

# Business Paper

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE,**

**6:00PM, TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

The Mayor & Councillors  
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council  
PO Box 420  
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#### NOTICE OF MEETING

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, on:

**Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022 at 6:00PM**

The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

Phillip McMurray  
General Manager

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting is held and pays its respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extends that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present.

**ADJOURN MEETING FOR OPEN FORUM****2 OPEN FORUM****RESUME OPEN MEETING****3 APOLOGIES****4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022

REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 January 2022

### RECOMMENDATION

**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**



**COOTAMUNDRA-  
GUNDAGAI REGIONAL  
COUNCIL**

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# Minutes

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI**

**2:00PM, TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI  
ON TUESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2022 AT 2:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Charlie Sheahan (Mayor) Cr Leigh Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr Les Boyd, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Trevor Glover, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Abb McAlister

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Phillip McMurray (General Manager), Sally Atkinson (Acting Manager Development, Building and Compliance), John Chapman (Interim Manager Finance and Customer Service), Matt Stubbs (Manager Technical Services)

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson acknowledged the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting was held and paid his respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who were present.

**ADJOURN MEETING FOR OPEN FORUM**

**2 OPEN FORUM**

There were no speakers for the Open Forum.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**RESOLUTION 007/2022**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**Council resume the Open Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**3 APOLOGIES**

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**Apologies from Cr Penny Nicholson be received and leave of absence granted.**

#### **4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cr Charlie Sheahan (Mayor) disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item:

*9.1 Notice of Motion - Procurement of Weed Spraying Chemicals.*

Cr Logan Collins disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item:

*8.1.1 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and CWP Renewables Voluntary Planning Agreement.*

Cr David Graham disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in the following items:

*8.1.1 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and CWP Renewables Voluntary Planning Agreement.*

*8.4.1 Development Applications November and December 2021.*

*9.1 Notice of Motion - Procurement of Weed Spraying Chemicals.*

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2021**

###### **RESOLUTION 008/2022**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 30 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

##### **5.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022**

Note: Cr Gil Kelly pledged his role as Councillor by Oath, not by affirmation as detailed in the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. Those Minutes have been amended to reflect this.

###### **RESOLUTION 009/2022**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The amended Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6 MAYORAL MINUTES**

##### **6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT TO 3RD DECEMBER, 2021**

Note: The Following Amendments Were Made At The Meeting:

26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Cr Graham and I attended a Softwoods Working Group meeting at Holbrook.

3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021

I attended a meeting at Cootamundra regarding Gundagai Taxi's.

4<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

Gundagai South Public speech night.

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

As Council's community representative I attended the Gundagai High School Awards Presentation. Day

16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

I attended the Opening of Gundagai South Public School Sensory Garden with Member for Cootamundra, the Hon. Steph Cooke MP.

16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

I attended the announcement of Stronger Country Community Fund Round 4 with Member for Cootamundra, the Hon. Steph Cooke MP at Gundagai Racecourse and Gundagai Sporting Club.

**RESOLUTION 010/2022**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The information in and amendments made to the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**6.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT JANUARY, 2022****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Les Boyd

Seconded: Cr Trevor Glover

**The information in the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.**

**7 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Nil

**8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT****8.1 BUSINESS****8.1.1 COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL AND CWP RENEWABLES VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Note: Having disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in this item Cr Graham left the Meeting.

Having disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item Cr Logan Collins stayed in the Meeting.



**RESOLUTION 011/2022**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to sign the Voluntary Planning Agreement between Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and CWP Renewables.**

**CARRIED****8.1.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL REVIEW 2022 ANNUAL DETERMINATION****RESOLUTION 012/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council retain its Rural categorisation.**

**CARRIED****8.1.3 COMMITTEES REQUIRING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.****RESOLUTION 013/2022**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

**A Councillor be nominated to the remaining Committees detailed in the report.**

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Delegates or Representatives required</b>
General Managers Review Committee	The Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cr McAlister and Cr Glover
Illabo to Stockinbingal Inland Rail Community Consultative Committee	Manager Planning Development and Compliance Manager Civil Works Cr Boyd
Adina Court Board (at their request)	Cr Boyd
The Riverina Regional Library	Cr Glover to be alternate delegate.
Cootamundra-Gundagai Saleyards Committee	Glen McAtear Cr Graham and Cr Boyd (2 meetings per annum)
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	The Mayor and General Manager

Riverina Joint Organisation	The Mayor (alternate Deputy Mayor) and General Manager as Observer
Cootamundra Flood Plain Risk Management Committee	Cr Kelly and Cr Sheahan

**CARRIED****8.1.4 DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE****RESOLUTION 014/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

- 1. Council to discuss and select or alter the necessary non-mandatory provisions detailed in the draft Code of Meeting Practice, attached to the report.**
- 2. The draft Code of Meeting Practice, attached to the report, including any amendments made from 1 above, be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, with members of the community invited to comment on the draft Code for a period of not less than 42 days from the commencement of the public exhibition period.**
- 3. Following 2 above, a report, including any submissions received, be prepared and submitted to the March 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.5 POLITICAL DONATION AND ELECTORAL EXPENDITURE DISCLOSURES****RESOLUTION 015/2022**

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**Councillors submit their political donation and electoral expenditure disclosures to the NSW Electoral Commission, as detailed in the report.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.6 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022****RESOLUTION 016/2022**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

- 1. Motions be presented to the General Manager for consideration.**
- 2. A further report be prepared and submitted for consideration by Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.7 THE ARTS CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 017/2022**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**The Minutes of The Arts Centre Cootamundra s.355 Committee Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.1.8 STOCKINBINGAL ELLWOOD'S HALL S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

#### **RESOLUTION 018/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The Minutes of the Stockinbingal Ellwood's Hall s.355 Committee Ordinary Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.1.9 THE COOTAMUNDRA HERITAGE CENTRE MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

#### **RESOLUTION 019/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The Minutes of the Cootamundra Heritage Centre Management s.355 Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 and 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.1.10 MUTTAMA CREEK REGENERATION GROUP S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

#### **RESOLUTION 020/2022**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Trevor Glover

**The Minutes of the Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.11 MUTTAMA HALL MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND MEMBERSHIP****RESOLUTION 021/2022**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

1. The Minutes of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 attached to the report, be received and noted.
2. The office bearer and membership of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee as detailed in the report, be endorsed.
3. The report regarding seeking additional membership be noted.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.12 COUNCIL MEETING ACTION REPORT - JANUARY 2021****RESOLUTION 022/2022**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**The Council Meeting Action Report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.13 INFORMATION BULLETIN - JANUARY 2022****RESOLUTION 023/2022**

Moved: Cr Les Boyd

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The Information Bulletin January 2022, and attached documents, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 FINANCE****8.2.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2021****RESOLUTION 024/2022**

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The Finance Report for December, 2021, and attached reports, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2.2 INVESTMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021****RESOLUTION 025/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The Investment Report for November, 2021 be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2.3 INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2021****RESOLUTION 026/2022**

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

**The Investment Report for December, 2021 be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

#### **8.3.1 CHANGE TO COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TO THE RIVERINAL REGIONAL LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP.**

##### **RESOLUTION 027/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

- 1. The membership for Riverina Regional Library for the term of the next Deed of Agreement being 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 be endorsed.**
- 2. The increased financial contribution detailed in the report be allocated in the 2022 – 2023 financial year's budget.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING AND COMPLIANCE**

#### **8.4.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021**

Note: Having disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in this item Cr Graham left the Meeting.

##### **RESOLUTION 028/2022**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The information on Development Applications approved in November and December 2021 be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.5 REGULATORY SERVICES**

Nil

**8.6 ASSETS****8.6.1 PROGRESS REPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GUNDAGAI SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS****RESOLUTION 029/2022**

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The Progress Report of the Construction of the Gundagai Sewage Treatment Plant and Associated Works, Gundagai Sewerage Augmentation Construction of 3000EP Wastewater Treatment Plant and Associated Works Progress Report, Appendix B Gundagai STP and Pump Station Program- 13 October 2021 and Appendix C Gundagai STP Finance Project Financial Summary October 2021 attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.7 CIVIL WORKS****8.7.1 JANUARY 2022 RAINFALL EVENT****RESOLUTION 030/2022**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

- 1. The Report on the January, 2022 Rainfall Event be received and noted.**
- 2. This report be forwarded to the Cootamundra Flood Study Committee for discussion.**

**CARRIED**

**8.7.2 CIVIL WORKS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT - JANUARY 2022****RESOLUTION 031/2022**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The Civil Works and Technical Services Report for the month of January, 2022 be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**



## **8.8 TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **8.8.1 ROAD CLOSURE TOM STREET GUNDAGAI**

#### **RESOLUTION 032/2022**

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr David Graham

- 1. Council proceed with intent to close Tom Street between Camphor Lane and Camphor Street in accordance with Part 4, Division 3 of the Roads Act 1993.**
- 2. Following the roads closure, the land be classified as operational and made available for purchase by the beneficiary, subject to valuation at time original consent had been granted (1983).**
- 3. All costs associated with the closure are to be borne by the beneficiary.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.9 FACILITIES**

### **8.9.1 FACILITIES WORKS REPORT DECEMBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022**

#### **RESOLUTION 033/2022**

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**The Facilities Works Report for December, 2021 and January, 2022 to be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.10 WASTE, PARKS AND RECREATION**

Nil

**9 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - PROCUREMENT OF WEED SPRAYING CHEMICALS**

Note: Having disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in this item Cr Graham left the Meeting.

Note: Having disclosed a Pecuniary Interest Cr Sheahan (Mayor) left the Meeting.

Note: Due to the Mayor vacating the Chair Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) assumed the Chair.

**RESOLUTION 034/2022**

Moved: Cr Les Boyd

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**That the General Manager arrange a workshop for Councillors on Council's Procurement Policy and Procedures with the workshop to include examples of current procurement procedures and practices, particularly including the purchase of weed spraying chemicals.**

**CARRIED**

**10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**10.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - JANUARY 2022**

**RESOLUTION 035/2022**

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The Questions with Notice from Councillors and related responses from Council officers be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 4:00pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 February 2022.**

.....  
**CHAIRPERSON**

.....  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## 6 MAYORAL MINUTES

### 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - A WORKING PARTY TO UNDERTAKE AN UPGRADE OF THE FISHER PARK STADIUM FACILITIES BE DEVELOPED.

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365556
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council, in conjunction with the Cootamundra Rugby League Football Club, seek appropriate funding to upgrade and refit the players facilities to accommodate female referees and female players in the ever increasing female sports.
2. Funds from the sale of the Southern Phone Company share be used as a co-contribution if required.
3. A working committee be formed with representatives from Cootamundra Rugby League Football Club and Council staff to undertake the project.

#### Note from the Mayor

Representatives from the Cootamundra Rugby league Football Club (the Club) have been seeking assistance from Council to refurbish some areas in the player and referee facilities. Currently female referees are having to use the female toilets to change without access to shower facilities. Female league tag players are having to share change rooms with male players which is appreciably inappropriate.

The facilities were built in the 1980's and have had very little improvement works undertaken since that time just as required maintenance. The Club pays annual fees and has done so for decades and as expected, the players and their families give much of their time attending to required maintenance and repairs. Refitting the facilities will be costly should not expected to occur at the Club's expense. Due to COVID the Club has paid the ground fees with very little income. The ground fee for this financial year is \$3,771 plus electricity and gas. Some \$7,000 was paid to Council last year.

In the interim, Council has committed to the provide urgent work required before commencement of this season, however, it will fall short of an appropriate refit. If substantial funding is found an upgrade of the facilities could be scheduled to commence at the end of the 2022 football season.

The Cootamundra Cricket Club, the Lions' Club, the Cootamundra Development Corporation (Wattle Festival), local school's book parade and the Cootamundra Girl Guide monthly markets, are just some users of the grounds and facilities with other various activities undertaken at the park. An upgrade of the facilities would encourage other major cricket and football events and more comprehensive use.

A working party comprising of Committee members and Council staff would support the necessary dialogue to see the project from conception to completion. The Working Party would ideally comprise of a member of staff from Planning, Development and Compliance, Facilities, Finance a Councillor and members of the Cootamundra Rugby League Football club. I suggest that the committee consider meeting on a monthly basis to determine a wish list for the project, develop a concept plan, scope of works, determine the project cost and identify funding opportunities.

Council previously resolved that the funds from the sale of the Southern Phone Share were to be spent on projects in the Cootamundra area. Should an appropriate funding stream be identified and a co-contribution be required from Council a further report is to come back to Council for consideration.

**6.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT FEBRUARY 2022**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365228
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

So as to keep the community aware of my and Councillor engagements I intend to provide regular updates through my Mayoral Minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The information in the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.**

24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Boyd, Collins, Glover, Graham, Kelly, McAlister and I attended a Councillor Induction Program.

25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Boyd, Collins, Glover, Graham, Kelly, McAlister, Nicholson and I attended a Councillor workshop.

Cr's Boyd, Collins, Kelly and I attended dinner with Bryce Collins, Australia Day Ambassador for Cootamundra.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Graham and McAlister attended dinner with Jeremy Jones AM, Australia Day Ambassador for Gundagai.

26<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Cr's Collins, Kelly and I attended the Australia Day Celebrations in Cootamundra.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) and Cr McAlister attended the Australia Day Celebrations in Gundagai.

27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

I attended an Adina Care Board meeting.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) attended an Ellwood's Hall s355 Committee meeting.

Cr McAlister attended a Goldenfields Water County Council Board Meeting.

27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Boyd, Glover and I attended a Local Government New South Wales Councillor Induction.

28<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Collins and Glover attended a Local Government New South Wales Councillor Induction.

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Graham, Kelly, McAlister, and I attended a Community Strategic Planning workshop.

I attended a meeting with Bradman's Birthplace volunteers.

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022

Cr's Nicholson and McAlister attended a Nangus Water Meeting.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's McAlister and Nicholson attended a Christmas 2022 Planning Discussion.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) attended a Cootamundra Tourism Advisory Group meeting.

6<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Returned and Services League of Australia Cootamundra Branch.

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) and I met with the General Manager.

I attended a meeting with Brian Murnane, Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent De Paul via Teams to discuss the Affordable Housing project.

Cr McAlister attended a Prince Alfred Bridge meeting.

I attended a Cootamundra Youth Council meeting.

I attended a Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s355 Committee meeting

8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Boyd, Collins, Glover, Kelly, and I attended a meeting of the Strategic Planning for Residential and Industrial land development Working Party.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Boyd, Collins, Glover, Kelly, McAlister, Nicholson and I attended a Councillor workshop.

Cr Graham attended an Upper House Inquiry into the long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry.

10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Cr Collins attended a Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Area Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) Chaired a Coota Beach Volleyball meeting.

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor) attended a Cootamundra Development Corporation meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

I attended a meeting with the General Manager.

Cr's McAlister and Nicholson attended a Gundagai Tourism Action Group meeting.

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

I attended and Local Government New South Wales Mayoral meeting via Teams.

17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Cr McAlister attended a meeting to discuss the proposed memorialisation and heritage of Prince Alfred Bridge.

Cr Bowden attended The Arts Centre Cootamundra s355 Committee meeting.

18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Cr Bowden (Deputy Mayor), Cr's Collins, Glover and I attended the Cootamundra Development Corporation's Welcome to 2022.

## 7 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 7.1 MINUTES OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2022

REPORTING OFFICER	Julie Buckley, Operations Support Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Minutes of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 February 2022

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. The Minutes of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 February 2022 attached to the report be received and noted.
2. Council consider the recommendations contained in the Minutes as detailed in the report.

The Minutes of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 are submitted for the information of Council and the community.

#### Recommendations for consideration within the Minutes:

##### 2.1 Sheridan Street Pedestrian Crossing Warrants.

*That the Sheridan Street crossing remain with the current layout and Council will continue to monitor pedestrian movements to determine any future measures.*

##### 2.2 Cootamundra Festival of Lights

*That approval be given to the Cootamundra Development Corporation to hold the 2022 Festival of Lights event on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 with the following conditions:*

1. *The closure of Parker Street between Adams and Wallendoon Street between 4:00pm and 11:00pm. Including each of Bourke Street at Parker Street and the Woolworths carpark entry exit at Parker Street;*
2. *That all businesses along the route be advised and road closures be advertised in the community;*
3. *That appropriate COVID Safety Plans be adhered to;*
4. *That appropriate approvals are received from NSW Police for Alcohol consumption on the street;*
5. *Council approve a temporary exemption of the Alcohol Free zone along Parker Street.*



**2.4 2022 Cootamundra Annual Haycarters Race.**

*That approval (Road Occupancy Licence) be given for the Cootamundra Cycle Club to hold the Haycarters Cycle race on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and the Annual Classic on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, subject to the following conditions:*

- (a) The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police;*
- (b) All Traffic Control Plans for the Haycarters Race and Annual Classic are applied in accordance with the 'Traffic Control at Worksites Manual';*
- (c) All traffic controllers must have appropriate traffic control tickets;*
- (d) All riders must comply with the Road Licence requirements;*
- (e) Signage being placed at all driveways to warn motorists when exiting private property onto the Council road;*
- (f) Consent be received from both Junee and Temora Councils for the event to be held in their municipalities;*
- (h) The event organiser has a COVID Safe Plan prepared for the event.*

**2.5 Parker Street, Cootamundra Vegetation.**

*Committee Discussion on this determined that an onsite inspection be held between Committee members and Council staff to look at the vegetation issues in Parker Street, Cootamundra.*

# Minutes

## COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI**

**10AM, THURSDAY 10th February, 2022**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI  
ON THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Logan Collins, NSW Police Leading Senior Constable – Paul Kemp, Local Electorate Representative – Gwen Norman and Kim Schultz (Community & Safety Support Officer Transport for NSW)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark Ellis (Manager Civil Works), Matt Stubbs (Manager Technical Services)

Gwen Norman was nominated and accepted the position of Chairperson.

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson acknowledged the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting was held and paid his respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who were present.

**2 APOLOGIES**

General Manager Phillip McMurray and Greg Minehan (Manager Network & Safety Services Transport for NSW)

**3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 REPORTS**

**2.1 SHERIDAN STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARRANTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Sheridan Street crossing remain with the current layout and Council will continue to monitor pedestrian movements to determine any future measures.*

**2.2 COOTAMUNDRA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That approval for the Cootamundra Festival of Lights event be given to the Cootamundra Development Corporation to hold the 2022 Festival of Lights event on Friday, 18 March, 2022 with the following conditions:*

- 1. The closure of Parker Street between Adams and Wallendoon Street between 4:00pm and 11:00pm. Including each of Bourke Street at Parker Street and the Woolworths carpark entry exit at Parker Street;*
- 2. That all businesses along the route be advised and road closures be advertised in the community;*
- 3. That appropriate COVID Safety Plans be adhered to;*
- 4. That appropriate approvals are received from NSW Police for Alcohol consumption on the street;*

**5. Council approve a temporary exemption of the Alcohol Free zone along Parker Street.**

**2.3 2022 COOTAMUNDRA ANZAC DAY PARADE**

Discussion:

*As no formal Event Management Plan has been received for the Cootamundra, Wallendbeen and Gundagai ANZAC Marches, they will be approved at a later date.*

**2.4 2022 COOTAMUNDRA ANNUAL HAYCARTERS RACE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That approval (Road Occupancy Licence) be given for the Cootamundra Cycle Club to hold the Haycarters Cycle race on Saturday, 14 May 2022 and the Annual Classic on Sunday, 15 May 2022, subject to the following conditions:*

- (a) The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police;*
- (b) All Traffic Control Plans for the Haycarters Race and Annual Classic are applied in accordance with the 'Traffic Control at Worksites Manual';*
- (c) All traffic controllers must have appropriate traffic control tickets;*
- (d) All riders must comply with the Road Licence requirements;*
- (e) Signage being placed at all driveways to warn motorists when exiting private property onto the Council road;*
- (f) Consent be received from both Junee and Temora Councils for the event to be held in their municipalities;*
- (h) The event organiser has a COVID Safe Plan prepared for the event.*

**2.5 PARKER STREET, COOTAMUNDRA VEGETATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That an onsite inspection be held between Committee members and Council staff to look at the vegetation issues in Parker Street, Cootamundra.*

Discussion:

*The Committee discussed the reasoning with the streetscape and that design standards have been met in undertaking the plantings. Consideration of a 30kph pedestrian zone be investigated in the Cootamundra CBD.*

**2.6 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**For the Committee's information.**

## **2.7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **2022 ANZAC Marches**

No Event Management Plans have been received for Cootamundra, Gundagai and Wallendbeen marches. They will be assessed and approved when received.

#### **Francis Street, Cootamundra**

Giveway signs in Francis Street, Cootamundra are hidden by trees and linemarking at the intersections is faded.

#### **Murray/Temora Street, Cootamundra**

Giveway signs at the Murray/Temora Streets intersection, Cootamundra are hidden by trees and linemarking at the intersections is faded.

#### **Hurley/Parker Street, Cootamundra**

Sight distance at the corner of Hurley and Parker Streets, Cootamundra is hindered by a hedge.

#### **Parker Street, Cootamundra Incident**

Advice has been received about a pedestrian being hit by a cyclist on the footpath in Parker Street, Cootamundra.

Discussion about other incidents as well was brought up. A community awareness campaign will be arranged to raise this issue.

**The Meeting closed at 11:45am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Meeting held on 22 February 2022.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

**8      GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

## 8.1 BUSINESS

### 8.1.1 DELEGATIONS OF THE MAYOR

DOCUMENT NUMBER	364571
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Compliance with Sections 225, 226, 351 and 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Sections 351,377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council delegate to the Mayor the authority to:

1. **Appoint a person to the position of Acting General Manager temporarily whilst the General Manager is incapacitated; or during such time as there is a vacancy in the position until a temporary appointment can be determined by the Council.**
2. **Approve the attendance of the General Manager at conferences, seminars and courses at Council's cost.**
3. **Approve leave of absence for the General Manager in accordance with his Contract of Employment.**
4. **Approve expenses incurred by the General Manager on Council's behalf**
5. **Manage complaints regarding the General Manager.**

### Introduction

Following a local government election a new council must be sworn in and a Mayoral Election is held. A council is traditionally elected for a four year term, however, due to circumstances this may be changed by conferring on the Minister for Local Government a time-limited power to postpone council elections.

Under s277 of the Act, The mayor of an area is the person elected to the office of mayor by:

- a. The councillors from among their number, unless there is a decision in force under the Division which provides for the election of mayor by the electors, or
- b. The electors, if such a decision is in force.

Under s230 of the Act The term of an elected mayor is two years, or the 4 year if elected by the electors. A second mayoral election is held at the end of the two year term of the term of council or earlier in the occurrence of a casual vacancy in the office.

### Discussion

Under s226 of the Act, the role of the mayor is as follows:

- a. to be the leader of the council and a leader in the local community,
- b. to advance community cohesion and promote civic awareness,
- c. to be the principal member and spokesperson of the governing body, including representing the views of the council as to its local priorities,
- d. to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the council between meetings of the council,
- e. to preside at meetings of the council,
- f. to ensure that meetings of the council are conducted efficiently, effectively and in accordance with this Act,
- g. to ensure the timely development and adoption of the strategic plans, programs and policies of the council,
- h. to promote the effective and consistent implementation of the strategic plans, programs and policies of the council,
- i. to promote partnerships between the council and key stakeholders,
- j. to advise, consult with and provide strategic direction to the general manager in relation to the implementation of the strategic plans and policies of the council,
- k. in conjunction with the general manager, to ensure adequate opportunities and mechanisms for engagement between the council and the local community,
- l. to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office,
- m. to represent the council on regional organisations and at inter-governmental forums at regional, State and Commonwealth level,
- n. in consultation with the councillors, to lead performance appraisals of the general manager,
- o. to exercise any other functions of the council that the council determines.

The Mayor requires certain delegations to be able to fulfill certain responsibilities of the role.



### 8.1.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CALL FOR MOTIONS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365738
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<p><b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b></p> <p>4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2022 National General Assembly Call for Motions - Discussion Paper <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>2. Rural Medical Workforce Gundagai Motion <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>3. Cr Linda Scott - Letter of support for the Redistribution of Financial Assistance Grants <a href="#">↓</a></li> </ol>

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. The Australian Local Government Association -Working Together for Our Communities - Call for Motions NGA21 -Discussion Paper, attached to the report, be received and noted.
2. The Rural Medical Work Force Gundagai Motion, attached to the report, be received and noted.
3. Correspondence to Cr Linda Scott – Letter of support for the redistribution of Financial Assistance Grants be received and noted.
4. The Motions submitted by the General Manager for the National General Assembly 2022 as detailed in the Report be endorsed.

#### Introduction

Convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government is the peak annual event for Local Government attracting Mayors and General Managers from across the Country.

#### Discussion

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for councils to influence the national policy agenda. The submissions were required to be submitted by 11:59pm

(AEDT) on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. Due to the fact that Council would resolve its Motions after the deadline the General Manager is required to submit the Motions. The motions below meet the criteria required for submission. The generic criteria for the Motions called is detailed in the Discussion Paper attached to the report.

Motions submitted by the General Manager are as follows:

1. Rural Doctors Workforce Change to attract and retain doctors in regional and rural areas across the nation.
2. For the federal government to undertake a review of the current financial distribution arrangement of the Financial Assistance Grants with the purpose of developing a formula which will redistribute the funds and increase the amount currently apportioned to regional and rural local government areas across the nation.
3. Consideration be given to remunerate for the role of deputy mayor in councils. The role of deputy mayor currently has no remuneration. Where two events are held for simultaneous celebrations; Events such as Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, the mayor cannot attend both ceremonies and some are many kilometres apart in regional and rural areas. The role of deputy mayor is increasing and the proposal for the role to be remunerated is not unreasonable.

#### Back ground

The Rural Medical Work Force Gundagai Motion, attached to the report, was submitted on behalf of Dr Paul Mara, and endorsed as a motion at the National General Assembly 2021 (NGA21). It is still relevant in regional, rural and remote councils particularly through the 2 year COVID Pandemic. Councils must continue to lobby state and federal governments on this critical issue.

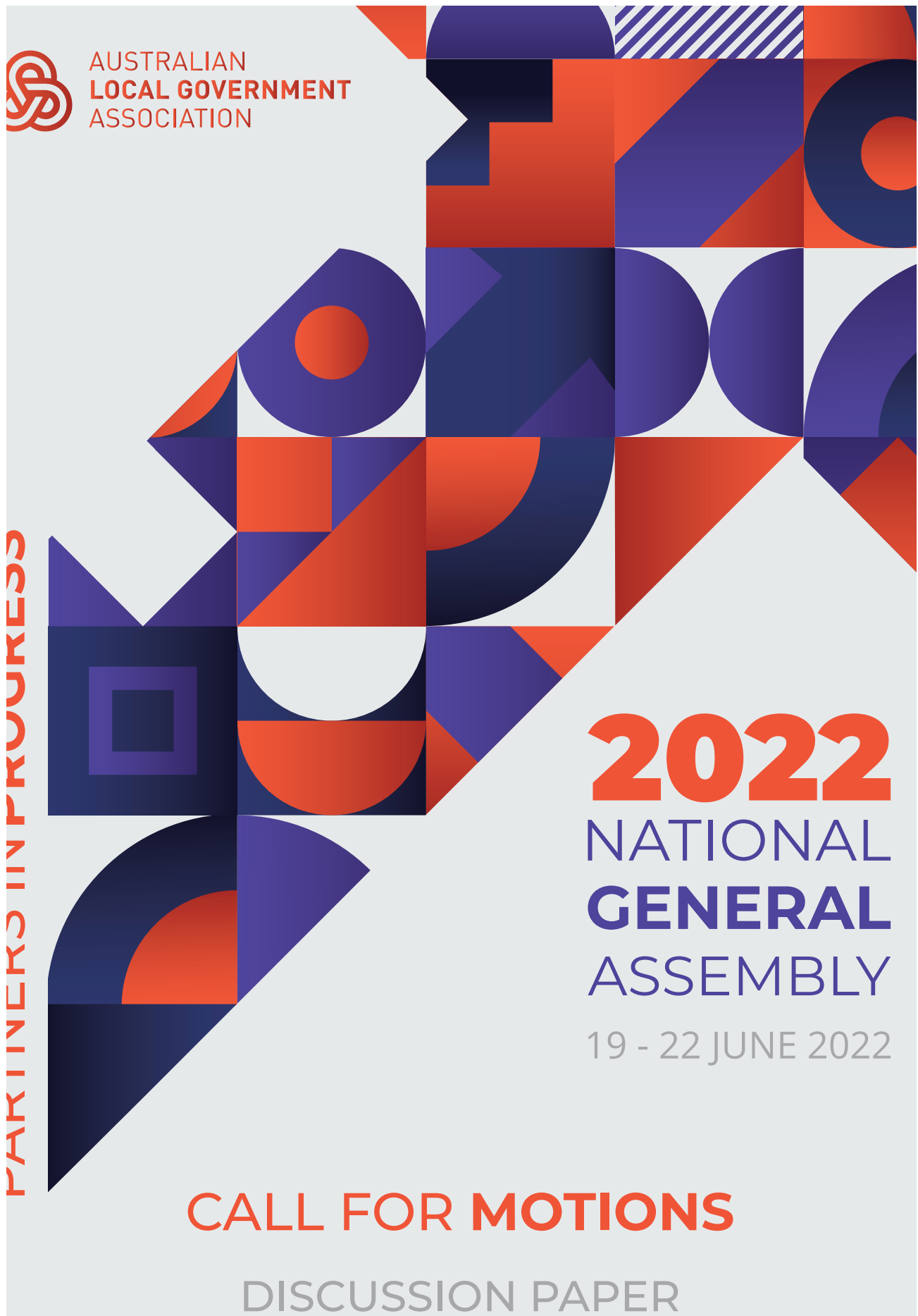
The Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) have been losing their value over decades and the annual National General Assembly has motions submitted continually seeking representations be made to restore the value of the FAGs to the previous national level of an amount equal to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue that applied in 1996. The assessment criteria has also changed over time and at the expense of regional, rural and remote local government areas. the letter sent to Cr Linda Scott - Letter of support for the Redistribution of Financial Assistance Grants, attached to the report was send in May, 2019 and is provided as some back ground to the motion.

