15 March 2024.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

External to Council IP & R.

Recommendation:

That Council note the draft terms of reference for the review of the financial modelling of Councils; and

provide any feedback to the General Manager by close of business Monday 11 March 2024 to enable any submission to be made on time.

10.8 Water Trading – Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers

WS:SP:WSD

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To provide Council with information regarding water trading opportunities on both the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee River.

Background

At the December 2023 meeting Council considered a report regarding the purchase of additional water on the open market to top up Councils supply of water for use within the community. At the meeting it also asked for information regarding the temporary trading of any water so purchased.

Issues

The following information was obtained from a Water Broker. The prices for temporary water trading appear to be the same for General Security and High Security Water.

While prices vary depending upon prevailing climatic conditions the following prices provide an indication of returns on the temporary market.

Temporary Trading

- Lower Lachlan Water - \$100 /ML
- Murrumbidgee River Water – \$60 /ML (current Jan 2024) was selling at \$200 /ML prior to January rains.

These prices have been monitored against current market offerings.

Broker charges vary but are around \$300 per trade and 3% of the sale value.

With permanent water purchases at around \$4,500 ML for fore the Lachlan and around \$8,800 ML for the Murrumbidgee a temporary sale would give a return at present of around 2% – naturally this will vary depending upon market conditions which will impact demand/price.

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)

N/A

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

N/A

Community Strategic Plan

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the current prices regarding temporary water trading along the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

10.9 Local Road Community Infrastructure Round 4

GS:PGM:LRCI4

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To provide Council with another project to submit under the Local Road Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program to replace the program not approved by the department.

Background

Council will recall at the September 2023 meeting it proposed to include \$250,000 of this funding for works at the Hillston Subdivision. This was unfortunately not approved by the funding body. Council indicated at a later meeting it would consider alternate projects within water and sewer for submission under this program.

Issues

Council's Manager of Water and Sewer has proposed two projects for work at Hillston that he believes will be necessary in the near future;

1. Construction of Pressure Sewer Mains along Gordon Lane and along the back of Collins Street. A total of 675 metres of 63mm Pipework.

Currently there are properties along the proposed route that fall within the pressure sewer boundary and are operating on a septic system. Requests have been made for connection to the sewer however no mains are in place.

2. Water Main Replacement – along Molesworth Street to the end of the depot, a distance of 430 metres of PVC to be replaced by poly pipe. Estimated cost \$180,000.

This length of pipe is in the roadway and subject to numerous line breaks over the past 12 months. It is proposed to replace the main and relocate it to the nature strip where the impact of heavy vehicles is reduced.

Financial Implications

The above works will need to be addressed in the near future. Hillston Water Supply currently has a balance of \$1,140,000 and Hillston Sewer Service has a balance of \$1,196,000.

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 4 – Reliable and Relevant Services

Recommendation:

That Council nominate the following projects to the funding body for approval under the Local Road Community Infrastructure program Round 4:

1. Hillston sewer pressure mains project \$70,000.
2. Hillston Water Mains replacement \$180,000.

10.10 Closure of Council Offices for Union Picnic Day

PER:IR:UM

Author: HR/WHS & Risk Coordinator

Purpose: To advise the date for Union Picnic Day

Background

The *Local Government (State) Award 2023*, which currently covers employees of Council, provides for the granting of a Union Picnic Day (for Union members) on a day which is agreed between the Council and the Union.

Council's picnic day has traditionally been taken on the Tuesday following Easter, which will be Tuesday 2 April, this year.

The United Services Union (USU) has requested that Council's current financial Union members be granted the picnic day on Tuesday, 2 April 2024.

It has also been past practice to grant the picnic day to all permanent employees of the Council and it is requested that Council continue this practice.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council agree that the Union Picnic Day be held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 and that in keeping with past practice, Council approve special leave for that day to all permanent employees.

Due to Picnic Day the Council offices, library and depots will be closed. The normal advertisements will be circulated to advise the community of the closures.

Issues

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government (State) Award 2023 requirement

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council note that the Union Picnic Day will be held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 and that in keeping with past practice, Council approve special leave for that day to all permanent employees.

10.11 Infrastructure Report

RD:IR

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To Summarise Infrastructure Services Activities for December 2023 & January 2024

Attachment: Register of Roads Maintenance, Photos

Background**Reporting Period 25 November 2023 to 19 January 2024**

The Infrastructure Report is provided for Council's information.

Maintenance Reporting**Local Roads**

A summary of the capital works and maintenance activities on Council Local Roads is listed below:

Temporary Pavement Repair (m ²)		Servicing Signs (ea)		Maintenance Grading (cl kms)	
Bringagee Road	30	Blackstump Road	2	Crows Nest Road	5
Carrathool Road	50	Burchers Road	1	Grieves Road	6
Mount Grace Road	2880	Carrathool Road	10	Melbergen Road	10.2
Murrumbidgee River Road	151	Merungle Road	12	Parslows Road	2.5
Roto Road	20	Muirheads Road	1	The Bluff Road	4.4
Moore Street	300	Pinteebakana Road	1	Whealbah Road	18.8
TOTAL	3431	TOTAL	27	TOTAL	46.9
Mowing/Slashing/Spraying (hect)		Replace Signs (ea)		Gravel Resheeting (m ²)	
Bradys Road	2	Crows Nest Road	1	Merungi Road	8300
Cahills Road	13	Merungi Road	6	TOTAL	8300
Carrathool Road	10	Cowper Street	3	Stock Grid Maintenance (ea)	
TOTAL	25	Lachlan Street	1	Mount Grace Road	8
Culverts and Pits Maintenance (job)		TOTAL	11	TOTAL	8
Carrathool Road	1	Guide Posts (ea)		Drainage Repairs (ea)	
TOTAL	1	Cahills Road	37	The Bluff Road	1
Surface Drains and Floodway (m)		Ilkadoon Road	32	Whealbah Road	1
Whealbah Road	20000	Melbergen Road	54	TOTAL	2
TOTAL	20000	Merungle Road	5	Pothole Repair (ea)	
Maintain Unsealed Shoulders (shldr kms)		TOTAL	128	Bringagee Road	6
Euratha Road	7			TOTAL	6
Grieves Road	5.7				
TOTAL	12.7				

Regional Roads

A summary of the capital works and maintenance activities on Council Regional Roads is listed below.

Description	244R Tabbita Lane	321R Rankins Springs Rd	368R The Springs Rd	501R Lachlan Valley Way	80R Mossgiel Rd	371R Lake Cargelligo Rd
Pothole (each)				9		
Temporary Pavement Repair (m ²)	2233	20	10	70		
Vegetation Control (ea)	1					
Mowing/Slashing/Spraying (hect)				16		
Litter and Amenity Maintenance (job)				7		
Servicing Signs (ea)					1	
Replace Signs (ea)		1				

Gravel Resheeting (m ²)			2000			
Weed Control by Chemical (litres)				3000		

Urban Maintenance

Parks and Garden Maintenance ongoing as required and as permitted due to wet weather. Aerodrome Inspections have been completed.

The following table represents the total man hours spent on each of the listed activities in each town.

Description	Activity	Carrathool	Goolgowi	Hillston	Merriwagga	Rankins Springs	Total Hours per Activity
Patching	1110/ 1150			2			2
Footbridge Maintenance	1200						0
Drainage & S/Water	1510						0
Sign Maintenance	1610			11.50		8.50	20
Sign Replacement	1620			9.50			9.50
Resealing	4000						0
Mowing	5100	21.50	218	165	40.50	180	625
Slashing	5200	31.75	15.50	141.50	13.50	53	255.25
Spraying	5300		3	94.50	9	19	125.50
Tree Maintenance	5400	8.50	49	83.50	2	13.50	156.50
Tree Removal	5410	1		10.50			11.50
Watering	5500	10	7.50	94		11	122.50
Weeding	5600		10	112.50		51.50	174
Mowing – Stan Peters Oval	5710			39.50			39.50
Slashing – Stan Peters Oval	5720						0
Spraying – Stan Peters Oval	5730			9.50			9.50
Watering – Stan Peters Oval	5740			38			38
Weeding – Stan Peters Oval	5750			27			27
Playground Equipment	5800						0
Litter Collection	6100	3	11	37	3	47	101
Street Sweeper	6200		17.50	60			77.50
Hand Broom Gutters	6300		9.50	9.50			19
Toilets	6400	1	9	46	0.50	1.50	58
Footpath Maintenance	7100		16	6.50			22.50
Clear Culverts	7100	4	38.50	34			76.50
Street Maintenance	7200		12.50	38.50		15	66
Miscellaneous Items	7500					3	3
Playground Inspection	7510						0
Office	7520						0
Town Improvements	7530						0
Graffiti Removal	7540						0
Park Furniture/Fences	7540			22		21.50	43.50
Total Hours per Town		80.75	417	1092	68.50	424.50	2082.75
Town % of Total Hours		3.88%	20.02%	52.43%	3.29%	20.38%	

Sewer Maintenance

Description	Mainline Choke	Service line Choke	Pump Station Fault	Pressure Sewer Fault	STW – Screen Unit Fault
Hillston					
Goolgowi			1		
Rankins Springs Sullage					
Totals			1		

Water Maintenance

Description	Mainline Breaks	Service line Breaks	Water Meter/Tap Leaking	Pump Station Faults	Telemetry Faults	Replaced Meter	New Connection
Hillston	3	5	5				
Langtree (Langtree Bore/Merriwagga/Goolgowi)	3			9	3		
Yoolaroi/Goolgowi Rural (Palmyra to Y4 & Y5/Y6)	1		1	6	1		
Bunda/Goorawin		1					
Carrathool			1				
Merriwagga Village							
Goolgowi Village Raw		1					
Goolgowi Village Potable						2	
Rankins Springs Potable	1		2		1		
Rankins Springs Raw Town							
Rankins Springs Rural				6			
Melbergen	1						
Total	9	7	9	21	5	2	

Project Updates:**Flood Recovery:**

TfNSW staff are still progressing the flood submissions made by Council. The final claim (\$9,218,667) has had partial approvals up to the value of \$1,108,486. Several projects totalling \$401,625 have been denied, with the remainder still being assessed.

Carrathool Road (Fixing Local Roads Round 3):

All works have now been completed under this project. Other funded works still have to be undertaken include linemarking, signage replacement and guidepost installation.

Hillston River Bank Stabilisation:

Riverbank works are now complete with only tidy up works at the Council Office carpark to be undertaken.

Mt Grace Road:

All works have now been completed.

Camerons Road:

Road formation, drainage and application of Polytahr began at the Tabbita Lane intersection and continued to the gravelled section near the end of Camerons Road with a distance of 13.1km. The stabilisation application should assist in maintaining the shape of the road and followed by a gravel application. The road pavement should benefit from less potholes occurring due to rain events. Recent rain events on the stabilised section of roadworks have given cause for some optimism that the road pavement will maintain its formation and integrity in the medium term. The roadworks has been paused whilst Council's and Contractor's haulage trucks are engaged on other roadwork projects. Works are expected to be completed by the end of March 2024.

Umbrella Creek Widening:

- The detailed structural design for the culvert widening has now been completed.
- The concrete culverts have been constructed and awaiting delivery.
- Request for quotes have been sent out for the concrete works.
- It is expected that contractors will now be engaged by the end of February.
- Physical works to commence during March/April 2024.
- Sealing and guardrail works will be undertaken during May and June.

This allows for all works to be completed before the end of financial year as per Block Grant funding requirements.

IWCM strategy:

Council received draft Triple bottom line themes and criteria to consider. Draft performance target derived from Council's goals and objectives from Community Strategic Plan (CSP) to reflect Council's priority.

Telemetry Replacement:

Work recommenced and a technician from Aquamonix is out in the field undertaking installation of new radios and programming.

Additional water storage tanks at Hillston Aerodrome (Bore-4):

No major works have been undertaken for this month.

Hillston-Sewer Main Relining Work:

This work is now completed with 963 meters of sewer mains cleaned and inspected with, 231 meters of sewer mains relined.

Hillston Sub-Division Works (Water):

Water services to individual blocks is now completed, see attachment.

Rankins Springs WTP and Cruickshank's Generator:

Cruickshank pump site generator work is now completed. Electrical work to connect generators to the main junction box at Rankins Springs Depot is underway.

Hillston Water Mains Construction:

The Geo-tech investigation requested by UGL prior to Council taking under boring work. Aitken Rowe are engaged to drill boreholes and prepare soil testing report for UGL to consider.

Bunda Water Mains Replacement and Vegetation Clearing:

This project was approved under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4. Quotation work is underway.

Rankins Springs Urban Water Mains Replacement:

Work commenced to replace 130 meters of 100mm and 50 meters of 150mm old A.C (Asbestos Cement) pipes at Rankins Springs Village. This section supplies water to majority of gardens on the main street, community hall, caravan park and public toilets and is prone to leaks. See attachment.

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)
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Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 2 – Accessible and Connected

Recommendation:

That Council note the Infrastructure Report for the period 25 November 2023 to 19 January 2024.
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ATTACHMENT

Register of Local Road Maintenance

Road Hierarchy Number	Road Name	Road No.	Date Last Maintenance Grading Carried Out	Quantity (cl km)	Total Length of Road
2	Alexanders Road	102	21/08/2023	3.00	3.08
6	Altys Road	103	27/06/2023	4.50	4.46
6	Andersons Lane	105	31/10/2023	3.00	12.46
6	Andersons Road	104	8/09/2020	1.50	6.32
7	Arcadia Lane	106	16/10/2023	15.43	15.43
6	Audrey Lea Road	107	22/08/2019	22.60	30.79
6	Avondale Road	108	4/08/2023	31.00	31.56
2	Back Hillston Road	109	29/05/2023	71.80	71.14
4	Bakers Road	110	3/01/2023	4.40	4.46
	Bales Avenue	101	23/10/2019	4.00	1.54
2	Bandys Road	204	17/07/2023	2.00	2.22
6	Barrys Road	112	31/08/2023	3.00	4.83
4	Barrys Scenic Drive	113	23/11/2023	4.80	8.05
7	Belaley Road	114	22/07/2023	4.00	7.55
7	Berangerine Road	115	25/01/2023	2.80	8.39
4	Billings Road	116	3/04/2023	16.00	9.85
3	Black Stump Road	118	19/10/2021	35.00	15.60
6	Blackgate Road	117	10/11/2023	6.50	7.92
3	Booligal Road	119	1/09/2023	3.00	36.43
4	Boorga Road	120	26/07/2023	6.00	15.39
7	Bretags Road	122	4/04/2023	4.00	15.04
7	Brewer Road	123	4/09/2023	1.20	5.81
6	Bunda North Road	125	17/06/2023	4.50	6.60
2	Bunda Road	126	24/08/2023	14.40	13.04
6	Burchers Road	127	7/11/2023	7.00	7.69
7	Burgess Lane	128	22/07/2020	3.00	2.71
3	Cameron Road	130	18/04/2023	12.00	15.51
7	Campbell Lane	240	2/09/2021	0.80	7.08
6	Cannards Road	133	21/09/2023	18.00	20.39
6	Carnells Road	132	29/08/2023	17.00	7.32
7	Carrego Lane	135	22/07/2019	9.00	8.20
	Chedburgh Road	136	19/12/2022	1.00	1.08
6	Clare Road	111	1/08/2023	25.00	7.49
7	Coates Lane	137	29/09/2020	1.40	1.85
6	Coombie Road	138	28/09/2023	56.00	40.26
2	Crows Nest Road	139	6/12/2023	5.00	17.60
5	Darts Road	140	12/08/2023	8.90	5.56
6	Dirrung Road	141	18/05/2023	7.20	7.79
6	Dumossa Road	142	23/10/2023	2.00	18.62
6	Eight Mile Tank Road	143	12/01/2023	14.50	5.74
6	Euratha Road	146	10/08/2023	10.00	9.66
7	Five Oaks Road	147	22/08/2022	12.50	12.29
6	Flanagans Lane	148	12/10/2023	8.20	5.18
2	Foys Road	149	15/07/2023	3.00	3.24
7	Gandys Road	150	24/10/2023	1.46	1.46
2	Garrong Road	151	31/10/2022	3.00	7.87
7	Girdlers Road	153	13/12/2022	3.00	7.08
6	Goorawin East Road	154	9/09/2023	10.40	12.75
6	Goorawin Road	155	8/08/2023	11.10	10.22
5	Greenhills Road	156	13/10/2023	11.60	18.66
6	Grieves Road	157	6/12/2023	6.00	5.67
2	Gullifers Road	158	19/10/2023	4.00	23.99
7	Gunbar Road	159	11/08/2023	18.00	34.62