Under Section 231(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 (the Act), Deputy Mayor:

'May exercise any function of the mayor at the request of the mayor or if the mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of mayor'.

Under Section 249(5) Fixing and payment of annual fees for the mayor:

A council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.





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SUBMITTING MOTIONS

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2022 National General Assembly (NGA) to be held in Canberra 19 – 22 June 2022.

It has been prepared to assist you and your council in developing your motions. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au) and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.

The theme of the 2022 NGA is – Partners in Progress.

The NGA aims to focus on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and Local Governments, can tackle immediate challenges facing communities as well as confidently facing the future.

In submitting your council's motion/s you are encouraged to focus on how partnership can address national issues at the local level, and new ways the Australia Government could partner to strengthen the local government sector to advance community well-being, local economic development, create jobs, address environmental challenges, climate change and complex social issues such as housing affordability.

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda and promote new ways of strengthening the local government sector and our communities.

Note: If your council does submit a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2022 NGA.



To submit your motion go to:  
[alga.asn.au/](http://alga.asn.au/)



KEY DATES  
CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

- 1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally
- 2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference
- 3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA
- 4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
- 5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
- 6. propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something; and
- 7. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA’s support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs.

Motions should commence as follows - *This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to .....*

*Example*

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore Local Government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.*

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Please note that it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the issue. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed and relatively simple. Complex motions with multiple dot point can be difficult to implement and to advance.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board’s NGA Sub-Committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au). All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.



## Introduction

As Australia emerges from the crisis management phase of the COVID-19 global pandemic, attention now turns to rebuilding and to the future.

By the time of the NGA in June 2022, the next federal government and 47th Parliament of Australia, will almost certainly have been elected.

Prior to the election the major political parties will have campaigned on priorities and made numerous policy and programs commitments that will help shape our nation's future.

Invariably, in government, these policies and programs will need to be refined, developed and implemented. Almost certainly they will need to be adapted to meet changing circumstances, emerging issues and local and regional needs.

We know from previous elections that governments will not be able to achieve their policy agenda alone. They need reliable partners committed to playing their part in taking the nation forward, working together on mutual goals and advancing national prosperity for all.

During the election campaign, ALGA will be working extensively with state and territory local government association members, and many of you, to advance the national priorities highlighted in the Federal Election manifesto 'Don't' Leave Local Communities Behind'.

These priorities were significantly influenced by many of the resolutions of past NGAs.

Whether the Coalition Government is returned or a new Government formed, the 2022 NGA provides the first major opportunity to engage with relevant portfolio Ministers and key members of the new Government.

Most importantly, it provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to reaffirm our national priorities and to place new ideas on the national policy agenda.



## The Immediate Recovery Challenges

Government at all levels have collaborated to avert the worst possible health and economic outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic across Australia.

By November 2021 most states had reached or made significant progress in reaching the 80% or more vaccination threshold.

Every community was affected, some more than others, and local government has been at the forefront of developing local solutions to local challenges.

*Given the economic and social impacts of the COVID pandemic on communities over the past 2 years, are there issues that need to be addressed by a new partnership between the Commonwealth Government and local governments?*

*Given the impacts of the COVID pandemic on your council and other councils around the country, are their issues that a partnership between the Commonwealth Government and local government should address?*

## Jobs

In September 2021 the national, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, was 5.2% (ABS). The underemployment rate was 9.5% with monthly hours worked decreasing by 1 million hours. Roy Morgan's survey work suggests Australian unemployment (unadjusted) was 9.2% in October with underemployment at 8.6%.

National statistics however mask variations at the state, regional and local level. State and Territory unemployment ranged from 3.9% in Western Australia and the Northern Territory, 5.1% in Queensland and Tasmania, 5.3% in South Australia, NSW 5.4%, Victoria 5.6% and the Australian Capital Territory 6.6%. Similarly, regional and local community unemployment vary from the national average reflecting local circumstances and the different impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and their flow-on effects have on the local economy. Youth unemployment and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployment is also consistently higher.

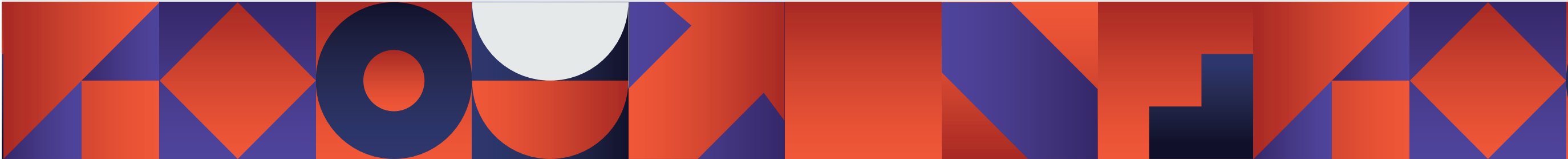
As an employer of staff and of contractors, as well as a facilitator of local economic development, local government can play a key role in addressing unemployment and underemployment.

In keeping with the ALGA Federal election manifesto, 'Don't' Leave Local Communities Behind' local solutions are required for local circumstances.

*What new partnership program could the Australian Government develop to take advantage of local government's knowledge of the local economy, geographic spread across the country and its ability to create jobs?*

*As an employer, what are the pre-requisites for councils to create more good quality, secure local jobs that build community capacity and address local workforce skills shortages?*





**Building Back Better Businesses**

The economic shock of the past 2 years has caused unprecedented disruption to local businesses and communities. While many businesses have adapted to difficult circumstances, some have not survived. The current vacant shops fronts and offices of the streetscapes in our cities and towns is evidence of the challenges that our local businesses, local industry and communities have faced.

*The capacity of the private sector, and small business in particular, to bounce back is untested.*

*What new partnership programs could the Australian Government introduce to take advantage of local government's role in economic development, including to support local businesses?*

**Opening Australia's Borders**

As previously mentioned, by November 2021 most states had reached or made significant progress in reaching the 80% or more vaccination threshold. At this point, under the National Plan to Transition Australian National COVID-19 Response, governments were committed to introducing new measures such as opening international borders, minimising cases in the community without ongoing restrictions or lockdowns, Covid vaccination boosters encouraged and provided as necessary, and allowing uncapped inbound arrivals for all vaccinated persons, without quarantine.

As Australia opens-up its international borders economic recovery is expected to accelerate. The return of expats, international students, overseas migration and international tourism will increase population, supply of labour and demand for goods and services including for accommodation.

In the first instance, economic activity can be expected to return to pre-Covid levels. Over time, with appropriate support, it will grow.

The closure of borders and particularly international borders affected many parts of the tourism industry and the economies of many local communities. While domestic visitors helped fill a gap, recovery of many parts of the industry and the economy of communities that depend heavily on tourism will depend on the return of international travel.

To do this Australia must position itself to compete in international markets. This comes through offering high quality destinations, services and experiences that highlight the quality and value available in Australia. In addition to delivering a better visitor experience, this should also increase productivity, efficiency and innovation.

*In the short term, what new partnership programs could the Australian Government introduce to assist local government meet the return of international students and stronger migration now and into the future?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to facilitate tourism and the traveller economy?*

**Workforce Shortages and Re-engineering Work**

In November 2021 business representatives report significant labour shortages particularly in the agriculture and hospitality sectors. The lack of backpackers, overseas students and migrant workers, combined with people not wanting to return to the workforce, are just some of the reasons attributed to these shortages.

While opening borders may increase the supply of labour, some argue that there is a more fundamental change in Australia's workforce and workplaces.

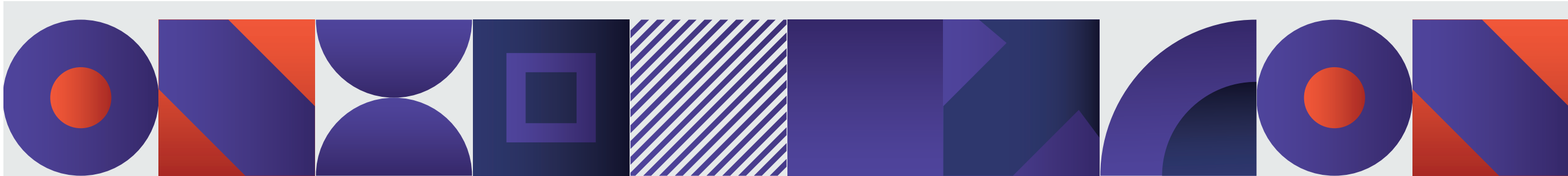
Although not reported in Australia yet, in the United States the post Covid workforce has been associated with what some have called the 'Great Resignation' as employees have adjusted their expectations, work life balance and priorities and simply not returned to their old jobs.

Many workers have been required to work from home for extended periods during the pandemic, including working remotely and now look for greater flexibility in their work. Technology and automation are transforming work and the workplace.

Many are prepared to change jobs to maximise this flexibility and the benefits derived from it. Traditionally this has led to wage pressure but coupled with demand for greater workplace flexibility employers need to be innovative to attract and retain employees. As an employer, councils are not immune and will also need to develop these strategies.

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help support an influx of skilled migrants?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help councils attract and retain appropriately trained workers and employees?*



**Climate change**

The United Nations Conference (COP) of Parties 26 held in Glasgow 2021 focused global attention on climate change and global and national efforts to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

For decades local governments have played an important leadership role in addressing climate change. Councils have supported the adoption of a wide range of community-based programs and initiatives to lower the carbon footprint of local communities. As a sector, local government has led the debate for lowering carbon emissions, sourcing renewable energy, responded creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, facilitated the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Pragmatically, local government has been at the forefront to address the impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change. These impacts include an increased number of days with high temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets and natural ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management.

*How do we work together to ensure that there is local adaptation to climate change and climate extremes?  
What partnerships are available to achieve climate neutrality?*

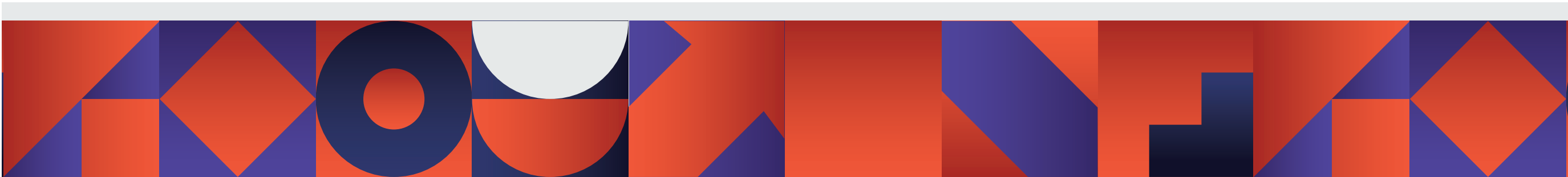
**Natural Disasters**

With the high-risk weather season commencing, many councils will be engaging with their communities about disaster preparedness, resilience and recovery. Not only have we experienced one of Australia's worst bushfire seasons in 2019-20, but some councils also had to deal with multiple disaster events within a 12 month period. Some councils have had to deal with bushfires, followed by storms, flooding, hailstorms, more flooding and COVID-19. These multiple disasters have had a devastating effect on many councils' financial sustainability and their ability to fund mitigation measures for the upcoming high risk weather season. Smaller rural and regional councils are further financially challenged and require help with preparedness and mitigation, as they currently have zero capacity to fund major mitigation projects.

The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements recognised that councils need help. It concluded that without assistance many local governments cannot undertake the roles and responsibilities allocated to them by their State/ Territory Governments.

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help to address natural disasters to assist in recovery and build resilience?*





**Environment**

Local government plays a critical role in environmental management including environment protection.

“Australia’s Strategy for Nature 2019 – 2030” recognises that we all have a role in securing nature as the foundation of our existence. It is an overarching framework for all national, state and territory and local strategies, legislation, policies and actions that target nature. It has 3 goals:

- 1. Connecting all Australians with nature:
- 2. Care for nature in all its diversity, and
- 3. Share and Build knowledge.

To achieve these goals there are a variety of options for joint action to reduce threats and their impacts include ensuring the design and management of the protected area network considers and accommodates future threat scenarios and establishes robust mechanisms to respond effectively to new and emerging threats. The strategy suggests there are opportunities to ‘... improve planning, regulation, environmental impact assessment and approvals processes. In addition, threat abatement activities could include targeted pest management, ecosystem restoration (integrated fire management, revegetation), pollution control, greenhouse gas emissions management and climate change adaptation’.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government to help support the implementation of the Australian Strategy for Nature 2019 – 2030 and take advantage of local knowledge?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to help to reduce threats and risks to nature and build resilience?*

**The Circular Economy**

The 2019 National Waste Policy Action Plan applies principles of a circular economy to waste management to support better and repeated use of our resources. The circular economy principles for waste are:

- 1. Avoid waste
- 2. Improve resource recovery
- 3. Increase use of recycled material and build demand and markets for recycled products
- 4. Better manage material flows to benefit human health, the environment and the economy
- 5. Improve information to support innovation, guide investment and enable informed consumer decisions.

Councils play a major role in the management of household and domestic waste. Therefore, local government has a critical role to play in further developing the circular economy.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government to progress these objectives?*



**Affordable Housing**

The shortage and costs of rental properties and affordable home ownership is causing significant social and economic impacts in cities and towns across Australia, including rural and regional communities. This is due to a range of factors such as changes in recent migration patterns, cheap finance and labour and material shortages in the construction sector.

The impacts on local governments and communities includes housing stress for individuals and families, difficulty in attracting and housing key workers and an increase in homelessness.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue 2021 is leading an inquiry into the contribution of tax and regulation on housing affordability and supply in Australia. Whilst the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, local governments often facilitate affordable housing within their communities, operating within state/territory planning, financial and other legislation requirements. The housing challenge is different in each community and the council response is dependent on its financial resources and priorities.

*How could the Australian Government partner with local government address housing affordability?*

*What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government to progress this objective?*

**Conclusion**

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and support for the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A reminder:

- Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au) and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 25 March 2022.
- It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- Motions must meet the criteria published at the front of this paper.
- When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2022 NGA.



## Rural Medical Workforce - Recruitment and Retention of Doctors

### Background

In spite of the hundreds of millions of dollars that have been invested by taxpayers into the problem, the recruitment and retention of doctors and other health professionals into rural and remote Australia remains problematic and many communities across Australia are at crisis point.

Rural and remote communities are significantly disadvantaged and there are clear health consequences for individuals and social and economic problems for towns in not being able to source appropriate comprehensive and continuing health care, locally.

Successive governments have implemented a range of structural reforms to support recruitment and retention. These include (among others):

1. regionalisation of medical undergraduate education and post graduate training with a significant increase over ten years of the number of Australian medical graduates
2. implementation of incentives for rural and remote practice
3. development and support for rural generalist training for rural and remote medical practice medical, including support for the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine with 400 rural generalist training positions training

In NSW the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, with the support of the Australian and NSW Governments, has begun a cost effective pilot program, trialling a four year rural generalist workforce service, support and training pathway under a sole employer model that provides improved training, flexibility and workforce support for rural communities and rural practices. This is not a new program but a model that integrates current initiatives and programs to improve outcomes for rural communities.

Prior to entering training for a medical specialty, including training for general practice, Australian graduates are required to complete at least two years basic training in a hospital. This training involves basic training in a range of specialties such as surgery, emergency medicine, paediatrics and general medical specialties. There is currently no requirement that trainees complete any community based training in a general or rural practice, which regardless of the ultimate career goal would be just as important in creating a well grounded doctor as hospital based training.

Currently the Australian Government classifies towns across Australia under the Modified Monash Model. This model takes into account isolation and population metrics and it forms the basis for a number of programs. MMM 1 and 2 include cities and major metropolitan areas. MMM 3 towns include regional centres such as Wagga Wagga. MMM 4 includes larger rural towns such as Young in NSW, Roam and Emerald in QLD, MMM5 towns include small rural towns such as Gundagai, Temora and Cootamundra in NSW and Inglewood in QLD, with towns in MMM 5 and MMM 6 being progressively more remote and smaller.

Further information about the MMM is available at

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/health-workforce/health-workforce-classifications/modified-monash-model>

This motion seeks to leverage the structural reforms, which are by their nature support medium to longer term outcomes with a short term solution that would provide immediate relief for struggling towns while

giving all medical graduates regardless of their ultimate specialty goal, a positive training experience in rural and remote community and small hospital practice.

**Motion**

That while recognising the policy of the Morrison Government to increase the number of rural generalist training positions through the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine to 400, this meeting calls on all jurisdictions to:

*mandate that all Australian medical school graduates undertake a compulsory supervised training and service term in a specified rural or remote location, consistent with their experience, skills and basic qualifications, on completion of their basic hospital training and prior to, or before completion of their specialist training as a mandatory component of registration and recognition as a specialist.*

*The mandatory service and training time shall be a minimum of:*

- *three (3) months in a town classified as MMM 5 and above; or*
- *six month (6) in a town classified as MMM 4*

*Funding for the employment should be through the sole employer model and local state health authorities*



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Cr Linda Scott  
President Local Government NSW

Dear Cr Scott,

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**RE: Request to Support the Redistribution of Financial Assistance Grants**

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As you would be aware, rural and regional councils have a far greater dependence on federal and state government grant funding than their metropolitan counterparts. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council wishes to highlight the critical importance of such funding to the financial sustainability of rural and regional councils, and the viability of their communities.

Accordingly, Council seeks your support in its representations to restore the value of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) funding to the previous national level of an amount equal to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue that applied in 1996. Council also requests similar support for changes to the assessment criteria for the allocation of funding provided through the Financial Assistance Grants program so as to achieve the redistribution of such grants from Local Government Areas (LGA's) with greater population and financial capacity to those with significantly less.

At present, each council in New South Wales receives a portion of the total funding available through Financial Assistance Grants. Such grants are distributed to each council based on a calculation of relative disadvantage, with councils that have the lowest level of disadvantage receiving a 'base' level grant.

In addition to increasing the pool of FAGs funding it is requested that the basis upon which these funds are distributed be reviewed with the intent of 'weighting' the distribution in much greater favour of disadvantaged councils and the communities they represent. The impact of this on highly populated/advantaged councils/communities is that they would receive significantly less or no grant revenue through this funding mechanism. The avenue is then available for such councils to offset any resulting funding deficit through revenue generating opportunities that are much more readily available in metropolitan areas which have far greater population and financial capacity.

Indeed, rural and regional local government areas experience significant and ongoing challenges in funding the many and varied programs for the renewal and upgrade of infrastructure and facilities required to be undertaken by councils with a low rate base level. Historically, major programs have been funded by Special Rate Variation applied for by councils to fund programs such as maintaining or renewing aged and dilapidated infrastructure and facilities which would otherwise be unable to be funded.



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In determining and articulating its position on this matter, at its Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council resolved as follows:

1. Council acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) program for the continued delivery of Council services and infrastructure;
2. Council expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue in 1996 to a current figure of approximately 0.55%; and
3. Council calls on all political parties contesting the 2019 Federal Election and their local candidates to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth taxation revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.
4. Council lobby local sitting state and federal politicians for the redistribution of Financial Assistance Grant monies going to metropolitan councils to be reallocated to rural and regional local government areas.

It is my, and my Council's strong belief that the value of Financial Assistance Grants should be returned to an amount equal to 1% of Commonwealth taxation. Further, the prudent and responsible allocation of limited grant funding is a vital component in ensuring the sustainability of rural and regional Australia and this should be achieved through the reallocation of Financial Assistance Grant Funding from metropolitan councils to rural and regional local government areas.

Your support of Council's representations in this important matter would be very much appreciated and should you require any additional information or wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact me on 0428 441 300.

Yours faithfully



Cr Abb McAlister  
Mayor

9 May 2019

**8.1.3 DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	364888
REPORTING OFFICER	Teresa Breslin, Governance Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.1 Decision-making is based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	In accordance with section 404(5) of the Local Government Act, 1993.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Q2 Progress Report <a href="#">↓</a>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Delivery Program incorporating the Operational Plan 2021/22, quarterly progress report, (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021), attached to the report, be received and noted.**

Discussion

Section 404 (5) of *the Local Government Act, 1993* requires that “The general manager must ensure that regular progress reports are provided to the council, reporting as to its progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery”.

Accordingly, attached to this report is the quarterly progress report outlining the extent to which performance measures and targets, set out in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, have been achieved during the second quarter of the reporting year; that is between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

The next progress report will be presented to Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022, and will consist of status updates for actions within the 21/22 Operational Plan (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reporting period of January-March, 2022).



# Delivery Program / Operational Plan

## Quarterly Progress Report

2021/2022 Q2

### 1: A vibrant and supportive community: All members of our community are valued

#### 1.1: Our Community is inclusive and connected

1.1a: A range of programs, activities and events are delivered and promoted across the region to create opportunities for all members of our community to come together and strengthen community cohesion.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Deliver a range of programs, activities and events and ensure they are planned, promoted and executed in an efficient, inclusive and professional manner.	1.1a (1)	Assist with the promotion of local events through the Council tourism and general social media channels	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Promotion of a range of tourism events during the period.
	1.1a (1)	Assist with the promotion of local events through the Council tourism and general social media channels	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Business unit administers the CGRC Website and FB page. Administrators share posts from Gundagai and Cootamundra Tourism pages consistently. Local events are cross promoted across all pages.
	1.1a (1)	Develop and consistently conduct a broad range of community surveys to gauge community interests and expectations in regard to council communications, community sentiment and council managed events	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Major survey developed and implemented for the development of the CSP. Survey closed early February and results being compiled.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	1.1a (1)	Provide agreed in-kind support to major events such as the Beach Volleyball Carnival, Cootamundra and the Busking Festival, Gundagai	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Working with key community members to get the Cootamundra beach Volleyball planning underway to 2023.
	1.1a (1)	Seek grants or support other group grant applications as they relate to Events	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Application for Festival of Lights in Cootamundra successful.
Encourage the development of initiatives to welcome new residents and make them aware of the opportunities which exist in the local government area.	1.1a (3)	Develop and retain current centralised information on the LGA's attributes in the towns and villages including features, events and service, and promote and make available, livability information via council's website	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Information on Country Change website and packs available from Council.
Provide modern, vibrant and relevant library services, programs and activities to the community in conjunction with Riverina Regional Library (RRL).	1.1a (4)	Consider the needs of stakeholders in developing library collections and services in line with Covid-19 requirements	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Continue to offer a mixture of services including online and delivery.
	1.1a (4)	Explore options to potentially participate in designated RRL workshop/s	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Library already participate in everything offered by RRL.
	1.1a (4)	Implement program to encourage Library membership and increase overall membership numbers	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Cootamundra library competitions for people who come into the library.

1.1b: Cultural and arts facilities and services are promoted and supported.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Build and sustain partnerships with cultural and arts bodies, and the local arts community, to support activities and to secure funding for	1.1b (1)	Collaborate with the Local Cultural Committee and regularly attend Committee meetings	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Attended Gundagai Cultural Group Meeting and held consultation with CAWP.
	1.1b (1)	Continue partnership with Eastern Riverina Arts	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	No specific activity this quarter.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
cultural and arts development in the local government area.	1.1b (1)	Pursue available grant opportunities	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Grant opportunities identified, further planning required to be shovel ready.
Provide assistance to art and cultural bodies to promote and develop programs and facilities.	1.1b (2)	Provide support to the Cootamundra Arts Centre with funding applications	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Facilities Manager providing support with relevant applications.
Undertake development of Cootamundra library outdoor area.	1.1b (3)	Complete refurbishment of Cootamundra Library	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Meeting undertaken with staff to finalise plans and arrange updated costings, time frames for project to move forward. Received signed executed funding deed from Regional program office.

1.1c: Local groups, clubs, and volunteer organisations are recognised, promoted and supported.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Ensure the best interests of local volunteer and community organisations are promoted where ever possible.	1.1c (1)	Council to provide space and support for social groups at the Gundagai Library	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Social groups have continued to operate in the main library space as craft room not complete.
	1.1c (1)	Provide support to volunteer organisations with funding applications	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Various groups supported with applications.
Encourage volunteerism across the local government area.	1.1c (2)	Assist with promotion of volunteer employment opportunities	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Various volunteer opportunities promoted through newsletter.
Provide support and funding where possible to support a range of community groups deliver positive outcomes for the local community.	1.1c (3)	Develop and implement an Annual Volunteer Grants Program	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Currently being managed by EA to GM.
	1.1c (3)	Investigate funding opportunities to assist with community group promotion	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Funding application for community/youth directory pending.

1.1d: Recognise and value the importance and uniqueness of the history and heritage of our area and its communities.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Continue to provide and maintain the local museums both as a repository and for public viewing of valuable local historical memorabilia.	1.1d (1)	Continue to provide and maintain local museums	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Gundagai Museum currently closed with renovations and COVID concerns. Cootamundra Heritage Centre remains open with extension currently with Heritage NSW.
	1.1d (1)	Investigate a collection exchange or travelling/temporary exhibition options to enhance the attraction of the museums	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Trip planned for Bowral late 2022 to look at opportunities for Bradman's Birthplace.
	1.1d (1)	Investigate new experiences such as virtual technology, visual media etc to enhance the experience of museum visitors	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Application for Gundagai River/Common including AR elements submitted.
	1.1d (1)	Seek grants to enhance the museum collections	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Work on the Gundagai Museum collection underway.
Seek funding opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of local historical buildings and structures and undertake these activities.	1.1d (2)	Develop masterplans for the management of Council owned/managed heritage buildings and structures	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Ongoing work on a number of buildings including the Cootamundra Heritage Centre, Bradman's Birthplace and the Old Mill in Gundagai.
	1.1d (2)	Investigate funding opportunities to implement masterplan activities	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Funds from Gundagai Gaol Tours being utilised to commence restoration/adaptive reuse.
Facilitate the coordination and promotion of the different historical groups and heritage assets within the local government area.	1.1d (3)	Explore options to potentially provide 'promotional space' at the Gundagai Library for the Gundagai Museum	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Local historical interest items are displayed at library. Promotional space is already offered at Gundagai Visitor Centre which is more frequented by tourists.
	1.1d (3)	Provide promotion of Historical Groups in LGA via newsletters and social media	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Both our libraries and tourism teams connect people with the historical groups as requested. Any events or activities are promoted when asked.

1.1e: Develop and implement a range of activities and initiatives which promote a culture of accessibility and inclusiveness.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and implement accessibility strategies as identified in the Disability Inclusion Access Plan.	1.1e (1)	Advocate for access to respite services for carers of disabled children	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	No action this quarter.
	1.1e (1)	Advocate for the allocation of more resources for education, early intervention and childcare for children with a disability	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Keeping an eye on opportunities through the DIAC where advocacy is required.
	1.1e (1)	Ensure information concerning accessible public transport including Community Transport is readily available	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Online public toilet map includes this information.
	1.1e (1)	Ensure signage on Council buildings is clear and easy to read	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Facilities Manager will update as buildings/signs are upgraded.
	1.1e (1)	Ensure that the needs of all stakeholders are considered on all Council committees	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Coordinator Business manages s.355 committees, manual to be reviewed to ensure this is considered.
	1.1e (1)	Ensure the Council's Community Strategic Plan considers barriers to an inclusive community and any issues raised	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Consultation session considering AIAC concerns was undertaken but attendance was poor due to time of year.
	1.1e (1)	Provide appropriate information on the available access in promotional material for community and tourism events	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Space does limit the information able to be provided in some formats, but promotional material takes people to website.
	1.1e (1)	Provide opportunities for stakeholders to easily report access concerns	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Complaints can generally be reported through Council's complaints process. Members of the AIAC can also bring concerns to meetings. Looking at mapping tool for website spatial reporting of issues.
	1.1e (1)	Provide support to community organisations in seeking funding for accessibility and inclusion projects	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	No requests for support this quarter.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	1.1e (1)	Review Council documents to make them easy to complete for people of all abilities. All forms to include how people can access assistance in completion	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Council newsletter now issued in a reader friendly version. Manager Finance and Customer Service/Coordinator business to consider as documents come up for review.
	1.1e (1)	Update existing Council channels to ensure that they have the ability to include access information and other stakeholder requirements, and that this is collected	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Manager Finance and Customer Service/Coordinator business to address as they review channels.
	1.1e (1)	When updating mapping and websites include access information on facilities and activities	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Coordinator Business to review local information on Council website.
Develop and implement a Youth Strategy which meets the needs of young people within our community.	1.1e (2)	Implement Youth Strategy	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Currently reviewing strategy to determine priorities for action in 2022 and as part of the new CSP.

## 1.2: Public spaces provide for a diversity of activity and strengthen our social connections

### 1.2a: Maintain and enhance the amenity of our main streets and public spaces so that they are attractive, clean and people feel safe.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Enhance the amenity and appearance of our towns' main streets.	1.2a (1)	Commence intersection improvements for the corner of West and Sheridan Streets in Gundagai	General Manager	Completed	Completed.
	1.2a (1)	Implement upgrades to main street and public spaces as funded by grants	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Manager Technical Services and Manager Waste, Parks & Recreation Services are delivering upgrades.
Provide and maintain a clean and attractive streetscape.	1.2a (2)	Continue to maintain and clean main street and public spaces in the Local Government Area	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	The main street is maintained within the financial allocations and adopted standards.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	1.2a (2)	Continue to maintain and clean main street and public spaces in the Local Government Area	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Main street gardens are continually being maintained and improved as budget allows and is required. Ongoing construction works has slowed the progress of some gardens, but these are now being planted out or lawn is being added for ease of maintenance.
Plan for and manage the construction of public space upgrades as funding permits.	1.2a (3)	Investigate options for improving access to local businesses	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	LCRI funding to address access to the edge of the premises.

1.2b: Promote our sense of identity and enhance the attractiveness of our region by investing in town and village entrances.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Improve the amenity of town and village entrances.	1.2b (1)	Seek a grant for landscaping plans/works at the Wallendbeen Roundabout & Rest Area and South Gundagai Roundabout to enhance the visual “entrances” to our LGA	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	This is managed in accordance with Councils Grant Policy.
	1.2b (1)	Seek a grant for landscaping plans/works at the Wallendbeen Roundabout & Rest Area and South Gundagai Roundabout to enhance the visual “entrances” to our LGA	Manager Facilities	On Hold	Currently no funds available. I have received a contact for RMS who own the sites and yet to discuss these requests.

1.2c: Encourage the wide-spread use of open spaces and community facilities by ensuring they are welcoming, accessible, maintained and managed for everyone to enjoy, and that they continue to meet the needs of our community.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Maintain and improve Council buildings and properties in accordance with asset management plans.	1.2c (1)	Maintain council owned buildings in accordance with councils Asset Management Plan, and budget	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Investigation into updating the asset register is currently required. Investigations into an online reporting system, as well as the ability for staff to record maintenance issues while in the field is also required. Routine maintenance is being carried out on a re-active basis currently, this is due to the high workload in completing major projects. Future planning for a dedicated maintenance routine and budget is being investigated.
	1.2c (1)	Seek additional funding (Grants) to improve council buildings and facilities	Manager Facilities	In Progress	The facilities team are still working on all the currently approved grant projects. We are looking at other grants when time permits to continue to improve all council facilities.
Maintain and improve Council library facilities.	1.2c (2)	Complete meeting space addition to Gundagai Library	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Discussions with staff have confirmed designs, final drawings are being prepared for application lodgment for DA/CC.
	1.2c (2)	Create programs to cater for ongoing service delivery to isolated residents	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Continuing to offer online and delivery options as well as some outreach activities.
Maintain and improve Council's parks and recreation and sporting facilities.	1.2c (3)	Maintain Council Parks, Gardens and Sporting Grounds across the Local Government Area	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	In accordance with allocated resources.
	1.2c (3)	Maintain Sporting Grounds as per the current adopted schedules and specifications	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Inspection and liaising with user groups helps to assist with priorities in ground maintenance and improvements. Regular inspections are undertaken, and the booking system assists with programming improvement works.



Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Co-ordinate the provision of Council facilities for community use.	1.2c (4)	Implement and monitor systems that allow for effective and efficient management and identify availability of Public Open Space and associated facilities to the community and user groups	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Not Progressing	System completed but no resources to manage and or implement at this stage.
	1.2c (4)	Implement and monitor systems that allow for effective and efficient management and identify availability of Public Open Space and associated facilities to the community and user groups	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Council's booking process is through the reception counter and booking forms. Calendars are kept up to date with current bookings. User groups are encouraged to have team sport draws in early for sports seasons.
Investigate options to work in partnership and enter into joint venture arrangements to make better use of facilities within the local government area.	1.2c (5)	Review use of all Council Facilities and report on findings	Manager Facilities	On Hold	Due to high workload with grant builds, this item has stalled. A detailed listing of facilities and current usage, income/expense is yet to be completed. Looking at breaking this into smaller components to achieve reporting requested.

### 1.3: Our community members are healthy and safe

1.3a: A broad range of services are provided and supported to meet the needs of all members to promote personal health and well-being and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Continue to consult with local health services providers and identify and advocate for opportunities to improve the quality and range of health services provided in the local government area.	1.3a (1)	Initiate and participate in Community Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health first response meetings	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Library and Community Services Manager has attended these meetings.
	1.3a (1)	Participate in Interagency Network opportunities	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Attended Gundagai meeting. Trying to get Cootamundra up and running again.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Promote a wide range of health and community services offered by various agencies in the local government area.	1.3a (2)	Utilise available mediums for promotion of services	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Directory websites, social media. Funding sought for print directory.
Provide and maintain Mirrabooka Community Centre building to facilitate health and welfare needs of the community.	1.3a (3)	Undertake continued improvements at Mirrabooka Community Centre	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Mirrabooka meetings regularly held to identified maintenance required and funding opportunities.
Promote programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices and activities.	1.3a (4)	Pursue available grant opportunities, that relates to promoting healthy lifestyle choices and activities, as resources allow	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Through discussions with user groups, sporting bodies and council, healthy lifestyle programs are encouraged by all and if grant funding is available, this is applied for to increase the length of activities.
	1.3a (4)	Pursue available grant opportunities, that relates to promoting healthy lifestyle choices and activities, as resources allow	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	This is managed in accordance with Council's Grant Policy.

1.3b: Provide opportunities for the recreational and active use of parks, sporting facilities and swimming pools by ensuring they are promoted, accessible, safe, maintained and managed, and meet the needs of all age groups.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide, maintain, renew and promote high quality sporting, swimming and active recreational facilities and programs for the community, active sporting associations and visitors.	1.3b (1)	Finish improvements to the Gundagai Netball Courts lighting and amenities	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Drawings received, application for planning approval being undertaken and sourcing contractors to carry out works for budget allocated. Users are kept informed.
	1.3b (1)	Report any planned improvements to council	General Manager	Ongoing	Reported through Council reports and quarterly budget reviews.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	1.3b (1)	Work in partnership with the L&R Group in delivering more improved recreational opportunities to the Cootamundra Community	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	Working with the L & R group in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.
Provide and maintain parks and gardens that are aesthetically pleasing, accessible and are available for passive recreational pursuits.	1.3b (2)	Investigate funding opportunities to enhance Council playgrounds, indoor and outdoor sporting and passive areas to enhance accessibility, in the Cootamundra Area	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	Currently grant priorities are in accordance with councils new grant policy. The Division is currently working with local Sporting Clubs with their grant opportunities. This would include access into businesses located within the CBD areas.
	1.3b (2)	Investigate funding opportunities to enhance Council playgrounds, indoor and outdoor sporting and passive areas to enhance accessibility, in the Gundagai Area	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Staff are continuing to work on improvements. Council staff, through talking with residents, user groups and their own identification of issues which could be improved are highlighting areas of change which is required. Where these changes/improvements are required planning and sourcing funding is investigated and actioned where possible.
	1.3b (2)	Seek appropriate grants for the refurbishment and associated signage etc of the Big Bat & Stumps at Bradman Oval, Cootamundra	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	At this stage no grant funding has been made available. This is managed in accordance with Council Grant policy.
Develop and implement an inspection and maintenance plan for playground equipment.	1.3b (4)	Continue undertaking routine playground maintenance and inspections as per the program, for Cootamundra	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	Recreational and open space maintenance is managed within the resources made available. Recreation is not promoted directly as there is no funding allocated accordingly. Promotions is however implemented via supported and assisting sporting's clubs as and when required.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	1.3b (4)	Continue undertaking routine playground maintenance and inspections as per the program, for Gundagai	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Grounds are inspected and issues addressed as required. The grounds are well attended by schools, sporting groups and general public. Discussions between council staff and user groups are continuing for further investigate upgrades to the grounds and buildings as well as options for funding.
Undertake improvements to the Cootamundra and Gundagai swimming pool facilities.	1.3b (5)	Monitor the operation of the Cootamundra Swimming Pool Facilities, ensuring that Council's objectives are achieved	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	Managed with the Terms and Conditions of the contract.
	1.3b (5)	Monitor the operation of the Gundagai Swimming Pool Facilities, ensuring that Council's objectives are achieved	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Gundagai pool has been fortunate enough to have substantial funding allocated through grant processes and has seen major upgrades carried out. A master plan has been developed for the site and additional funding is being sourced to complete these works. Council have a lessee in place for running this site. Council, user groups and the lessee identify areas of improvement required. Operation of the pool through good communication is continuing throughout the years.
Work in partnership with active sporting associations, community groups and health providers to ensure sporting facilities are fit for current and future community need.	1.3b (6)	Ensure that all public open space and community facilities are maintained in accordance with WH&S, resource and financial allocations	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	Maintained in accordance with funding and resources allocated by Council.
	1.3b (6)	Ensure that all public open space and community facilities are maintained in accordance with WH&S, resource and financial allocations	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	All facilities and open space areas are well maintained. Ongoing discussions with sporting clubs to promote ongoing use and holding special events/carnivals are encouraged. All areas are promoted through Council's media platforms.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	1.3b (6)	Finish construction of the new facility building located at the Gundagai Netball Precinct as part of Recreation Master Plan	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Final plans supplied and approved by users. Application to be lodged shortly. Currently having issues with sourcing contractors to carry out works for the budget allocated.
Programs are developed to ensure the ongoing risk assessment and maintenance of Council facilities.	1.3b (7)	Carry out and document regular safety inspections and implement work activities that will ensure that all facilities are in a safe and working condition fit for purpose	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	Procedures implemented as required by Australian Safety Standards.
	1.3b (7)	Carry out and document regular safety inspections and implement work activities that will ensure that all facilities are in a safe and working condition fit for purpose	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	All open spaces are maintained on a regular basis and within budget allocations.
	1.3b (7)	Implement the 'Detail Works Activity Program'	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Completed	Program completed.
	1.3b (7)	Review existing footpath network and facilities to determine upgrade and connectivity improvement requirements	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Footpath and shared pedestrian facilities being completed as funds become available.
	1.3b (7)	Review existing footpath network and facilities to determine upgrade and connectivity improvement requirements	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Connectivity improvement identified around Gundagai and projects nominated for inclusion in LRCI Phase 3 projects.

1.3c: Work with key partners and members of our community to maintain low levels of local crime and deliver community safety.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Work in partnership with local agencies to identify and advocate for opportunities to improve overall community safety.	1.3c (1)	Road Safety Officer to work in partnership with TfNSW on Road Safety Campaigns to implement programs	Manager Civil Works	On Hold	Currently vacant - awaiting new incumbent to commence.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and operate safe food handling and public health controls.	1.3c (2)	Ensure Council buildings are not inconsistent with the principles of Septic Tank Effluent Disposal (STED)	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Audit of Council facilities has commenced but ongoing.
	1.3c (2)	Implement a Food Safety Education Scheme by promoting the benefits of food safety to our communities and educating operators on food safety practices	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	This is an ongoing measure and will continue as part of the annual inspection regime. Food Safety Advice is provided to operators during inspections, provision of factsheets and food safety calendars either annual compliance or in response to complaints.
	1.3c (2)	Work with the community to implement Septic Tank Effluent Disposal (STED) principles for subdivision and buildings through adequate controls within the Development Control Plan (DCP)	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Applications for subdivision and development that need to consider on site wastewater disposal are assessed in accordance with best practice and Council's OSSMS Policy. A series of factsheets are being developed to educate the community on the issues and considerations associated with onsite systems.
A range of programs are supported, promoted and controlled to encourage and enforce responsible companion animal ownership.	1.3c (3)	Analyse data captured through Companion Animals Management System (CAMS) for resource reviews	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Monthly Report submitted to Council, with CAMS data outlining all animals seized and actions taken.
	1.3c (3)	Conduct two (2) Education and Awareness Days in regard to Companion Animals	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	2022 will include at least 2 educational days across the LGA. These days will include information on Companion Animals, illegal dumping and other Regulatory issues.
	1.3c (3)	Conduct two (2) Free Microchipping Days for Companion Animals	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	At least 2 free microchipping days will be held at the LGA during 2022.
	1.3c (3)	Continue Companion Animals Audit	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Monthly update report submitted to Council, on registrations captured through the Companion Animals Audit. Council Rangers are continuing to audit residents in the LGA for Compliance of Registration responsibilities.

1.3d: Deliver dependable emergency service management practices and responses which protect our community members.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Co-ordinate between the District and Local Emergency Management Committees and provide effective emergency management assistance as required.	1.3d (1)	Liaise with the District and Local Emergency Management Committees to ensure coordination of Emergency Management assistance	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Four (4) meetings held each year, along with regular communication with other Local Emergency Agencies. Also, meetings are currently being held on a weekly basis discussing COVID related issues.
Develop and maintain effective and well tested emergency management plans.	1.3d (2)	Conduct annual review and update of the Local Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Management Procedures	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Continue to work with Local Emergency Organizations and Resilience NSW to develop a stronger CGRC Local Government Emergency Management Plan. 4 meetings a year are held at both Cootamundra and Gundagai although COVID has impacted the meeting dates and procedures.
Maintain an active involvement and positive relationship with FRNSW, RFS and SES, Health, Ambulance, Police, Local Land Services and all emergency services organisations within the legislative framework and for the benefit of the community.	1.3d (3)	Liaise with Local Emergency Operations Controller to ensure coordination of emergency management assistance	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Regular meetings held and communication had between the Police LEOCON and Councils LEMO. A new LEOCON has been appointed, Inspector Nadine Roberts.
Provide administrative support for the co-ordination of the various emergency services to provide the most effective disaster management for the community.	1.3d (4)	Establish and equip functional Emergency Operations Centres at Gundagai	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Currently moving EOC from Council Chambers to Council depot training facility. The internet access to both EOCs has been upgraded to allow for better connectivity during emergencies.
	1.3d (4)	Provide administrative support to emergency management meetings	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Councils LEMO and Deputy LEMO provide regular updates to all Agencies and four (4) meetings are held each year with all Combat Agencies.

## 2: A prosperous and resilient economy: We are innovative and 'open for business'

### 2.1: The local economy is strong and diverse

2.1a: Develop and deliver strategies which support the economic sustainability of the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and implement an integrated Tourism and Economic Development Strategy for the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.	2.1a (1)	Arrange two (2) annual joint meetings with the Cootamundra Tourism Action Committee and the Gundagai Tourism Action Committee	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Christmas meeting held.
	2.1a (1)	Consider Assess Trails, Art Trails and Walking and Riding Trails, in budget development deliberations inclusive of capital and operational expenditure	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Held meeting with cycling groups and interested parties to look at promoting road cycle routes, and other projects.
	2.1a (1)	Coordinate an annual workshop with businesses and Tourism Action Committees to plan for ongoing growth in the visitor economy	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Meeting in Gundagai planned but no RSVP's meant it was cancelled.
	2.1a (1)	Determine costing and funding source for an LGA wide promotional documentary	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Suitable option for funding still being determined.
	2.1a (1)	Implement the Agritourism Strategy	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Two businesses supported through mentorship pilot. Business survey this quarter to determine what supports from strategy are feasible. Grant application pending.
	2.1a (1)	Implement the Tourism Communications Strategy for Cootamundra and Gundagai	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Actions are separately listed in IP&R document.
	2.1a (1)	Maintain Council's tourism websites	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Mapping tool implemented on the Visit Gundagai Website.



Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	2.1a (1)	Seek funding to implement masterplan for an outlet for local produce at the Old Gundagai Mill site	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Funding application pending.
	2.1a (1)	Seek funding to Implement masterplan improvements to Heritage Centre	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Plans with NSW Heritage.
Work in partnership with individuals, the private sector, other agencies and levels of government to deliver economic development initiatives.	2.1a (2)	Facilitate and host a meeting with businesses across the LGA annually to discuss business conditions and issues impacting growth	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Meeting scheduled in December but cancelled due to lack of RSVP. Will conduct survey over the next quarter.
Implement strategies which encourage the growth of the local population.	2.1a (3)	Participate in Country Change initiative	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Magazine distributed. Looking at options for 2022 including potentially the Caravan and Camping show.
Actively seek and apply for funding opportunities which deliver additional income and contribute to community objectives.	2.1a (4)	Pursue available grant opportunities	General Manager	Ongoing	Various grant applications submitted and outlined through Council reports.

2.1b: Develop and implement land-use strategies and management practices which protect our agricultural sector.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Work with land-owners, farmers and other agencies to advocate for the protection of the local agricultural sector through an effective land-use strategy.	2.1b (1)	Continue to work with agencies and agriculture sector to ensure that development is appropriate for the location to limit land use conflicts and avoid areas of high environmental value	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Council's Rural Lands Strategy has been adopted and the appropriate recommendations and findings have been included in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement. The recommendations and findings of both these documents will be used to inform the comprehensive, consolidated local environmental planning instrument and associated policies to ensure that the agricultural sector is considered in future planning.
	2.1b (1)	Implement Rural Land Strategy	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	This strategy has been adopted with the recommendations of the strategy being progressively implemented.
Provide, maintain and upgrade as funding permits the saleyards facility which allows the regular sale of animals from this and surrounding districts in a suitable environment.	2.1b (3)	Continue to maintain Saleyards Facility	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Full time Regulatory attendant employed to maintain facilities. This employee also assists with other Regulatory duties in the team including, weed spraying, cemetery maintenance and assisting the Rangers.

2.1c: Ensure transportation networks link our local government area with other regional centres and cities and support economic, environmental and community needs.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Work with key partners to explore and advocate for opportunities to better utilise and develop transportation and freight networks which meet our community needs.	2.1c (1)	Investigate options to better use and develop transportation and freight networks in the Local Government area	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Meetings with Gundagai Taxi service provider, and Gundagai Neighborhood Centre regarding bus.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide and maintain a safe and well maintained aerodrome for use by commercial and recreational aircraft and promote use by external users.	2.1c (2)	Develop working relationship with aerodrome users through aerodrome users committee	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Aerodrome Committee meetings undertaken as planned. Working relations with users being fostered.
	2.1c (2)	Investigate potential areas for aerodrome development	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Development plans being advanced through consultant and Planning committee.

2.1d: Ensure communication and electronic technologies are accessible to all, meet the current and future needs of our community, and provide consistent and reliable coverage across the local government area.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Promote the development of efficient telecommunications technology for business, land owners, education and health needs.	2.1d (1)	Advocate and support funding applications in relation to communication and electronic technologies for the LGA, where applicable	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	No applications supported for this quarter.
Offer and promote free public wi-fi internet access in key public spaces across the local government area.	2.1d (3)	Continue to offer free Wi-Fi service at Council Libraries and Administration Centres	Coordinator Business	Completed	Public Wi-Fi has been consistently available to designated areas.

2.1e: Identify, promote and incentivise the strategic and innovative investment opportunities that exist in our region.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Implement a range of initiatives which support and promote the sustainable development of the	2.1e (1)	Develop new LEP, DCP, contributions and servicing plans from the data contained within the land use strategies	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	Council is progressing with the development of a new comprehensive LEP. When complete the DCP and contribution plans will be considered.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
towns' Central Business Districts and industrial land.	2.1e (1)	Implement Cootamundra and Gundagai Town Strategies	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	Council is progressing with the development of a new comprehensive LEP which will include implementing aspects of the town strategies.
Promote to the community and industry groups potential growth opportunities and development efficiencies.	2.1e (2)	Facilitate communication mediums for training and funding opportunities for businesses	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Council social media, CDC and Gundagai business newsletters.
	2.1e (2)	Identify value adding opportunities (use of new technology, processes and packaging, collaborations, shared transport costs, use of waste materials for new products etc.) to maximise the opportunities in the sectors where Cootamundra-Gundagai's competitive advantage exists	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Continuing to look for suitable opportunities.
Encourage growth in development and construction locally.	2.1e (3)	Provide education material through factsheets to assist the community understand the various pathways, such as exempt, complying and local development	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Council has completed a suite of factsheets, guidelines and templates for development to assist the community to understand the planning framework. These are reviewed and updated to ensure that they reflect legislative changes and new processes, such as the introduction of ePlanning.

2.1f: Develop and strengthen effective partnerships with, and between, locally-based organisations and business operators to enhance connectivity and working together.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Work in partnership with agencies and other levels of government to support local businesses.	2.1f (1)	Facilitate and support local business training opportunities	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Forwarded online training opportunities as this is all our suppliers are offering at the moment.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Work with key partners and local business owners, investors and employers to investigate, advocate for and promote opportunities for business development and networking.	2.1f (2)	Develop a plan with the local Real Estate agents to jointly promote available business opportunities in the LGA	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Not yet actioned.
	2.1f (2)	Support potential businesses in finding suitable land for their business, where required	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Low volume of business enquiry this quarter.
Maintain a close liaison and continue to work with Regional Development Australia.	2.1f (3)	Attend Regional Development Australia forums	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Attended RDA forum in Temora.

## 2.2: Strategic land-use planning is co-ordinated and needs-based

### 2.2a: Develop integrated land-use strategies which meet the community's current and future needs.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop a new, comprehensive Local Environmental Plan for the local government area.	2.2a (1)	Develop a communication strategy to ensure that the community is involved in developing land use controls	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Council has developed and adopted a Community Participation Plan. The CPP seeks to provide opportunities for community engagement in planning by giving the community every opportunity to participate in strategic planning, have a say on major development and ensure there is transparency in decision making processes. The CPP provided a strategy for ongoing communication and engagement with the community and stakeholders.
Identify and address current and future land-use needs through integrated strategic planning and development.	2.2a (2)	Commence preparation of new draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	Background data collection, and the development of strategic planning strategies and studies needed for the drafting of the new consolidated LEP is almost complete. The development control plan will be developed once the local environmental plan is finalised.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide accurate and timely advice regarding existing and proposed development within the legislative scope of Council.	2.2a (3)	Enquiries are acknowledged within 5 working days	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	This is an ongoing measure with 80% of enquiries being responded to within the agreed timeframes.
	2.2a (3)	Inspections undertaken within 48 hours of notification	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	This is an ongoing measure; all inspections are undertaken within agreed timeframes and within staff resources.

2.2b: Provide appropriate land-use development to meet market demand

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and operate development control plans to ensure compliance with appropriate legislation and to achieve the best possible planning and development outcomes for the community.	2.2b (1)	Commence preparation of new draft Development Control Plan to ensure that the community desires for development design are appropriately considered	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	The Development Control Plan will be drafted after the completion of the comprehensive Local Environmental Plan.
Ensure that a supply of industrial and residential land is available at all times to facilitate the orderly expansion of the local government area.	2.2b (2)	Complete the redesign of Claron Estate Residential Subdivision in Cootamundra, and prepare strategy to build and market the land	General Manager	In Progress	Detailed design underway.
	2.2b (2)	Establish a working party to develop a strategy for residential and industrial development opportunities	General Manager	Completed	Working Party established.
	2.2b (2)	Subject to funding, Council to commence subdivision of industrial land at Turners Lane in Cootamundra	Manager Civil Works	In Progress	Strategic Planning Committee working collaboratively with consultant to finalise new developments.

### 2.3: Tourism opportunities are actively promoted

#### 2.3a: Develop and implement strategies which provide opportunities for increased tourism.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and implement an integrated Tourism and Economic Development Strategy for the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.	2.3a (1)	Implement the Tourism and Economic Development Strategy	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Actions are separately included in IP&R document.

#### 2.3b: Actively promote the local government area and local programs, activities and events to attract visitors to the region.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Work co-operatively with key partners to identify opportunities and to further promote the local government area to tourists and visitors.	2.3b (1)	Include access information on facilities and activities when updating mapping and websites	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Tourism websites include this information, including our updates to Get Connected. Coordinator Business responsible for local information that needs to go on Council website.
Work with the community to develop a marketing strategy for the local government area as a tourist destination.	2.3b (2)	Implement Branding Marketing Strategy for Tourism and Economic Development of the Local Government Area	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Filming of daytrips from Wagga campaign, Cootamundra Billboard and Caravanning Australia promotions this quarter.
Ensure local programs, activities and events are actively promoted via a range of mediums to attract and encourage visitors and tourists.	2.3b (3)	Continue to maintain and promote Calendar of Activities, Programs and Community Events	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Website and Facebook calendars maintained.
	2.3b (3)	Maintain Cootamundra Tourism Website, and continue production of Events Newsletter	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Cootamundra Tourism Website to be updated to include mapping tool in 2022.

2.3c: Invest in improvements to visitor amenity and experiences.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide and maintain Visitor Information Centres which meet the needs of tourists and visitors to our local government area.	2.3c (1)	Seek funding to Implement masterplan for improvements at the Cootamundra Heritage Centre	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Plans with NSW Heritage for approval.
Undertake a redevelopment of the Gundagai Visitor's Information Centre.	2.3c (2)	Re-develop the Gundagai Visitors Information Centre, including removal of internal visitors toilets, provision of a theatre space and accessibility improvements	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Manager Facilities project managing project. Will be completed in 2022.
Provide a high quality accommodation facility at the Caravan Parks in Cootamundra and Gundagai for the use of visitors.	2.3c (3)	Seek funding to implement Masterplans for the Cootamundra and Gundagai Council managed Caravan Parks	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Waiting on consultant.
Undertake connection of water supply to the Dog on the Tuckerbox site.	2.3c (4)	Deliver infrastructure for water supply extension to Dog on the Tuckerbox site	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Survey, investigation, preparation of REF, Biodiversity and due diligence assessment and design have been completed. Due to upsizing of the infrastructure an additional \$1m was allocated to complete construction works.
Maintain and improve the tourism infrastructure, facilities and services in the local government area to make our area an attractive place to visit.	2.3c (5)	Develop Strategic Management Plan for WWII inland aircraft fuel depot	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Funding source needs to be determined.
	2.3c (5)	Seek funding to continue implementation of the Gundagai Gaol Masterplan	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Some funds from Gaol tours able to be allocated to complete aspects of the work.



## 2.4: Our local workforce is skilled and workplace ready

### 2.4a: Develop and implement strategies which increase the knowledge, skills and health of our local workforce.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Promote local employment and training opportunities within the Council organisation.	2.4a (1)	Develop Council Training Plan	General Manager	In Progress	Delivered essential WHS training as required. Training plan near completion.
	2.4a (1)	Participate in Joint Organisations Skill Shortages Project	General Manager	In Progress	Participation occurring and initiatives commenced.
Work with various agencies to promote a range of programs, activities and opportunities which improve the health, well-being and employability of our community.	2.4a (2)	Facilitate mediums to promote programs activities and opportunities offered in the local government area by other bodies	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Council social media, CDC and Gundagai business newsletters.