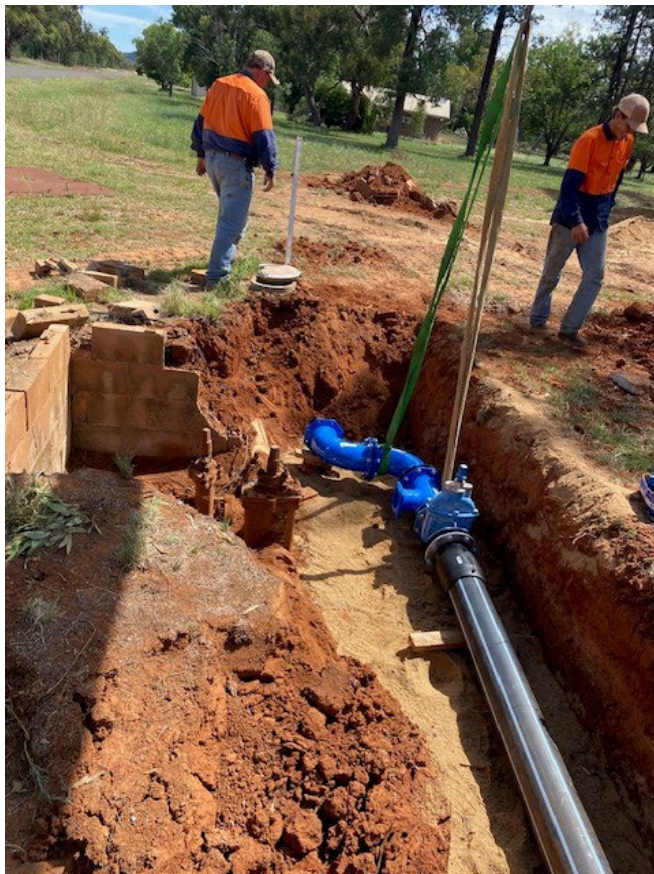
7	Halcyon Park Road	160	9/03/2022	3.00	3.28
6	Heaths Road	161	28/09/2023	0.30	6.14
5	Higgins Lane	162	22/08/2023	10.50	8.02
6	Hillmans Lane	163	9/05/2023	15.40	5.23
6	Holdens Road	164	19/06/2023	9.00	9.51
6	Huxleys Road	165	28/04/2023	17.00	8.55
2	Ilkadoon Road	166	30/10/2022	5.50	11.66
6	Jardines Road	167	2/08/2023	12.00	24.08
6	Jennings Road	168	25/05/2023	10.60	8.33
6	Johnstons Road	169	4/01/2023	4.00	11.30
5	Jones Road	170	28/07/2023	10.00	12.99
6	Killara Road	171	5/09/2023	2.30	2.30
6	Kites Road	172	13/11/2023	5.60	5.48
2	Langtree Road	174	3/05/2023	29.70	12.14
2	Lowlands Road	175	6/05/2023	16.00	44.68
6	Luelfs Road	176	7/02/2023	9.90	78.00
2	Mallee Downs Road	177	15/02/2023	8.40	11.32
7	Mallee Point Road	178	23/11/2017	1.50	8.32
6	Matakana Road	179	3/12/2020	10.90	18.11
2	McDonalds Road	180	15/06/2023	7.50	12.16
7	McGills Road	181	8/11/2022	1.00	4.25
7	McKays Road	182	27/04/2023	16.00	6.25
	McKenzies Lane	183	8/06/2021	1.00	7.42
2	McKinley Road	184	30/08/2023	48.50	61.39
2	McMasters Road	185	17/07/2023	9.10	16.19
7	McRaes Road	186	24/01/2018	4.00	2.42
2	Melbergen Road	187	15/01/2024	10.20	43.95
	Mena Road	266	20/03/2012	1.00	0.87
6	Merri Road	152	26/08/2023	52.00	39.77
5	Merriwagga Road	190	3/04/2023	10.50	12.53
4	Merrondale Lane	188	20/09/2022	6.00	8.02
6	Merungi Road	191	16/11/2023	2.00	19.07
2	Merungle Road	192	3/10/2023	2.00	65.47
7	Mitchell Track	189	10/11/2023	3.50	8.30
2	Mitchells Road	193	22/06/2023	31.00	34.22
6	Monia Gap Road	202	5/09/2023	3.90	6.11
7	Moores Road	195	25/09/2023	4.55	4.55
2	Motts Road	196	11/07/2023	4.20	4.20
4	Mount Bingar Road	197	7/11/2023	8.50	4.20
3	Mount Daylight Road	198	8/09/2023	6.00	8.77
5	Mount Grace Road	145	25/05/2023	2.00	32.92
7	Muirheads Road	199	11/09/2023	2.13	2.13
4	Munros Road	200	21/03/2022	7.00	13.42
	Murrumbidgee River Ro	201	4/02/2023	2.50	73.97
6	Nancarrows Lane	203	15/02/2023	7.70	3.75
	Norwood Lane	205	14/07/2022	2.70	8.82
6	OBriens Road	206	17/11/2022	3.50	4.20
7	ODonnells Road	207	20/03/2018	4.00	3.97
6	OKeeffes Road	208	27/03/2023	7.10	14.74
7	Old Gunbar Road	209	22/08/2023	9.50	9.72
2	Parkers Road	210	13/07/2023	12.50	13.81
3	Parrs Road	211	27/07/2023	11.80	18.29
6	Parslows Road	212	28/11/2023	2.50	1.21
7	Parsons Road	213	12/01/2018	1.20	0.84
7	Paton Road	214	9/09/2021	1.80	1.12
2	Peters Road	215	17/05/2023	9.90	10.66
3	Pintebakana Road	216	12/01/2023	18.00	25.31
6	Pleasant Valley Road	217	8/11/2023	13.40	14.83
5	Prestage Road	218	1/06/2023	6.00	6.05
7	Pulletop Road	219	24/08/2022	1.50	9.23

7	Ravenshaw Road	220	4/09/2023	3.50	9.44
5	Redbank Road	221	23/06/2023	15.70	23.64
6	Reids Road	222	25/07/2023	4.00	
6	Richards Road	223	9/08/2023	4.70	4.05
7	Roberts Road	224	14/02/2022	3.00	5.86
PRV	Rothdene Lane	242	8/09/2022	1.60	9.42
2	Roto Road	225	9/08/2023	1.00	50.78
6	Ryans Road	226	25/09/2023	4.10	10.33
	Saleyard Lane	194	12/08/2015	3.00	0.96
6	Sawmill Road	227	12/10/2022	1.00	1.72
6	Schmetzers Lane	228	6/10/2021	6.50	6.36
2	Schneiders Road	229	14/07/2023	8.00	4.16
	Simpkins Lane	231	2/05/2023	4.50	2.00
6	Sloanes Road	232	2/09/2022	7.70	8.00
7	Square Well Lane	233	12/01/2023	1.40	4.17
7	Stackpoole Road	234	22/08/2018	7.00	1.42
7	Stewarts Lane	235	17/06/2023	15.90	13.29
6	Streets Road	236	20/09/2021	8.90	6.23
6	Swansons Road	237	29/08/2023	3.50	3.44
5	Taylors Road	238	22/06/2023	18.00	6.10
6	The Bluff Road	239	4/12/2023	4.40	11.95
6	Trida Road	241	12/10/2023	13.00	34.42
6	Tysons Road	243	22/02/2022	2.00	2.60
7	Vaggs Road	244	30/07/2019	7.70	7.71
6	Vearings Road	245	20/07/2023	8.50	13.21
6	Wakefield Road	246	8/09/2023	6.40	6.48
2	Wallanthery Road	247	20/07/2023	25.50	27.80
7	Wandella Road	248	NIL	0.00	4.53
7	Wantwood Road	249	23/11/2023	4.00	3.76
6	Warburtons Lane	230	15/06/2023	3.90	3.83
6	Watkins Road	250	5/09/2023	5.00	15.36
7	Watsons Road	251	19/09/2023	12.20	11.83
6	Weavers Road	252	27/05/2023	22.60	10.00
6	Wee Elwah Road	253	7/02/2022	15.50	23.26
6	Wells Road	254	3/08/2023	11.20	17.97
7	Wests Road	255	10/10/2023	6.50	6.50
4	Whealbah Road	256	13/12/2023	18.80	85.32
6	Whitton Stock Route Rd	257	14/11/2023	6.20	50.24
7	Wild Horse Tank Road	258	20/09/2023	11.40	9.06
6	Wiltshires Road	259	28/07/2023	19.20	12.68
5	Wollarna Road	260	12/05/2023	63.70	33.79
7	Wongalea Road	261	24/11/2023	4.00	4.92
6	Woods Lane	262	28/09/2021	5.00	4.98
7	Wrights Lane	263	NIL	0.00	0.92
7	Youngs Road	264	24/09/2020	2.30	11.27

	> 5 Years Since Last Mtce Grading
	1-5 Years Since Last Mtce Grading
	1 Year Since Last Mtce Grading
	Nil Record for Mtce Grading
Road Hierarchy	
1	Regional Roads
2	School Bus Routes
3	Link Roads
4	Strategic Link Roads
5	Collector Roads
6	Local Roads
7	Local Roads - Maintenance as Required



Hillston Subdivision Works – Water Services to Individual blocks



Rankins Springs Water - Mains replacement work

10.12 Hillston Heavy Vehicle Bypass – Feasibility Study

RDS:RR:368R

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: Report back to Council on results of the Heavy Vehicle [Bypass Feasibility Study](#)

Separately Circulated: [Hard copies will be tabled at the meeting](#)

Background

At the February 2022 Council meeting, Council resolved to undertake a feasibility study for a heavy vehicle bypass east of Cowper Street linking The Springs Road to Milton Street. Council engaged JJ Ryan to undertake the study and the study has now been completed.

Issues

The JJ Ryan report estimated to cost of the works would total \$4,813,782.34 and concluded the following;

Implementing the proposed concept design alignment is cost prohibitive as it involves significant amounts of tree clearing and the removal of heritage items...

...It is recommended that an alternative horizontal alignment be explored before entering the preliminary design phase due to the extensive vegetation clearing required for the alignment nominated in this report...

At the February 2022 meeting Council also resolved to look at low cost options to improve the intersection of The Springs Road and Cowper Street. This was investigated, funded and works have since been completed.

Should Council wish to proceed with a new bypass or extensive upgrade to the current Cowper Street route, it should consider discussions with TfNSW to potentially re-classify the bypass route to be part of the State / Regional road network and convert High Street back to a local road. This was not considered as part of the feasibility study.

Financial implications

There is no budget currently allocated to this project for this financial year.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

The final identified works will require constant management and reporting of both physical works and budget to ensure obligations are met for both Council targets and external funding conditions.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 2 – Accessible and Connected

Recommendation:

That Council note the report on the Heavy Vehicle Bypass Feasibility Study.

10.13 Hillston Eastern Levee Feasibility Study – Update

GS:PGM:FMP0095 2022

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To provide Council with an update as to the status of the Hillston Eastern Levee Feasibility Study and seek confirmation on future direction of the project.

Background

Council has previously received grant funding under the NSW Floodplain Management Program to undertake a feasibility study on restoring the old Eastern Levee at Hillston to provide 1% AEP protection. The study was also to investigate incorporating the heavy vehicle bypass into the levee and the potential removal of another levee further to the east.

Issues

Council originally sent out an invitation to quote on works to undertake the study via VendorPanel. Council received no submission at that stage. Staff then discussed this with the officer from the funding body (Department of Planning and Environment) and were provided with a further list of seven companies that may be suitable to undertake the works. Of the seven companies, four were on VendorPanel and already declined to submit a quote. Therefore, the remaining three companies were contacted. From the second round of invitations, Council received only two submissions. One from AT&L for \$164,890 and the other from WMS for \$225,995.

The original project was \$100,000 with \$85,714 of grant funding and a Council contribution of \$14,286. There is a potential to increase the grant funding by 30% up to \$114,428. However, this would mean Council increasing its contribution by a further \$39,175 just to fund the lowest submission.

Similar flora and fauna issues that were identified in the JJ Ryan Heavy Vehicle Bypass Study will also be present within this study and may pose significant problems if the project was to proceed as in its current state.

Council may need to consider the heavy vehicle bypass need, as it will not only pose a potential vegetation clearing issue, but potential contributes to the over-budget submissions. There may be some potential to re-define the scope to reduce the project costs or alternatively the project could be terminated now and the Hillston Floodplain Committee can revisit their priorities and/or scope of this project. A funding application can then be submitted in future funding rounds to fully cover the cost.

Financial implications

Should Council wish to proceed with the project, any costs above the grant funding limit will need to be funded by Council.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Thriving and Liveable Communities

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. note the current project status.**
- 2. resolve to continue with the project and fund all additional costs above any grant funding for the project.**

or

- 3. resolve to discontinue with the project and determine new priorities for future funding through the Hillston Floodplain Committee.**

10.14 Hillston Boat Ramp Options

GS:PGM:GP

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: Provide Council with preliminary low-cost options for a Hillston Boat Ramp

Attachment: Concrete mat schematic drawing of boat ramp

Background

Council had previously looked at options and associated costs for formal boat ramps that included multi-lane ramps, formalised parking area, rigging and derigging zones, toilet blocks, lighting and pontoon installation. These formal options had estimates above \$500,000.

Issues

The proposed site is approximately 300 meters north of the Jacksons Bridge prior to the bend in the river. This can be seen on the map below. This site is currently used by locals as a launching area and has minimum vegetation impact.



As the proposed location is within the flood zone, previously considered formal proposal options are not recommended. Staff have considered a single lane ramp with informal parking and no amenities. The ramp would be approximately 15 meters long and 4.8 meters wide with rock protection on the side batters. The preference is for a design that does not require dewatering or sheet-pile works as part of the construction.

There are different construction methods suitable for this type of ramp. These include concrete mats placed into positions, concrete slabs that are pushed into position and other precast options that could be undertaken using Council staff and equipment. The estimated cost for the works is between \$100,000 - \$150,000. This estimate can be refined after further discussions with external approval agencies.

Staff have also initiated preliminary talks with external agencies to gauge the likelihood of approving the installation of a boat ramp within the Hillston area. Talks have been promising and now require more concept designs and details to progress further.

Financial Implications

There is no budget currently allocated to this project for this financial year.

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)
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Permits will be required for the works.

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

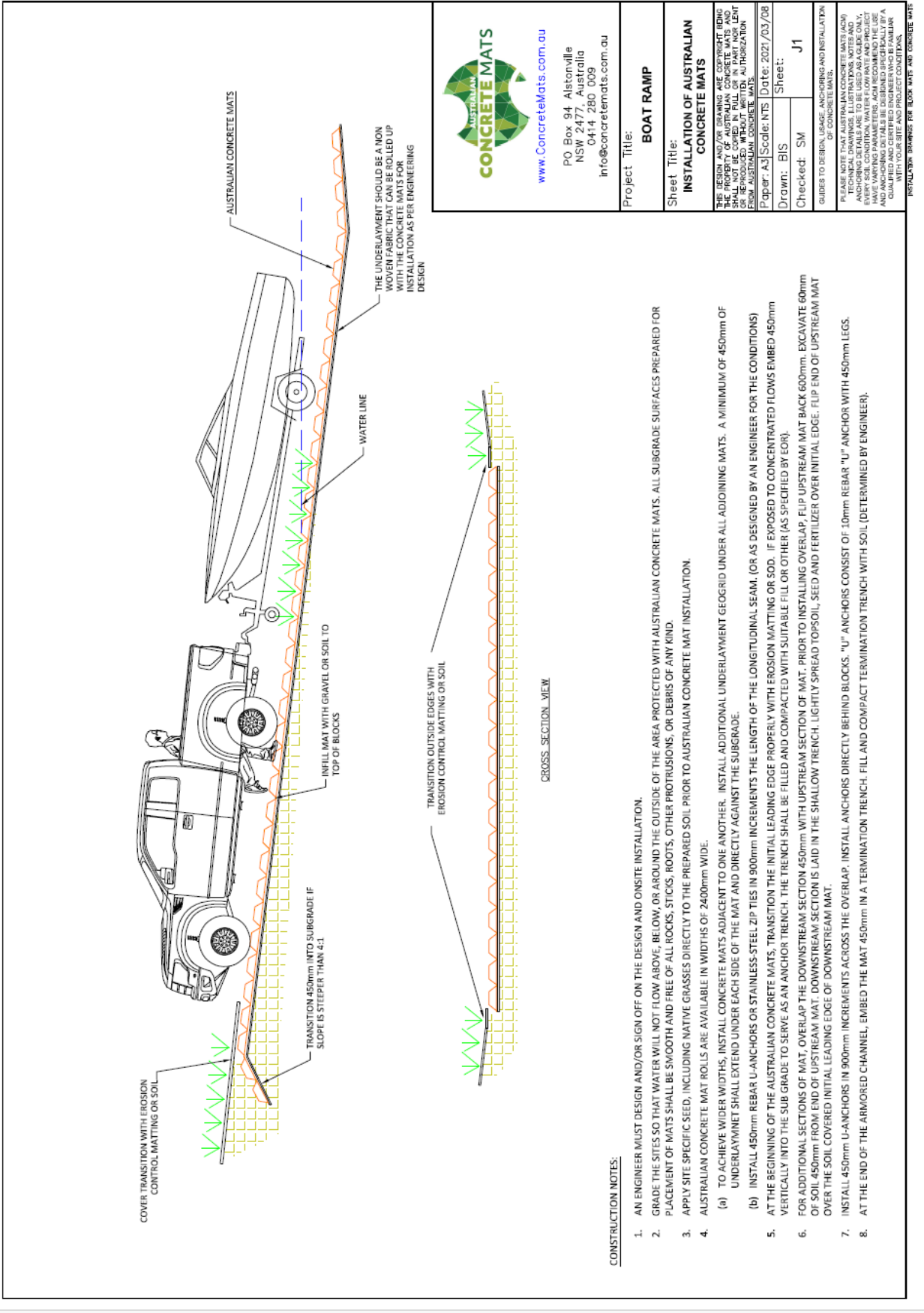
Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. note the report.
2. approve staff to further develop costs and design to bring back to Council for consideration.

ATTACHMENT



10.15 Griffith Off Road Club – Road Closure Request

RDS:LR:MITRD

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: Provide Council with information about the annual off-road event and road closure request.

Background

The Griffith Off Road Club hosts an annual race event within the Carrathool Shire. The event is held over 3 days and sees competitors racing over 440km. As part of the race competitors will cross over Mitchells Road at two locations and like previous years, have requested the temporary road closure for the period Friday 5 July to Sunday 7 July 2024.

Road closures associated with the event has been approved in past years by Council and the road surface left in pre-race condition. This event attracts many spectators and competitors from the region and interstate.

Issues

The applicant has provided the appropriate documentation to support the temporary road closure of a Mitchells Road. As this annual event has previously been endorsed by Council and with no issues reported to Council about previous events, the road closure for the event has been approved by the Director of Infrastructure.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

The power to close roads is delegated to Council under the *Roads Act 1993*.

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

The temporary road closure would minimise any risk to Council.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 3 – Resilient and Welcoming

Recommendation:**That Council:**

1. note the annual off-road event to be held by Griffith Off Road Club on 5 July to 7 July 2024.
2. note that the temporary closure of a portion of Mitchells Road has been approved under delegate authority.

10.16 Local and Regional Roadworks Project Report

RDS:LRDS

Author: Manager Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To update Council on the status of funded roadworks.

Attachment: Barry Scenic Drive and Cannards Road

Background

Currently Council is undertaking capital roadworks from several funding sources. This report will provide Council with an update on most of these projects.

Issues

Regional Roads – Block Grant

Council is undertaking four projects under this funding:

- Booligal Road – Two kilometres have been sealed and is waiting for linemarking.
- The Springs Road (MR368) – Earthworks currently in progress to complete 2.2 kms of sealed works. Sealing of this road has been scheduled to commence 11 March 2024.
- Rankins Springs Road MR321 – A Heavy Patch Program is underway to repair defects. It is anticipated work will be completed towards the end of February when the funding is expended.
- Umbrella Creek Bridge – Information contained within status report.

Local Roads

Fixing Local Roads Round 4

Resheeting works have been completed on the following roads:

- Andersons Lane
- Boorga Road
- Johnstons Road
- Pinteebakana Road
- Melbergen Road
- Mitchells Lane

Work is still to be completed on:-

- Wiltshires Road
- Booligal Road

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Round 4

Work is being conducted on the following roads at the time of writing this report. Several should be completed by the Council meeting.

- Euratha Road
- Melbergen Road West
- Cameron's Lane
- Merungi Road

Roads to Recovery

Work undertaken on Euratha Road has fully expended this funding source and completed the R2R program.

Flood Damage

Work is near commencement on Cannards Road which will include the repair and replacement of the washed out culvert.

It is anticipated further flood work restoration will commence in the near future following approvals from TfNSW.

Council Funded Works

- Barrys Scenic Drive – culvert work is to commence following the completion of the Heavy Patch Works on the Rankins Springs Road (MR321).

Financial implications

To date all works are within budget.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Ongoing supervision and monitoring of budgets will ensure works are completed within budget scope.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 2 – Accessible and Connected

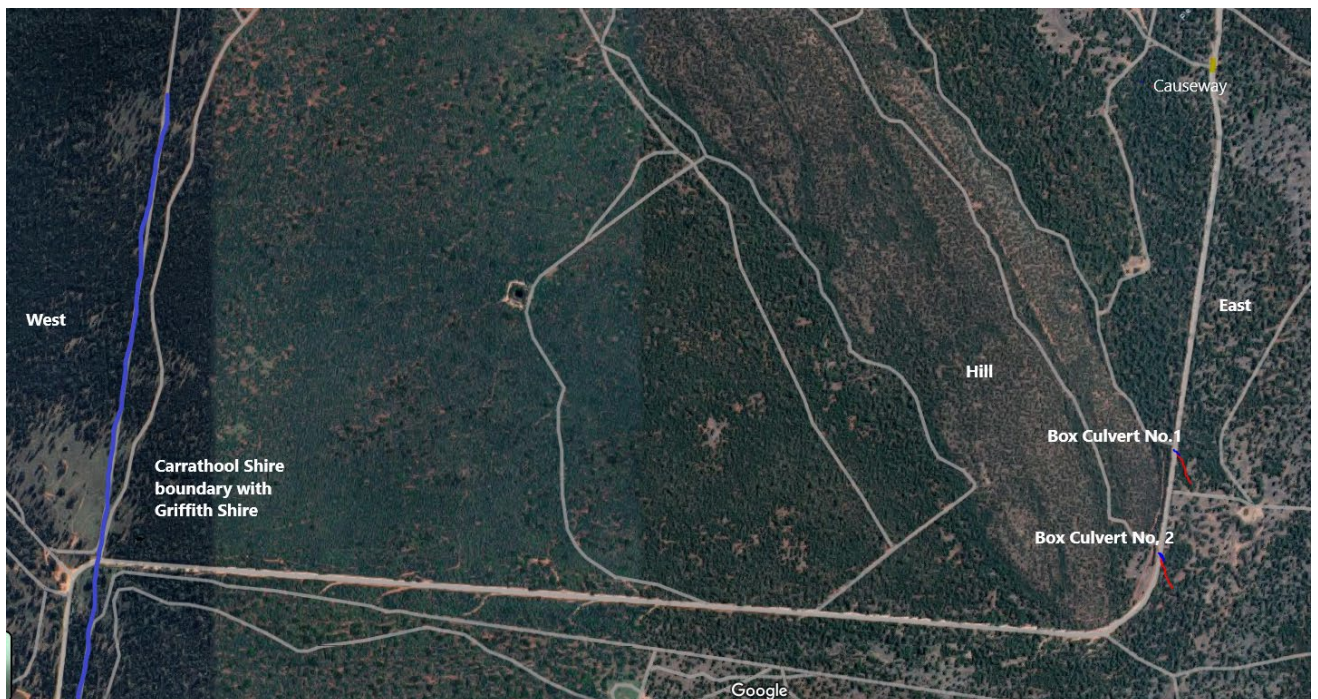
Recommendation:

That Council note the status of the various funded projects to 31 January 2024.

ATTACHMENT



Barry Scenic Drive 2022



Barry Scenic Drive Box Culvert Location 2024



Cannards Road Culvert Damage 2022

10.17 Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund Assessment Report

GS:PGM:RERRF

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To inform Council of roads that have been assessed and to assist Council in prioritising roads for works listed.

Background

This report has identified a list of roads that have defects and issues relating to the condition of the road pavement, drainage and road back-cuts. The exercise to inspect and assess Council's roads for repairs is ongoing and should be concluded before the final year of RERRF acquittal date of 31 October 2027. This will allow Council an opportunity to debate the merits of each road. Costing for priority roads will be submitted once roads have been selected.

Issues

Roads that have a flood damage claim submitted are not included in this compilation of roads for both the Northern and Southern areas of Carrathool Shire. Flood damaged roads that do not meet the criteria as stipulated by Transport for New South Wales will then be added to the following list of roads to be considered by Council.

GOOLGOWI & HILLSTON**RERRF Allocation**

Gravel Resheet	\$1,000,000
Reseals	400,000
Formation Grading	600,000
Road Reshaping	200,000
Total	\$2,200,000

Local and Regional Roadwork Jobs 2024**Priority List**

Road Name	Works to be done	Activity
Lowlands Road	Gravel Resheet 16km from Wee Elwah intersection	Gravel resheet
Back Hillston Road	Gravel Resheet 7.34km - Bunda Rd to MR 368	Gravel resheet
Ilkadoon Road	Gravel Resheet Soft Sections	Gravel resheet
Green Hills Road	Gravel Resheet Soft Sections	Gravel resheet
Cowper Street	14/7mm Reseal 2.1km full length of street	Reseal
Melbergen Road	14/7mm Reseal 0.53km from Kidman Way to gravel	Reseal
Tabbita Lane	14/7mm Heavy Patch reseal (2023 Pothole Program)	Reseal
MR321	14/7mm Heavy Patch reseal (Regional Roads Capital)	Reseal
Goolgowi		
Wollarma Road	Formation Grading 9.5km	Formation Grading
Billings Road	Formation Grading 9.85km	Formation Grading
Burchers Road	Formation Grading 7.69km	Formation Grading
Wells Road	Formation Grading 9.5km	Formation Grading
Back Hillston Road	Formation Grading 7.24km	Formation Grading
Hillston		
Back Hillston Road	Formation Grading 23km	Formation Grading
Swansons Road	Formation Grading 3.44km	Formation Grading
Wallanthery Road	Formation Grading 10km	Formation Grading
Prestages Road	Formation Grading 6.05km	Formation Grading
Schneiders Road	Formation Grading 4.16km	Formation Grading

Road Name	Works to be done	Activity
Goolgowi		
Jennings Road	1 x 1200x900 Box Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Andersons Road	1 x 450 RRJ Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Cannards Road	1 x 300 RRJ Box Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Merungi Road	2 x 450 RRJ Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Reids Road	1 x 1200x300 Box Culvert	Road Maintenance
Johnstons Road	1 x 600x450 Box Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Boorga Road	2 x 600x450 Box Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
The Bluff Road	1 x 450 RRJ Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Billings Road	2 x 450 RRJ Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Vearings Road	Reshape road and construct drains 13.21km	Road Maintenance
Hillston		
Low Lands Road	2 x 450 RRJ Culvert installation	Road Maintenance
Brewer Road	1 x 450 RRJ Culvert Installation	Road Maintenance
Avondale Road	2 x 450 RRJ Culvert installation	Road Maintenance

Financial implications

Council will submit a its final works program in April 2024 and fulling expend the grant funding by 31 October 2027.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

The final identified works will require constant management and reporting of both physical works and budget to ensure obligations are met for both Council targets and external funding conditions.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 2 – Accessible and Connected

Recommendation:

That Council consider the draft works program for the 2024/2025 financial year under the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF).

10.18 Plant Report

PES:MTN:PR

Author: Manager Fleet & Town Services

Purpose: Plant Report as per 31 January 2024

Background

PLANT NO	HOURS KMS	TYPE	DETAILS
4531	3,282 hrs	Padfoot Roller	Replace starter motor. Remove and repair leaking radiator.
2594	4 yrs old	Triaxle Side Tipper	Repack all wheel bearings and replace all hub seals. Replace right hand rear "Z" bar bushes.
2578	13 yrs old	Triaxle Side Tipper	Repack all wheel bearings and replace hub seals.
2072	3,240 hrs	Paveline Tar Truck	Replace footbrake control valve and rear axle brake relay valve.
5145	542 hrs	Iseki Ride on Mower	Replace radiator thermo fan assembly.
3071	4,539 hrs	Cat 950 Loader	Hard face loader bucket.
3053	1,739 hrs	Bomag Stabiliser	Hard face wear plates on drum. Reweld new adaptor plates for points. Service engine.
3525	7,750 hrs	Cat Grader	Replace blade wear strips. Adjust shims in lift ram ball clearance. 750 hr service.
3069	3,516 hrs	John Deere Tractor	Reweld broken pin lock on front bucket. Repair leaking hydraulic valve.
2581	12 yrs old	Bogie Trailer	Replace axle "U" bolts and springs. Replace wheel bearings and seals
2077	520,716 kms	Kenworth Truck	Repair broken air tank strap. Remove air conditioning evaporator unit and clean. Regas system.
3049	3,551 hrs	John Deere 7820 Tractor	Replace tractor implement Gateway Electronic Control unit.
2067	300,207 kms	Isuzu Water Tanker	Replace air conditioning thermo fan.
2082	New	Hino Garbage Truck	Load of rubbish dumped on road due to a fire caused by a suspected lithium battery. Fire extinguished on road and rubbish reloaded into tipper and disposed of. No damage to truck.

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Repairs made from existing budget.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

If repairs are not made safety issues would remain.

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council note the Plant Report as at 31 January 2024.
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10.19 Plant Replacement

PES:AD:CRRPD

Author: Manager Fleet & Town Services

Purpose: Plant Replacement Report for February 2024

Background

The following vehicles were replaced during February as per the adopted replacement schedule for 2023/2024.

Plant No. 1317 Holden Commodore ZB Sedan – 5 yrs old (210,000km) – Manager Fleet and Town Services Vehicle

Budget \$10,632.45 over 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Dom's Motors Griffith	Mazda 6 Sedan	34,723.45
Successful Purchase		
Dom's Motors Griffith	1 Banna Ave. Griffith NSW	10,000.00
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		24,723.45

Plant No. 1344 Toyota Rav 4 4x2 Wagon – 1 year old (65,000km) – HACC lease back Vehicle

Budget \$3,025.91 under 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Owen Toyota Griffith	Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid Wagon	36,246.36
Successful Purchase		
J Reko	5 Gratton Street, Hillston	32,727.27
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		3,519.09

Plant No. 1584 Ford Ranger 4x2 Dual Cab Utility – 3 yrs old (75,000km) – Road Works Crew Vehicle

Budget \$4,152.83 over 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu 4x2 Dual Cab	38,326.73
Successful Purchase		
Valley Motor Auctions	47 Munibung Road, Cardiff NSW	23,900.91
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		14,425.82

Plant No. 1867 Ford Ranger 4x4 Dual Cab Utility (82,000km) 2 yrs old – Road Works Crew Vehicle

Budget \$3,873.18 over 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu 4x4 Dual Cab	43,683.45
Successful Purchase		
Valley Motor Auctions	47 Munibung Road, Cardiff NSW	27,537.27
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		16,146.18

Plant No. 1888 Isuzu D Max Utility (45,000km) – Northern Overseers Vehicle

Budget \$4,940.00 over 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Owen Toyota Griffith	Toyota Hilux 4x4 Dual Cab	51,931.63
Successful Purchase		
Valley Motor Auctions	47 Munibung Road, Cardiff NSW	38,446.36
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		13,485.26

Plant No. 1350 Toyota Camry Hybrid Sedan (40,000km) – General Managers Vehicle

Budget \$2,904.38 under 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Owen Toyota Griffith	Toyota Camry Hybrid Sedan	34,095.72
Successful Purchase		
Pickles Auctions	36 Nagle Street, Wagga NSW	30,909.10
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		3,186.62

Plant No. 1887 Isuzu D Max 4x4 Dual Cab Utility (45,000km) 1 yr old – Technical Assistant Vehicle

Budget \$8364.00 allocated in 2023/2024 budget estimates.

MF&TS Note: The present incumbent is on extended leave, the vehicle was sold to Valley Motor Auctions (47 Munibung Road, Cardiff NSW) for \$38,446.36 (ex GST) these funds will be returned to the plant reserve and reallocated in 2024/2025 if a replacement vehicle is required.

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council note the Plant Replacement report for February 2024.