### 3: Sustainable natural and built environments: We connect with the places and spaces around us

#### 3.1: The natural environment is valued and protected

##### 3.1a: Develop and implement land-use strategies and management practices which enhance and protect our natural environments and biodiversity.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and operate development control systems which ensure compliance with appropriate legislation and achieve the best possible environmental outcomes.	3.1a (1)	Continue to assess all development applications against environmental impact and legislative requirements	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Templates for reporting and assessment have been developed and are used to ensure that all matters required by legislation, including environmental impact, are included in the assessment of development applications.
Operate an efficient quarrying service in an environmentally responsible manner that meets all statutory requirements and standards.	3.1a (2)	Arrange suitable quarry products and have available at all gravel pits for construction needs	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Council called tenders for winning, blasting and crushing quarry materials in 2021. Will arrange additional materials in early 2022.
Provide and maintain a stormwater disposal system which minimises the carriage of pollutants from the stormwater system to the creek and river systems.	3.1a (3)	Continue to upgrade stormwater infrastructure in accordance with priorities and availability of funds	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Drainage works undertaken as required. Projects identified for future construction.
	3.1a (3)	Continue to upgrade stormwater infrastructure in accordance with priorities and availability of funds	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Continual maintenance of stormwater network as required. Capital works allocated on a priority basis and programmed to occur later in financial year.
	3.1a (3)	Continue to upgrade stormwater infrastructure in accordance with priorities and availability of funds	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Storm water upgrade program is to be developed on completion of flood study and risk assessment and also based on the structural improvement recommended in the report.
Develop and implement a street tree planting plan which enhances amenity and our natural environment.	3.1a (4)	Continue to undertake Street Tree Planting in accordance with Gundagai Street tree planning Masterplan	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Street tree master plan works are ongoing. Regular pruning works are carried out and staff are investigating new species of trees more suited to the townships and locations within the master plan. Modification of the current master plan is being investigated and once complete will be presented to council for endorsement.

3.1b: Investigate and implement renewable energy technologies to reduce our environmental footprint.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Investigate, identify and promote opportunities that exist within the local government area for implementation of renewable energy technologies.	3.1b (1)	Negotiate terms of a power partnership agreement on various Council facilities	General Manager	In Progress	Working with REROC on a PPA tender for energy supply for large sites. Tendering in progress.
Undertake a review of the environmental impact of Council-owned facilities and infrastructure and implement measures which Council's environmental impact.	3.1b (2)	Continue to investigate funding sources for solar energy works for Council buildings	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Currently working with energy consultant to identify further funding opportunities. Changes to council building energy meters are underway which will provide better detailed data and changing tariffs will provide further savings. Upgrades to lighting in new builds and refurbishments are also underway. Solar installed to new sewer treatment plant as part of ongoing works.

3.1c: Investigate and implement sustainable waste and water strategies.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide and maintain appropriate rubbish removal, disposal, recycling and greenwaste facilities in the most cost effective, environmentally sustainable and efficient manner.	3.1c (2)	Undertake improvements at Gundagai Waste Depot as per the Waste Implementation Plan	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	There has been an upgrade of the access and security systems and cleanup of sites not compliant with EPA Terms and Conditions for the operation of an unlicensed landfill.
	3.1c (2)	Upgrade the weighbridge management system as to allow for the management and sale of recycled waste material	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Completed	Completed.
Provide a facility through which used chemical drums can be disposed of correctly.	3.1c (3)	Continue to provide a drum muster collection service each year at both Cootamundra and Gundagai	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	DrumMUSTER collections are offered throughout the year across the LGA, the drums are collected by way of appointment only rather than have specific times set aside for pick up.
Provide a facility for the composting and re-using of greenwaste.	3.1c (4)	Prepare a resale area for compost and mulch collection for retail sale to the community	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Completed	Completed, sales and display area is located adjacent to the Compactor pit.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Reuse waste water to increase the amenity of Council parks, gardens and recreational facilities and to reduce the demand on the water supply.	3.1c (5)	Collaborate with Council departments to increase the use of re-treated water to Gundagai ovals	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Gundagai Golf Course were successful in securing funding to upgrade irrigation systems to golf course. As part of this work, detailed plans have been supplied for future upgrades to sporting fields and Yarri Park. Further funding and licensing agreements are required to complete all works.
	3.1c (5)	Prepare a report to Council outlining the current condition of the existing open space irrigation systems and identify future management requirements to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the wastewater reuse system	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Completed	This has now being managed by the Waste Water Division Section of Council.

3.1d: Deliver, encourage and support a range of programs, activities and projects that promotes awareness and encourages the active protection and sustainability of our natural environment.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide programs, information and services to our community to increase awareness of, and participation in, environmentally sustainable activities.	3.1d (1)	Introduce a Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) service to the Cootamundra community	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	Program is currently with the EPA seeking approval to proceed.
	3.1d (1)	Investigate opportunities to use raw water	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Approval is required from Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) to extract raw water from the river. Opportunities are being investigated but limited and subject to approval from regulators.
Provide programs, information and services to increase voluntary recycling and reuse to reduce waste to landfill.	3.1d (2)	Investigate funding opportunities and conduct community consultation and education sessions for the materials recovery facility	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	Systems are in place including the promotion of recycling methodologies and principals to the community. This has also included review of Landfill operating hours and compost processing and sales. Is ongoing.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Encourage the best use of treated water through water saving measures.	3.1d (3)	Investigate opportunities to increase the use of reuse water	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Recycled water management system has been developed for Gundagai. Proposed to do risk assessment and review of recycled water management system at Cootamundra.
Contribute to coordinated planning and reporting across local, regional, state and federal areas for the management of the environment.	3.1d (4)	Monthly lodgement of ABS statistics	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	This is an ongoing measure with requirements for reporting continuing to be met.
	3.1d (4)	Monthly lodgement of Building Professionals Board (BPB) statistics	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	This is an ongoing legislative requirement and is continuing to occur and met the legislative timeframes.
Seek funding for projects aimed at supporting the protection and sustainability of our natural environment.	3.1d (5)	Grant Funding opportunities pursued and secured when available	General Manager	Ongoing	Various grant applications submitted and outlined through Council reports.
A range of programs are supported, promoted and controlled to reduce and enforce illegal dumping.	3.1d (6)	Investigate options for technology, to enhance illegal dumping surveillance	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Council to investigate purchasing surveillance cameras for overt operations. Finances to be accessed via grants etc. Possible grant funding is forthcoming.
	3.1d (6)	Undertake illegal dumping surveillance	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Ranger at Gundagai has had illegal dumping added to his specific tasks. Council are awaiting the results of grant applications to purchase surveillance equipment.

3.1e: Undertake active weeds and pest management practices.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Noxious weeds will be contained, reduced or eliminated as appropriate.	3.1e (1)	Develop a Community Education and Awareness program in regards to weed management	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Future weed information days are currently being planned in conjunction with LLS
	3.1e (1)	Undertake Weed Control program in conjunction with Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Biosecurity & Regulatory staff have undertaken weed management control and identification using electronic weed capture and reporting.
Promote and deliver programs and initiatives which promote and educate the community on noxious weeds and pest management practices.	3.1e (2)	Participate in the Managers Established Pest Animals and Weeds Project (MEPAAW)	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Regulatory staff working in conjunction with Local Lands Services to address Weed and Pest Animal Management programs.

3.2: Our built environments support and enhance liveability

3.2a: Develop and implement land-use plans and design practices which complement the character of our communities, are considerate of our heritage, support sustainable design practices and respond to changing needs.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and operate development control systems to ensure compliance with appropriate legislation and to achieve the best possible development outcomes for the community.	3.2a (1)	Continue to assist the community in navigating the NSW Planning portal and associated legislation	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Council has developed factsheets, Guidelines and templates to assist the community with the transition to ePlanning and will continue with initiatives such as installation of kiosks, access and training to enable equitable access to the Planning Portal for all in the community.
	3.2a (1)	Provide Development Applicants with relevant information concerning Disability Discrimination legislation	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Disability Discrimination information is included on all applications. Pre-lodgement advice is available to all applicants. For commercial and industrial developments this includes the provision of information regarding inclusion and access for people with a disability.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Ensure new development is considerate of our heritage.	3.2a (2)	Include heritage considerations when assessing all Development Applications, as applicable, and in accordance with the LEP	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	This is a legislative requirement with templates developed which include this as an assessment criteria. A heritage was appointed in Jan 2022 to assist with this objective.
	3.2a (2)	Seek grant funding for the engagement of a heritage consultant to provide advice and assist in the community in redeveloping heritage items	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	Grant funding has been obtained for the engagement of a Heritage Advisor who commenced in Jan 2022. The Local Heritage Places program will follow.

3.2b: Ensure a variety of housing options are made available.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Ensure that planning and development controls are in place to promote and facilitate a variety of housing options for residents.	3.2b (1)	Continue preparation of new draft Development Control Plan	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	In Progress	Background data collection, and the development of strategic planning strategies and studies needed for the drafting of the new consolidated LEP is almost complete. The development control plan will be developed once the local environmental plan is finalised.

3.2c: Deliver and maintain infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of our community.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Operate and maintain a water reticulation system capable of providing potable water to all connected premises with minimum disruption and maximum efficiency.	3.2c (1)	Implement an Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Project reference Group Meeting held on 12 August 2021 among stakeholders. Proposal is invited from Public Works Advisory to develop strategies. Grant funding will be sought from DPIE for this work.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Undertake Cootamundra Water Main Replacement Program.	3.2c (2)	Administer ongoing water main replacement work/ annual program to improve the reliability of the water supply system	Manager Assets	Ongoing	As part of this program 24 km long water mains were replaced at a cost of \$7.4m. Survey and design work completed for additional water main replacement program and construction work is schedule to commence at Mackay Street, Cootamundra in October 2021.
Investigate options for the connection of a water supply to Nangus Village, and consult with the community.	3.2c (3)	Partner with Goldenfields Water to prepare business case for connection of water supply to Nangus Village	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Feasibility studies and development of business case has been completed. Project estimate is \$8.4m, with a cost benefit ratio of 0.16. Additional funding required to implement the project.
Operate and maintain a sewage system and treatment plant capable of removing sewage from all connected premises with minimum disruption and maximum efficiency.	3.2c (4)	Continue and complete construction of the Gundagai Sewer Treatment Plant replacement	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Completion of outstanding works and testing of equipment in progress, time lost due to wet weather during last twelve months. Final testing and commissioning is scheduled to be in March 2022.
Provide and maintain a stormwater disposal system which allows the removal of stormwater from the towns in the most economical and efficient manner possible whilst minimising impact on natural environment.	3.2c (5)	Continue to upgrade stormwater infrastructure in accordance with priorities and availability of funds	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Flood study and Flood risk assessment completed at Gundagai. Also, feasibility of Voluntary House Raising (VHR) and Voluntary Purchasing Completed for affected properties in Gundagai. Flood study completed at Cootamundra and Flood Risk Assessment is being conducted at Cootamundra.
Undertake Stormwater Mitigation Strategy across Cootamundra and Gundagai.	3.2c (6)	Prepare Gundagai Flood Study response - Implement VHR, VP (Voluntary House Raising, Voluntary Purchasing)	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Feasibility studies on Voluntary House Raising (VHR) and Voluntary Purchasing (VP) is completed for Gundagai. Grant funding will be required along with council contribution to implement the recommendations.
Manage Council's waste collection, disposal and processing facilities.	3.2c (7)	Consult & educate the village communities in preparation of closing the Wallendbeen & Stockinbingal Landfill Sites and replace with Transfer Stations	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	This is implemented as funding and resources become available. Currently basic and routine maintenance is carried out as and when required.



Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	3.2c (7)	Design and construct a Secondhand Sale Shop for waste recyclables at the Cootamundra Landfill	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	All adopted programs as detailed in previous comments are well under construction and are to Time, Cost and Quality. The 2nd hand shop is pending the allocation of funds from council and or Grants.
	3.2c (7)	Develop a Cootamundra Landfill Land & Environmental Management Plan (LEMP)	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	In Progress	LEMP development is currently 70% completed.
	3.2c (7)	Develop Rehabilitation Plans for the Wallendbeen & Stockinbingal Landfill Sites	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	This is currently pending a financial allocation.
	3.2c (7)	Manage Council's waste collection, disposal and processing facilities in accordance with the Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	Ongoing	This is implemented within the allocated resources.
	3.2c (7)	Undertake an efficiency Audit of all current Transfer station Operations	Manager Waste, Parks & Rec Services	On Hold	This is currently pending the allocation of appropriate funds.
Provide an adequate mix of high quality, disabled accessible and appropriately located public toilet facilities.	3.2c (8)	Continue monitoring Council Public Toilet Facilities	Manager Facilities	Ongoing	Carberry Park is receiving a new public facility. Plans are complete, going through planning approval process and securing contractors to start works before June 2022. Council's other facilities have had minor upgrades including painting, electrical works, replacement cisterns, soap and hand towel or hand dryer. Facilities are checked and cleaned every day.

3.2d: Develop and implement strategies to deliver safe and accessible local roads, bridges, footpaths and parking.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop and implement strategies to improve safety and accessibility of all road users.	3.2d (1)	Road Safety Officer to work in partnership with TfNSW on Road Safety Campaigns	Manager Civil Works	On Hold	Road Safety position currently vacant - position advertised with potential new RSO employed by March 2022.
Maintain civil infrastructure including roads, footpaths, bridges and traffic facilities to agreed standards as set out in asset management plans.	3.2d (2)	Complete capital works program, inclusive of externally funded projects	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Capital Works are ongoing, wet weather has limited the ability to undertake works and also caused an increase in maintenance demand.
	3.2d (2)	Complete capital works program, inclusive of externally funded projects	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Works progressing as required. Several Fixing Local Roads and Roads To Recovery Projects to be completed in next quarter.
	3.2d (2)	Undertake annual Road Maintenance Program	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Works progressing as weather and resources permit.
	3.2d (2)	Undertake annual Road Maintenance Program	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Ongoing asset maintenance as appropriate. Wet weather has increased maintenance demand.
Undertake the annual footpath renewal and extension program.	3.2d (3)	Seek additional grant funds to assist with footpath renewal works	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	List of projects available - await suitable funding opportunities to apply.
	3.2d (3)	Seek additional grant funds to assist with footpath renewal works	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Application included for consideration in LRCI Phase 3.
	3.2d (3)	Undertake Footpath Renewal and Extension Program, depending on availability of funds	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Footpath renewal in priority locations planned for Q4 21/22.
	3.2d (3)	Undertake Footpath Renewal and Extension Program, depending on availability of funds	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Works being undertaken as funding becomes available.
Develop and implement asset management plans and strategies for all transport assets.	3.2d (4)	Conduct a water, sewerage and drainage asset valuation	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Quotations were invited twice, using suitable contractors via LGP panel and no quotations were received. It is proposed to do direct negotiations with individual service providers to undertake water and sewerage asset valuation.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	3.2d (4)	Review and update condition assessment data across the local government area	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Transport assets were revalued during 2020/21 and updated.

3.2e: Supply local public transport networks to cater for the current and future needs of residents, businesses and visitors.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Advocate for State and Federal departments to improve public transport networks to meet the needs of our community.	3.2e (2)	Work with Riverina Joint Organisation on identified public transport initiatives	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Work with REROC on procurement for member councils.
	3.2e (2)	Work with Riverina Joint Organisation on identified public transport initiatives	Manager Assets	Ongoing	Liaising with REROC on matter related to common interest among member councils.

## 4: Good Governance: An actively engaged community and strong leadership team

### 4.1: Decision-making is based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership

#### 4.1a: Council is representative of the community and works together to meet the needs of our local government area.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Councillors will support and advocate for the needs of all members in our community.	4.1a (1)	Ensure Councillors are available and contactable by community members	General Manager	Completed	Councillor's contact information is available on Council's website and can also be obtained upon request.
Implementation of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's suite of plans, including the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and resourcing plans.	4.1a (2)	Present quarterly 'Progress Report' on Delivery Program/Operational Plan to Council and the Community	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Q2 Progress Report to be presented at the February Council Meeting.
Council's corporate plans are informed by community expectations and are reviewed and updated on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of our community members.	4.1a (3)	Conduct reviews and updates on councils Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents and resourcing strategies as per Communications Strategy and as detailed in the OLG Guidelines	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	The new round of IPR documents are being developed, and are to be adopted by 1 July 2022. All reviews and updates will be implemented as required.

#### 4.1b: Strengthen strategic partnerships with the community, business and all levels of government.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Councillors will use all occasions presented to advocate for funding and assistance from other levels of government and agencies.	4.1b (1)	Seek funding opportunities when available	General Manager	Ongoing	Various grant applications submitted and outlined through Council reports.
Participation in LG NSW as the representative body of Local Government in order to improve the standing of Local Government in NSW.	4.1b (2)	Advocate for increases in federal assistance grant funding for Regional NSW	General Manager	Ongoing	Motions are being prepared for various meetings.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Participation in relevant REROC activities that will benefit the local government area.	4.1b (3)	Participation in REROC events and activities	General Manager	Ongoing	Continued participation has taken place in REROC board meetings and other events and activities hosted by REROC.
Maintain effective working partnerships with key stakeholder groups such as the Rural Fire Services, Local Land Services and Riverina Regional Library.	4.1b (4)	Continue to participate in Riverina Regional Library workshops	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Penny & Rochelle attended local studies training for smaller libraries.
Continue to foster and support the Youth Council.	4.1b (5)	Continue to support the Youth Council	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Trivia night and various market stall events held. Planning for a number of grant funded activities in the school holidays.
Work in partnership with community members, businesses and all levels of government to deliver community priorities.	4.1b (6)	Participation in Stakeholder events and activities	General Manager	Ongoing	Community activities are supported by Councillor and Employee participation.

4.1c: A clear strategic direction is outlined in Council's corporate plans and guides Council's decision-making and future planning.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
The development of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's integrated suite of plans, including the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and resourcing plans, provide a clear strategic direction and drives the organisation's activities.	4.1c (1)	Coordinate development of IPR plans, which consist of the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and resourcing strategies	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	The new round of IPR documents are being developed, and are scheduled to be adopted by 1 July 2022.
Council's decision-making and future planning shows evidence of being linked to Council's integrated suite of plans and the needs of our community.	4.1c (2)	All decision making reports, including strategies and plans are to show linkages to the relevant objective in the Community Strategic Plan	Coordinator Business	Completed	Linkages to the Community Strategic Plan are included in the Business Paper Reports and have been added to new template for plans, guides and reports.
Determine development applications in an efficient and effective manner based on merit	4.1c (3)	80% of DAs determined within statutory 40 days' timeframe	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	The majority of development applications are determined within statutory timeframes.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Develop a Place Plan which incorporates the Economic Development, Open Space Recreation, Arts and Cultural and Disability Action Strategies.	4.1c (4)	Develop Placemaking plan for the planning decision and management of Public Spaces in the Local Government Area	Manager Community and Culture	Ongoing	Being undertaken by Planning team.

4.1d: Monitor, review and report on the outcomes of corporate plans.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Council will track the progress towards the achievement of the corporate plan objectives against measurable outcomes.	4.1d (1)	Continually identify improvements in operating councils corporate planning software (Pulse)	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Legislative Compliance module still pending for implementation. Awaiting data from Kell and Moore Law Firm, which is anticipated for early 2022.
Progress on the achievement of corporate plan objectives will be shared with the community via a range of communication methods.	4.1d (3)	Report to the community on achievements of corporate plans as detailed in the Communications Strategy	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Community Engagement Strategy for the implementation of the CSP has been adopted by Council. Council will report to the community as per the adopted strategy.

4.1e: Elected representatives are trained, skilled, resourced and knowledgeable.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Support for Councillors to attend training, conference and development opportunities will be provided.	4.1e (1)	Attend the Local Government NSW Annual General Conference	General Manager	Ongoing	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager booked to attend conference.
	4.1e (1)	General Manager to facilitate Councillor training requirements	General Manager	Ongoing	Induction training conducted.
Programs and activities which encourage and develop the capacity of current and future community leaders is provided.	4.1e (2)	Identify programs and activities which encourage and develop the capacity of current and future community leaders	General Manager	Ongoing	Youth council established in both towns and Councillor representatives appointed.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide and maintain services and infrastructure that assists the efficient and effective undertaking of the duties of the elected Council.	4.1e (3)	Continue to provide and maintain services and infrastructure to assist elected representatives in undertaking their duties	General Manager	Ongoing	iPads and accessories presented to each Councillor with necessary training to be provided.
Support Council's elected representatives in undertaking their role in the community.	4.1e (4)	Continue to provide administrative support to Council's elected representatives to assist in undertaking their role in the community	General Manager	Ongoing	Ongoing support provided as needed.

## 4.2: Active participation and engagement in local decision-making

4.2a: Ensure opportunities for genuine and robust community consultation and engagement are provided to all members of our community.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
A range of consultation and engagement activities will be offered to our community in order to plan the long term future direction of the local government area and to inform Council's decision-making.	4.2a (1)	Continue to maintain support for councils Digital Communication Panel	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Digital Community Panel used for additional community engagement method throughout the development of the CSP 2022/2032.

4.2b: Provide opportunities to review the objectives and delivery of the Community Strategic Plan to ensure it continues to meet the changing needs of the community.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Council will regularly and continuously seek community feedback to seek additional input to the Community Strategic Plan.	4.2b (1)	Research and pursue affordable staff training for community engagement	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Still to be investigated when time permits.

4.2c: Engage and partner with the community in delivering the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Promote the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan and work in partnership with community members, businesses and other local stakeholders to deliver community priorities.	4.2c (1)	Develop a Community Engagement Strategy to assist with delivering the objectives in the Community Strategic Plan	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Strategy has been adopted by Council.

4.2d: Promote and celebrate the achievements of Council and our local community.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Progress towards the achievement of the Community Strategic Plan objectives will be shared with the community via a range of communication methods.	4.2d (1)	Collaborate with council departments and Stakeholders to actively promote projects/achievements of the Community Strategic Plan	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Media Officer regularly contacts departments for updates on projects and major works. Media Releases, newsletter, snippets, website articles and FB posts ensure appropriate coverage for Councils achievements of the CSP.

4.3: Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council

4.3a: Maintain a strong and robust financial position that supports the delivery of services and strategies and ensures long-term financial stability.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Ensure Council's long term financial planning supports the delivery of community expectations and financial stability.	4.3a (1)	Implement the proposed Special Rate Variation	Manager Finance and Customer Service	Completed	Completed.
Ensure the availability of finances are managed, controlled, reviewed and regularly reported on in order to provide the appropriate services and facilities within the allocated budget and achieve the maximum value for expenditure.	4.3a (2)	Prepare and implement procedures to enable all staff with budget responsibility to effectively operate Council's integrated budgeting process	Manager Finance and Customer Service	In Progress	Regular internal budget reports in place.



Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Ensure all procurement meets legislative and policy requirements and delivers best value for the community and the Council.	4.3a (3)	Conduct and file monthly audit reports for audit purposes	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	As per requirements, Audits for HR, AP and Administrator access are completed monthly and recorded.
	4.3a (3)	Undertake assessment and improvement of procurement processes	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Procurement assessment and processes are continually updated with best practice updates and organisational improvements. Councillor Workshop scheduled to inform new Council of Procurement Policy and Procedure.
Identify and follow-up opportunities to increase Council's revenue base including grant funding opportunities to deliver additional income to fund major projects.	4.3a (4)	Develop new Section 7.11 Development Contribution plan and Section 64 Headworks Charges	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Not Progressing	This action will be completed once the local environmental plan is finalised.
	4.3a (4)	Identify grant opportunities to fund major projects as they arise, lodge grant applications as appropriate	Manager Development, Building and Compliance	Ongoing	Relevant grants are identified and applications made when available.
Develop Asset Management plans which deliver long-term financial sustainability and asset renewal.	4.3a (5)	Implement works programs to improve asset condition	Manager Assets	Ongoing	This program will be developed as part of the current IWCM process. Long term asset planning and renewal requirements are to be identified and implemented with DSP and head works charges.
	4.3a (5)	Review and improve Asset Management Plans	Manager Assets	In Progress	Asset Management Plan will be reviewed and updated by 1 June 2022.
Improve functionality and amenity within Council's work depots.	4.3a (6)	Complete planning for improvements to Cootamundra Depot and Bradman Street Depot	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	No advance since last reporting. Minor projects identified to be completed in Cootamundra Depot to aid in operational matters.
	4.3a (6)	Continue ongoing efficient operation and maintenance of depot	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Operational efficiencies identified and undertaken as necessary.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
	4.3a (6)	Continue ongoing efficient operation and maintenance of depot	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Works depots maintained effectively.

4.3b: Council meets all legislative requirements and operates within good governance practices and frameworks.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Council ensures statutory compliance is achieved and demonstrates good governance practices.	4.3b (1)	Continue to participate in the Internal Audit Alliance, coordinate Internal Audit Committee meetings and manage the recommendations identified by the Internal Audit Committee and Audit Office	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Next Internal Audit Alliance Meeting is anticipated for March 2022. Meeting date to be confirmed.
Support and funding for elections is provided as required.	4.3b (2)	Make provision in the Long-Term Financial Plan for funding of the 2021 Council election	Manager Finance and Customer Service	Completed	Included in September 2021 Quarterly Budget Review.
Implement effective integrated risk management strategies and practices.	4.3b (3)	Implement Council's Enterprise Risk Management Framework and monitor Risk Registers	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Council has developed an ERM Framework. This framework will be continually updated with best practice updates and organisational improvements.
	4.3b (3)	Implement Councils Fraud Control Plan	Coordinator Business	Ongoing	Council has Implemented a Fraud Control Plan. This Plan will be continually updated with best practice updates and organisational improvements.

4.3c: Information is communicated to our community consistently, reliably and timely, and over a variety of platforms to meet the needs of residents.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Current, informative and easy access to Council information is made available to the community using a range of communication methods,	4.3c (1)	Develop Community Engagement Strategy to inform the community and receive feedback, including feedback on major projects	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Communication Strategy for the development of the CSP currently active. Communication will continue throughout the CSP term to continually update items within the CSP.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
including traditional media and digital channels, Council's website, Community News newsletter and social media.	4.3c (1)	Improve services available on Council's websites through the development of eServices and online forms	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Council website upgrade is due to commence March 2022.

4.3d: Council services the community in a manner that is professional, efficient and promotes an ease of 'doing business'.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Provide quality customer service during all "front line" interactions between Council and the community and in all other interactions between staff, agencies, Council and the community.	4.3d (1)	Develop and Implement a Customer Service Charter	Manager Finance and Customer Service	On Hold	To be commenced when staff resources become available.
Adopt and maintain information technology and communication services and infrastructure that assists the efficient and effective undertaking of Council's operations, increases productivity and adequately supports the organisation and our community's needs.	4.3d (2)	Investigate options to integrate Civica/Authority (Finance System) and Magiq Documents (EDRMS)	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Quotes have been obtained. Issues with the Authority System are to be rectified prior to any further Civica Projects being commenced.
	4.3d (2)	Review Business Systems and identify services that can be delivered on Council's Website	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Council website upgrade is due to commence March 2022. Discussions have commenced with Council IT Contractor.
	4.3d (2)	Work with the Customer Service Team to develop an Online Booking System for Council facilities	Coordinator Business	In Progress	Council website upgrade is due to commence March 2022. Discussions have commenced with Council IT Contractor.
Council's records are managed in compliance with the appropriate legislation and supports efficient and effective work practices.	4.3d (3)	Continue to undertake improvements to infoXpert workflows to streamline record keeping	Coordinator Business	Completed	Best practice improvements are continually researched and implemented by Records Staff and communicated to staff.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Requests for service are processed in an efficient and effective manner.	4.3d (4)	Complete Customer Satisfaction Survey to provide comparison data for the benchmark identified in 2018	Manager Finance and Customer Service	Not Due to Start	To be commenced when staff resources become available.
	4.3d (4)	Review responsibilities and provide training to enable customer service staff to respond to Planning and Rating enquiries	Manager Finance and Customer Service	Not Due to Start	To be commenced when staff resources become available.
Provide well-maintained cemeteries and efficient, appropriate and dignified cemetery operations and services that create the most peaceful surroundings possible for funeral parties and visitors.	4.3d (5)	Complete the Mapping of Cemeteries for plot identification, future planning and publishing of information online	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Currently the mapping system is on line for Cootamundra Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen, North Gundagai, South Gundagai. All other cemeteries are well on the way to being completed.
	4.3d (5)	Develop a Cemetery Services Strategic plan	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Once the digitalisation project has been completed the Cemetery Strategic Plan can be developed around this.
	4.3d (5)	Provide additional signage and seating, and maintain Cemeteries in the Local Government Area	Manager Regulatory Services	Ongoing	Seats have been provided at Gundagai South, Gundagai North lawn, Nangus and Tumblong cemeteries. The completion of the cemetery mapping project will allow staff to determine positioning of appropriate signage for portions, rows etc.
Council's fleet of light vehicles and heavy plant is maintained to ensure efficient, cost-effective and timely service delivery.	4.3d (6)	Undertake plant replacement in accordance with related policies and programs	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Plant replacement program adopted and replacements are taking place in accordance with this program.