10.20 Development Applications – February 2024

GOV:MTG:CR

Author: Manager Building & Regulatory Services

Purpose: Development Applications & Determinations – December 2023 & January 2024

BackgroundLodgements

Type/No.	Name	Address	Development
DA2024/019	Kenneth & Rachel Eade	93 Molesworth Street Hillston NSW 2675	Retrospective DA – Patio and Garage extension
DA2024/018 -MOD1	Agright Griffith Pty Ltd	375 McRaes Road Goolgowi NSW 2652	Retrospective DA – Concrete Batching Plant-Temporary
DA2024/020	James Wilson	32-34 Collins Street Hillston NSW 2675	Change of use – Storage shed to Mechanical Workshop
DA2024/021	James Watkin	63-65 Lachlan Street Hillston NSW 2675	Install Manufactured dwelling and demolish existing dwelling
DA2024/022	Fairglen Investments Pty Ltd	Carrathool Road Carrathool NSW 2711	Additions and Alterations to Existing Poultry Production Facility (2 Rural workers dwellings, Rice hull shed, Dead bird storage, Temporary concrete batching plant)
DA2021/035 -MOD1	Fairglen Investments Pty Ltd	Carrathool Road Carrathool NSW 2711	Livestock Intensive Industry (Poultry Production Facility)
DA2024/023	Australian Frozen Foods Pty Ltd	2877 Tabbita Lane Tabbita NSW 2652	Storage shed
Total Estimated Value of Works			\$2,150, 957.00

Determination: Approved

Type/No.	Name	Address	Development	Processing Time
DA2024/008	ML & VH O'Meara Super Pty Ltd	Murrumbidgee River Road Carrathool NSW 2711	Subdivision	59
DA2024/011	Riverina Poultry Pty Ltd	Tabbita Lane Tabbita NSW 2652	Alterations and Additions to Existing Poultry Production Facility (2 Poultry sheds)	34
DA2024/012	Delta Poultry Pty Ltd	Tabbita Lane Tabbita NSW 2652	Alterations and Additions to Existing Poultry Production Facility (4 Poultry sheds)	34
DA2024/013	Carrathool Shire Council	101 High Street Hillston NSW 2675	Transportable cabin	19
DA2024/014	NMS Enterprises Pty Ltd	Coates Lane Tabbita NSW 2652	Alterations and Additions to Existing Poultry Production Facility (2 Poultry sheds)	34

DA2024/015	Kidman Poultry Pty Ltd	Tabbita Lane Tabbita NSW 2652	Alterations and Additions to Existing Poultry Production Facility (2 Poultry sheds)	34
DA2024/018	Agright Griffith Pty Ltd	375 McRaes Road Goolgowi NSW 2652	Retrospective DA – Concrete Batching Plant-Temporary	9
DA2024/019	Kenneth & Rachel Eade	93 Molesworth Street Hillston NSW 2675	Retrospective DA – Patio and Garage extension	28
DA2024/018 -MOD1	Agright Griffith Pty Ltd	375 McRaes Road Goolgowi NSW 2652	Retrospective DA – Concrete Batching Plant-Temporary	1
DA2024/020	James Wilson	32-34 Collins Street Hillston NSW 2675	Change of use – Storage shed to Mechanical Workshop	4

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That the Determinations for Development Applications received for December 2023 and January 2024 be noted.

10.21 Development Application 2023/030-Extractive Industry, Quarry

DA2023-030

Author: Manager Building and Regulatory Services

Purpose: Development Application DA2023/030 for Determination by Council

Attachment: Site Photos, Draft DA Conditions

Background

At the December 2023 meeting Council resolved (Resolution 0747);

“That council defer the consideration of the determination until next meeting, staff are instructed to:

- 1.undertake a risk assessment of the intersection of Carnells Road and Pleasant Valley Road.
- 2.conduct a risk assessment of all roads identified to be used for haulage of materials.
- 3.consider a levy on production to compensate for road damage to address the upkeep of road.
- 4.Consider the implications of a 30 year consent for the development.”

Issues

Roads

Council staff have carried out an inspection of the roads and can confirm the following;

1. The intersection of Carnells Road and Pleasant Valley Road is considered to be satisfactory. There is a small amount of vegetation that could be removed to increase safety to roads users (see attached photos).
2. The applicant has identified in the Statement of Environmental Effects that the roads to be used are Kites Road and Carnells Road with access from both off Erigolia Road. The general condition of both Kites Road and Carnells Road is considered to be satisfactory. The road surfaces vary from natural ground to gravel sheeted. There are a number of areas that have potholes that need attention, but in general the roads are satisfactory for this purpose.

The intersection of Kites Road with Barry Scenic Drive and Pleasant Valley Road needs attention. When approaching Pleasant Valley Road from Barry Scenic Drive the road has a camber and slopes inwards towards the corner (see attached photos). The approach from Kites Road to Pleasant Valley Road appears to be satisfactory however traffic approaching from Barry Scenic Drive, will need additional signage to clearly identify the intersection.

The other road to be used is Erigolia Road from Carnells Road to the Burley Griffin Way and this is considered satisfactory for the scale of this operation and transport of material.

Levy

In regards to a levy on production to compensate for road damage, Council could impose a fee of \$1.00 per tonne of material extracted on the development. The money generated may then be used to carry out regular maintenance on the road.

Consent Life

With regard to the implications of a 30-year consent, generally when a development application (DA) is approved the applicant has 5 years to start work or the DA is invalid and a new DA would be required. Once a DA is activated within a 5-year period, the DA lasts a lifetime. It is considered acceptable that the applicant has asked for a 30 year lifespan, however it is considered a review after 10 years would be appropriate

Conclusion

The nature of the area is agricultural, with transport of grain, fuel and other inputs into production taking place by trucks on these roads.

At the meeting of 22 June 2021, Council resolved that Barry's Scenic Drive is not approved for use by Class 2 heavy vehicles. Carnells Road, Kites Road and Pleasant Valley Road were all approved for Class 2 heavy vehicles which includes B-Doubles, B-Triples and Road Trains. The conditions on these roads include a maximum speed of 60 kph.

Under the conditions of consent the restriction on vehicles operating from the quarry are that they are of no more than 40 tonnes payload, a maximum combination being B-Double with a maximum of 26 metres length.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

The application has been assessed in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and associated Regulations.

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

The applicant has appeal rights to the Land & Environment Court should they be dissatisfied with the determination or conditions applied to the consent.

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council grant Development Consent for DA2023/030, Extractive Industry-Quarry, subject to conditions imposed and provided to the December 2023 Council and include additional conditions;

- a) a levy of \$1.00 per tonne of material extracted each financial year, indexed annually by the All Groups CPI for the June quarter. The indexed levy to apply for the ensuing financial year. The levy to offset roadwork expenditure for the local road network.
- b) the consent be granted for a 10 year period.

ATTACHMENT



Looking north at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Carnells Road



Looking west at the intersection of Carnells Road and Pleasant Valley Road.



The intersection of Kites Road, Barry Scenic Drive and Pleasant Valley Road Looking north-west



The approach to Pleasant Valley Road from Barry Scenic Drive

**ATTACHMENT
DRAFT CONDITIONS**

APPROVED PLANS / DOCUMENTS

1. The development is to be carried out in accordance with the following:
 - Statement of Environmental Effects, Proposed Quarry at Pleasant Valley prepared by Riverina Agriconsultants dated 11 April 2023 and related documentation, including commitments given in writing by the Applicant, except where amended by the following conditions of consent.
 - In accordance with the conditions of this consent

Any modification to the approved documents, other than as required by following conditions, will require the lodgement and consideration of a modification application by Council.

2. Should any conflict exist between the abovementioned documents, the most recent document or revision supersedes the conflict, except where superseded by any conditions of approval issued by Council.

GENERAL

3. For clarity, this development consent provides approval for an Extractive Industry for a period of **30 years** from:
 - (a) the date of commencement of this consent; or,
 - (b) the date when a letter indicating commencement of operations is submitted to Council by the operator.

The date of the commencement of the 30-year period is to be confirmed in writing by Council.

Note: *The Applicant is required to rehabilitate the site and carry out additional undertakings to the satisfaction of Council and the Department of Planning and Environment following the 30-year operational period. Consequently, this consent will continue to apply in all other respects other than the right to conduct quarrying operations until the rehabilitation of the site and those undertakings have been carried out to a satisfactory standard.*

4. The Applicant shall not:
 - (a) transport more than 12,000 tonnes of quarry products from the site during any financial year;
 - (b) process more than 12,000 tonnes of quarry products during any financial year.
5. This development consent does not include approval to import waste material, including soil for rehabilitation of the project site. Separate development consent may be required for the importation of fill material, if it is not identified as exempt development.
6. No building work which would otherwise require a Construction Certificate is authorised by this development consent. Should building work requiring a Construction Certificate be required on the site, a new development application, or modification to this development consent will be required.
7. The Applicant shall ensure that all the plant and equipment used at the site is:
 - (a) maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and,
 - (b) operated in a proper and efficient manner.
8. Any damage which is caused to Council's infrastructure as a result of the proposed development must be repaired immediately to Council's satisfaction and at no cost to Council.

9. All rehabilitation works shall be completed within 24 months following the completion of quarry extraction and processing activities.
10. Flammable materials stored on-site are to be stored in bunded areas or storage areas with no other flammable materials.

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS

11. The applicant is to submit to Council evidence that the required Biodiversity Offset Credits have been purchased as per the Statement of Environmental Effects and the Biodiversity Assessment Development report prepared by Hamilton Environmental Services.
12. Prior to commencement of quarry activities, the applicant shall provide Council with a procedure that will be implemented for the life of the project to:
 - (a) Keep the local community and relevant agencies informed about the operation and environmental performance of the development.
 - (b) Receive, handle, respond to and record complaints.
 - (c) Resolve any disputes that may arise.
 - (d) Respond to any non-compliance.
 - (e) Respond to emergencies.
 - (f) Monitor environmental impacts.
13. Prior to commencement of quarry activities, the boundaries of the approved quarry footprint shall be clearly marked on site by a Registered Surveyor. The Applicant shall also ensure that:
 - (a) the location of the quarry footprint boundaries is confirmed by Survey and a copy of the Survey Report is submitted to Council prior to commencement;
 - (b) the markers are easily identifiable and sufficiently durable;
 - (c) the markers remain in place for the life of the consent;
 - (d) all contractors and employees on the site are made aware of the quarry boundaries and that no works extend beyond the markers.
14. At the conclusion of the extraction activities, the boundaries of the extraction footprint area shall be clearly identified by a Registered Surveyor and a copy of the Survey Report is to be submitted to Council.
15. Prior to the commencement of quarry activities, the Applicant must submit to Council a Transport Management Plan that provides details and procedures for the following matters:
 - (a) notification of all internal and external cartage / haulage operators of the approved haul route for access to and egress from the site.
 - (b) regular inspection of the haul route for identification of defects and rectification and repair of any identified requirements in a timely manner.
 - (c) compliant investigation procedure and procedure for dealing with non-compliant drivers
 - (d) method of monitoring truck speeds by the operator
 - (e) a driver training and induction procedure. This shall include a requirement for drivers to sign a Code of Conduct acknowledgement that they agree to comply with the requirements and ongoing education about the requirements.
 - (f) record keeping including any proposal to keep log books of truck journeys and complaints. Such records are to date and time of any complaints or monitoring; name of person making the complaint, if given; outcome and steps taken to remediate any investigation relating to a complaint or monitoring. The record book is to be kept on site at all times and made available to authorised officers of Council or the EPA as required.

Carrathool Shire Council is to be notified of the outcome of any investigations or breaches.

- (g) a Driver Code of Conduct that applies to all employees of the quarry, not only relating to heavy vehicle operators, is to be prepared and submitted to Council. The Code is to include, but not be limited to, matters such as use of mobile phones, driving in adverse weather conditions, awareness of animal strikes on roads, driver fatigue and the restriction of haulage being only approved via Carnell's Road and/or Kites Road to Pleasant Valley Road from Erigolia Road.
 - (h) ensuring that trucks for quarry operations access Pleasant Valley Road only when road conditions are suitable in accordance with the "Approved Area with Travel Conditions" for vehicles of type GML Type 1 A-double published by Carrathool Shire Council.
 - (i) Kites Road is not to be used as a haulage route during school bus hours
 - (j) the maximum haulage truck payload is to be 40 tonnes and is to be a B-double vehicle of no more than 26 metres in length.
 - (k) truck movements are to be limited to one or two per day regardless of any wet weather out-loading delays.
 - (l) all truck access is to cease whenever road conditions are deemed to be unsuitable in accordance with the "Approved Area with Travel Conditions" for vehicles of type GML Type 1 A-double published by Carrathool Shire Council.
16. The existing culvert at the entrance to the driveway to the Quarry is to be replaced in accordance with the details provided on Drawing SEQ R-056 Driveways-Rural Driveway, published by the Institute of Public Works Engineering, Australia and available from Carrathool Shire Council.
17. Prior to the commencement of use, the Applicant must provide Council with copies of all Management Plans that may include, but not limited to:
- (a) A detailed Site Management Plan including the arrangement and control measures for areas where storage of fuels, lubricants and maintenance of vehicles is to be carried out.
 - (b) Soil and Water Management Plans
 - (c) Waste Management Plans
 - (d) Site Rehabilitation and Vegetation Management Plans.
 - (e) Transport Management Plan
 - (f) Bush Fire Emergency Management and Operations Plan

These Plans are required for Council records only.

18. Prior to the commencement of use, the Applicant must prepare and submit to Council a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Operations Plan identifying all relevant risks and mitigation measures associated with the operation of the Extractive Industry including the following:
- (a) Measures to prevent or mitigate fires igniting;
 - (b) Work that should not be carried out during total fire bans;
 - (c) Availability of fire-suppression equipment, access and water;
 - (d) Storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials;
 - (e) Notification processes to be implemented of works that have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation during the bush fire danger period;
 - (f) Appropriate bush fire emergency management planning protocols.

19. Implementation of a Driver Code of Conduct (CoC) to apply to all employees of the quarry, not only relating to heavy vehicle operators, is to be prepared and submitted to Council. The CoC must include, but not be limited to, the use of mobile phones, driving in adverse weather conditions (fog and icy road conditions), awareness of animal strikes on roads, driver fatigue and the restriction of haulage being only approved via Erigolia Road, Kites Road, Carnell's Road and Pleasant Valley Way. The CoC must be provided to all employees or contractors prior to entry to the site or during each site induction.
20. An Environmental Management Plan must be prepared and implemented within 3 months of development consent being granted. The plan must include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) The identification and mitigation of potential impacts to surface water and soils. The plan must make reference to the requirements outlined in the document "Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (Landcom, 2004) and "Managing Urban Storm water: Soils and Construction - Volume 2E - Mines and Quarries (DECC, 2008);
 - (b) Air quality (dust) management measures; and
 - (c) Noise management measures.
21. The existing consent (DA 2008/021) is to be surrendered prior to the commencement of operations under this consent.

DURING OPERATION

22. General operation of the extractive industry is to be restricted to the following times:
 - Monday to Saturday – 6.00am to 6.00pmArticulated trucks and water carts are restricted to the following times:
 - Monday to Saturday – 7.00am to 6.00pmNo quarrying activities (including extraction, crushing, screening, blasting washing and transport) are permitted on Sundays or Public Holidays.
23. The Driver Code of Conduct shall be implemented and adhered to by the operator, staff and contactors at all times.
24. All trucks and mobile plant operating within the premises must be fitted (where there is a requirement for such devices to be fitted under the Work Health and Safety legislation) with broad-spectrum reversing alarms.
25. The internal access road/driveway is to be maintained so that it is trafficable to all vehicles including fire-fighting trucks and emergency services (two-wheel drive traffic), at all times.
26. The internal quarry access/haulage road must be maintained in a condition that prevents or minimises the emission into the air of air pollutants (e.g. dust).
27. Trucks entering and leaving the premises that are carrying loads on public roads must be covered at all times, except during loading and unloading.
28. Haulage operations coinciding with local school bus pick up/drop off times are to be avoided.
29. The development site is to be managed for the life of the project in the following manner:
 - (a) Erosion and sediment controls are to be implemented to prevent sediment from leaving the site. The controls are to be maintained until the development is complete and the site stabilised with permanent vegetation;
 - (b) Appropriate dust control measures;
 - (c) All equipment and materials shall be contained wholly within the site unless approval to use the road reserve has been obtained;

- (d) Toilet facilities are to be provided on the work site at the rate of one toilet for every 20 persons or part of 20 persons employed at the site. 41. All waste, with the exception of topsoil to be re-used, generated on site shall be disposed of to a licensed waste disposal facility.
- 30. The development must ensure that a static water supply is accessible and reliable for firefighting purposes for the life of operations and provided in accordance with Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019.
- 31. A Complaints Register is to be maintained by the operator of the quarry. Details of the date, time, complainant contact details (if offered), nature of the complaint and adopted corrective actions are to be recorded in the complaints register. A copy of the complaints register is to be given to Council upon request.
- 32. In the event of any Aboriginal archaeological material being discovered during earthmoving/construction works, all work in that area shall cease immediately and the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) notified of the discovery as soon as practicable. Work shall only recommence upon the authorisation of the OEH.
- 33. Measures should be taken to ensure that quarry activities do not contribute to the spread of noxious weeds.
- 34. No materials are permitted to be disposed of or stored on crown land, roads or waterways.
- 35. The vehicular entrance and exit to the site and the direction of traffic movement within the site shall be clearly indicated by means of signage to ensure that clear direction is provided to the drivers of vehicles entering and leaving the premises at all times.
- 36. Any servicing, repair or maintenance of plant required on-site must be undertaken by a suitably qualified employee or contractor with all waste to be disposed of in a suitable manner and transported to a licensed waste facility.
- 37. An Annual Return detailing the amount of material extracted and area of extraction shall be provided to Council.
- 38. Prior to any blasting event occurring, the quarry operator shall notify Carrathool Shire Council Customer Service at least 24 hours in advance.
- 39. Following the extraction and processing of not more than 50% of material, the operator of the quarry must prepare a Quarry Closure Plan. The Quarry Closure Plan must be submitted to and approved by Council and the Resources Regulator (as relevant). The Quarry Closure Plan must describe:
 - (a) The final land use and landform options considered, and justification of the preferred option selected;
 - (b) Rehabilitation methods to be implemented;
 - (b) Completion criteria; and
 - (c) Post-closure risk assessment to demonstrate that risks associated with the proposed final landform and land use are acceptable.

The quarry closure plan be prepared in accordance with any applicable legislation and best practice industry standard at that time.

10.22 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – December 2023

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Statement of Bank Balances – December 2023

Background

The reconciliation of Council's main bank account with the cash book controls within Practical (council finance software) for the month of December 2023 is complete as shown in the table below:

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 December 2023				
CASHBOOK SUMMARY				Data for December 2023
Balance As at 1/12/2023 (Consolidated Funds)				\$233,641.67
		Add For November 2023	Total for 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024	
Rates/Water/Debtor Receipts	\$4,810,895.52	\$531,950.09	\$5,342,845.61	
Investments Recalled	\$7,716,591.58	\$7,508,721.86	\$15,225,313.44	
RMS - RMCC, Block, Repair	\$2,314,373.60	\$0.00	\$2,314,373.60	
RMS - Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RMS - Flood Damage	\$17,600.00	\$0.00	\$17,600.00	
RMS - Regional Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grant - Roads to Recovery Program	\$61,940.00	\$0.00	\$61,940.00	
FAG - General & Local Roads	\$245,144.00	\$0.00	\$245,144.00	
All Other Misc Grant Payments	\$9,956,897.27	\$0.00	\$9,956,897.27	
Planning Receipts	\$118,300.00	\$1,715.00	\$120,015.00	
Plant / Property Trade-Ins & Sales	\$534,870.00	\$221,191.00	\$756,061.00	
Other Receipts	\$2,575,513.77	\$1,909,215.67	\$4,484,729.44	
Sub Total Receipts	\$28,352,125.74	\$10,172,793.62	\$38,524,919.36	\$10,172,793.62
		Add For November 2023	Total for 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024	
LESS PAYMENTS				
Wages (Net of PAYG & Other Deductions)	(\$2,873,765.95)	(\$558,369.89)	(\$3,432,135.84)	
Plant Acquisitions	(\$1,707,178.53)	(\$79,332.30)	(\$1,786,510.83)	
Invested	(\$12,321,000.00)	(\$6,300,000.00)	(\$18,621,000.00)	
Other Creditors Payments	(\$11,758,842.20)	(\$3,051,424.78)	(\$14,810,266.98)	
Sub Total Payments	(\$28,660,786.68)	(\$9,989,126.97)	(\$38,649,913.65)	(\$9,989,126.97)
Cashbook Balance 31/12/2023				\$417,308.32
BANK STATEMENTS				
Opening Balance 01/12/2023 (CSC's CBA Main Transaction Account)				\$242,763.00
Less Bank Payments				(\$10,497,686.12)
Plus Bank Receipts				\$10,692,444.99
Total As Per Bank Statements				\$437,521.87
Plus Unpresented Deposits				\$1,448.22
Less Unpresented Cheques				(\$21,661.77)
Reconciliation Cash Book Balance to Bank Statements 31/12/2023				\$417,308.32

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)
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Local Government Act (1993)

Local Government General Regulation (2021)

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 December 2023 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$9,989,126.97.
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10.23 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – January 2024

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Statement of Bank Balances – January 2024

Background

The reconciliation of Council's main bank account with the cash book controls within Practical (council finance software) for the month of January 2024 is complete as shown in the table below:

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 January 2024				
CASHBOOK SUMMARY				Data for January 2024
Balance As at 01/01/2024 (Consolidated Funds)				\$417,308.32
		Add For January 2024	Total for 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024	
Rates/Water/Debtor Receipts	\$5,342,845.61	\$356,307.98	\$5,699,153.59	
Investments Recalled	\$15,225,313.44	\$5,674,668.88	\$20,899,982.32	
RMS - RMCC, Block, Repair	\$2,314,373.60	\$0.00	\$2,314,373.60	
RMS - Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RMS - Flood Damage	\$17,600.00	\$0.00	\$17,600.00	
RMS - Regional Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grant - Roads to Recovery Program	\$61,940.00	\$0.00	\$61,940.00	
FAG - General & Local Roads	\$245,144.00	\$0.00	\$245,144.00	
All Other Misc Grant Payments	\$9,956,897.27	\$0.00	\$9,956,897.27	
Planning Receipts	\$120,015.00	\$55,641.00	\$175,656.00	
Plant / Property Trade-Ins & Sales	\$756,061.00	\$73,291.00	\$829,352.00	
Other Receipts	\$4,484,729.44	\$410,292.53	\$4,895,021.97	
Sub Total Receipts	\$38,524,919.36	\$6,570,201.39	\$45,095,120.75	\$6,570,201.39
LESS PAYMENTS		Add For January 2024	Total for 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024	
Wages (Net of PAYG & Other Deductions)	(\$3,432,135.84)	(\$710,315.27)	(\$4,142,451.11)	
Plant Acquisitions	(\$1,786,510.83)	(\$462,935.62)	(\$2,249,446.45)	
Invested	(\$18,621,000.00)	(\$1,500,000.00)	(\$20,121,000.00)	
Other Creditors Payments	(\$14,810,266.98)	(\$4,058,531.98)	(\$18,868,798.96)	
Sub Total Payments	(\$38,649,913.65)	(\$6,731,782.87)	(\$45,381,696.52)	(\$6,731,782.87)
Cashbook Balance 31/01/2024				\$255,726.84
BANK STATEMENTS				
Opening Balance 01/12/2023 (CSC's CBA Main Transaction Account)				\$437,521.87
Less Bank Payments				(\$6,637,576.87)
Plus Bank Receipts				\$6,485,427.33
Total As Per Bank Statements				\$285,372.33
Plus Unpresented Deposits				\$1,393.00
Less Unpresented Cheques				(\$31,038.49)
Reconciliation Cash Book Balance to Bank Statements 31/01/2024				\$255,726.84

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)
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Local Government Act (1993)

Local Government General Regulation (2021)

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 January 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$6,731,782.87.

10.24 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – December 2023

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Schedule of Investments – December 2023

Background

Details of Council's investments as at 31 December 2023 are provided below:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2023							
Last Month @ 30/11/23	Financial Institution	Date Raised	Interest Rate	Duration (Days)	Maturity Date	Current Month @ 31/12/23	Change
\$537,104.69	CBA	27-Oct-23	5.01%	123 Days	27-Feb-24	\$537,104.69	\$0.00
\$531,158.13	CBA	21-Nov-23	4.87%	90 Days	19-Feb-24	\$531,158.13	\$0.00
\$529,117.35	CBA	27-Nov-23	4.95%	91 Days	26-Feb-24	\$529,117.35	\$0.00
\$1,035,573.48	CBA	27-Nov-23	5.08%	\$120.00	26-Mar-24	\$1,035,573.48	\$0.00
\$2,847,776.44	CBA	26-Oct-23	5.02%	120 Days	23-Feb-24	\$2,847,776.44	\$0.00
\$534,743.77	CBA	27-Nov-23	4.95%	91 Days	26-Feb-24	\$534,743.77	\$0.00
\$530,534.98	CBA	03-Oct-23	4.80%	120 Days	31-Jan-24	\$530,534.98	\$0.00
\$5,768,877.93	CBA	Recall IBD \$5,768,877.93 + \$69,036.87				\$0.00	(\$5,768,877.93)
\$522,148.10	CBA	Recall IBD \$533,070.29 + \$10,922.19				\$0.00	(\$522,148.10)
\$523,568.69	CBA	12-Dec-23	4.93%	90 Days	11-Mar-24	\$529,597.62	\$6,028.93
\$516,822.89	CBA	07-Nov-23	4.91%	120 Days	06-Mar-24	\$516,822.89	\$0.00
\$524,869.86	CBA	27-Sep-23	4.78%	120 Days	25-Jan-24	\$524,869.86	\$0.00
\$529,776.65	CBA	01-Nov-23	4.84%	91 Days	31-Jan-24	\$529,776.65	\$0.00
\$529,904.27	CBA	28-Nov-23	5.07%	120 Days	27-Mar-24	\$529,904.27	\$0.00
\$526,836.95	CBA	03-Oct-23	4.80%	120 Days	31-Jan-24	\$526,836.95	\$0.00
\$526,968.74	CBA	29-Nov-23	4.88%	90 Days	27-Feb-24	\$526,968.74	\$0.00
\$525,683.62	Bendigo Bank	07-Dec-23	4.80%	368 Days	09-Dec-24	\$533,678.33	\$7,994.71
\$97,046.27	Bendigo Bank	03-Apr-23	4.05%	275 Days	03-Jan-24	\$97,046.27	\$0.00
\$25,980.37	Bendigo Bank	12-Oct-23	4.20%	183 Days	12-Apr-24	\$25,980.37	\$0.00
\$526,786.73	Westpac	04-Dec-23	4.97%	91 Days	04-Mar-24	\$532,998.92	\$6,212.19
\$2,250,000.00	Westpac	30-Nov-23	5.17%	182 Days	30-May-24	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	Westpac	19-Dec-23	5.05%	122 Days	19-Apr-24	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
\$2,250,000.00	Westpac	30-Nov-23	5.15%	152 Days	30-Apr-24	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	Westpac	27-Dec-23	5.01%	121 Days	26-Apr-24	\$510,956.16	\$10,956.16
\$511,474.60	Westpac	11-Sep-23	4.81%	122 Days	11-Jan-24	\$511,474.60	\$0.00
\$1,023,086.58	Westpac	28-Aug-23	4.93%	154 Days	29-Jan-24	\$1,023,086.58	\$0.00
\$546,775.03	NAB	02-Nov-23	4.90%	90 Days	31-Jan-24	\$546,775.03	\$0.00
\$525,700.79	NAB	03-Nov-23	4.90%	90 Days	01-Feb-24	\$525,700.79	\$0.00
\$516,522.40	NAB	08-Nov-23	4.90%	90 Days	06-Feb-24	\$516,522.40	\$0.00
\$505,917.81	NAB	29-Nov-23	4.95%	90 Days	27-Feb-24	\$505,917.81	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	NAB	12-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	11-Mar-24	\$505,917.81	\$5,917.81
\$526,850.97	NAB	16-Oct-23	4.80%	91 Days	15-Jan-24	\$526,850.97	\$0.00
\$0.00	NAB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	18-Mar-24	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
\$0.00	NAB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	18-Mar-24	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
\$512,551.79	NAB	18-Dec-23	5.00%	91 Days	18-Mar-24	\$518,618.16	\$6,066.37
\$525,377.48	NAB	20-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	19-Mar-24	\$531,595.65	\$6,218.17
\$2,024,398.91	NAB	28-Sep-23	4.92%	123 Days	29-Jan-24	\$2,024,398.91	\$0.00
\$523,685.26	NAB	11-Dec-23	5.00%	91 Days	11-Mar-24	\$532,314.73	\$8,629.47
\$1,031,149.07	NAB	27-Oct-23	4.90%	90 Days	25-Jan-24	\$1,031,149.07	\$0.00
\$536,136.75	NAB	14-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	13-Mar-24	\$542,482.26	\$6,345.51
\$520,853.92	NAB	04-Dec-23	4.85%	91 Days	04-Mar-24	\$529,436.74	\$8,582.82
\$1,592,545.53	IMB	01-Nov-23	5.00%	121 Days	01-Mar-24	\$1,592,545.53	\$0.00
\$532,817.43	IMB	15-Dec-23	5.00%	122 Days	15-Apr-24	\$541,543.96	\$8,726.53
\$506,112.33	IMB	07-Sep-23	4.85%	124 Days	09-Jan-24	\$506,112.33	\$0.00
\$0.00	IMB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	122 Days	19-Apr-24	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
\$509,265.75	IMB	25-Sep-23	4.80%	121 Days	24-Jan-24	\$509,265.75	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	IMB	25-Jul-23	5.35%	181 Days	22-Jan-24	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
\$506,684.93	IMB	01-Dec-23	5.10%	124 Days	03-Apr-24	\$518,878.68	\$12,193.75
\$2,025,457.53	IMB	28-Sep-23	4.85%	123 Days	29-Jan-24	\$2,025,457.53	\$0.00
\$2,321,000.00	IMB	30-Nov-23	5.25%	182 Days	30-May-24	\$2,321,000.00	\$0.00
\$551,999.98	IMB	13-Oct-23	4.90%	152 Days	13-Mar-24	\$551,999.98	\$0.00
\$526,976.04	IMB	03-Nov-23	5.00%	123 Days	05-Mar-24	\$526,976.04	\$0.00
\$528,240.07	IMB	21-Nov-23	5.00%	120 Days	20-Mar-24	\$528,240.07	\$0.00
\$529,366.26	IMB	Recall IBD \$529,366.26 + \$8,370.51				\$0.00	(\$529,366.26)
\$43,652,227.12						\$42,425,707.25	(\$1,226,519.87)

ON CALL INVESTMENTS							
\$1,558,456.53	CBA	Variable	4.35%	N/A	On Call A/c	\$1,763,269.72	\$204,813.19
	Movements On Call Funds		CBA				
	01-Dec-23	Interest	\$4,813.19				
	During Month	From On Call	(\$600,000.00)				
	During Month	To On Call	\$800,000.00				
	On Call - Net Change for Month		\$204,813.19				
\$1,558,456.53						\$1,763,269.72	\$204,813.19
\$45,210,683.65						\$44,188,976.97	(\$1,021,706.68)
I certify that the above Investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Regulations thereunder and Council's Investment Policy.							
Signed copy held in Council records			Robert Rayner				
			Director Corporate Services				

Analysis – Opening and Closing Balances:

INVESTMENT TYPE	OPENING 1/12/23	CLOSING 31/12/23	VARIATION DECEMBER
IBDs	43,652,227.12	42,425,707.25	(1,226,519.87)
On Call Funds	1,558,456.53	1,763,269.72	204,813.19
TOTAL	45,210,683.65	44,188,976.97	(1,021,706.68)

Analysis – Change During Month:

	VARIATION – DEC 2023
ADD – Interest Incorporated in IBDs Rolled Over	93,872.42
ADD – New IBDs	5,500,000.00
LESS – IBDs recalled	(6,820,392.29)
ADD – Interest from On Call Funds	4,813.19
LESS – On Call Funds recalled	(600,000.00)
ADD – Funds applied to On Call Funds	800,000.00
TOTAL VARIATION	(1,021,706.68)

Funds Held on Behalf of Other Organisations:

The Schedule of Investments includes one separate deposit that Council is holding in trust.