4.3e: Continuous improvement practices are utilised to ensure facilities and services are provided efficiently and meet the changing needs of our community.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Effective day-to-day management and leadership of the organisation conducts service reviews and implements continuous improvement practices to create greater efficiencies and effectiveness across the organisation.	4.3e (1)	Report quarterly on Efficiencies and Cost Savings	General Manager	Ongoing	Included in Quarterly Budget Review paper.
Ensure adequate project management techniques are in place to ensure the delivery of projects which meet the changing needs of our community on time, within budget and to an acceptable standard.	4.3e (2)	Investigate and implement appropriate Project Management tools	General Manager	Ongoing	Demonstration held on Pulse Project Management system module Further discussion and final decision still to be made on whether to implement module. Included in Performance Review for responsible Section Manager.

4.3f: Council attracts, retains, develops and supports employees in a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory work environment.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Implement strategies which promote Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council as being an employer of choice.	4.3f (1)	Review and enhance recruitment practices	General Manager	In Progress	Working with REROC on Skills and Shortage Project.
Review the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's adopted Organisational Structure and ensure the structure and staffing mix can adequately deliver the activities approved by Council.	4.3f (2)	Implement Operational Plan activities	General Manager	Ongoing	Operational Plan being delivered and reported on quarterly.
Implement the Workforce Management Plan to support all staff in the delivery of community expectations.	4.3f (3)	Update Workforce Management Plan	General Manager	Not Due to Start	Plan will be updated and adopted by 1 June 2022.

Provide a safe and healthy environment for staff and contractors through compliance with all WH&S legislative requirements and minimising risk.	4.3f (4)	Review monthly WHS reports and statistics discussed at Managers Meetings	Manager Civil Works	Ongoing	Monthly reviews being undertaken and reported as required.
	4.3f (4)	Review monthly WHS reports and statistics discussed at Managers Meetings	Manager Technical Services	Ongoing	Regular updates on WHS statistics are being provided to management.
Develop and implement a Staff Wellbeing Program	4.3f (5)	Develop and implement Staff Wellbeing Program	General Manager	In Progress	Council arranged hearing tests and skin checks for staff. EAP information has been displayed in a number of locations in council offices, depots etc.

4.3g: Council staff are well-trained, skilled, resourced and knowledgeable.

Principal Activity	Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Status	Comments
Implement a training plan to enhance the skills and knowledge of staff across the organisation.	4.3g (1)	Develop Staff Training Plan following skills/performance process	General Manager	Ongoing	Delivered essential WHS training as required. Training plan near completion.
Provide learning and development opportunities to staff to develop the individual's potential and meet the needs of the community and organisation.	4.3g (2)	Implement Performance Review Program, and undertake the first cycle	General Manager	Not Due to Start	Performance review process to commence in March 2022.
Staff are supported in the achievement of organisational objectives by having access to a range of business tools, systems and technologies.	4.3g (3)	Improve Geographic Information System (GIS) and the interface with Asset Management System	Manager Assets	Ongoing	New GIS layer developed for flood mapping and road assets. Recycled water supply system was surveyed and included in the GIS. Interaction between the asset management system and the GIS imageries is now being investigated.

**8.1.4 MUTTAMA CREEK REGENERATION GROUP S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365164
REPORTING OFFICER	Teresa Breslin, Governance Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.2 Active participation and engagement in local decision-making
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	To comply with the Section 355 Committee Management Manual.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee Meeting Minutes 13 December 2021 <a href="#">↓</a>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Minutes of the Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 attached to the report, be received and noted.**

Introduction

The attached Minutes of the Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, is submitted for the information of Council and the community.

Muttama Creek

Regeneration  
Group

## Muttama Creek Regeneration Group

Minutes Monday, 13 December, 2021

**Present:** Graeme Johnson, Di Pearton, Norma Clarke, Lin Chaplin, Charlie Sheahan, Betti Punnett.

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Welcome:** Meeting opened at 5.05 pm

GJ presented the evacuation plan for the building as required prior to every meeting.

Suzie Hamilton attended the meeting virtually via Teams to discuss the group's 'Big Ideas' as part of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Community Strategic Plan Our Place Our Future 2022 review.

Some of the issues raised included-

GJ explained the objectives of the group: to regenerate the riparian land, providing a habitat corridor through the town, and improving water quality, of Cootamundra's urban creek, Muttama Creek.

The continued problem of the exotics growing in the creek was brought up by Linley Chaplin. It was agreed that council has limited manpower and many green areas to maintain, but the problem of exotic trees in the creek has become an eyesore and is out of control, and has been the subject of much correspondence to the council.

The MCRG obtained a grant in October 2008 to implement a project as prepared by Peter Bacon, Principal Consultant, Woodlots and Wetlands. Council modified these works and has failed to maintain the area. Perhaps it is time to revisit the Peter Bacon Plan, or engage the services of another consultant.

Charlie Sheahan opened discussion of the creek as being managed as a town asset and that it could be made a feature of the town, possibly a chain of ponds, with the walking path seeing further work, lighting.

### Business Arising:

- **Exotics-** GJ has received verbal explanation that the council plan to remove the exotics when possible, no formal response to email.
- **Flood planning committee-** carried over- Steve Mills not present at today's meeting, no flood meeting report.
- **Callistemons/River redgums** Charlie S. Tubestock Red Gums (about 20) Casuarinas (about 21) Wattles (about 6) are growing well. Two wattles (near Carmel Herald seat) and two Grevillea Flora Mason ( on Thompson Street Entrance have been lifted out of their plastic guards.
- **Casuarina Walk-** Extension of the garden into the north corner, Council have sprayed the area but still no mounds of earth delivered.
- **NC and LC bird boxes-** Birdboxes- It was suggested that we approach John Ashcroft (Men's shed) to build, and Mason Crane for design specifically for Superb parrots.



Muttama Creek Regeneration Group Minutes, Monday 13 December, 2021

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **LC** – suggested that we ask Council how they plan to monitor the creek's water quality prior to and after the extended abattoir starts up, given that Rebecca Burnett, LLS found problems when monitoring with MCRG previously
- **Working bee-** Bird Walk Mackay Street St, Sat 18 December at 8.30 am.

**Next Meeting: Monday Feb 7- 5pm, Stephen Ward Rooms**

**Meeting closed at 6 pm**

**8.1.5 MUTTAMA HALL MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND MEMBERSHIP**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365299
REPORTING OFFICER	Teresa Breslin, Governance Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.2 Active participation and engagement in local decision-making
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	To comply with the Section 355 Committee Management Manual.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Muttama Hall s.355 Committee Meeting Minutes 19 January 2022 <a href="#">↓</a>

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. The Minutes of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 attached to the report, be received and noted.**
- 2. The office bearer and membership of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee as detailed in the report, be endorsed.**

Introduction

The attached Minutes of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee, General Meeting (AGM) held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 are submitted for the information of Council.

Membership

The details of new office bearers and membership is provided for Council's consideration, as follows:

**Secretary:** Faith Morris      **Treasurer:** Liên Puddicombe      **Other Members:** Rachael Moorby



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# Minutes

## MUTTAMA HALL MANAGEMENT SECTION 355 COMMITTEE

MUTTAMA HALL

18:30, WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2022

### 1 MINUTES

#### 1.1 Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum

**Present:** President/Chairperson: Sarah Last  
Secretary: not yet appointed  
Treasurer: not yet appointed  
Councillor: Trevor Glover  
General Members: Bart Groen, Bill Buckley, Faith Morris, Robert Flint

**Confirmation of a Quorum:** There are 5 Members appointed to this Committee.  
Quorum numbers are met: **YES**

#### 1.2 Apologies

None

#### 1.3 Disclosure of Interests

There were **NO** disclosures of Interest

#### 1.4 Confirmation of previous meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the Muttama Hall Management Committee 20 October 2021 were confirmed 3.11.2021 (via email) as true and correct by three of the four committee members in attendance.

#### 1.5 Business Arising from previous Minutes:

##### [AGM, 24 November 2021

Nominations and appointment of Secretary and Treasurer were not made.  
Consider appointments for Secretary and Treasurer, and co-opting of new members.]

- Committee Membership
  - Welcome to new Committee Member, Faith Morris, elected to the committee at the 2021 AGM
  - Motion for Faith Morris to be appointed as Secretary by Faith Morris, seconded by Sarah Last

**CARRIED**

- Motion for Liền Puddicombe to be appointed as Treasurer by Faith Morris, seconded by Sarah Last **CARRIED**
- Motion for Rachael Moorby to be appointed as General Committee member by Sarah Last, seconded by Bart Groen **CARRIED**
- Pending capital works to the hall
  - Still waiting on CGRC to schedule work on backstage and side area [skillion]
  - Painting of hall exterior – CGRC seeking advice from its Heritage Consultant

### 1.6 Correspondence in/out:

- Sarah Last to draft Thank You letters to former office holders: Hilary Connors, Anne Last and Leigh Scott **SL to action**
- Sarah Last to contact former committee members to locate any cleaning equipment paid for by the committee that were relocated during capital works on the hall **SL to action**
- Sarah Last to contact council to request committee document templates and place in Google Drive **SL to action**
- Sarah Last to request former office holders upload any prior correspondence and documents that are not currently on the Committee's Google Drive **SL to action**
- Awaiting a copy of the recently unsuccessful NSW Government Stronger Communities grant from Andrew Brock **AB to action**

### 1.7 Report from the Treasurer:

- Former Treasurer Leigh Scott has provided to Sarah Last the paperwork regarding the office of Treasurer
- Sarah Last to pass on to new Treasurer Liền Puddicombe the papers **SL to action**
  - Motion to purchase a lever-arch folder from committee funds for the Treasurer's paperwork from Sarah Last, agreed to by all present **CARRIED - SL to action**
- In lieu of Treasurer, Chairperson reported:
- Balance of the Committee's NAB account \$6591.60
- Address for bank account temporarily changed to PO Box 311 – The Wired Lab – until a suitable arrangement can be decided by the committee with the Treasurer's input
- Requirements to update NAB account signatories:
  - Motion to update signatories of bank account to be Sarah Last (existing), Liền Puddicombe and Robert Flint – agreed to by all present **CARRIED**
- Discussion re arranging electronic access to the bank account – to be decided by all signatories and noted at next committee meeting **SL, LP, RF to action**
- Hall Fee Schedule – sometime in 2022 CGRC will request an annual update of fees with the committee's recommendations to be provided to CGRC
- Invoice to be raised to Muttama Landcare for meeting held at hall on 7 December 2021 **LP to action**

### 1.8 General Business

- 1) Potential Bookings & CGRC Covid-19 Requirements
  - Faith Morris to set up a Bookings Calendar on Google Drive for all to access **FM to action**  
*Update: Sarah Last made a note to do this and has done so and will give access to all*
  - Sarah Last consulted with Madlin Snell, CGRC Risk and HSE Officer, 19.1.22. to check that Council 'Covid Safety Plan' document circulated 2.12.2021 is still current. Muttama Hall can hold max 55pax inside, with masks required to be worn inside

2) Potential grant funding opportunities:

- On 13.1.22 Andrew Brock hosted representatives from the NSW Government Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) at Muttama Hall who viewed the skillion works they funded. They gave positive feedback and noted that if any SCF monies remain from other CGRC projects, they could potentially be reallocated to Muttama Hall works. If this is possible CGRC would be required to have a grant variation for the proposed works approved
- Andrew Brock to advise of any future 'local government only' Stronger Communities funding opportunities from the NSW government **AB to action**
- Discussion – Who applies for grants? Who controls the money? What are the acquittal periods? What is the communication process between MCH and CGRC regarding all stages of grants from applications to full acquittal? SL noted CGRC recently circulated a new policy in reference to grants. SL to circulate. **SL to action**
- NSW Government Dept of Veterans Affairs generally has two Community War Memorial grants each year – Backstage works have not yet commenced for the grant money received in 2021. Committee agreed it is not prudent to apply for the Community War Memorial grant due in February. Consider the second round grant due in 2022.
- Potential booking (7 – 12 March, 2022) from The Wired. Festival now rescheduled to September, currently determining if March booking is still required. Sarah Last to advise next meeting. **SL to action**
- Potential Federal Stronger Communities Infrastructure grant due mid-February. As a CGRC owned building there is a 50% cash, not in-kind, co-funding eligibility requirement, which we don't yet have for the skillion/supper room area.

3) Additional keys to Muttama Hall provided by CGRC:

- Sarah Last to ensure all new keys work before distributing **SL to action**
- Faith Morris to create a Key Register and place on Google Drive **FM to action**
- All committee members to 'stocktake' what keys they hold and bring them all to the next committee meeting for testing and registering **ALL**
  - Robert Flint holds the keys to the flagpole and has the flags
  - It was proposed and agreed to purchase from Muttama Hall Committee NAB account key rings for the new keys **SL to action**

4) Any other business:

- Faith Morris to create a Property Register for all property belonging to Muttama Hall and place on Google Drive. To be populated by all at next committee meeting and ongoing **FM to action**
  - i. Interpretive sign for the Hall is currently at CGRC General Manager's office. Once Hall is repainted the committee will consult with CGRC to determine where the sign will be erected.
- Volunteer register for Muttama Hall – currently held by CGRC – Faith Morris to request that the committee be sent a current copy **FM to action**
- Muttama Hall rosemary garden – needs to be weeded – Sarah Last, Bart Groen, Bill Buckley, and Robert Flint to do after this meeting **SL, BG, BB, RF to action**
- Lawn mowing – currently done voluntarily by local resident Kerry Edgerton. Can this be done by CGRC during their regular slashing of Muttama village? Faith Morris to request lawn mowing / slashing schedule for Muttama and Hall grounds from CGRC **FM to action**

**1.9 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was tentatively decided that the Committee will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month in 2022. Discussion around timing of CGRC meetings and requirements from S.355 minutes to be included in Council papers. Sarah Last to seek advice from CGRC Governance Officer Teresa Breslin. To be discussed at next meeting and include new committee members in determining our regular meeting time.

- Next Muttama Hall Management Committee Meeting 18:30, Wednesday 23 February 2022, Muttama Hall

**1.10 Time Meeting Closed**

Approx. 19:05

**8.1.6 LACHLAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DELEGATE**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365523
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.2 Active participation and engagement in local decision-making
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Lachlan Regional Transport Committee - Request for Delegate of Council to Committee <a href="#">↓</a>

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. The Lachlan Regional Transport Committee – Request for Delegate of Council to Committee, attached to the report, be received and noted.**
- 2. Council consider nominating Delegates, one Councillor and one Manager, for the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee.**

Introduction

The Lachlan Regional Transport Committee (LRTC) has written to Council requesting Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council consider joining LRTC. The attached document does not clearly state if the delegates need to be one or the other, however, the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee, has one Councillor and one member of the Management team it seems reasonable to consider doing the same for LRTC.

The aim of the LRTC is to establish the most efficient and fair transport system covering all means of transport for freight and people in New South Wales.

Membership contains neighbouring Councils of Temora, Hilltops, and others in proximity.

Meetings are held every three (3) months and move around each member council. Meetings are not currently held online. Members are emailed well in advance with details of the location of the meeting, date, agenda and minutes.



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Dear General Managers

As you may be aware that the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee was established in Gooloogong on the 19th July 1983 as a result of the then State Government announcing that all branch lines country passenger trains would cease at the end of that year.

Since that year the LRTC has written many submissions and maintained dialogue with all levels of Government about freight and passenger transport. Including the reopening of the Blayney to Harden including Greenethorpe and the completion of the Picton to Port Kembla Line for freight to Port.

Our mission is to establish the most efficient and fair transport system covering all means of transport for freight and people in the State of New South Wales.

The LRTC has widened its membership to include Wollondilly, Wollongong, Dubbo, Lachlan Shire, Cowra Shire, Weddin Shire, Temora Shire, Hilltops Council, Cabonne Shire and Lachlan Valley Rail, plus a wide range of private members from across the State.

The LRTC is now requesting your council's ongoing support for the coming year so this Committee can continue its mission to improve all Rail Services. Please advise by return email contact details and names for your Councils LRTC delegates.

Please General Managers would you include this letter in your next meetings correspondence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Hughes".

Thanking You  
Dennis Hughes  
Sec/Trea LRTC

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**8.1.7 INFORMATION BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 2022**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365227
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Softwoods Working Group Annual General Meeting - 26.11.2021 - Minutes <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>2. Southwest Slopes Forestry Hub - 26.11.2021 - Minutes <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>3. Softwoods Working Group - 26.11.2021 - Minutes <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>4. Eastern Riverina Arts letter of Congratulation to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council. <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>5. NatO Ceremonies - Australia Day - Letter of thanks <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>6. Council Circular - 22-01 Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021-22 <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>7. Stockinbingal Community Newsletter January 2022 <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>8. Stockinbingal Community Newsletter February 2022. <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>9. Gundagai Tourism Action Group Advisory Meeting - 14.02.2022 - Minutes.pdf <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>10. Cootamundra Heritage Centre Meeting - 7.02.2022 - Minutes <a href="#">↓</a></li> </ol>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Information Bulletin February 2022, and attached correspondence, be received and noted.**

Introduction

Council receives a variety of correspondence including Ministerial Messages, Council Circulars, media releases, community correspondence and other items. The correspondence attached has been included for the information of Council and the community.



**Softwoods Working Group**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Holbrook RS Club**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**10.00am - 10.41am**

**Present:**

Peter Crowe (SWG)	Diana Gibbs (DG Partners)
Phil Clements (SWG)	Margaret O'Dwyer (NSW P & C)
Kayley Dickinson (SVC)	Greg Blackie (GHSC)
David Graham (CGRC)	Ab McAlister (CGRC)
Anne Partridge (HPV)	

**Online:**

Heather Wilton (GHSC)	Carlie Porteous (Visy)
Belinda Legenberg (Hyne)	Dean Anderson (FCNSW)
Rab Green (AKD)	Ray Kripner (PF Olsen)
Joanne Cheshire (	Jake Lazarus (Hume Forests)
Kerry-Lee ? (DAWE)	Dean Anderson (FCNSW)

**Apologies:**

Dean Hawkins (Visy)	Michael Clancy (Groves)
Dallas Goldspink (TAFE NSW)	Bruce Wright (SVC)
Mary Hoodless (RDA Murray)	Matt Stubbs (SCGRC)
Nick Covey (DAWE)	Glen McGrath (SVC)

**1. Meeting opened by Chair Peter Crowe & Deputy Chair Heather Wilton**

Heather welcomed everyone to Holbrook Shire on a very wet day and considering the wet weather it was good everyone arrived safely.

**2. Apologies:** Accepted as listed above.

Moved: G Blackie

Seconded: D Graham

**CARRIED**

**3. Annual Report – Chair, Peter Crowe**

Peter thanked for best wishes over the past months.

Overview by Peter –

SWG is doing what it is meant to do, that the community is totally engaged with the industry, that the industry develops in a way that not only and individual company is successful and that success and benefits flow onto through to the community.

I think that we are a shining example of how you can engage with the communities and political masters and at the same time achieve some really practical results. More than anything else I think the most important thing for us is without going into detail from my report is to be acknowledged as an organization. We are not a front for the timber industry, it's for our community, it's for regional development, it's for jobs and it's good for the region, good for the state and good for the nation. I don't know that a lot of people have really got that message but we certainly are respected from that point of view at State, Commonwealth and Local Government levels.

And I acknowledge the great representation that we have from our local Government colleagues in terms of expanding the knowledge that our community has and helping understand how the industry is vital to our country. If somebody said to me what's the most important thing we can do in terms of representing the industry I say engage, engage, engage, and I think the first port of call of any organization like ours should be local government, second port of call State Government, third port of call is federal government.

In amongst all that we should make sure that all the people who work in those organisations, including the state and commonwealth and local government bureaucracies we need to make sure that the key players in those entities are all well and truly aware of what we are about and what we are doing. If we could get that message out to all the other like groups particularly the hubs around Australia our industry would be far better off.

Chair report attached.

Moved – Peter Crowe

Seconded - David Graham

**CARRIED**

4. **Financial report** – Phil – welcome Kerrie Lee from Dep Agriculture Water and Environment Canberra on phone in place of Nick Covey. Also like to acknowledge the assistance received by Luke Bulkeley and Andrew Wilson regarding the Hub.

David Graham raised the issue of Barrilaro funding from State Gov and should a percentage of that be transferred to fund and assist in the future of SWG. Peter agreed we need to look at what the structure of the organization looks like in the future.

Diana is the AFPA membership is a part of the SWG budget Peter noted that SWG are negotiating with Ross Hampton to reduce the cost of \$12.5k. Diana as we now have NSW AFPA we have to consider whether we become a member of NSW AFPA at a reduced rate and maintain our associate membership of AFPA or as we are discussing with Ross if SWG contributes in kind to NSW AFPA. Peter suggested members to consider and contact either Phil, Peter and Diana in order to take to a meeting with Ross and Sue from AFPA on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Phil – Dean incorrect attachment, Phil sent correct report and placed on hold and if no feedback within a week report will be adopted. Adopted subject to queries by end of next week.

Financial Report attached

**5. Election of Office Bearers.**

- a. **Chair**  
Peter Crowe (J. Lazarus/H. Wilton)
- b. **Deputy Chair**  
Heather Wilton (J. Lazarus/H. Wilton)
- c. **Executive Officer/Treasurer**  
Phil Clements (J. Lazarus/H. Wilton)

All positions filled unopposed.

Moved: D Gibbs      Seconded: D Graham      **CARRIED**

**6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

NIL

Moved: A McAllister      Seconded: H Wilton      **CARRIED**

**Meeting Closed 10.41am**

**Peter Crowe**  
**Chair**



26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

Dear Members & Colleagues

**Chair Report for AGM  
2020-21**

Despite the external challenges that have faced our families, communities, workplaces, and organisations generally, 2020-21 has been a year of many significant achievements for the timber industry both locally and nationally which are outlined below. There are still plenty of challenges ahead and there is still a lot of work to be done at a collective level.

Reminders of the fire impacts from 2019-20 are ever present. However, watching how well the recovery process has been implemented is extremely encouraging and augers well for the future. We must also acknowledge that there have certainly been casualties within our industry. Whilst the full impact of the reduced wood supplies will not take full effect till 2022, there will be fewer shifts at the sawmills and either reduced, or lost, wood supply volumes amongst the harvesting and haulage contractors.

No annual report would be complete without reference to the global covid pandemic and the impacts this has had on everything we have needed to do. Having the timber industry recognised as an essential activity certainly enabled the core business to keep going & ensure the supply of materials to our building & packaging sectors could be maintained and ensure the economy was not completely devastated.

The way in which everyone has responded to this crisis has really bought out the absolute best in individuals, communities, businesses and companies. We can really go forward with confidence that there is a bright light at the end of the tunnel!

Now, more than ever, the role of the SWG is vital in providing a respected and coherent voice for the timber industry and the regional community, of the SW Slopes.

There have been some notable achievements for the past year.

1. The SWG has enhanced its reputation as a key regional reference group for the provision of high quality and robust information about the plantation-based industry. Our ready availability, and consistently professional responses to requests for information and opinions from local, state and federal politicians, government agencies and departments, has been well recognised.
2. Expenditure of the \$20.35M funding received under the NSW Government's, Growing Local Economies program, has been progressing well. e.g., The completion and opening of Coppabella Rd was a particular highlight. By this time next year, it is anticipated that the remaining projects will be completed and the roading network will be safer & more effective as a result.

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3. The SWS Forestry Hub entered its second year of operation and was able to initiate a range of projects that are looking at the longer-term future of the industry and how we can meaningfully contribute to the achievement of the Commonwealth Government's National Forest Industry Plan (Billion Trees Program). Further details of this work will be provided separately during the meeting.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the support, advice and assistance we have received from the Federal Dept of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) in setting up our Hub and enabling us to become functional in a timely & effective manner.

**It should be noted that the Hub's projects and activities are entirely consistent and complimentary to the work of the SWG but do not (and in many cases cannot) substitute for the activities of the SWG.**

The outlook for the coming year is going to continue to be challenging and complex. The sort of advocacy and results that SWG has been able to bring to the local industry and our communities, has been value-adding and productive.

We anticipate that there will need to be an increase in the political lobbying and briefing activities to ensure we keep the industry, visible and vocal at the local level. Examples of future requirements include another review of the road haulage strategy and continued advocacy around plantation expansion and future fire management.

Thankyou again for your continued support and I would like to assure you that the SWG, working in conjunction with the Hub and other stakeholders and organisations, is committed to continuing to play a lead role in assisting the industry and our communities recover from these past crises more determined and stronger than ever.

I would like to extend my thanks to all our members & colleagues for your contributions to the various requests and projects that have been undertaken throughout the year. Our group is incredibly unique in both the cross section of the community that it represents and the collaborative and co-operative manner that we interact.

My thanks also to Phil & Diana for their support, dedication & workload that they have taken on to ensure we get the best possible outcomes for the industry as a whole.

2020-21 has not been great but we can definitely say it has been better than 2019-20!

We are looking forward to working with all of you and experiencing an even better year in 2022 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Crowe'.

**Peter Crowe**  
Chair

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## Financial Report 2020-21

The following table represents the financial report for the SWG for the FY 2020-21.

(A separate report has been prepared for the SWSFH).

<b>Project: Softwoods Working Group</b> <b>Statement of Income and Expenditure</b> <b>From 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021</b>	
<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>SWG Excluding GST</b>
Contributions	\$70,000.00
Funding HUB	
Other Income	\$11,000.00
Interest received	
Bank reward point	\$0.99
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$81,000.99</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Phil Clements service fee	\$31,600.00
Phil Clements Travel	\$2,604.00
Peter Crowe Service fee	\$13,425.00
Peter's Travel	\$618.40
Diana Gibbs Service fee	\$15,300.00
Diana Gibbs Travel	\$955.80
Membership and Registration	\$36.36
AFPA Membership	\$11,480.00
AFPA Report Expenses	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$2,588.30
GST adjustment	-\$0.13
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$81,107.86</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-\$106.87</b>

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SWG Budget 2020-21			
Income (exc GST)	Budget 2020-21	Actual 2020-21	Comments
Snowy Valleys Council	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
Coota-Gundagai RC	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Greater Hume Shire Council	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
AlburyCity	\$ 7,000		
Visy	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
Hyne	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
AKD	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
FC of NSW	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
GFP (Murray River & Hume Forests)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
Additional Income	\$ -	\$ 11,000	Contract reports
<b>Sub-Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 77,000</b>	<b>\$ 81,000</b>	
Expenditure Items (exc GST)	Budget 2020-21	Actual 2020-21	Comments
Exec Support & Mgt Fees, Economic advise, analysis & support	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,325	Includes Crowe, Clements & Gibbs (or equiv)
Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,178	
Accom	\$ 2,000	\$ -	
Admin Support (External)	\$ 1,000	\$ -	Audit/ Misc copying etc
AFPA Membership	\$ -	\$ 11,480	
AFPA Report	\$ -	\$ 2,400	
Website Development & Mtce	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing & stationary/postage	\$ 500	\$ -	
Other contractor/s consultants	\$ 500	\$ 136	
Telephone reimbursements	\$ 500	\$ -	
Misc/ Contingency	\$ 500	\$ -	
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,588	
<b>Sub-Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 77,000</b>	<b>\$ 81,107</b>	
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-\$ 107</b>	

**Phil Clements**  
Executive Officer /Treasurer

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**Southwest Slopes Forestry Hub**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Holbrook RS Club**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**11.44 am -1.00 pm**

**1. Meeting opened by Chair – Peter Crowe**

**2. Apologies – Accepted as per below.**

**Present:**

Peter Crowe (SWG)	Diana Gibbs (DG Partners)
Phil Clements (SWG)	Margaret O'Dwyer (NSW P & C)
Kayley Dickinson (SVC)	Greg Blackie (GHSC)
David Graham (CGRC)	Ab McAlister (CGRC)
Anne Partridge (HPV)	

**Online:**

Heather Wilton (GHSC)	Carlie Porteous (Visy)
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Rab Green (AKD)	Ray Kripner (PF Olsen)
Joanne Cheshire (	Jake Lazarus (Hume Forests)
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**Apologies:**

Dean Hawkins (Visy)	Michael Clancy (Groves)
Dallas Goldspink (TAFE NSW)	Bruce Wright (SVC)
Mary Hoodless (RDA Murray)	Matt Stubbs (SCGRC)
Nick Covey (DAWE)	Glen McGrath (SVC)

Moved: G Blackie

Seconded: D Graham

**CARRIED**

**3. Minutes of Meeting held Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 - Accepted**

These Minutes were accepted without amendment.