- IBD with Bendigo Bank – Ref No. 173016924 (matures 04/2024) \$25,980.37

Compliance with Policy Limits:

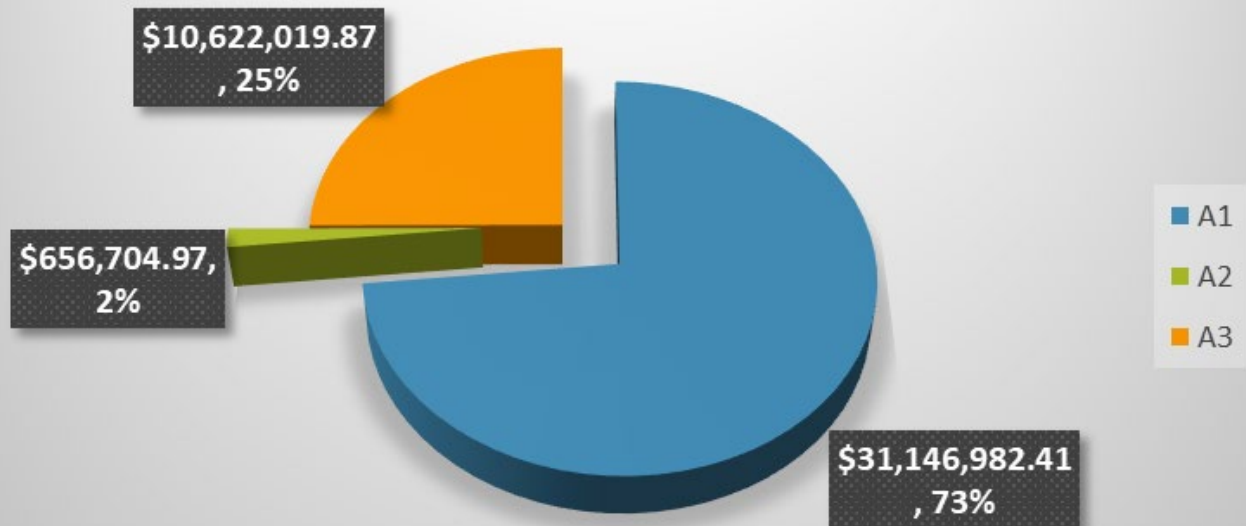
Council Policy 019 – Investment of Surplus Funds limits the exposure of invested funds to an individual organisation by the credit rating of the organisation so that single entity exposure is limited as detailed in the table below:

S&P Long Term Credit Rating*	S&P Short Term Credit Rating*	Portfolio Maximum
AAA Category	A1 +	50%
AA Category or Major Bank** (see note below)	A1	50%
A Category	A2	30%
BBB Category	A3	30%
NSW Treasury Corp Hour Glass Facility	Unrated	30%
Unrated Authorised Deposit Taking Institution	Unrated	10%

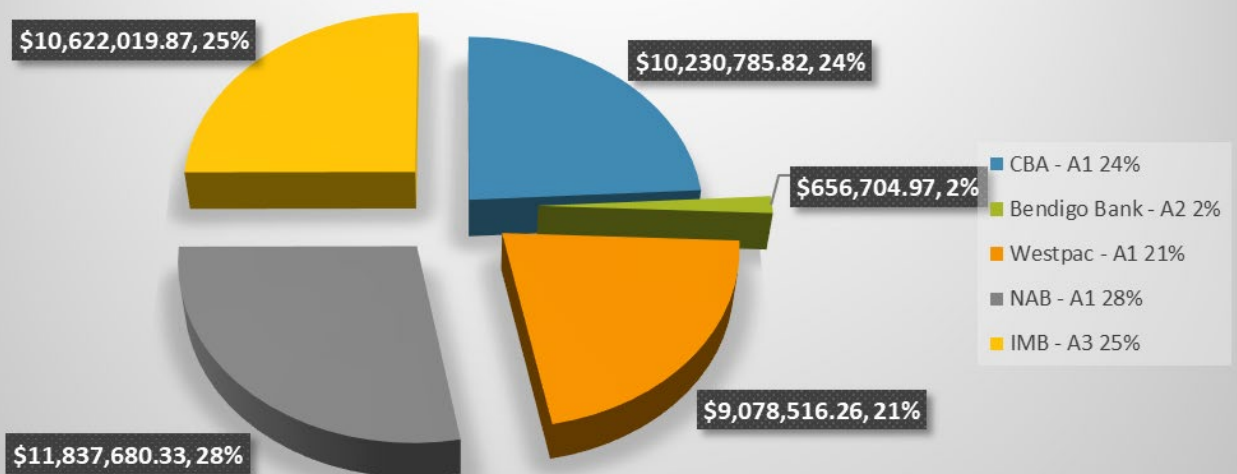
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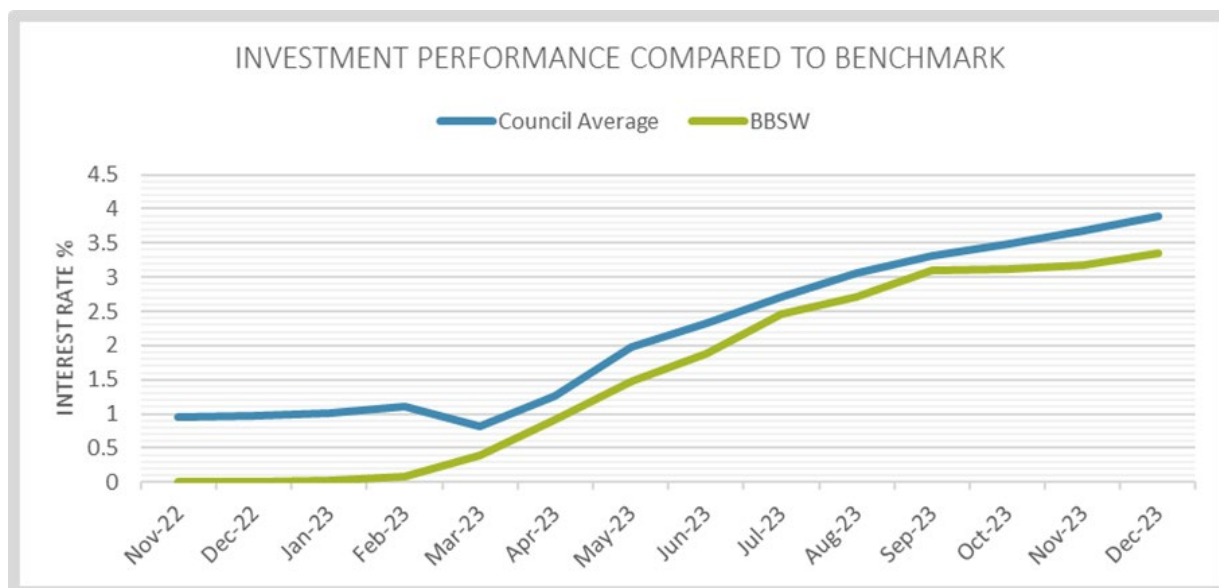
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Invested Term Deposits by Institution



The graph below details the performance of Council's investment portfolio against the standard comparative – the Bank Bill Swap Rate.



Issues

Lack of diversification within the investment portfolio has the potential for higher risk to Council.

Financial implications

Council's investment portfolio provides funding for some projects identified in the Operational Plan.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government Act (1993) s625
Local Government General Regulation (2021) Reg 205
Ministerial Investment Order (2011)

Policy implications

Council Policy 019 - Investment of Surplus Funds

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership & Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term

Recommendation:

That Council receive the investment report as at 31 December 2023 and it be noted that in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

10.25 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – January 2024

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Schedule of Investments – January 2024

Background

Details of Council's investments as at 31 January 2024 are provided below:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS - 31 JANUARY 2024							
Last Month @ 31/12/23	Financial Institution	Date Raised	Interest Rate	Duration (Days)	Maturity Date	Current Month @ 31/01/24	Change
\$537,104.69	CBA	27-Oct-23	5.01%	123 Days	27-Feb-24	\$537,104.69	\$0.00
\$531,158.13	CBA	21-Nov-23	4.87%	90 Days	19-Feb-24	\$531,158.13	\$0.00
\$529,117.35	CBA	27-Nov-23	4.95%	91 Days	26-Feb-24	\$529,117.35	\$0.00
\$1,035,573.48	CBA	27-Nov-23	5.08%	\$120.00	26-Mar-24	\$1,035,573.48	\$0.00
\$2,847,776.44	CBA	26-Oct-23	5.02%	120 Days	23-Feb-24	\$2,847,776.44	\$0.00
\$534,743.77	CBA	27-Nov-23	4.95%	91 Days	26-Feb-24	\$534,743.77	\$0.00
\$530,534.98	CBA	31-Jan-24	4.91%	120 Days	30-May-24	\$538,907.26	\$8,372.28
\$529,597.62	CBA	12-Dec-23	4.93%	90 Days	11-Mar-24	\$529,597.62	\$0.00
\$516,822.89	CBA	07-Nov-23	4.91%	120 Days	06-Mar-24	\$516,822.89	\$0.00
\$524,869.86	CBA	Recall IBD \$524,869.86 + \$8,252.00				\$0.00	(\$524,869.86)
\$529,776.65	CBA	31-Jan-24	5.04%	180 Days	29-Jul-24	\$536,099.14	\$6,322.49
\$529,904.27	CBA	28-Nov-23	5.07%	120 Days	27-Mar-24	\$529,904.27	\$0.00
\$526,836.95	CBA	31-Jan-24	5.04%	180 Days	29-Jul-24	\$535,150.87	\$8,313.92
\$526,968.74	CBA	29-Nov-23	4.88%	90 Days	27-Feb-24	\$526,968.74	\$0.00
\$533,678.33	Bendigo Bank	07-Dec-23	4.80%	368 Days	09-Dec-24	\$533,678.33	\$0.00
\$97,046.27	Bendigo Bank	03-Jan-24	4.05%	182 Days	03-Jul-24	\$100,007.45	\$2,961.18
\$25,980.37	Bendigo Bank	12-Oct-23	4.20%	183 Days	12-Apr-24	\$25,980.37	\$0.00
\$532,998.92	Westpac	04-Dec-23	4.97%	91 Days	04-Mar-24	\$532,998.92	\$0.00
\$2,250,000.00	Westpac	30-Nov-23	5.17%	182 Days	30-May-24	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,000,000.00	Westpac	19-Dec-23	5.05%	122 Days	19-Apr-24	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,250,000.00	Westpac	30-Nov-23	5.15%	152 Days	30-Apr-24	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
\$510,956.16	Westpac	27-Dec-23	5.01%	121 Days	26-Apr-24	\$510,956.16	\$0.00
\$511,474.60	Westpac	Recall IBD \$511,474.60 + \$8,223.11				\$0.00	(\$511,474.60)
\$1,023,086.58	Westpac	29-Jan-24	5.00%	121 Days	29-May-24	\$1,044,367.34	\$21,280.76
\$546,775.03	NAB	31-Jan-24	5.00%	90 Days	30-Apr-24	\$553,381.28	\$6,606.25
\$525,700.79	NAB	03-Nov-23	4.90%	90 Days	01-Feb-24	\$525,700.79	\$0.00
\$516,522.40	NAB	08-Nov-23	4.90%	90 Days	06-Feb-24	\$516,522.40	\$0.00
\$505,917.81	NAB	29-Nov-23	4.95%	90 Days	27-Feb-24	\$505,917.81	\$0.00
\$505,917.81	NAB	12-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	11-Mar-24	\$505,917.81	\$0.00
\$526,850.97	NAB	Recall IBD \$526,850.97 + \$6,304.90				\$0.00	(\$526,850.97)
\$1,000,000.00	NAB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	18-Mar-24	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,000,000.00	NAB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	18-Mar-24	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
\$518,618.16	NAB	18-Dec-23	5.00%	91 Days	18-Mar-24	\$518,618.16	\$0.00
\$531,595.65	NAB	20-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	19-Mar-24	\$531,595.65	\$0.00
\$2,024,398.91	NAB	29-Jan-24	5.03%	121 Days	29-May-24	\$2,057,962.89	\$33,563.98
\$532,314.73	NAB	11-Dec-23	5.00%	91 Days	11-Mar-24	\$532,314.73	\$0.00
\$1,031,149.07	NAB	Recall IBD \$1,031,149.07 + \$12,458.55				\$0.00	(\$1,031,149.07)
\$542,482.26	NAB	14-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	13-Mar-24	\$542,482.26	\$0.00
\$529,436.74	NAB	04-Dec-23	4.85%	91 Days	04-Mar-24	\$529,436.74	\$0.00
\$1,592,545.53	IMB	01-Nov-23	5.00%	121 Days	01-Mar-24	\$1,592,545.53	\$0.00
\$541,543.96	IMB	15-Dec-23	5.00%	122 Days	15-Apr-24	\$541,543.96	\$0.00
\$506,112.33	IMB	Recall IBD \$506,112.33 + \$8,339.07				\$0.00	(\$506,112.33)
\$500,000.00	IMB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	122 Days	19-Apr-24	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
\$509,265.75	IMB	Recall IBD \$509,265.75 + \$8,103.60				\$0.00	(\$509,265.75)
\$500,000.00	IMB	Recall IBD \$500,000.00 + \$13,265.07				\$0.00	(\$500,000.00)
\$518,878.68	IMB	01-Dec-23	5.10%	124 Days	03-Apr-24	\$518,878.68	\$0.00
\$2,025,457.53	IMB	29-Jan-24	4.90%	92 Days	30-Apr-24	\$2,058,561.27	\$33,103.74
\$2,321,000.00	IMB	30-Nov-23	5.25%	182 Days	30-May-24	\$2,321,000.00	\$0.00
\$551,999.98	IMB	13-Oct-23	4.90%	152 Days	13-Mar-24	\$551,999.98	\$0.00
\$526,976.04	IMB	03-Nov-23	5.00%	123 Days	05-Mar-24	\$526,976.04	\$0.00
\$528,240.07	IMB	21-Nov-23	5.00%	120 Days	20-Mar-24	\$528,240.07	\$0.00
\$42,425,707.25						\$38,436,509.27	(\$3,989,197.98)

ON CALL INVESTMENTS							
\$1,763,269.72	CBA	Variable	4.35%	N/A	On Call A/c	\$1,768,604.29	\$5,334.57
	Movements On Call Funds		CBA				
	01-Jan-24	Interest	\$5,334.57				
	During Month	From On Call	(\$1,500,000.00)				
	During Month	To On Call	\$1,500,000.00				
	On Call - Net Change for Month		\$5,334.57				
\$1,763,269.72						\$1,768,604.29	\$5,334.57
\$44,188,976.97						\$40,205,113.56	(\$3,983,863.41)
I certify that the above Investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Regulations thereunder and Council's Investment Policy.							
Signed copy held in Council records		Robert Rayner					
		Director Corporate Services					

Analysis – Opening and Closing Balances:

INVESTMENT TYPE	OPENING 1/1/24	CLOSING 31/1/24	VARIATION JANUARY
IBDs	42,425,707.25	38,436,509.27	(3,989,197.98)
On Call Funds	1,763,269.72	1,768,604.29	5,334.57
TOTAL	44,188,976.97	40,205,113.56	(3,983,863.41)

Analysis – Change During Month:

	VARIATION – JAN 2024
ADD – Interest Incorporated in IBDs Rolled Over	120,524.60
ADD – New IBDs	0
LESS – IBDs recalled	(4,109,722.58)
ADD – Interest from On Call Funds	5,334.57
LESS – On Call Funds recalled	(1,500,000.00)
ADD – Funds applied to On Call Funds	1,500,000.00
TOTAL VARIATION	(3,983,863.41)

Funds Held on Behalf of Other Organisations:

The Schedule of Investments includes one separate deposit that Council is holding in trust.

- IBD with Bendigo Bank – Ref No. 173016924 (matures 04/2024) \$25,980.37

Compliance with Policy Limits:

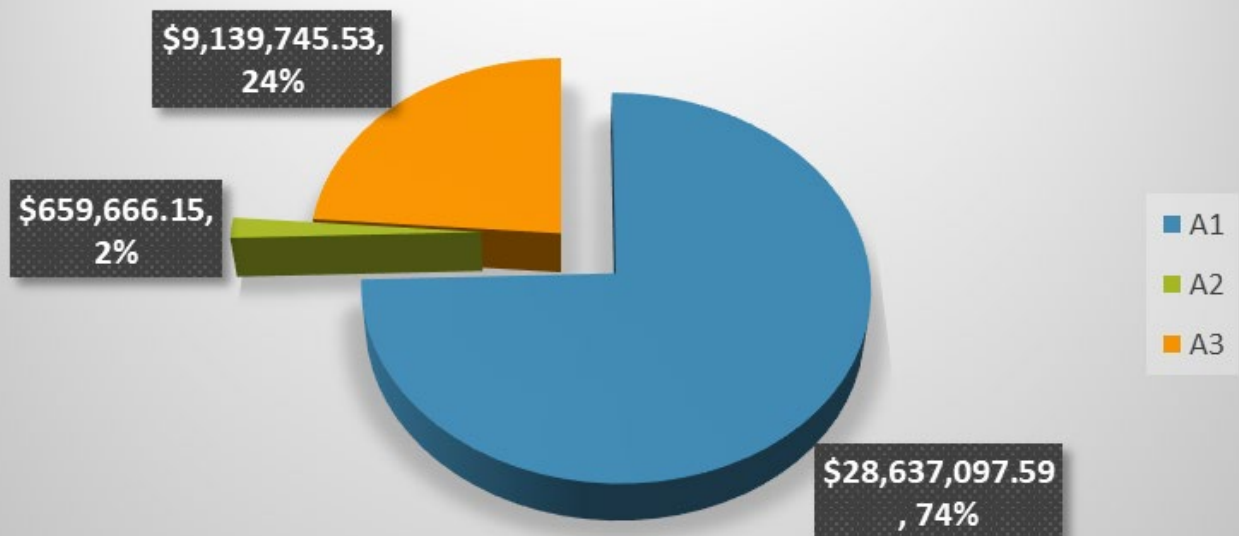
Council Policy 019 – Investment of Surplus Funds limits the exposure of invested funds to an individual organisation by the credit rating of the organisation so that single entity exposure is limited as detailed in the table below:

S&P Long Term Credit Rating*	S&P Short Term Credit Rating*	Portfolio Maximum
AAA Category	A1 +	50%
AA Category or Major Bank** (see note below)	A1	50%
A Category	A2	30%
BBB Category	A3	30%
NSW Treasury Corp Hour Glass Facility	Unrated	30%
Unrated Authorised Deposit Taking Institution	Unrated	10%

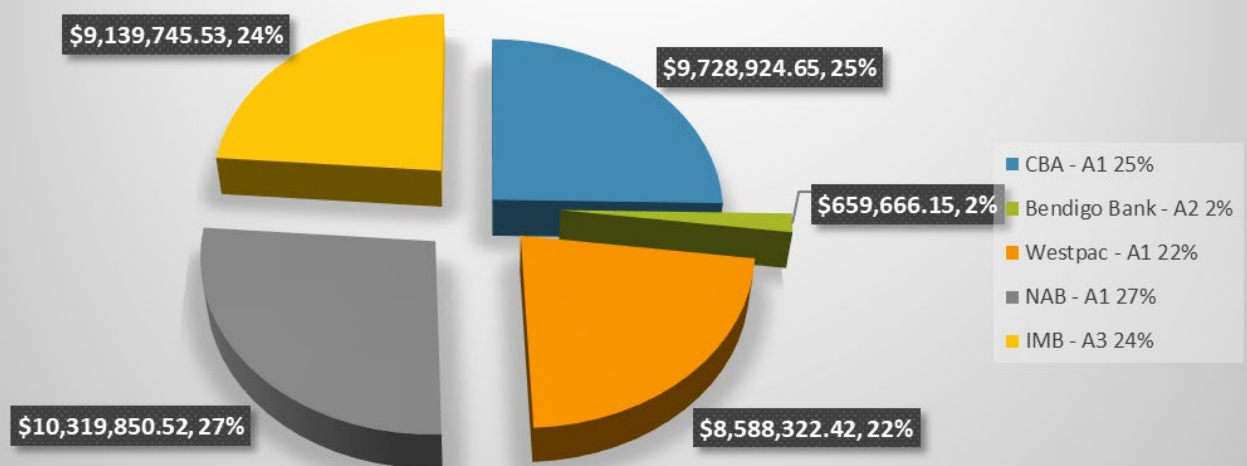
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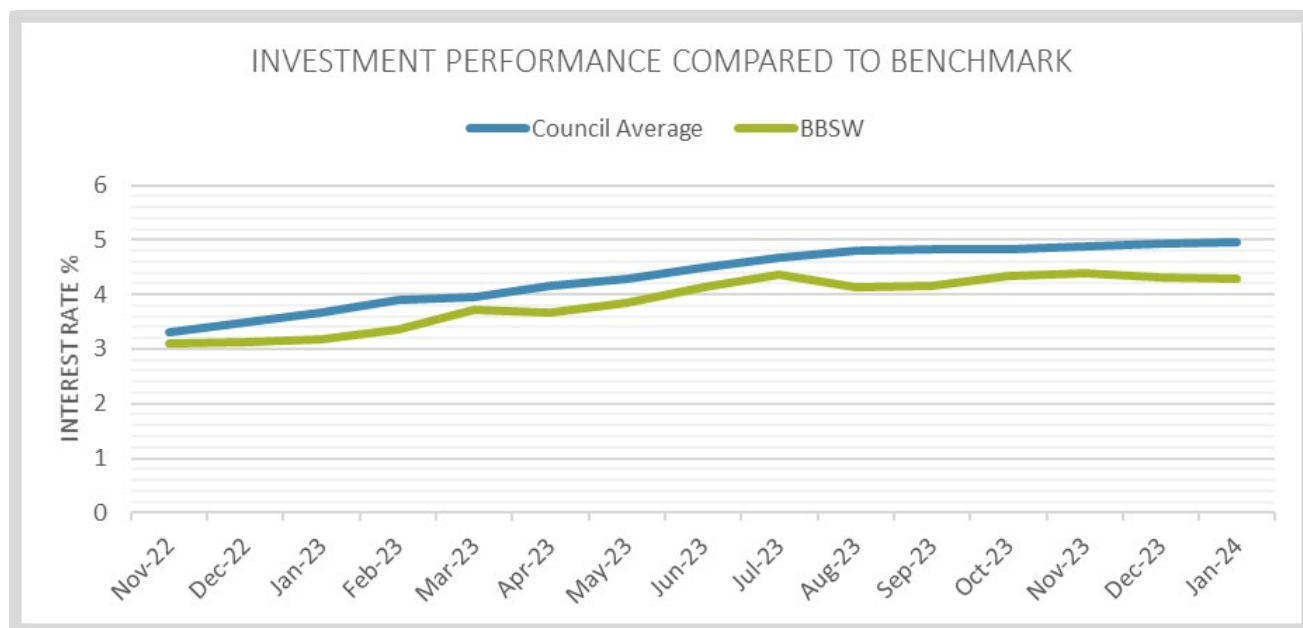
Invested Term Deposit by Rating



Invested Term Deposits by Institution



The graph below details the performance of Council's investment portfolio against the standard comparative – the Bank Bill Swap Rate.



Issues

Lack of diversification within the investment portfolio has the potential for higher risk to Council.

Financial implications

Council's investment portfolio provides funding for some projects identified in the Operational Plan.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government Act (1993) s625
Local Government General Regulation (2021) Reg 205
Ministerial Investment Order (2011)

Policy implications

Council Policy 019 - Investment of Surplus Funds

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership & Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term

Recommendation:

That Council receive the investment report as at 31 January 2024 and it be noted that in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

10.26 Council Policy 082 – Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy

CM:POL:CWP

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: Statutory annual review - Councillors Expenses and Facilities

Policy. Separately Circulated: [Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy](#).

Background

Section 252 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to adopt or amend a policy annually for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities to the mayor, deputy mayor and other councillors. The policy was last reviewed in February 2023. Councillors may only be reimbursed for expenses and provided with facilities in accordance with this policy.

The policy has been reviewed and no amendments have been proposed. Minor formatting changes have been made. The document requires readoption for a twelve-month period.

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Provision for payments arising from this policy are made annually in Council's budget.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government Act 1993 - s252 and s253

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 clause 403

Policy implications

It is standard practice to review Council policies regularly to ensure continuing functionality. It is a legislative requirement that Council review and adopt this policy annually (s252).

Risk implications

Meets governance requirements in accordance with the Act.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.1.1 – Develop and implement frameworks and policies to ensure that outcomes are transparent, consistent and ethical

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. adopt the **Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy** and that the draft policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. adopt the policy after the public exhibition period if no submissions are received

10.27 Delivery Program Performance Report

CM:POL:SCBP

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: To provide Council with a report on progress against the Delivery Program

Separately Circulated: [Delivery Program Performance Report](#)

Background

The Delivery Program (DP) is the statement of commitment to the community from each newly elected council and it translates the community's strategic goals into clear actions.

It is the primary reference point for all activities undertaken by council during its term of office.

The Delivery Program allows council to determine:

- what is achievable over the term
- what the priorities are
- how programs will be scheduled.

Importantly, the Delivery Program allows council to demonstrate how its 'business-as-usual' activities help achieve Community Strategic Plan (CSP) objectives (e.g., garbage collection achieves a safe and healthy environment objective).

(Office of Local Government NSW, 2022)

Council is required to report on progress with respect to principal activities in the Delivery Program at least every six months.

These progress reports are to be received in the months of February and August each year as this aligns with the outgoing report from one Council to another at the end of a Council term, and for Annual Reporting Requirements.

The report has been completed and is attached for your reference.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal):

Local Government Act 1993, s404 5

Policy implications:

Nil

Risk implications:

Nil

Community Strategic Plan:

This report covers all the objectives within the Community Strategic Plan

Recommendation:

That Council note the Delivery Program progress report for February 2024 covering the period July 2023 to December 2023.

10.28 Second Quarter Budget Review 2023/24

FM:AUD:REP

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Review Revenue & Expenditure Projections – 2nd Quarter of 2023/24Separately Circulated: [Consolidated Budget Review Statement – 2nd Quarter 2023/24](#)**Background**

In accordance with Clause 203 (Budget Review Statements and Revision of Estimates) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:

- (1) Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a Council must prepare and submit to the Council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the Council's Revenue Policy included in the Operational Plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.
- (2) A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:
 - (a) A report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure; and
 - (b) If that position is unsatisfactory, recommendation for remedial action.

In accordance with Clause 211 (Authorisation of expenditure) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:

- (1) A council, or a person purporting to act on behalf of a council, must not incur a liability for the expenditure of money unless the council at the annual meeting held in accordance with subclause (2) or at a later ordinary meeting:
 - (a) has approved the expenditure, and
 - (b) has voted the money necessary to meet the expenditure.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) presents a summary of Council's financial position at the end of the first quarter for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

The quarterly budget review process is the mechanism through which Council and the community are informed of Council's progress against the Operational Plan (annual budget), together with recommendations for changes and reasons for any budget variations.

The QBRs provides a global analysis of actual revenue and expenditure for the 2nd quarter of 2023/24 and includes the following summaries:

- General Fund Operational Summary by Function
- General Fund Operational Summary by Business Unit
- General Fund Project Expenditure (includes capital)
- GF Operational/Capital Variation Commentary
- Water & Sewer Schemes Financial Summary
- Water & Sewer Schemes Variation Commentary
- Water & Sewer Schemes Operational/Capital
- Movements associated with External & Internal Restrictions on Cash & Investments

Financial Implications

GENERAL FUND – ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE ANALYSIS

The adopted Operational Plan for the general fund showed a surplus budget of \$88,351 for 2023/24. At the completion of the 1st quarter review, the projected surplus was \$278,754. The net vote variations proposed for the 2nd quarter result in a surplus of \$351,904.

This improved surplus is primarily a result of the close monitoring and review being undertaken across the full budget in comparison to actual income and expenditure. Complete details are provided in the variations commentary.

WATER – ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE ANALYSIS

The adopted Operational Plan for the combined water funds showed a cash deficit budget of \$6,543 for 2023/24. At the completion of the 1st quarter review, the projected deficit was \$27,141. The net vote variations proposed for the 2nd quarter result in a deficit of \$52,531.

The primary change during this quarter has been an increase in unanticipated maintenance activities (\$20k). Minor adjustments have also been made to meter reading expenses as a result of additional costs incurred in finding, reading and checking meters (\$5,390).

SEWER – ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE ANALYSIS

The adopted Operational Plan for the combined sewer funds showed a surplus cash budget of \$180,613 (including telemetry) for 2023/24. At the completion of the 1st quarter review, the projected surplus was \$169,443. The proposed vote variations for the 2nd quarter result in a slightly reduced surplus of \$164,443.

The primary change during this quarter has been as a result of unanticipated rehabilitation works for Goolgowi Sewer together with increased pricing for chemicals (\$5k).

CONTRACTS

The following table provides details of contracts entered into by Council during the December quarter of 2023/24:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL		QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCT 2023 TO 31 DEC 2023		
CONTRACTS BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT NEW CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO DURING THIS 2 ND QUARTER				
CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT DETAIL & PURPOSE	CONTRACT VALUE	START DATE	BUDGETED (Y/N)
Nil				

Notes:

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 – whichever is the lesser.
2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the reporting quarter & exclude contractors on Council's preferred supplier list.
3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES

Details of consultancy and legal fees paid are shown in the table below:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL		QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCT 2023 TO 31 DEC 2023	
CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT			
CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES OVERVIEW			
EXPENSE TYPE	YTD EXPENDITURE (ACTUAL DOLLARS)	BUDGETED (Y/N)	
Consultants*	0		
Legal Fees – Debt Recovery	36,689	Y	
Legal Fees - General	9,347	Y	

** A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision-making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.*

CASH & INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Funds have been invested in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government General Regulation 2021*, Council's Investment Policy and Council meeting resolutions.

The Cash at Bank figure has been reconciled to Council's physical bank statements. The completion date of this bank reconciliation is 31 December 2023.

Cash at Bank (All Funds)	\$416,955.36
<u>Investments (On Call & Term Deposits)</u>	<u>\$44,188,976.97</u>
Cash & Investments – as at 31/12/23	<u>\$44,605,932.33</u>

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 – Clause 203 & Clause 211

QBRs Guidelines, Office of Local Government 2010

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term

Recommendation:

That the Budget Review for the 2nd quarter of 2023/24 be received and the vote variations as listed in both the budget review statement and this report be approved.

10.29 Rural Fire Service Levy

CM:POL:CWP

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: To provide an update on the Rural Fire Service Levy (RFSL).

Attachment: Letter from the NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner.

Background

Council have been advised that the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) funding target will remain at \$549 million for the 2023/24 financial year. This will maintain Council's contribution towards the RFSL at approximately the same level as last year, due to the usual cost sharing arrangements, with local councils paying 11.7% of the total funding.

The Commissioner's letter also outlines additional information, together with the RFS's achievements over the last 12 months. It also indicates that \$2,456,248 has been allocated in Council's budget to replace 6 appliances and refurbish one other.

Council's contribution last financial year (2022/2023) to the RFSL, was \$295,478. This year Council's contribution is \$295,678 an increase of \$200.

Council's maintenance and repairs budget as advised by the RFS has been set at \$148,985, for 2023/24, this budget last financial year was \$166,031. Council's budget estimate for 2023/24 is \$190,000.

Issues

Despite numerous requests to the RFS for timelier budget information, Council only receives formal advice from the RFS regarding their budget requirements for the new financial year, five to six months after Council's budget has been adopted.

The NSW Office of State Revenue provides an invoice in September each year which gives Council an amount for payment, and an idea what the RFSL is before any advice is received from the RFS.

This makes budgeting difficult with worse case scenarios usually applied in the budgeting process. This financial year the budget allocated for the RFSL was \$306,000.

The current expenditure as at 31/12/2023 for the RFS maintenance and repairs is \$154,258. This figure is already over the RFS's annual budget, with 6 months remaining.

Discussion in relation to the over spend will be discussed with the RFS District Manager.

Financial implications

This financial year the RFSL will total \$295,678. Council's budgeted amount for the RFSL was \$306,000, and this budget has been adjusted down as part of the first quarterly budget review.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Council will continue to have budget variations, whilst the RFS continue to provide delayed budgetary information.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Recommendation:

That Council receive the report on the Rural Fire Service Levy.

ATTACHMENT



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Mr Rick Warren
CARRATHOOL Council
9 - 11 Cobram Street
Goolgowi NSW 2652

12/12/2023

Dear Mr Rick Warren

2023-24 ALLOCATIONS – NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND

The Minister for Emergency Services, Hon. Jihad Dib MP, has approved allocations for the 2023-24 Rural Fire Fighting Fund (RFFF), which supports the volunteer rural fire brigades that protect your local community.

Following amendments to the *Rural Fires Act 1997* in 2017, the statutory contribution by relevant councils to the Fund is now determined by reference to the 'rural fire brigade funding target' defined in section 103 of the Act. For 2023-24, the funding target is \$549.383 million.

As you are aware, the NSW Bushfire Inquiry examined the causes, preparation and response to the devastating 2019/20 bush fires. The Inquiry handed down a total of 148 recommendations and sub-recommendations requiring implementation of discrete actions or projects. The RFS is responsible for implementing 87 of these. As at the end of June 2023, 64 of these had been completed, with the remainder in progress. The RFS is jointly responsible for implementing another three recommendations, all of which are in progress.

NSW has experienced a string of unprecedented natural disasters and emergencies over the past four years, with devastating consequences for our communities and environment. The RFS has maintained a heightened operational tempo throughout these events, sustaining ongoing services to assist and protect communities around the state. This has tested the resilience and courage of our dedicated members and also placed a significant operational load on the organisation.

Over this time, it has become increasingly clear that the RFS provides a trusted service not only as the lead combat agency for bush fire response and all fires in Rural Fire Districts but also in response to other emergencies, particularly in regional and isolated rural areas, where the RFS may be the only emergency service in some small towns and villages. I am proud that the Service has been able to swiftly and professionally expand its capabilities to encompass flood and rescue operations as well as bush fire response to ensure that we are providing every possible assistance to people in need.

In response to both the NSW Inquiry and the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and to support its strategic direction, the RFS has introduced 18 priority projects. These

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projects were developed to ensure our people can effectively respond to emergency incidents and get home safely. They also are leading the development of our future capability, ensuring our members have the equipment and resources they need to serve their community to the best of their - and our - ability.

I am proud of what we have achieved so far and am committed to continue delivering these initiatives, which will help support our partner agencies, including councils, and the people of our state. I have outlined our achievements to provide your council with vision of our work to support you and your residents, businesses, infrastructure, environment and other valuable assets.

Keeping members safe and well

- *Personal Protective Equipment – Head Protection and Respiratory Protection*
\$14.2 million from donations received in response to the 2019/20 fires has been invested to deliver more than 45,000 new helmets to members across the state and provide an expanded suite of respirator options for every firefighting appliance in the fleet.
- *The RFS Benevolent Fund*
\$10 million from the community donations has been allocated to establish the RFS Benevolent Fund as an independent charity to support members in need, especially the families of members killed on duty and those injured on the fireground. The Fund is accepting applications for financial support.
- *Mental Health Strategy*
Understandably, one of the impacts of the extended and severe 2019/20 fire season was on the mental health of some RFS members. The RFS is investing approximately \$17 million over five years to boost its mental health services and resources for members, including employing allied health professionals (including psychologists). The five-year RFS Mental Health Strategy was launched in January 2023 to help achieve a mentally healthy environment in which members can thrive.
- *Workplace Conduct*
The existing RFS approach to workplace conduct was outdated and no longer fit for purpose. A new framework is being rolled out to improve the management of workplace conduct issues across the Service and promote a safe and inclusive workplace for all members.