Moved: A. McAlister

Seconded: A. Partridge

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Business Arising

NIL

#### 5. DAWE News:

##### Other Hub Updates

- Phil funding extension to August 2025 and a further 2 hubs are being formed, 1 in NT and another 1 in Eden, NSW equalling a total of 11 hubs and all with the same objective as us.
- Would like to emphasise the good work being done by the Department in particular Andrew Wilson and Luke Bulkeley who have been supporting us.
- Other than the existing projects there is now a good opportunity to take on further projects and more importantly the incorporation of NE Victoria into the Hub.

#### 6. Strategic Plan

- Anne co-ordinated a meeting of key players that was to be held in June this year however due to Covid this did not go ahead but is scheduled to now go ahead in 2022.
- Forestry Australia, Victorian branch held a Forum in Myrtleford last Friday with around 50 in attendance, and Phil, Peter and Diana attended and presented. A report will be circulated to members once completed and available. Anne, the event consisted of a Conference on the Friday and a field trip the following day led by HVP. Discussions were had on Farm Forestry, Land Pricing, processes, and resilience in our industry. Was a great opportunity to network, Dean Anderson from FCNSW, his staff got a lot out of the experience and all agreed was well worth attending.
- Phil presented the SWSFH Strategic Plan and list of projects:
  - Pillar 1 Community:
    - Communications Strategy - will be separate entities between SWS and NE Victoria until further integration takes place.
    - Website - tour of the website conducted by Terese reviewing the pages and content. We do require assistance from members who may have staff willing to volunteer their input in Hub career profiles for our Fact Sheets and if anyone has any staff willing to participate please contact Terese. Phil requested also if members have any photos relating to the Hub and our industry to please contact us also, as Terese will be building the photo gallery page over time. Diana highlighted the FAQ's and again asked for input from members for more content. Community page not a lot due to event cancellations from Covid. A video is being created collaborating with Paul at Scapegoat Media in Albury to create a Hub focused production which will have many uses.

- Social Media - Hub is now using Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn, followers are growing, we are profiling members, sustainability, technology and our products. Terese requested that those not following the Hub to please do so and an email will be forwarded to members with the links to these.
- Pillar 2 People:
  - Industry Impact Study - by University of Canberra has been revised to incorporate the whole Hub region including NE Vic.
  - We are working with other Hubs to ensure what we do is complimentary not contradictory by doubling up on research and projects.
  - Skill Survey - with Forest Works is hoped to be finalised before Christmas.
- Pillar 3 Infrastructure:
  - Road Haulage Study - Diana asked the growers for the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to make a list of what roads that are the critical and that require upgrading and the ones that you think you will be utilising over the next 10 to 20 years. So we can then work with Council's to develop costings and create a business case ready for funding opportunities, so we are ready to go when the funding opportunities arise and no opportunities are missed.
  - Diana also requested from growers, information in confidence regarding their supply forecast for the next rotation, so next 30 years and bring to the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
  - Phil noted that there are several projects in Pillar 3 that are ongoing. However, there may be scope for a project due to the concern for the Bush Fire Enquiry outcomes that are not being followed up and to ensure recommendations are implemented. Hub will work with other Hubs to get answers by sharing reports in Sharepoint and ensuring cross pollination occurs between us. Identifying issues, gathering the data and providing ammunition so to speak.
  - Regarding communications and mobile phone coverage a meeting was held with Telstra and initial estimates were provided to improve one particular blind spot in Bondo. Very expensive exercise but an issue we don't want to let lie. Discussions are being held with Marg regarding funding opportunities.
  - Smart Technologies - is artificial intelligence, Diana chaired with the Smarter Regions Cooperative Research Centre bid which FWPA is an investment partner with and Hyne and OneFortyOne are also investing in. Announcements are expected before Christmas so Smart Technologies may be a part of our industry ongoing.

- Pillar 4 Resource Security:
  - Socio Economic Impact Study - with University of Canberra, which will relate to cost but also community wellbeing. At contract stage but will be moving forward early 2022.
  - Risk Management - meeting held now have a new GIS representative in NE Victoria, Barret Higman of HVP who has been working with Duncan and Campbell to create a background for NE Vic, not just NSW.
  - New Plantations - this is being put forward by all Hubs. Obtaining more land is getting more and more difficult. We are developing a paper regarding Plantation Expansion and Land Prices. A number of meetings have been held with Rob DeFegely and the Hub has agreed to form an alliance with the newly created Eden Hub. Diana, it shows how much power the Hub has with the inclusion of SWG and we have everybody in the game in relation to our members.
  - WA is putting together a great model for Farm Forestry for assessing trees on your land. Once finalised Phil will distribute details to members however the model isn't directly applicable to us and may need modifying for us to utilise in SWS. Jake, the same developer is being engaged by the Central West to update model to suit and it may be worth SWSFH to consider doing the same, Phil noted that this is being considered.
  - Invasive Weeds – primarily Blackberry we have established there is a program however next to no funding. We will look at this further and Diana suggested a formal letter to Agrifutures to highlight that this is an important matter not just for plantations but also farmers.
  - Land Capability and Availability – has been done in the past but needs to be revisited and more science put behind this to find out what land is available. To meet targets of programs such as Million Trees and AFCA's 400,000ha requires a huge amount of land.
  - Review of Past Plantation-Expansion Approaches - Indufor is going to assist the Hub through Damien O'Rielly looking at past approaches and get a summary of what worked and didn't and what are the other combinations and permutations that might be more sustainable.
- Pillar 5 Administration:
  - As SWSFH incorporates NE Victoria a name change has been suggested, and some examples surrounding Murray were submitted by the Executive, however members are asked to forward suggestions to Phil. The new name needs to reflect the cross-border nature of the Hub.
  - Budget has now been developed through to 2025 however is not locked in and will develop over time. Trying to minimise overheads so more funds can be utilised in projects.

- Working with other Hubs regarding the carbon rebatement questions and the roll out carbon in future plantation developments. The focus is on the cost of compliance with the carbon farming side of things and how much area is required and to also reduce the jargon to enable everyone to understand.
- Peter requested if any members have any suggestions or would like to more involved on any projects to please contact us. We now have the ability and resources both in SWG and SWSFH to back more ideas and projects.

#### **7. General Business**

- Forest Tours is postponed until after elections and into the new year.
- Carlie leaving Visy after nearly 11 years to take up position of General Manager at AFCA but is looking forward to continuing a close working relationship with SWSFH and SWG. Congratulations!

#### **8. Meeting Closed 1.00 pm**

**Next Meeting to be held Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at CGRC Gundagai**



**Southwest Slopes Forestry Hub**

**Meeting Agenda**

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Moved: G Blackie

Seconded: D Graham

**CARRIED**

**3. Minutes of Meeting held Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

The Minutes were accepted by the meeting without change

Moved: A McAllister

Seconded: H Wilson

**CARRIED**



**4. Business Arising from/Amendments to Previous Minutes**

Nil or covered under today's agenda

**5. Introductions**

NIL

**6. Industry Updates**

• **Growers:**

**Jake, Hume Forests**

- Incredibly wet.
- Planting season went well with 7 million into the ground this year and the same is projected for next year and that will complete their replant and a full catch up of fell land and land purchase.
- Hoping for fine weather to allow land prep and road construction to commence.
- Peter asked what that equates in hectares, Jake, last year 4,800 hectares.

**Dean, FCNSW**

- Very wet however team has done well and kept wood flowing and for a change the mills are holding them up not the other way which is a change.
- Replanting has been a success 6,800 ha in Tumut, 2,800 ha in Bomballa, over 10 million seedlings planted.
- Advancing on recovery, have taken a year off and will now complete in 2026.
- Offices have been flooded and now working from home until most likely end of February 2022.
- Next winter looking at 6,300 ha Tumut and just of 2,000 ha in Bomballa.
- Phil enquired into Forestry Corp wind farming and the stage it is up to, Dean, still at initial phase unable to go anywhere until the change in the legislation to allow permit for renewable energy. Considering keyhole windmills into the plantation which will sit above the plantation. Legislation is very prescriptive if there is 1 ha of net planted lost the proponent has to find FC two ha.

**Ray, PF Olsen**

- Same as everyone, weather challenging for harvest and haulage.
- Temporarily stopped harvesting in Ferndale and will restart in May to concentrate on non-Winter areas tidied up in the Coppabella area.
- Have a team from Forestry NSW crew over the next 5 months as pay back when their crew worked over the salvage period in Bullar Forest.
- Planted around 450 hectares basically immediate cut over and will be the same next year.

**Anne Partridge, HPV**

- Wet weather impacting operations especially harvesting and post plant treatments and thinning program and may not achieve summer program which will mean some areas may miss thinning.
- Planted around 3,000 ha which is twice normal program.
- Strong cuts and demand.
- Tender RFP being done for of their volumes becoming available July 2023 working with current customer base.
- FSC conducted mostly good and maintaining accreditation.
- Significant wind damage of around 3,000 hectares of windthrow in Gippsland estate and having a major impact on business.

**• Processors:****Rab Green, AKD**

- Very quiet, impacted with product going out to market due to flooding.
- Main focus is getting staff safely to Christmas to have a nice and safe one with family.
- Diana, congratulations to AKD for money raised for McGrath Foundation \$176,000 raised, site raised over \$8,000 so great response.

**Belinda Legenberg, Hyne**

- Market still strong across Vic, NSW and Qld.
- Wet weather hasn't impacted.
- Securing wood from further afar.
- Issues with securing people at Tumbarumba.

**Carlie Porteous, Visy**

- Shut went well and start was on time. Feedback wasn't as good as last year and taken this on board and presented to Board. Stacker Reclaimer project is well underway. Stockpiles are continuing to grow 80,000 in Albury. Just went through FSC audit and thanked suppliers for their help through the process. Export strong however issues with transport to supply to China, Germany, PNG and NZ. Rab commended Visy as how they dealt with Covid.

**Michael Clancy, FIC**

- Current weather cycle continues to challenge both harvesting and haulage operations.
- Harvesting capacity continues to downsize in anticipation of future arrangements from 1 January 2022. There is an oversupply of harvesting capacity in the market at present. That will balance out after the new arrangements are implemented in Jan and match the long-term volumes available in the SWS.
- Haulage slightly better off following changes mid-year due to haulage changes being implemented from 1 July 2021 whereas changes to Harvesting don't occur until 1 January 2022.
- Importantly, employees made redundant due to industry restructuring have found work, many within our industry. A reflection of the current labour market, their experience and training qualifications. Snowy Hydro 2 so far is probably assisting more than we think with local contractors/suppliers involved. As mentioned previously, the majority of their surplus staff have found work back into the timber industry working for others. The Agricultural market has also been strong due to the current strength and the shortage of suitable workers.

- DPI sponsored 'ForestFit' National Contractor Training and Certification Scheme Pilot now completed. There is a debriefing in December for participants to discuss the pilot results so probably too early to tell what ongoing benefits or role this will have.

## **7. Other Reports & Road Issues:**

### **Greg Blackie, GHSC**

- Coppabella Bridge was washed out.
- Coppabella Road is getting a lot of damage with weather and usage. More works to come in the new year but is closed now.
- PMC SWG needs to go into bat for roadworks and are trying to set up meeting with Dep Premier and Minister.

### **Kaley Dickinson, SVC**

- SVH Taradale Complex roadworks are complete just need to return to finish entries.
- Bomboley realignment is underway with site preparation.
- Brockley Park will commence after Christmas break and Bomboley will start Monday.

### **Ab McAlister, CGRC**

- Roads aren't coping with all the wet weather.
- Of the \$3.8 million of the Trade Gant received with assistance of SWG is really appreciated and 60% of works have been carried out but now in hold until after the Christmas period.

### **David Graham, CGRC**

- Money has been well spent and is a huge benefit to the Shire. Those roads are busy and there has been a lot of timber coming out of Colac Colac and the roads are handling it well.
- Potential wind farm happening by CWP in Edgeville at Parsens Creek on farmland with 80 metre turbines, 65 towers in the first stage which is about to the State Government and a total of 187 towers by the fifth stage. Important that Local Government works with SWG for the potential for more funding for the roads up there due to demand on roads during development and there may be more opportunity there for funding to upgrade the roads. Peter important to keep on the radar and Ab is to keep SWG up to date especially regarding the road issues and any interruption to log haulage. Developers to amend roads as required to get larger trucks through.

### **Marg O'Dwyer, NSW P&C**

- Aware of the works coming into this area with significant large upgrade to Defence at Kapooka, Bandiana, Latchford worth billions of dollars and Inland Rail and Hume Link so workforce will continue to be an issue. There will be funding coming out but unsure what this will be.

### **Mary Hoodless, RDA Murray**

- Mary is a late apology due to NBN and flooding issues.
- Significant Strategic Plan for RDA Murray is up for comment at the moment and includes the Defence projects.

**RDA Riverina**

NIL

**8. AFCA**

- Annual Report is available electronically on their website.
- They are mounting an election campaign targeting 3 Tasmanian electorates as well as Eden Monaro relating Plantation Establishment, the Billion Trees program, certainty of access for Native Forest, NIFPI and are trying to keep the message short and sharp. For marginal seats they are going to target a simple message of the good of Forestry.
- Carlie congratulations to Diana for appointment as Director of AFPA.
- John O'Donohue would like to make announcements and make these at Tumut or Tumbarumba as he sees this as one of the more active areas which reflects well on SWG and the work we have been doing.
- Water rule has finally been relaxed for some Hubs however Central West is still not on the list. Victoria is now exempt from the Water Rule.
- CER – Clean Energy Regulations methodology will be released early next year.

**9. External Communications:**

- Phil representing SWG on Transgrid Community Consultative Group. There have been two meetings so far and another scheduled for mid Feb. Good to keep an eye on location and hear what issues there are. Concept is sound and are determined to consult with all groups that want to engage with them. Several Corridor options were presented to the meeting.
- Phil virtually attended Forestry Australia Conference in Launceston, Tas and a lot of material available and if any members are interested, please contact Phil.

**10. General Business:**

NIL

**11. Meeting finished 11.31 am.****Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at CGRC Gundagai.**

# Eastern Riverina Arts

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Wednesday, 2 February 2022

For the Attention of: Charlie Sheahan, Leigh Bowden, Councillors and the General Manager

Dear Cr Sheahan,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the team at Eastern Riverina Arts we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Mayor of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. We extend our congratulations to your Deputy Mayor Leigh Bowden and all Councillors.

Arts and Cultural activity are more pivotal than ever to our region's future, and Eastern Riverina Arts looks forward to continuing to work alongside your staff and deliver on the ambitions of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Community Strategic Plan.

Our support for local cultural groups and individual artists in your region brings funding and fosters collaborations that benefit the whole community. The work we do supporting live music, community projects, festivals and touring can contribute to vibrancy, liveability and economic development outcomes. In recent years our strategic projects have been integral to bushfire and drought recovery efforts, cultural tourism growth and social inclusion, right across our service region.

We thank you for your council's ongoing partnership and know that together we can bring new ideas, creative practice and community engagement to life in this region. We are very confident about the future and look forward to working with you, your council and the people of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council local government area.

We offer you our best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Kurylowicz  
Executive Director



Anne Lowe  
Chair - Board of Directors



Eastern Riverina Arts acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work the Wiradjuri, Ngarigo and Wolgalu people - today and every day. We pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging.

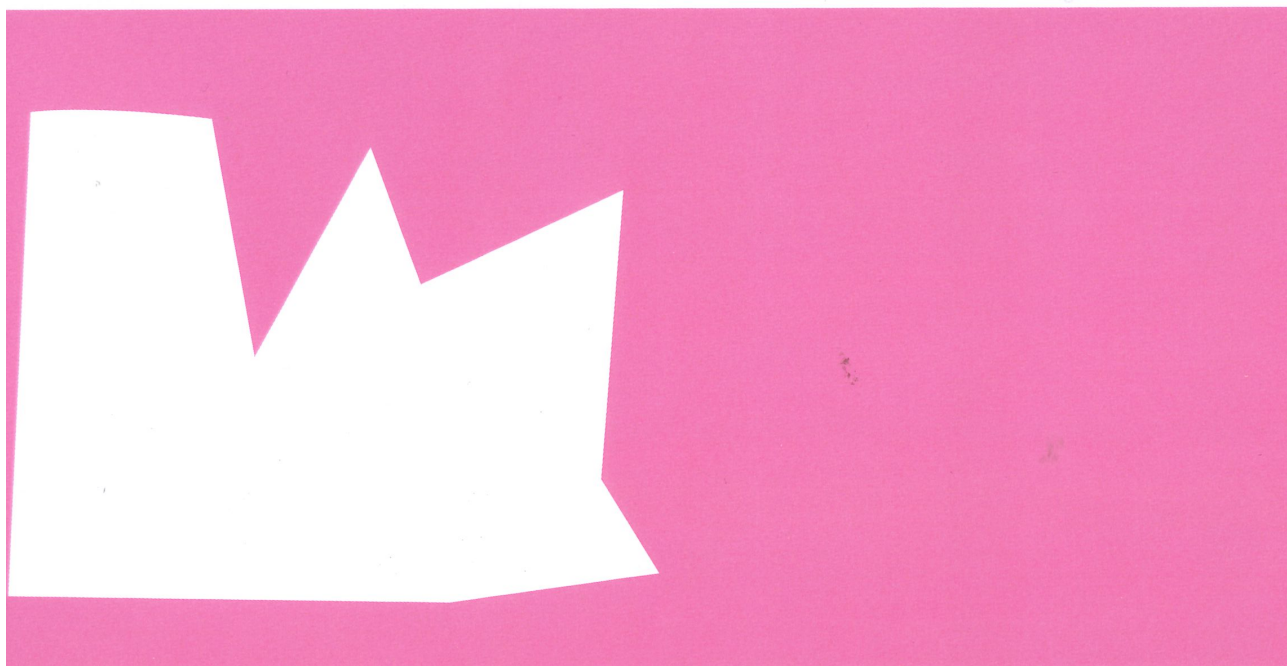


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**From:** [NatO Ceremonies](#)  
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## OFFICIAL

Dear Mayor/ Ceremony Organiser,

I would like to sincerely thank councils who held citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day 2022. Australia Day is an opportunity for all Australians to come together as a nation to reflect, respect and celebrate. While final numbers will be known in coming weeks, over 16,000 people were invited to become citizens at over 400 citizenship ceremonies on Australia day. With the current COVID environment, it was great to see so many ceremonies being held in-person, equally, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge those councils who held online ceremonies, particularly for the first time, to ensure new citizens were welcomed into the Australian family.

With many councils finalising their ceremony calendar for 2022, I wanted to take an opportunity to encourage you to consider hosting Australian citizenship ceremonies on key citizenship dates – these include:

- [Harmony Week](#), 21 – 27 March 2022
- [Refugee Week](#), 19 – 25 June 2022
- [Australian Citizenship Day](#), 17 September 2022

Free products are available from each website (links above) to support your events. These are in addition to the free products available on the Department's [website](#) that support your day-to-day citizenship ceremonies. We have also received advice from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet that new videos of the Australian National Anthem are available on their [website](#).

Plans for Australia Day 2023 are already in motion. As you would be aware under the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code, councils who confer citizenship on more than 20 people in the previous year must hold a citizenship ceremony on Australia Day. Previously this calculation has been based on a calendar year, however, Australia Day 2023 calculations will be based on the program year (1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022). This shift in calculations is to bring Australia Day reporting in line with wider departmental reports as well as be a more accurate reflection of ceremonies held in the year prior to Australia Day and it is not expected to affect a council's exempt/non-exempt status.

I would like to take a moment to extend my thanks and appreciation to the councils who have completed their Presiding Officer Acknowledgement Form. As you organise your next ceremony, if you have not already done so, please ensure all authorised presiding officers have completed the forms and provide them back to the Department for processing.

Please let me or your local ceremonies team know if you have any suggestions or questions. Your continued support and contribution towards Australian citizenship is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Brett White  
Assistant Secretary  
Citizenship Policy Branch  
Department of Home Affairs

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### Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021-22

#### What's new or changing

- The final Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Code) is available for preparing councils' 2021-22 financial statements.
- A Joint Organisation (JO) Supplement to the Code is available for preparing JO 2021-22 financial statements.

#### What this will mean for your council/JO

- The Code must be used by councils and JOs to prepare their annual financial statements in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

#### Key points

- The Code has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Australian Accounting Standards and other requirements.
- Changes highlighted in yellow are new for 2021-22.
- Councils and JOs should carefully review the key changes in this year's Code, which are also detailed within the *Summary of key changes to the Code 2021-22*.
- The JO Supplement to the Code supports JOs preparing financial statements.
- The introduction and overview of the Code provides guidance to JO's on the application of the JO Supplement.
- The Code has been developed in consultation with the Code Working Group, which involves key stakeholders, including the NSW Audit Office, council and JO representatives, external auditors and Local Government NSW.

#### Where to go for further information

- OLG's website has the:
  - Code comprising of five documents:
    1. General Purpose Financial Statements (Section 1)
    2. Joint Organisations Supplement (Section 2)
    3. Special Purpose Financial Statements (Section 3)
    4. Special Schedules (section 4), and
    5. Appendices (Section 5)
  - *Summary of key changes to the Code 2021-22*

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# Stockinbingal Community Newsletter January 2022



Happy New Year!

Deadline for February issue is **prior to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022**

Rosalie 0421 334 541 [rosaliedale@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rosaliedale@ozemail.com.au)

## What's On locally:

**Bowlo** current Covid conditions apply ... all subject to change without notice! Normal hours: Thurs, Fri, Sun from 4pm. See p5 for detailed Christmas hours.

**Dancing with Miss Grace** ... Recommence 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

**AusPost Closed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan for New Year's Day hol**

**44 HIBERNIA Closed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec till TBA** Please check shop window and Facebook for January hours

**Stockinpiggie farm shop** alternate weekends Closed 1 & 2 Jan: Open 15 & 16/1 + 29 & 30/1

**Drama Group** possibly early next year!

**Council Tip Closed 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, otherwise**  
Wed & Sun 8.30am – 12pm

**Tai Chi in recess**, recommencing in Feb 2022

**Leadlighting** – closed public holidays, otherwise Shop & Nursery – Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun till 2pm

**Clydie cart rides** by appointment see p5

**Stop & Mingle** 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – then recess till Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

**Heritage Room** Will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec till 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**Ellwood's Hall** will host the Anglican church meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm to discuss the future of St James Church, see p4. And also see p4 for more 2022 hall events!

**Tennis Courts** available for hire Ph: 0427 431 407

**ANZAC War Mem Inc** AGM 19<sup>th</sup> January (see p4)

## Stockinbingal in the limelight ...

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December a film crew from Destination Riverina/Murray spent the morning getting up close and personal with what the village has to offer by way of attractions for day-trippers. It is always good to hear people comment with some incredulity on what is lurking behind the façade of these smaller villages!

With the coffee shop being the pickup point, and Russell and Sara providing the guided tour via horse and cart, it is safe to say our visitors left with very broad smiles and were hugely impressed by what Stockinbingal has to offer. This will be part of a campaign featuring similar offerings from various parts of the Riverina. It is safe to say that we do have some unique attractions and can hold our head up among what the larger communities have to offer.



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### Getting into the Christmas spirit...

Wendy Millynn never does things by halves. Here's her creation for this year, made from scratch, complete with motor (ie he is animated) – Santa from The Walking Dead! He migrated to No44 for a time and certainly stopped traffic ... pictured getting up close and personal with Lynn Basham. Can't wait to see how Wendy is going to top this for Christmas 2022.



### Hall committee Christmas dinner ...

A sumptuous meal, catered by Terese at No 44, was held on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> December by Ellwood's Hall committee (and their 'significant others'). It was so good to be able to celebrate the challenging year just ending and anticipate a busy 2022.



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A collage of images showing various activities at an Australia Day event. It includes a soldier in camouflage, a group of people holding awards, a large crowd of people sitting on the grass, and a group of people standing together.



### Farewell Glenn and Pat ...

The Richardsons are not moving too far just yet as they swap their Wood Street home for a Cootamundra dwelling. We will miss them, walking Shultz the wonder dog (along with other rescued pooches over the years), joining in with croquet and tai chi, teaching Scripture at School, doing so much for Stop & Mingle meetings, and also will be remembered for the Antique shop/Tea Rooms which they operated for many years on the site of 44 Hibernia. Over their twenty years in the village, they have been involved in countless activities, not the least of which was a mock Deb Ball where suss 'ladies' with their equally suss partners were 'introduced to society' through presentation to Pat and Glenn in lieu of the monarchy. (I can't help thinking this hilarious evening would have been enjoyed greatly by the late Prince Phillip who looked on Deb Balls as "bloody daft" and Princess Anne who was heard to comment that these balls had to be phased out because "every tart in London was getting in".) Thank you Glenn and Pat for all you have contributed to the village over the years. We wish you well but know you won't be able to resist popping out to attend various events ... enjoy the big smoke!



Photo courtesy of Wendy Millynn.

### Farewell Ed and Rebekkah ...



Ed and Rebekkah Jones also left their Martin Street home during November, caravaning their way to their new address in Goodiwindi (border rules permitting)! Photographed (left) is their little grand-daughter, April, who was enjoying a large puddle while visiting just prior to the big move.

Trusting they have safe and uneventful travels!

Photo supplied by Rebekkah

### Welcome to the village ...

A warm Stockinbingal welcome is extended to **Phil and Barbara** who have moved into the Jones's Martin Street residence and are enjoying meeting the locals.

And a belated welcome to **Michael and Jo** who moved to Cambria Street some time ago, and have been quietly working from home throughout the lockdown (and with whom I recently bonded over the rescue of yet more tiny kittens! Please, people – make sure your furry felines are desexed!).

### John Harper's award photo



A few months ago we congratulated John Harper on his "Leadership Through Lived Experience" award from the WayAhead Mental Health Commission. We are now catching up with a photo! It is so good, John, to see your dedication and commitment recognised. *Photo supplied*

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### The Future of St James' Church ...

A meeting is being called to discuss with the community of Stockinbingal the future of St James Anglican Church at Stockinbingal.

The Rector of the Parish of Cootamundra, Rev'd Captain Yvonne Gunning, and her Wardens, are concerned about the future of the church, and encourage the community of Stockinbingal to take an active interest in the future of the church.

**We invite community members of Stockinbingal to come along to discuss this issue at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Ellwood's Hall.**

### Ellwood's Hall report ...

2022 is looking good! Following are bookings and proposed events appearing in the Hall diary already:

*Regular events:* Stop and Mingle, Tai Chi, Miss Grace's Dance Classes

*Feb* Drama Group with Murray Stringer and Todd Kable hopefully commencing Meeting – Anglican Church

*Feb/Mar* "Welcome to Stockinbingal" BBQ

*Mar/Apr* Markets, Book Launch and "Back to Stockinbingal" event

*May* Trivia Night

*July* Model Rail weekend

*Winter* Drama Group event

*Nov* Twilight Markets

*Dec* School Presentation Night  
Drama Group

**As we go to print**, some carpentry work is under way in the kitchen, lining walls and hanging doors.



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### Vale Harry ...



No matter how much we prepare ourselves, the passing of someone well-loved in the community still comes with a sense of loss. Harry (Henry William Evan Brown) certainly gave cancer a run for its

money, stoically defying the odds for two years until his final rest came on the last Sunday in November, with family by his side (cheeky to the end, I believe).

Through their extensive travels, Harry and Marj's Mechanised Swaggie was well known in trucking circles. He was never happier than when behind the steering wheel of a truck or tinkering in his shed.



Harry's lasting legacy to Stockinbingal is our recently constructed Stockinbingal ANZAC War Memorial, for which he did the bricklaying and wheelbarrowing of soil -- it was a project close to the hearts of both of the Browns.



Our community extends sympathy and condolences to Marj. The Boss will be fondly remembered.

*Photos supplied*

### Stockinbingal ANZAC War Memorial Inc

**AGM January 19<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**At the Bowling Club, 7pm**

All welcome to attend.



### Lilly and the Great Shave ...

Lilly Large has made the huge commitment to take part in The World's Greatest Shave, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. As part of the shave, Lilly's hair (87cm) will be donated to make wigs for people with cancer. Brave girl! If you would like to help Lilly as she raises awareness and money for research into Leukaemia, go to:

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage> and look for Lilly Large. Or donations may be dropped to Estelle at the Post Office.

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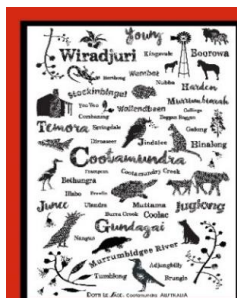


**Well done Grace ...** Congratulations to Grace Large on a couple of fronts – firstly, for achieving her Ps over the past month.



This was very timely as, secondly (on the dance front) Grace auditioned for the Quantum Leap 2022 production of 'Terra Firma' in Canberra in May and was successful. It's a huge

achievement and a big commitment with a lot of trips to Canberra but will be well worth it. Estelle and Paul will not be seeing much of their oldest daughter over the next five months! *Image supplied*



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### It's all happening!



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*Photo supplied*

**Happy New Year**

**From Estelle and Julie**

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and Australia Day 26 Jan

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### What a find!



We have Belinda Holt's keen eye to thank for this photo of Mrs Frogmouth and her chick, taken on Green's Lane in mid December. (Thanks Belinda, you really made my day! Wow!)



### RIP Avie Egan ...

About five months ago we featured Avie Egan's 107<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Now we celebrate her life again and pay tribute as we memorialise her passing on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. As mentioned previously, Avie, along with husband Jack were an integral part of Stockinbingal Village having farmed Fairfield, and built their home in Hibernia Street from handmade blocks. Jack passed in 1983. Avie continued playing bowls right until she was 96. She is survived by her children Ian (Bingara), Graeme (WA), and Carol (Broken Hill). We extend our condolences to the family.

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 Thurs 30 Dec 4pm till close  
 Fri 31 Dec (NY Eve) 4pm to close  
 (Entertainment TBA)

*Don't forget about the Bowling Club Bus –  
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### Tennis ...

**Remember, the tennis courts are available  
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 431407.**

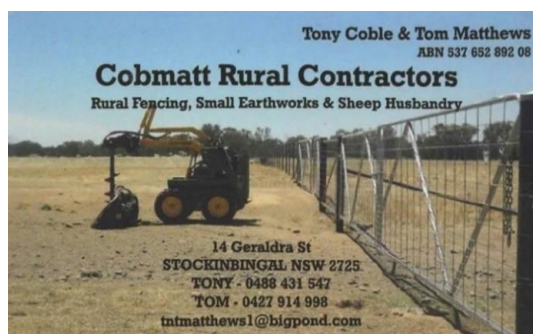
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### Rainfall comparisons ...

Rainfall to December 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 ... 73.6mls  
 Rainfall Nov - Dec 2020 ... 66.9mls  
 Rainfall to December 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 ... 6.6mls  
 Rainfall to December 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 ... 33.6mls  
 Rainfall December 2017 ... 96.1mls (in just 2 wks!)  
 Rainfall December 2016 ... 79mls

*Daily observations taken at Ellwood Hall by AusPost*

### Police News ...



Hi Everyone, Welcome to 2022!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday period and managed to spend some time with your loved ones. A reminder that the National Firearms Amnesty remains ongoing. This means if you happen to stumble upon any ammunition, firearms parts or firearms which you no longer need or have just located, you can hand them into Police without fear of prosecution. Thank you & Happy New Year!

**Senior Constable Aimee BANNISTER, Lock Up Keeper  
 – Stockinbingal Police Station 02 6932 2800**

### And just so we don't forget ...

Rowena and Clancy are ensuring we don't forget our rural heritage. (We are proving again that you know you are in the bush when you don't bat an eye at finding a horse at the PO Boxes!)



### Bowling Club news ...



To all social bowlers: the Saturday comp, Small Clubs Helping Small Clubs, kicks off at Stockinbingal on Saturday the 15th January 2022 at 1pm.

See you there!

*Cheers Muzdog*

### Croquet ... on the green

Croquet at the Bowling Club is in recess at the moment. Ph: Lynn Basham for details 0439 021 986



## Our “Neighbourhood Safer Place” ...



**Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bush fire emergency.** They are to be used when all other options in your bush fire survival plan can't be put into action safely.

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You should also know how to get there, as well as alternate routes in case the normal road is blocked or too dangerous to drive on.

**Stockinbingal's "Safer Place" is the Rec Ground.**

We are reminded:

... to help people with disability, special needs, children etc to leave before the threat is critical

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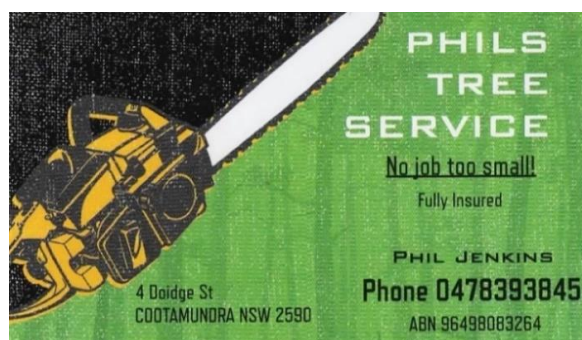
... the Safer Place may be uncomfortable, and will not provide food, water, and emergency personnel will not necessarily be present

... the safer place is not intended for pets, stock etc.

Remember it is designated as a “place of last resort”.

## Probus comes to town ...

Thirty members of Cootamundra Combined Probus Clubs enjoyed Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Stock Bowling Club (in fact, it was so much fun that they forgot to take any photos!). Many dressed in Christmas finery, the two course meal was followed by trivia, and everyone received a lucky door prize including a hamper and a coffee voucher donated by Dusty Road Coffee Roasters.



## New School Captains ...



**Congratulations to Georgia Reid and Owen Armstrong, newly elected School Captains for Stockinbingal Public School 2022.**

*Photo thanks to Todd Kable*

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## We can be proud of our younger generation!!



**Ellah O'Callaghan** graduated yr 12 at Kildare Catholic College Wagga and was awarded the perpetual Fiona Buchanan award for courage and determination. She has chosen to attend Uni in Wollongong studying Bachelor of Education (after receiving six different early entries to Universities in Bathurst, Canberra and Wollongong).

**Sophie O'Callaghan** was awarded 1st in Year 11 Investigating Science, and Community and

Family Studies.

**Ted Caldwell** received 2<sup>nd</sup> in Maths Standard (Yr11 at Yanco Agricultural High School)

**Niketa Smart** received Application to Studies in PASS, Science and Food Technology, Outstanding Achievement in PDHPE, and 16yrs Age Champion Cross Country (Yr10 at Cootamundra High School)

**Harvey Holt** has moved on from school, having taken an Electrical Apprenticeship with Thomson Electrical in Coota.

**Blake George** Endeavour Certificate, Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment (and \$100) Yr 12, Coota High

**Lilly Large** Application to Studies in both Elective History and Geography Year 9, Coota High School

**Rylee Blackney** Outstanding Achievement in History, Technology, and Mathematics Yr 7 Coota High

**Aidan Smith** 12 year old Cross Country Age Champion ... & **Jessy Fisher** 12 year old Athletics Age Champion, both Cootamundra High School.

*I am aware I will have missed some of our young people, please keep me informed of achievements so I can publish and encourage them in this way.*



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## Our Heritage Room news ...

**A message from Steve:** A new year and we are back full time. Firstly I would like to thank all for their concern, help and thoughts in the time I have been unable to operate the Heritage Room. In spite of the virus, it was also the operation on my hip that held me back but hope it is all behind me now and a new year ahead with things happening, both in the Heritage Room as well as the village.

Looking forward to seeing you all with books jigsaws and interesting collectibles for sale to support the gathering of history and photos that we are all about.

**Our Heritage Room houses a growing treasure trove of documented local history as well as many items of interest. A large array of quality second hand paperback books are available at \$2 each as a fund-raiser for the Room, and local cards are for sale to benefit the RFS.**

*forty four*  
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*Can anyone guess which anniversary this cake was celebrating? It is from 1911 - 1991*



*Thanks to Heather Corby for this image*



## And our grown-ups are doing well also! Congratulations Taya



*Congratulations Taya Fisher on obtaining your HC truck licence recently. There's no stopping you!!*

## Come learn to dance with Miss Grace!

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## For our rail enthusiasts ...

Do you ever wonder where all those big wheat trains that regularly pass through Stockinbingal are going?



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1. Which animal does not have vocal cords?
2. What is someone who shoes horses called?
3. What flavour is Cointreau?
4. What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

*See page 13 for answers*

### It's a girl!



We have another tiny new local to welcome: Brigid Alice Connolly was born on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to parents Paul and Felicity Connolly. Big brother Arthur is totally smitten with his new little sister.  
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### Stop & Mingle ...

It feels as though we have galloped up to the final Stop & Mingle meeting of this (challenging) year! While it's always so good to have time to chat over Steve's great Christmas cake, this time it was tinged with a little sadness as we farewelled Glenn and Pat Richardson who helped instigate these popular get-togethers in their Tea Rooms many years ago. However I'm sure we will be able to lure them back on occasions! *Below: Michelle Harper thanking Glenn and Pat for their years of service to both the village, as well as our meetings.*



*Left: The chef and his creation (and festive shirt!). Steve makes a mouth watering cake every year for us, this time adding a working model train! **Stop & Mingle is now in recess until***

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at 10am @ Ellwood's Hall. All you can drink tea/ coffee, and delicious sandwiches, fruit and slices. \$7.**

*Contact Michelle Harper for more details 0427 431 522*

### Stockinbingal Church news ...

**Both St James Anglican and the Catholic Churches are closed at present. See p 4 for details of a meeting addressing the future of St James.**



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## Cricket news ...

It's been a most unusual start to the cricket season. Eight rounds have been completed and there has only been 3 games of cricket! Rounds 4, 5 and 6 were all washouts and there have been 2 Byes.

Thankfully it's a good news story with the Round 7 match that did occur. Playing at Young against the Criterion Hotel Gunners, Stock won the toss and elected to bat. Opener Alasdair Sides had a career best performance top scoring with 57 runs and found support from Scott Meale 15 runs and a very patient 29 runs from Harvey Holt. Stock reached 8/156 from their 40 overs.

The Criterion lost wickets regularly and were all out for 126 with 4 overs to spare. Wickets were shared amongst the bowlers, but the standout was Brendan O'Callaghan's efforts, bowling 8 overs, three of which were maiden overs and snaring 4 wickets for 8 runs. Stock is sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> on the competition ladder at the time of writing.

### Upcoming Matches:

Jan 8th	vs Temora Bowling Club Tigers at Stock (20/20 match)
Jan 15th	vs Murringo Mavericks at Stock (20/20 match)
Jan 22nd	GENERAL BYE
Jan 29th	vs Temora Ex-Services Lions at Temora (40 over match)

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### Readers' Photos of the Month ...

*A fabulous sunset on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, thanks to Estelle Large*



*Below, ominous afternoon storm clouds - great shot by Steven Wicks*



*Below: A seriously good angle on this rail motor taken near Stockinbingal by Isaac Pratt*



### Congratulations James Coleborne ...

After playing clarinet for a lifetime and tenor



saxophone for the last 13 years, James was honoured recently to be awarded a Senior Woodwind Scholarship from the Young Conservatorium of Music for 2022. It was presented at the Finale Concert and opening of the YCM's new

Temora Studios by Professor Anna Reid, Head of School and Dean at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

James had hoped to present for a tenor sax AMuA exam in 2021, but it was cancelled due to COVID. Hopefully early next year Omicron willing.

James sends special thanks to Bert Mees, a talented 85 yo euphonium player for accompanying him as a guest to the Finale Concert and Opening of the Studios by the Hon Steph Cook, Member for Cootamundra on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

*Photo supplied*

### Answers ... Trivia challenge

1. Giraffe
2. Farrier
3. Orange
4. Their middle name is 'the'

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**According to Guinness World Records**, the first person to be charged with speeding was Walter Arnold of the English village of Paddock Wood, Kent. On Jan 28, 1896, Arnold was spotted going four times the speed limit in his 19<sup>th</sup> century Benz—the speed limit at the time was just 2 mph, that meant he was not going too fast by today's standards. The constable had to chase him down on his bicycle, issuing a ticket for £4 7s.



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## Mystery photo ...

Heather Corby came across this nostalgic photo ... we are not only needing names, but also a year and the occasion (maybe Mothers' Day ... white flowers being worn). Can you help?



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**Did you know:** The original Roman calendar only had 10 months; January and February were not included, but added later

## Stockinbingal Public School

It has been an incredibly busy finish to the year at SPS with a wide variety of activities. On Friday 10 December, we held our annual Presentation Day at the school. This small ceremony was attended by the immediate families of students due to COVID protocols.



**Congratulations Owen Armstrong and Georgia Reid who were announced as School Captains for 2022** at the conclusion of the ceremony. We know you will be excellent leaders for our great school. *Award winners are listed below*

### K-2 Awards

K-2 Library	Jay Jay Harris
K-2 Academic Excellence	Jack Stringer
K-2 Consistent application throughout the year	Dean Hitchcock
K-2 Academic Improvement	Ernest Stringer
Best sport spirit K-2	Victoria Small
Respectful Responsible and resilient student award	Bonnie Brewer

### Primary Awards

3-6 Library	Ruby Armstrong
Senior Academic Excellence	Ben Mayor
3-6 Creative Arts	Cheve Stringer
Best sport spirit 3-6	Ben Mayor

### Special Awards

Milvale CWA award	Chloe Mayor
Janet Ingold Citizenship	Georgia Reid
John Sherry Encouragement Award	Owen Armstrong
STEM award (Infants)	Ziarah Hitchcock
STEM award (Primary)	Abbygail Small
Captain's award	Cheve Stringer
	Abbygail Small



On Wed 15 December, as an acknowledgment, and in recognition of the outstanding behaviour at school in 2021, School Captains Ben and Roy organised a surprise for the students. This "giant" surprise came in the form of an 18mx7m inflatable obstacle course. The obstacle course was a hit, with the students thoroughly enjoying racing, climbing, ducking and weaving their way through the course. Thanks Ben and Roy!



**2021 has been quite a year.** I would like to thank the wonderful educators at our School and the parents, grandparents and community members who assisted as makeshift teachers and played a key role in supporting our students whilst learning from home!

Unfortunately, we also say farewell to departing staff members and students. Miss Edwina Wintle has completed a practicum experience and has now completed her studies and we wish her the very best in her career as a teacher. Michaela Reimer has been an asset to improving Literacy and Numeracy across the school and will join Junee Public School in her new role as Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction. We also say farewell to Shelly James. I know she will continue to achieve brilliance in her position at CPS. In 2022 we welcome Mrs Roslyn Leary as our School Administration Manager.

**The 2022 school year begins for students on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.** I would like to wish the community of Stockinbingal a happy, healthy and prosperous Christmas and holiday. **Todd Kable ~ Principal**



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# Stockinbingal Community Newsletter February 2022

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**PS: Couples, is 14<sup>th</sup> Feb marked in your diary?!!!**

**Deadline for March issue is prior to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022**

**Rosalie 0421 334 541 [rosaliedale@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rosaliedale@ozemail.com.au)**

## What's On locally:

**Bowlo** Covid conditions apply ... all subject to change without notice! Normal hours: Thurs, Fri, Sun from 4pm. *Courtesy bus Phone 6943 1504*

... Social Bowls Friday nights depending on numbers!

**Bowlo** 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 8pm **Isaac Pratt World's Greatest Shave** and 20<sup>th</sup> March **YABBY FEST!!**

**Dancing with Miss Grace** ... Thursday evenings

**AusPost** Mon – Fri: 9 – 11am and 2 – 4.30pm

**44 HIBERNIA coffee shop** Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

**Stockinpiggle farm shop** alternate weekends 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan; 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb See ad p4

**Drama Group** possibly early this year!

**Council Tip** Wed & Sun 8.30am – 12pm

**Tai Chi** - Lorna has retired so TC has ceased

**Leadlighting** – Shop & Nursery – Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun till 2pm. Workshops by appointment

**Clydie cart rides** by appointment see p5

**Stop & Mingle** 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am at Ellwood's Hall

**Heritage Room** Friday & Sunday mornings

**Ellwood's Hall** see P5 for list of 2022 hall events!

**INCLUDING community BBQ at the Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**and meeting re St James' Church 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

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**Croquet** @ Bowling Club Monday mornings

## It's all happening ...

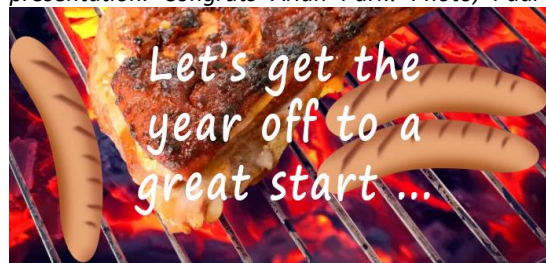
Thanks to those who faithfully attended the Bowling Club working bee and prepared the green beautifully for the Small Clubs event.



Working bee photo thanks Madison



Small Clubs bowls comp day 15<sup>th</sup> January (complete with lamb on a spit and roast potatoes) was a huge success. Pictured above, 2021 Small Clubs Shield presentation. Congrats Ariah Park! Photo, Paul M.



## Community BBQ

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
from 5pm

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### Manildra gives our youth a leg up ...

February all but sees the end of another Harvest for the Manildra Group and growers surrounding our little town. Despite the slightly reduced quality of grain produced this year and delayed start due to mother nature's abundance of rain, the yield and deliveries of the season's harvest went smoothly at Manildra's Stockinbingal site.

Manildra Group puts a great deal of pride in supporting our local area including our local youth, evident in the employment of many of our local faces. Hard working, and walking away at the end of this harvest with many memories, laughs and a new-found wealth of knowledge, (several off to Uni) are our Stockinbingal youth as pictured below ...

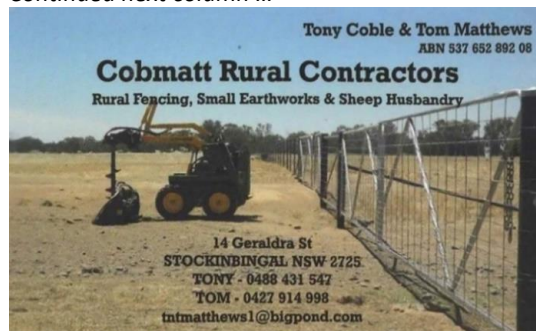


Left Above: Billy Dunn ensuring the Grain Stacks are built evenly and without spill, and right: Teagan Mayor in the Sample Stand laboratory conducting "Falling Numbers tests" to determine grade



Above left: Shannon Caldwell on the weighbridge managing truck locations and ensuring compliance. Right: Adam Mayor on the Tarping team protecting grain from the elements

Continued next column ...



Below: Blake George operating the state-of-the-art Killec bunker stacker capable of moving 600mt of grain per hour



And below, our band of "just outside of towners" with smiling faces raking grain peaks in 35degree heat.

Story and photos thanks to Taya Fisher



### The Future of St James' Church ...

A meeting is being called to discuss with the community of Stockinbingal the future of St James Anglican Church at Stockinbingal.

The Rector of the Parish of Cootamundra, Rev'd Captain Yvonne Gunning, and her Wardens, are concerned about the future of the church, and encourage the community of Stockinbingal to take an active interest in the future of the church.

**We invite community members of Stockinbingal to come along to discuss this issue at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Ellwood's Hall**

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Pictured above left, the new Mayor (Charlie Sheahan) and right, Deputy Mayor Leigh Bowden.

Photo credit Gundagai Independent Newspaper

Stockinbingal Village congratulates all and looks forward to working together in the future.

We must acknowledge and thank former Mayor Abb McAllister and Deputy Mayor Dennis Palmer for the strong support given to Stockinbingal, and the time and effort invested through what has been an extraordinarily difficult term.

The current term runs from January 2022 to September 2023.

### Happy birthday, Helen and Paula ...



Many happy returns to Helen Smith and Paula Fisher who both celebrated birthdays early in January. Terese made an amazing red velvet cake that was enjoyed by all present. *Photo, Wendy Millynn*

### Frog invasion ...

The Millynn family were in no doubt about our recent damp weather – one evening Wendy removed **nine** of these cuties from inside her home. *Photo, Wendy Millynn*



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## Vale Ken Bell ... 1937 – 2021



Ken was born fourth in a family of ten children at June and later moved with the family to Cootamundra. Here, Ken attended Cootamundra public school and found a job doing the paper run delivering around town.

Ken was always a smart kid which was evidenced after leaving school when he sat

the entrance exam to become a telegram boy at the post office and topped the state. He then began working at the Stockinbingal post office at age 15. It was here that he met Lola (Sedgwick). Still only a schoolgirl at the time it was a few years before Lola started going to the movies and dances with him.

Ken would ride his bike from Cootamundra to Stockinbingal at least three times a week to see her (all gravel road and there were no gears on his bike). This lack of a good vehicle led Ken and his brother Billy to buy an old T-model Ford between them. However, Billy was the only one with a licence to drive and unfortunately, soon after this purchase he lost his licence and the car was sold as Ken wasn't yet old enough to legally drive.

Ken also did his National Service from 1956 - 1960.

As well as being a hard worker no one can forget that Ken was also a very good sportsman especially excelling at rugby league, playing in the Maher cup for Cootamundra. It was due to this immense talent that Ken was invited to go to Kiama as a paid player in 1960 but instead decided to announce his engagement to Lola. This was a very wise decision as this year they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Ken never lost his sense of adventure - earlier this year in January Ken had a glider flight over Cootamundra and loved every minute of it. He also went on many outings with Baptist Care and especially loved his trips to many cafes in the area.

*Many thanks to Lola for the photo and information.*

*We have many memories, and photos, of Ken at our Stop and Mingle meetings ... cheeky and always smiling. You will be greatly missed Ken. RIP*

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### Meeting up at last!

So many of us have been missing family get togethers throughout lockdowns and restrictions – Lynn Basham was delighted to make a trip North last December to spend Christmas with her Queensland family.



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**Don't forget, Lilly Large will be also cutting her long locks** on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Similarly, if you'd like to support Lilly, put her name in the search bar.

### Ellwood's Hall report ...

In the process of firming up some events for 2022 ...  
**5<sup>th</sup> Mar** Welcome to Stock BBQ at Ellwood's Hall for us to meet and get to know new people to the village  
**16<sup>th</sup> Feb** Meeting – re the future of Anglican Church  
**TBA** Book Launch and "Back to Stockinbingal" event  
**Mar/Apr** Possibly Markets  
**May** Trivia Night  
**18/19<sup>th</sup> June** Model Rail weekend  
**Winter** Drama Group event  
**Nov** Twilight Markets  
**Dec** School Presentation Night  
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### The Families Book ...



Lorna Nixon reports the Stockinbingal Families book is coming along in a most alphabetical way! With the assistance of her brother-in-law they have completed twenty-nine

families' chapters out of eighty (from A to H) so if you are between H and Z and haven't sent in your story and photos....!!

A few things have delayed the book but the end product will be worth it we hope! Still a few months to completion.

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### More photos from 1973 ... No 88

Can you name these handsome fellows?



### Just a reminder:

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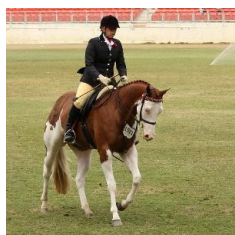
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### When to call the SES ...



### Remembering a life well lived ...



Harry (or 'Harry hard of hearing' as he was better known because he was deaf) was a 10 year old gelding and lived a whole life in those 10 years! He was a Multinational and State Champion and place getter at Sydney Royals, until

about 5 years ago when a freak accident nearly ended his life ... a broken leg with joint and bone infection. Vets gave him no chance of survival ... except I never gave up. Six months of battling to save his life and we won ... he returned to Sydney Royal one last time before it was time to be a full-time adventure horse. There weren't many pubs Harry didn't go to, from Tamworth to the Victorian high-country pubs. He was even given a NSW police traffic infringement notice once. He was a legend of a horse - there wasn't much Hazza never did! Until that tragic day in January when, sadly, lightning ended his fun ... he was too much fun for this world. RIP Harry ... Rowena Wilcox

### Farewell Harry - what a ride



### Bowling Club news ...



Hello good people, it is my pleasure to let you know on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> January our Saturday bowls for small clubs got off to a fantastic start with

a good rollup and fun afternoon. The day started with a lamb on a spit and salad lunch. The hardest workers were the bar staff!

We welcome Ardalethan to the comp and good luck to them. We also presented Aria Park with the shield we play for (with the two headed bowler on it in honour of the Larsen family who moved to Tassi).

Our next game is on the 29<sup>th</sup> January at Barmedman. I know we will be a bit short that weekend, so let's hope we can find enough to go,

Cheers for now and all the best to you all for this new year, Muzdog

**PS – on another topic, regarding starting a drama club this coming year -- first Muz must catch up with Todd Kable and some others: he would love to get something going in this direction.**

### Stockinbingal ANZAC War Memorial Inc ...

The meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January was postponed due to inability to form a committee – rescheduled for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January so results will be published in March Newsletter.

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**2. Keep your pet cool:** Cool your pets down with cooling mats or use a wet cloth to wipe down their legs and paw pads. Ensure they have a shady place to rest, keep them indoors when it's too hot to be outside.

**3. Go for walks in the morning:** On summer days, dogs will find the footpath very hot on their paws. In some cases, the cement may burn their paw pads. It is sensible to time your walks for the early morning or late evening when everything has had a chance to cool down or walk your dog on the grass instead.

**4. Keep fur trimmed:** Get your dog's fur trimmed to keep them cooler this summer and brush your cat more regularly. Remember that animals need fur to protect them from sunburn, so speak to your vet before getting your pet's fur shaved.

**5. Get a check-up:** Ticks and fleas love summer just as much as we do, which is why it's important your pet is up-to-date with treatments and worming.

**6. Don't leave your pets in the car:** Vehicles get hot very quickly. Heatstroke can cause death within minutes. Don't take the risk. Leave your furry friends at home.

**7. Recognise the signs of heatstroke:** If your pet is panting and drooling excessively, having difficulty breathing, is lethargic, or vomiting, they might be suffering from heatstroke. Particularly keep an eye on older pets who are more susceptible. If you suspect your pet has heatstroke, contact a vet immediately.

**8. Supervise your dog when swimming:** An overheated dog is an exhausted dog, so while it's great for your dogs to cool down by having a swim, make sure you keep an eye on them in case they get into any trouble.

**Cooper St Vets Ph: 022 6942 4100**

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March ...



## New Tennis Competition to Commence in February ...



The Stock Tennis Committee will be meeting at the end of January to formulate and discuss possible changes to the upcoming Summer competition which is expected to commence in mid-February. Keep an eye out for text or social media notifications.

**In the meantime, the courts are available for hire – phone Sue Caldwell on 0427-431407.**



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## Rainfall comparisons ...

Rainfall to 24 January 2022 ... 124.6mls  
Rainfall to 21 January 2021 ... 34.3mls  
Rainfall to 23 January 2020 ... 20.1mls  
Rainfall to 24 January 2019 ... 47.1mls  
Rainfall to 22 January 2018 ... 10.5mls  
Rainfall January 2017 ... 17.4mls  
Rainfall January 2016 ... 45.4mls  
*Daily observations taken at Ellwood Hall by AusPost*



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### Welcome to the world!

Paul and Lyne Witenden were delighted to welcome another grandchild into the family last December ... Edward Thomas Charles Marsh arrived on 11<sup>th</sup> December, second son of their eldest daughter, Abby, and her husband Will (and brother for Paddy).



*Photos supplied*

### ARTC News ... Get ready to have your say!

ARTC is finalising the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Illabo to Stockinbingal, outlining proposed works, potential environmental effects, and recommended management. During exhibition of the EIS the community will be able to submit comments to the NSW Dept of Planning, Industry & Environment. Register now to have a copy of EIS sent to you.



To keep up to date with this project, go to [inlandrail.com.au/i2s](http://inlandrail.com.au/i2s)

Scan the QR code to register your details by 4pm Thurs 10 Feb or email [inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au](mailto:inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au).

**Tai Chi is retiring!** Or more accurately, Lorna Nixon is retiring from teaching Tai Chi which means she will no longer be conducting classes. This very effective form of exercise and self-care has been a valued part of the community for some years now and will be missed. Lorna's extra involvement with history projects and as Secretary of the Ellwood's Hall committee means she'll still be filling her hours in a very productive manner!



**Wallendbeen news ...** Kim Knox-Thurn caught up with Ali Betts recently for a chat about the new Wallendbeen Hotel Café operating at Wallendbeen:

**Kim:** Wallendbeen is buzzing with the news that we now have a cafe, can we ask you a few questions? Being open Tuesday to Thursday, is one day busier than the others?

**Ali:** As yet, there isn't really a clear pattern as to what day is busier than others. Prior to Christmas, Tuesday did seem a bit quieter than the other two days but then some days we'd have 20 people in for morning tea and lunch. So you can't pick it. But being able to sit on the verandah or under the shady trees in the garden means there's always plenty of room for all.

**Kim:** Who do your patrons tend to be? Hungry farmers, tourists passing through or locals eager not to have cook lunch?