Enhancing emergency response and management

- *RFS ACTIV (Member Availability and Response System)*
The RFS ACTIV mobile app makes it easier for members to signal their availability, be called out to an emergency and accept the call to attend. The system provides a common and accessible way for all members to better communicate who is best positioned to respond to any emergency.
- *CAD (Integrated Dispatch System)*
The RFS completed the roll out of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to all Districts in July 2023. The day-to-day communications of all 43 Districts are now processed through the RFS Operational Communication Centre (OCC), ensuring the right vehicle responds to the right incident at the right time. CAD enables more efficient and consistent dispatching of resources and improved emergency response capabilities. Since its introduction in February 2021, the time from receiving a call to alerting a Brigade has fallen by a minimum of three minutes.
- *Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs)*
MDTs provide two-way, real-time sharing of operational information between members in the field and Incident Management Teams (IMTs) or the Operational Communications Centre via

touchscreens mounted in fire appliances. These devices are now being rolled out to enhance the safety of members in the field and ensure they have critical information (eg maps and incident action plans) readily available when needed. The MDTs also will allow for simplified data collection and display within vehicles and better pre-incident preparation and real-time decision-making.

- *Mapping Software*

The FireMapper infield mapping solution is a mobile app that allows members in the field to annotate directly on maps, share map annotations with others and integrate with real-time incident information.

- *Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)*

The RFS led this national initiative to develop a new Australian Fire Danger Rating System with the CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology. Nearly 600 metal fire danger rating signs have been rolled out in communities across NSW. About a third (240) of existing signs will be replaced or retrofitted with electronic signage. These signs are controlled remotely, ensuring they display the correct and current fire danger rating and clear calls to action.

- *Design of Fire Appliances & Next Generation Fleet*

The RFS is working to identify its needs for future generation of firefighting appliances, including their design, protection levels and increased lifespan. A comprehensive research initiative was completed in conjunction with Monash University's Accident Research Centre to look at evidence-based safety improvements, specifically in relation to roll-over and falling object protection. Testing of prototype designs will start this year.

- *Farm Fire Unit Integration*

Farmers are a critical part of the fire-fighting effort and an important partner in managing and responding to the threat of fire across our landscape. The RFS Farm Fire Unit Operational Guide and Commitment Strategy, developed in conjunction with NSW Farmers, was launched in August 2022 to strengthen the integration of Farm Fire Units with firefighting operations to promote the safe, efficient and cooperative involvement of private equipment to control fires.

Technology is better optimising logistics and connecting people

- *Station Connectivity and Microsoft Office 365 Uplift*

The RFS has provided internet connectivity via a Nighthawk M6 mobile router and Telstra internet plan for each brigade station within range of Telstra's mobile coverage. The next stages in this project are to offer every member their own RFS email address and access to Microsoft Office 365 products including Teams and Outlook to support easier communication.

- *One RFS Member Website*

Launched in 2021, One RFS is a centralised platform for storing and sharing information with members, helping them to stay connected.

- *eMembership Portal*

The RFS membership application process has been modernised with the replacement of the previous paper-based forms with an online application portal (eMembership) to streamline the system for members of the community wishing to join the Service.

- *Emergency Logistics Program*

The RFS has prioritised improvements to its procurement processes to provide a seamless ordering process and access to real-time information about inventory supplies and better support for the businesses that supply us. The integrated digital platform, the Emergency Logistics Solution (ELS) went live in November 2022, improving logistics coordination, sourcing and procure to pay, heavy plant integration and inventory management.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the NSW RFS and Brigades Donations Fund Trust (DGR), which has contributed to many of these programs through the donated funds received during the 2019/20 fire season. This has allowed us to accelerate work and deliver benefits to volunteers that otherwise may not have occurred for many years.

The year ahead

The RFS has specifically committed to delivering the following key initiatives:

- *Resource to Risk*

As we continue to enhance our emergency response and management of incidents capabilities, we acknowledge there is more work we can do align the level of risk posed by particular emergencies with what resources we have available to dispatch to them. Whilst we have previously utilised the Standards of Fire Cover approach, we recognise the need for a more contemporary approach that matches our physical and human resource capabilities, and technologies to meet the risks in each area.

We understand that the complexity of events is growing and that the needs of each of our brigades can be largely different depending on where they are, what they're exposed to, and who they're serving. Aviation Management

We have made significant investments to build our aerial firefighting capabilities and as we do so we are ensuring safety remains at the centre of our approach. This includes the implementation of the recommendations from recent reviews, particularly the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) following the tragic loss of the large air tanker crew during the 2019/20 bush fires.

Already possessing the largest aerial fleet of any fire agency in Australia, we're focused on building the capability of our owned and contract resources even further. A faster, safer, and more capable means of putting out fires in hard-to-reach locations, our focus on our aerial capabilities will significantly enhance our capacity to protect lives and property during emergencies, providing invaluable support from the sky to complement the efforts of our ground-based members. We will be further developing our training approach, our mission profiles, and the means to better respond to various emergencies

- *Night Aviation Capability*

Over the past three years, the RFS has made significant advances in its night time aviation capability. The introduction of night time aerial intelligence and high definition FLIR cameras have provided the ability to detect, live stream and map fires at night. The introduction of night incendiary activities allows for the continuation of aerial incendiary operations at times when it may be the most effective or needed. The trial and development of night time aerial firefighting is continuing with successful night time direct attack firefighting operations and the ongoing expansion of the night firebombing program.

- *Athena 2.0*

Athena is an artificial intelligence system that provides enhanced situational awareness to RFS decision makers by predicting fire patterns and the impact of fire on various values and assets. This will assist in improving the speed and accuracy of operational decision making through more effective resource allocation and more informed pre-emptive staging and provide for more informed management of aviation capabilities.

The RFS also has not been immune from extensive cost increases driven by COVID-19 supply chain difficulties and price escalation, more recent increases in inflation and a range of other factors, including heightened global competition for aerial firefighting resources. The RFS is facing increases in the order

of 38 to 48 per cent in the cost of aircraft contracts and unprecedented increases of up to 40 per cent in construction industry costs.

2023-24 Allocations

As you would be aware, the Office of State Revenue has previously provided each council with an Annual Assessment Notice identifying the amount of its statutory contribution for 2023-24.

The key allocations to be provided to your council, including Infrastructure projects, firefighting appliances and equipment and support payments, in 2023-24 are detailed below:

- Infrastructure Projects:**

All councils are encouraged to claim costs as infrastructure works progress rather than waiting to lodge a larger claim at the end of the financial year or project. This will assist councils in recouping their costs and minimise the need to seek carry over approvals.

Project Name	Value
Ancillary Costs across multiple Brigades in LGA	\$20,000.00
Subtotal: Infrastructure Projects	\$20,000.00

Note: These allocations do not include any carry over funds from previous financial years, only the funds which are being allocated to you for this financial year. If you require any clarification, please contact your local District office.

- Appliances**

Type	Brigade Name	Value
Appliance - CAT 1 - Dual Cab	The Peak	\$451,967.20
Appliance - CAT 1 - Dual Cab	Ballandry	\$451,967.20
Appliance - CAT 1 - Single Cab	Roto	\$438,015.21
Appliance - CAT 1 - Single Cab	Ballandry	\$438,015.21
Appliance - CAT 7 - Single Cab	Wallanthry	\$278,141.82
Appliance - CAT 7 - Single Cab	Conapaira West	\$278,141.82
Appliance - Refurbishment	Hillston	\$120,000.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 1 (BF01108)	Roto	\$0.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 1 (BF04007)	Hillston	\$0.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 1 (BF06302)	Ballandry	\$0.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 1 (BF07111)	The Peak	\$0.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 1 (BF07177)	Ballandry	\$0.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 7 (BF04036)	Wallanthry	\$0.00
Replaced Appliance - CAT 7 (BF07597)	Conapaira West	\$0.00
Subtotal: Appliances		\$2,456,248.44

- Equipment**

Fire Fighting Equipment	\$16,000.00
Personal Protective Clothing	\$21,000.00

Subtotal: Equipment	\$37,000.00
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- *Maintenance and Repairs*

The Maintenance and Repairs support payments for each council have been increased for 2023-24. The RFS will seek to make payments to council for the Maintenance and Repairs grant towards the end of 2023, provided council has made all Rural Fire Fighting Fund contributions due to the Office of State Revenue at that time.

The Maintenance and Repair payments support councils in meeting their requirements for the costs of maintaining appliances and other vehicles (not the White Fleet), stations and Fire Control Centres, utilities and other miscellaneous costs.

Subtotal: Maintenance and Repairs	\$148,985.28
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Your attention to completing and claiming reimbursement for the outlined infrastructure and any approved hazard reduction works during the 2023-24 year is requested. It should be noted that there is no guarantee that unclaimed funds will be carried forward, particularly relating to hazard reduction works.

Councils will continue to receive ongoing additional support to Rural Fire Districts including:

- *Training and Volunteer Support*

Costs associated with volunteer relations, including the cadets program, Work Health and Safety programs for volunteers, Critical Incident Support, Chaplaincy, learning and development, volunteer training and competency.

- *Fire Mitigation Works*

Bush fire mitigation works, including the Mitigation Crews that operate across Local Government Areas, completing mitigation works, fire trail and hazard management works.

- *Insurances*

Volunteer workers compensation insurance and other insurances (excluding red fleet insurance).

- *Radio Communications*

Costs associated with communication assets, the Private Mobile Radio network, the paging network and the Government Radio Network.

- *Emergency Fund*

Costs associated with responding to bush fire emergencies, including out of area assistance.

- *Aviation and Other Operational Support*

Provision of the State Air Desk and aviation resources for emergency events, training and support of volunteers in aircraft operations and other operational support services such as Neighbourhood Safer Places, Rapid Aerial Response Teams and vulnerable communities support.

- *Engineering and Other Infrastructure*

Design and development of mobile infrastructure, including tankers, other vehicles and firefighting equipment. Development of designs and standards for the construction of brigade stations and fire control centres.

- *Communications and Public Awareness*

Management of media and corporate communications, including community advertising and awareness campaigns, social media monitoring and provision of emergency messaging in emergency events.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mr Myles Foley, Director, Finance and Procurement on (02) 8741 5523 or at myles.foley@rfs.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

Rob Rogers AFSM
Commissioner

cc: General Manager
RFS Area Director
RFS Area Commander
RFS District Manager

10.30 Hillston Water Tower Mural Project

GS:PGM:SCCF5-0133

Author: Community Development & Projects Manager

Purpose: To present Council with designs for their consideration.

Attachment: 4 different water tower designs

Background

In the September meeting Council endorsed Janne Krimson Birkner as the preferred artist for the Hillston Water Tower Mural project. Since this meeting Council consulted with community to gather elements for the artist to develop designs that would best represent the community and the area.

Submission of these elements could be made online or in person at the Hillston District Office, Council held an information stand the Hillston Central School Harvest Festival and the Annual Flower Show where submissions could also be made in an attempt to engage all demographics of the community. These suggestions and elements were submitted to Janne which were used to produce four designs.

Issues

Janne has returned four designs for Councils consideration. All four designs have a similar composition as the artist thinks this would best suit the tower. The tower is very tall and skinny making it hard to convey a "landscape" effect. Resulting in the designs have elements that are seen as longer and more vertical.

Janne tried to incorporate a lot of different things that were suggested from the community consultation. Janne added that design that is chosen can be worked on more, to some extent. For example, elements from one design can be incorporated in another or removed entirely.

Financial Implications

Project is grant funded under Round three (3) of the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Council will need to progress the project to meet the program expectations, 30/06/24

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities

Recommendation:

For Council determination.

ATTACHMENT



The-Gifts-of-the-Cattle-Egrets



The-Celebration-of-Light



▪ Sunset-over-the-Lachlan-¶



▪ Still-Night¶

10.31 Community Development Officer Report – February 2024

ED:TOUR:TEP

Author: Community Development Officer

Purpose: To advise Council of recent activities of interest undertaken by the Community Development Officer

Background**Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program**

These events have all been completed, with the exception of the Rankins Springs Tools Down Hats Off event, an email was received from the committee notifying Council of their inability to hold this event within the nominated timeframes.

Autumn Holiday Break Program

Council has received funding through this program to host two roller disco events. The Goolgowi event on 18 April 2024 will be open to all ages with the Hillston event split into two time frames – Under 12's 5 – 6pm and over 12's 6.30pm – 8.30pm on 19 April 2024. Goolgowi Hall Committee and the Hillston Central School P & C are the hosts for these events.

Youth Week 2024

Youth Week funding application has been successful, and planning has commenced for Youth Week 2024, the theme is Express, Empower. Get Loud

A number of events are being planned including a Trivia Night, Town Scavenger Hunts and the inaugural Lachlan River Duck Regatta. Consultation with members of the Student Representative Council at the Hillston Central School are planned when school returns to organise these events.

International Women's Day 2024

International Women's Week coincides with the Lake Woorabinda Festival. Council has been successful with their NSW Women's Week grant for \$10,000 to host a Laughter at the Lake Workshop under the marquee at the Lake Woorabinda Festival. Melbourne comedian and media personality Tracy Bartram is hosting this workshop and morning tea will be supplied by the Hillston CWA. This event is free and open to all girls and ladies in our community.

Visit Riverina

The CDO attended the recent Visit Riverina meeting in Lockhart. The committee is undergoing a change to the structure of this group. Formerly there was board of directors made up of both selective Council representatives and industry members. Recent changes to the constitution resulted in every member council and industry member now considered a board member and involved in the decision-making process for this committee. The committee's current focus is consolidating the committee and roles within the committee along with strategic planning and Destination Riverina Murray's Agritourism strategy.

Lake Woorabinda Festival 2024

Preparations are underway for the Lake Woorabinda Festival to be held on 9 March 2024. A feature this year will be Go Adventure Nagambie, they will be onsite with pedal boats, kayaks, canoes etc. Live music, markets, fireworks, children's entertainment and lantern workshop, parade and floating will again be available at the festival. Expressions of interest have been called for market stall holders, food suppliers and entertainment suppliers.

A community workshop will be held the weekend prior to the festival to create large scale processional lanterns for the festival. These workshops will be held at Red Dust & Paddymelon Community Gallery with times to be finalised shortly.

Town Entry Signs

Signage has been erected on the Booligal Road and Roto Road approaches to Hillston and on the Hay approach and Rankins Springs approach to Goolgowi.

Information Distributed to the Community

- Safer Internet Day Workshop
- Highways & Byways Community Grants
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grants
- FRRR Grant Information
- Play Well Participation Grant Program
- Life Skills Project Online Workshops
- Lake Woorabinda Festival Expressions of Interest (Food, markets, entertainment)

Financial implications

Existing CDO budget and grant funding.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implication

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities

Goal 3 – Resilient and Welcoming

Recommendation:

That Council note the Community Development Officers report for February 2024.

11. Committee Reports

12. Closed Council Reports

12.1 Notice of Motion – Referred from Agenda Item 6

LE:INF:BLD

Author: Councillor HJ Lyall

Purpose: To inform Council of a Notice of Motion concerning State Debt Recovery.

Background

Council is asked to consider this Notice of Motion concerning State Debt Recovery in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business in relation 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.*

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve into closed Council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

12.2 Local Government Recovery Grants

GS:PRO:GP

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the status of the above program.

Background

Council is asked to consider this report on Local Government Recovery Grants in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

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Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

12.3 Rankins Springs Caravan Park – Operating Proposal

CP:MNT:CP

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To provide Council with information regarding the proposal by the operators of the Conapaira Hotel in relation to the caravan park.

Background

Council is asked to consider this report on Rankins Springs Caravan Park – Operating Proposal in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

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Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

12.4 Hillston Subdivision

CP:DC:SUB McGO'D

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To provide Council with information to be able to determine an asking price for sale of blocks at the Hillston Subdivision.

Background

Council is asked to consider this report on Hillston Subdivision in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

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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.*

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

12.5 Woods Lane Erigolia – Request to Close Road.

RDS:LRD:WDSL

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of a request to close Woods Lane at Erigolia

Background

Council is asked to consider this report on Woods Lane Erigolia – Request to Close Road in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

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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.*

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

12.6 Rose Street Hillston – Rezone Request

LUP:ZON:ZE

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the request from Mrs Robyn Gaze to consider a rezone of Lots 4 and 6 of DP 257 should another planning proposal be made to the Hillston township.

Background

Council is asked to consider this report on Rose Street Hillston – Rezone Request in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business in relation 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.*

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve into closed council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

13. Next Meeting

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Goolgowi Council Chambers** on **19 March 2024** commencing at **10.00am**.