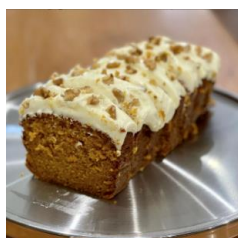


**Ali:** We've got a real mix of guests. We have the locals who, after picking up their mail at the community post office, wander down for a coffee or something to eat. We have people coming out from Cootamundra, Young, Harden and Temora who want to get out of town, but don't want to feel like they have to be in the car all day and we even have passing regulars like the security guards and livestock agents. You never know who is going to pop in, which makes it so special that we are seeing friendly faces return.

**Kim:** Of the savoury dishes that you serve, I'm a huge fan of your chicken baguette. Which lunch item always sells out?

**Ali:** The chicken and beef baguettes are very popular. So too the pies. Especially in cooler weather. But I am a real fan of being able to use what's in season and getting to foster links with local food producers. So the menu will continually change. We are using a friend's homegrown zucchinis in our frittata at the moment and the fact that we can adapt to what's in season makes it so much better for the customer.

**Kim:** We all know that your cakes are amazing – which is most popular and what day do you serve it?



**Ali:** Hands down the carrot cake with cream cheese frosting would have to be the most popular. I started making 1 cake a week, now I'm up to 3 a week. It's crazy!! But I love baking, so it's never a chore to cook a cake or a slice. I'm also trialling Nutella Bomboloni, but once people taste them, I'm a little worried I'll have to make them every day. Because they are addictive!!

**Kim:** To finish off. Having taken the plunge to open a café in Wallendbeen, what has been the highlight to date? Perhaps a patron who stood out – a mini disaster story in the kitchen – a behind the scenes story into the Wallendbeen Hotel Café.

**Ali:** I just love being a part of the community. The number of people who tell me they have driven through the roundabout at Wallendbeen without ever realising there is a village here is unreal. There is so much to explore in this region and if I can help people tap into that, then that's awesome. I remember a young family popped in for morning tea, they were staying at a local BNB. They asked if I knew anywhere they could pick cherries. By the time they'd finished their coffee, I helped organise a place for them to visit. They were chuffed and hopefully it gave them a positive experience of the wider region and they made some great memories as well.

Photos and report Kim Knox-Thurn

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## Stock Station Preservation Group ...

*Provided by Brian Leedham*

Nikki Stacey and I have been working on the Railway Station Project since 2018, when we started up a Blog Page. Nikki took around 90 photos so I could use some of them in the blog. Kelly Hulbert came on board later and has helped out with info regarding railways. Both Nikki and Kelly have a background in the Railways at Stockinbingal because their dads had an interest in the railways and they were both involved in watching what was going on at the Station. Apparently it was a passion in retirement for Jim and Noel. Since the early days of getting things up and running, we have a Facebook Page running, the blog, a website created by Brad Peardon, and we had our first get together in April 2021. Since then, we have had another member come on to the organising team, Darren who lives at Harden, and he is keen to help out in any way he can. The Railway Station Preservation group could do with more members: we also need to form a committee, and need to liase with ARTC, who are the Owners/Lessee of the Railway Station. It needs to be made known that ARTC has been very helpful in the town with community projects in the past, so we need to keep that avenue open. The organising group has been in touch with many Stakeholders in the past, and we are hoping to have something underway early in 2022. For more info contact

brianwleedham@hotmail.com

**Can you guess?** DID YOU guess which anniversary this cake was celebrating? It is from 1911 - 1991



This was the cake made to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St James Church in 1991.

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### Our Heritage Room news ...

Steve is opening Fridays (9am) and Sundays (10am) at the moment, with check in and masks in place, in order to keep everyone safe. At other times, he is available by appointment ... 0431 207 716.

A new batch of books has arrived so if you are looking for some great reading material, pop in!

***Our Heritage Room houses a growing treasure trove of documented local history as well as many items of interest. A large array of quality second hand paperback books are available at \$2 each as a fund-raiser for the Room, and local cards are for sale to benefit the RFS.***



### Stop & Mingle ...

Our next meeting will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 10am at Ellwood's Hall Stockinbingal. Owing to the uncertainty around the Covid situation, we will make it a chat / catch up meeting just in case! If you have ideas for speakers for during the year, don't forget to let Michelle Harper know.

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### Stockinbingal Church news ...

**Both St James Anglican and the Catholic Churches are closed at present. See p 4 for details of a meeting addressing the future of St James.**

### WARFLIGHT MUSEUM



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As this is a private collection please contact either Bob or Gladys to make an appointment. ~ 37 Olympic H'way Bethungra  
(If the signs are out, we are open, so drop in)

### Cricket news ...



Stock currently sits in 3rd position in the Blooms Chemist/BFB Division Two Competition after 11 rounds, with three rounds remaining. Only two of the four T-20

matches were played over December/January as two had been declared washouts.

On 18 December at the Stock Rec Oval, the Stock boys were able to rectify their first up loss to Temora Bowling Club Tigers and amass 145 runs after being sent into bat. Highlights of this match include the best opening partnership of the season between Isaac Mitchell and Alasdair Sides totalling 76, with Isaac scoring 46 runs, a season best of 30 not out from Nick Holt and a guest appearance all the way from Tasmania from Sam Larsen who notched up a quick fire 14 runs not out. For Stock, Will Holt and Steve Barton opened the bowling and chipped in with a wicket each but it was 14 year old Riley Meale who claimed the bowling honours with 4/12 from his 4 overs. Temora were bowled out for 63 runs in the 19th over. The skies opened shortly after the conclusion of this game and the rain bucketed down.

The most recent match was again held at Stock, this time against newcomers Murringo Mavericks who won the toss and elected to bat. Despite surviving their 20 overs Murringo could only amass 49 runs as Stock's bowling was ever so tight. Nick Holt took 4/8 from his 4 overs, Brendan O'Callaghan 3/13, Harvey Holt 2/4 and Ted Caldwell unlucky not to get a wicket 0/5. Stock lost 3 batters in chasing the 49 runs but did so in 13 odd overs. Isaac steadily constructed 20 runs in 30 balls and had good support from Lachie Sedgwick who is now home from boarding school, and got 16 runs not out. Stock welcomed Henry Hunt who made his debut for Stock along with Josh Bradford whose Division One side had forfeited. Josh took on the role of wicketkeeper for Stock in the absence of Geoff Bush.

#### Remaining Matches Before Semi-Finals:

Jan 29th vs Temora Ex Services Lions	At Temora
Feb 5th vs Burrangong CC Cubs	At Stock
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### More trivia questions ...

1. What are the three primary colours?
2. When did World War II end?
3. What was the name of Henry VIII's first wife?

See p16 for answers

### Photos of the Month ...



Above: Karin Martin's photo taken 7<sup>th</sup> Jan on the road from Stockinbingal, as a huge storm was approaching



Above: A stunning image by Carmel Payne (thanks Oscar for providing the silhouette!) taken between storms in early January on the Milvale Road. Note the amount of water laying around.



Above: A clever story-teller image by Sue Caldwell – Cousins Peter and Doug Caldwell are shown undertaking harvest logistics whilst their 17yo sons Ted (header) and Hamish (chaser) attend to the wheat harvest for them



### And another from 1973 ... Photo No 195

Was this taken at Stock, or Cootamundra? Can anyone name the people?



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### When the going gets tough ...

... the tough get sewing!

Christine Walters has been sewing, and getting creative with her hands, for quite a few years now. Originally attending TAFE in 1985 to learn to make clothes for her little family she took to the craft like a duck to water ... she had found her 'happy place'.

Apart from making clothes for her children, Christine began to experiment with patchwork and various crafts. She also began gifting some of these creations to friends and family. Over the years she has used her tatting skills to make bookmarks, and her crocheting ability to create old fashioned beaded milk jug covers (which grace our tables at Stop and Mingle meetings!). Dozens of duplicate tiny hats have gone to Angel Gowns for babies who have been 'born sleeping', enabling parents to take home an identical cap to the one worn by their little child.

And more recently, as Covid struck, Christine was one of many who responded to the challenges of lockdown and isolation, not by stepping back, but by stepping up. By rolling her sleeves up and beginning to sew masks which she has then given to others: to people on the street, to someone who may have forgotten their mask at the shops ... So far 250 masks have been made and gifted. The joy that these gifts bring to people far exceeds the value of the fabric and cotton.

It is fascinating to watch how human beings react to tough times. We can give in, or we can step up. Thank you Christine for being an example of how one person can make a difference from their own lounge room. (And this is one reason I love Village life – you never know what wonderful stories are hiding in the neighbourhood!)

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**Sensation in Lock-Up** (sourced from Trove and the Kilmore Free Press 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1937)

Three prisoners in a cell at the Stockinbingal lock-up created a sensation by yelling for sticks. When the constable investigated he found that a brown snake had gained entrance to the cell, much to the consternation of the prisoners.

## Yabby Fest



Stockinbingal Bowling Club's famous Yabby Fest will be held

Sunday 20th March  
with weigh-in from 3.30pm

Join the fun - sausage sizzle, yabby races, prizes

## Riverina Redneck Rally



On 20th March 2022 Riverina Redneck Rally will leave Donald, Victoria, and finish on 26th March 2022 in Palla-mallawa, NSW. The rally will be a seven-day journey into the unknown.

100% of Funds raised by entrants will go to Country Hope, a family-centred support organisation for children diagnosed with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. We are proud to say that we take no fees out for administration costs.



Robyn Armstrong and Mel Cook are participating in this year's rally, their third as team Ruck & Maul. Both girls are involved in the Cootamundra Rugby Union Club hence the name. Their fund-raising activities have been many and varied with locals donating to their annual battery drive, purchasing socks, moo poo drive and charcuterie board sales and cash bingo nights. So if you see their distinct and vividly painted vehicle around "The Banger" say Hi!





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#### Answers to trivia questions ...

1. Red, yellow, blue.
2. 1945.
3. Catherine of Aragon

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# Minutes

## GUNDAGAI TOURISM ACTION GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING NO: 119**  
**GUNDAGAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**4.30PM, MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

### 1 AGENDA ITEMS

**Meeting start:** 4:41pm

#### 1.1 Attendance and Apologies

**Attendees:** Bonita Taylor, Miriam Crane, Casey Polsen, Izzy Perko, Mike Kingwill, Jim Morton, Penny Nicholson

**Apologies:** Verity Whittaker, Michael Whittaker, Ian Truesdale, Frances Truesdale, Peggy Elliott, Abb McAlister, Peter Smith

#### 1.2 Confirmation of previous meeting Minutes

The Committee to confirm the minutes of Meeting Monday 11th October 2021

**Moved:** Izzy Perko

**Second:** Mike Kingwill

#### 1.3 Correspondence

No correspondence

#### 1.4 For Discussion

##### 1. Membership

To continue to grow the Gundagai Tourism Group current members are encouraged to invite enthusiastic people to attend a meeting. Casey will contact Luke Walton from the Niagara Café, Bruce Wicks from the Pen Museum and Luke Casacelli from the Gundagai Theatre to see if they are interested in joining TAC.

##### 2. Historic Bridges/River Access & Morleys Creek Plan

A media release will go out shortly about the appointment of a heritage interpretation consultant for the Prince Alfred Bridge. Penny and Abb are working to raise the profile of the condition of the Railway Bridge and help push for the bridge to be fixed/restored.

##### 3. Visitor Information Centre Upgrade

Costing for the refurbishment of the Gundagai VIC has come back over budget. Processes have been made to streamline the build and cut costs. Plans are back with the architect to finalise the modifications made. Currently the staff will be moved to the foyer area of the Mirrabooka building.

**4. Local Events 2022** – Discussion of a town celebration to mark Jack O'Hagan's centenary of Along The Road To Gundagai for the end of 2022. Gundagai Busking Competition is usually held in late October. To mark the centenary of Jack O'Hagan's Along the Road to Gundagai Izzy suggested it

would be great to have a category called “Along the Road to Gundagai” where competitors cover the song. Currently the committee is struggling to find members. Council supports this event and are willing to offer help where needed with promotion and admin. Penny will send an email regarding finding new members for the committee to hopefully be able to continue the event.

#### **5. Cycle Tourism**

Council have already purchased a domain name: riverinacycletrail.com.au. The previous Cycle Tourism meeting held in Cootamundra showed plenty of interest from a small committee – but more people will need to come onboard. This needs to be a community ran committee and website to succeed.

#### **6. Pen Museum**

Bruce is working very hard on the Assembly Hall and has done a fantastic job. Miriam and Casey would like to contact Bruce Wicks to see if he would be interested in hosting the Gundagai Tourism Committee for our March meeting. TAC can use this meeting to see if Bruce would like any help from group regarding promotion, advertising to get the Pen Museum open.

#### **7. Social Media**

Instagram: Visit Gundagai – Current followers: 1870. Gaining an average 25+ followers each month, we approximately 40-50 likes per post. Top post for February: Murrumbidgee River sunrise & Ghost Tours/Old Gundagai Gaol.

Facebook: Gundagai Visitor Information Centre – total page follows: 3061. Average monthly post reach: 3578. Top post: Dad, Dave, Mum and Mabel – 1.3k reach.

Website: Visit Gundagai – February page visits: 1.7k.

Top 5 page visits:

1. Eat & Drink
2. Gundagai Bakery
3. Discover
4. What's On
5. Interactive Map

#### **8. Gundagai Regional Enhancement Group (GREG) Update/Gundagai Business Chamber**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February GREG met and decided to dissolve the committee. The leftover money that GREG held has been given to the Gundagai Anglers Club for River Access. The remaining approx. \$4000 has been given to the Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre to purchase a portable sound system with microphone to be used at community events. Council to organise an informal meeting for March to gauge the communities' thoughts on a business chamber. Matt Lucas and Leah Sutherland to attend to talk to the business community on the processes of a business chamber on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Lotts Family Hotel.

**Recommendation: That Council allocate resources to assist the Gundagai community to form a business chamber**

**Moved: Penny Nicholson, Seconded: Mike Kingwill**

#### **9. Cultural Group Update**

Miriam will be going to Brungle on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> to meet with Karen from Deakin University to interview local elders about the Yarri and Jacki Jacki sculpture and truth telling. Harmony Day Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 will be held during a paint and play session and will be advertised by the Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre. NAIDOC grants – Family Fun Day and NAIDOC ball. Flood Festival to be held on the anniversary of the Great Flood – one day event. Activities include – markets, inclusive church service, corroboree at the Bora Rings. The cultural group are also working

to create cultural awareness PowerPoints that they will be able to present to the community for possible future training.

#### **10. Gundagai Historical Museum Update**

Gundagai Historical Museum currently closed as new security cameras will be installed over the next few days. Funding of \$5K came from Michael McComack's office , and the further \$2k to help install the cameras from the museums reserves. Tim Gurry, a documentary filmmaker from Melbourne will be filming museum memorabilia and interviewing Wiradjuri elders Peter Smith, Uncle Bill and Aunt Sony about the Great flood of 1852, on Feb 21 & 22. Renovations are almost complete. Currently looking to open to the public by early to mid March 2022.

### **1.5 General Business**

Mike - Mt Kimo Bike Track – Miriam will continue to look for funding to advance this project.

Penny - It is recommended that the Gundagai Tourism Group continue to reach out to up and coming businesses before they open to offer support and help where necessary.

Miriam – Irvine Signs from Temora has quoted to repaint the “Welcome to Gundagai” sign on the Gundagai Common. Miriam has emailed the company asking when the work is due to be completed.

**Meeting closed:** 5:29pm

### **1.6 Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: Gundagai Council Chambers - 4:30pm Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

**THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COOTAMUNDRA HERITAGE CENTRE MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE COOTAMUNDRA HERITAGE CENTRE ON MONDAY  
7 FEBRUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 4.02PM**

**Present:** Geoff Larsen (Chairperson), Betty Brown, Yvonne Forsyth, Michele Pigram, Betti Punnett, Craig Stewart, Ros Wight

**Apologies:** Arthur Ward

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Read and confirmed on the motion of Betti Punnett, seconded by Craig Stewart.

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising:** \* Giant - email from Steven Lowe C/GRC. "Due to logistics and design, Council has decided it is best if the Giant remains out the front of the Heritage Centre."

\* Gutters - email from Andrew Brock. Considering engaging *Gutter Vac*, but would like to first inspect gutters closely for signs of deterioration and not just cleaning. Also mentioned that Council is already considering sites for installation of solar panels and thanked us for our foresight.

**Financial Report:** Betti Punnett presented the Financial Report with December CHC 101 7 children \$170.55 VIC 71 \$276.00 \$446.55; January CHC 126 18 children \$227.50 VIC 93 \$83.50 \$311.00; February CHC 33 2 children \$25.60 VIC 12 \$10.00 \$35.60. Moved Betti Punnett, seconded by Betty Brown.

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence: OUT:** \* December Meeting Minutes

\* Wayne Bennett re the Giant and suggesting solar panels be installed at CHC

\* Andrew Brock re cleaning gutters

**IN:** \* Steven Lowe re the Giant

\* Andrew Brock re gutters and solar panels

\* Mitre 10 - invoice for light bulbs (copy)

**General Business:** \* Light bulbs - Betti Punnett reported that 3 packets of LED light bulbs had been purchased from Mitre 10 \$19.68. She also asked about the box of new bulbs in the storeroom, all of which were screw-ins rather than the bayonets which are needed. What to do with them?? Now the light in the Horse & Harness gallery has blown (for the first time!).

\* A photograph was passed round to be identified - possibly taken at CHC footpath sale some years ago. No-one able to identify the person involved.

\* New items - Panoramic coloured photograph of world record tractor pull. Presented by Barry Cunich.

- Panoramic black/white photograph (framed) of *Tasma*, Muttama, the property of the Davies family c1930s. Presented by Betti Punnett.

- Box of small glass bottles (coloured) of various sizes collected from *Springfield* paddocks over the years. Presented by Nancye/Maurice Hicks.

- Brick bolster, large scythe, solder iron + solder, 2 rabbit trap setters, 4 concrete window decorations from original Cootamundra Court House. Presented by David Crowe. It was moved that 2 should be given to present Court House which is preparing a history of the Cootamundra Court House. Moved Ros Wight, seconded Betty Brown.

**CARRIED**

- 3 Railway histories, self published. Presented by Robert/Ruby Hannicker.

\* Betti Punnett informed members that a local man had some spent time using the microfiche and films (brought out from CHC storeroom) - family history research. He will possibly do more in the future.

\* Roxy Theatre seats - Betty Brown reported that the metal fittings have been restored. An application being made (*Betti Punnett*) for a CHART grant for restoration of seats - *Federation Interiors* quote \$715.30. Craig Stewart reported that a row of Roxy Theatre seats was listed for sale on the Internet. He will look into the matter - condition, etc.

\* Storage of *Cootamundra Herald* photographic negatives. CHART grant being sought (*Betti Punnett, Betty Brown, Kelly Manwaring*)

\* Betti Punnett informed members that a bus group would be coming in March.

\* Volunteers - retirees Arthur Ward, Sue Adams, Gloria Schultz, Jan Hudson, Jenny/Robert Scowan, Catherine/Dennis Orgill (from 2 sessions). New - Janet Elliott (returning), Sabine Hatty, Geoff Larsen, Margaret Fuller and



Diane Grocott has taken an extra session. Gratitude expressed to all these volunteers.

\* March meeting AGM. Mayor Charlie Sheahan to be invited to conduct the elections.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

*Betti Punnett Secretary/Treasurer*

***Next Meeting***

***Annual General Meeting***

***8 March 2022 4.00pm***



## COOTAMUNDRA HERITAGE CENTRE

Hovell St COOTAMUNDRA 2590 Ph 69402190

### NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2022

#### NEW YEAR

As we start another year at our Heritage Centre, on behalf of our Management Committee, I'd like to thank you all for your continued commitment. Please know that you are all valued and that your community service is very much appreciated. As is usually the case, we are in need of more volunteers, especially those who could help out in emergencies. **THANK YOU ALL.**

#### VOLUNTEERS

With our new roster you will notice that 6 of our volunteers have retired or moved away. We thank them for their service, especially Arthur Ward who has been with us for many years. We welcome back Janet Elliott and our new volunteers Geoff Larsen, Margaret Fuller and Sabine Hatty. Di Grocott has taken on an extra duty. We trust you will all enjoy your time at CHC.

#### GRANTS

We are in the process of applying for 2 CHART grants. These grants are being implemented by AMaGA on behalf of the Federal Government's Department ITRDC through the Office for the Arts.

1. Restoration of 2 Roxy Theatre seats presented to us by Trevor/Jenny Hulford. Betty/Ian Brown have restored the metal fittings (removed rust then painted), but the upholstery needs to be replaced.

2. We have literally hundreds of *Cootamundra Herald* negatives to be kept in our archives. These must be stored in archival sleeves and boxes. Ian Brown has prepared shelving for them in the verandah storeroom. Zetta Florence (heritage preservation company) produce the sleeves and boxes, so we are applying for finance to purchase the necessary items. The grants available are for \$3000.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### PROJECTS FOR 2022

The Management Committee is in the process of planning for the year. We have some matters still to complete - the restoration of the Jindalee Methodist Church pulpit (hopefully the Men's Shed will do this when they have relocated to their new site); proper storage of the *Cootamundra Herald* negatives (see below); Roxy theatre seats restoration (see below). At our next meeting we will be setting out our plans for the year. Should you have any ideas/thoughts on this, please let us know. Speak to any Committee member or write it on the daily sheet.

#### THE GIANT

You may have been aware that the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council asked to have the Giant relocated to the new playground in Albert Park. This was discussed by the Management Committee and most members were not in favour of this as the Giant had been specifically presented to the CHC as an item of some historical significance to Cootamundra; was fibreglass (not to be climbed on) and was an attraction for CHC. We have recently received notification that it was not required "due to logistics and design" and best to remain as is.

### NEW PRESENTATIONS

4 Railway books by Ken Ames - self published (Robert/Ruby Hennicker)  
Calendars T Williams & Co 2000 - 2011 (Nancye Hicks)  
Framed panorama of *Tasma*, Muttama. (Nancye Hicks)  
Scythe, 2 Rabbit trap setters, Soldering iron, Stick of solder, Brick bolster, Float, 4 Decorative stones from original Court House (David Crowe) *\*\*We need to feature these wonderful items in some way.\*\**  
Ansonia Clock (Don Bradfield) Don's grandfather, Station Master, John Alt, at Cootamundra, was presented with this clock by employees of the Cootamundra Section 19.4.1910. A special presentation clock, it is extremely heavy with marble features. Interestingly, Don's other grandfather (John JC Bradfield) was the designer of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. **You never know who will walk in the door at our CHC**

### POLO SHIRTS

For those who couldn't attend our Christmas party, your shirts are sitting by the computer (kitchen): Barry Donnelly, Diane Grocott, Chris Holland, Dotti Le Sage, Robyn Mercer, John Paterson, Marie Scott, Craig Stewart, Richard Turnbull, Anthony Wood.

### CLOCKS

We had a visitor who worked on our clocks. This was kind of him, but we would prefer that no-one does this except perhaps the Jenkins' clock in the Main Gallery. This may be wound up each week. Unfortunately it doesn't appear to keep good time.

### GARDENS

Thanks go to those of you who help out in the front garden. Keeping the pathway clear has been an issue lately with such prolific growth. One of the projects for this year is to attend to our garden - revamp the whole area.

### LOCKING DOORS

No doubt you saw the trouble we have had with locking/opening some of the gallery doors. Because of the doors being slammed **every** day of the year (bar 2) the timber can be damaged. Craig had trouble repairing the Horse & Harness Gallery door. Each door is now easily closed with no need to slam it at all. If you feel it would be easier, please use the key to lock each door.

### FLAG

You may have noticed that our larger national flag was removed during the lock-down period with the wire being cut!! I can only presume that the person/s took exception to our flag being flown through the night. Even though we all remember "Never let the sun set on our flag", Government guidelines allow the national flag to be flown at night if it is well lit. Our flag is well lit at night by the street light. Another flag issue for a member of the public is that we fly the national flag at the entrance and the Aboriginal flag at the other end of the verandah. True: the guidelines state that it both flags are flown side by side, the national flag should be on the left. Our contention is that they are not really side by side and that the national flag should be at our entrance.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

Yvonne Forsyth will be conducting information sessions for all volunteers. These are important in training for the CHC, but also our duties for the Visitor Information Centre and the Driver/Reviver program. If you are not sure on any of our requirements, please come along.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held Monday 8 March at 4.00pm. Because of COVID19, this meeting was rescheduled from 2021. All interested volunteers are invited to attend.

*LJP Feb 2022*

**8.1.8 UPDATED COUNCIL MEETING ACTION REPORT**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365529
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.2 Active participation and engagement in local decision-making
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Updated Council Meeting Action Report <a href="#">↓</a>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Updated Council Meeting Action Report, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**COUNCIL MEETING ACTION REPORT**

Ordinary Meeting 30 October 2018			
ITEM	ACTION	STAFF	Status
8.1.5 Resolution 216/2018	2. In time, and subject to available funding, CGRC, in conjunction with the local Aboriginal communities, the Brungle-Tumut LALC and the Young LALC, undertake the mapping of the sites of cultural significance to Aboriginal people in this LGA.	Manager Development Building and Compliance	Updates will be provided when available.

ITEM	ACTION	STAFF	Status
17.01.2019	Investigations to be undertaken to determine feasibility of providing a safe and accessible pedestrian pathway to link Cootamundra town centre and the cemetery on Yass Rd.	Manager Civil Works/ Road Safety Officer	February 2022 – Part of Claron Estate Development for access off Bradman Street

ORDINARY MEETING - 25 June, 2019			
ITEM	ACTION	GM	Status
Aside request from Cr Sheahan	Disability access audit of business' with awareness programme delivered by Council staff to business owners/managers Starting with Council premises first.	Manager Development , Building and Compliance	February 2022 -

Ordinary Meeting March, 2020			
ITEM	ACTION	STAFF	STATUS
8.6.2 Stockinbingal Sewerage Scheme	1. Engage Public Works to prepare business case 2. An application be made under the safe and secure water program for funding towards a detailed design.	Manager Assets	

ORDINARY MEETING 28 JULY, 2020			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
8.7.1 Civil Works and Technical Services Report - July 2020  <b>Resolution 226/2020</b>	Council investigate drainage concerns along the Wallendoon Street edge of Clarke Oval.	Manager Civil Works	Will continue to seek alternative funding opportunities.

ORDINARY MEETING 29 SEPTEMBER, 2020			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
8.6.1 Construction of Water Supply Extension to Dog on the Tucker Box, Gundagai  <b>RESOLUTION 286/2020</b>	Council enter into a contract as detailed in the Water Supply Extension documentation, circulated under Confidential Cover in this unique circumstance.  2. \$1Million be allocated through the water fund to complete the construction of the Water Supply Extension to Dog on the Tucker Box Tourist Precinct, Gundagai.  3. An application to assist with funding the water supply extension the project to the Dog on the Tucker Box Tourist Precinct be submitted through NSW Safe and Secure Water.	Manager Assets	October 2021 - Engage a service provider to prepare a Business Case.



<p>9.1 Acquisition of Land for Residential and Industrial Expansion at Gundagai</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION 291/2020</b></p>	<p>1. That Council investigate the purchase of suitable industrial and residential land for expansion of North and South Gundagai.</p> <p>2. That Council consult local developers and real estate agents about opening up further blocks for residential growth in Cootamundra.</p> <p>3. That Council fast track the provision of services to the Turners Lane industrial blocks and list them with the local real estate agents.</p>	GM	
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ORDINARY MEETING 27 OCTOBER, 2020			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
<p>7.1 Minutes of the Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2020</p> <p><b>Resolution 308/2020</b></p>	<p>2. Council prioritise the upgrade of the footpath on the western side of Sutton Street, between Hurley and Mackay Streets, so it joins the existing footpath leading to the town centre.</p> <p>3. The works be prioritised as a matter of urgency</p> <p>4. A list of foot path works be provided to Council</p>	Manager Civil Works	February 2022 – waiting to hear of approval through Local Roads and Community Infrastructure R3
<p>8.1.7 Cootamundra Tourism Action Group s.355 Committee Meeting Minutes</p> <p><b>Resolution 315/2020</b></p>	<p>3. Council seek funding to re-vamp the Milestone Sculptures including the replacement or upgrade of the Fibre-optics lighting system.</p>	5 Manager Community and Culture	October 2021 - Quote has not yet been received
<p>8.10.1 Feasibility of a Waste Transfer Station at Adjungbilly</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION 331/2020</b></p>	<p>2. A further report be prepared and submitted for the consideration of Council to the Ordinary Meeting scheduled to be held 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.</p>	Manager Waste, Parks and Recreation	February 2022 – Works cannot proceed until such time that a budget is allocated to consider

			<p>works. The following need to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review external operating costs.</li> <li>• Business case for doing works inhouse against use of a contractor.</li> <li>• Feasibility study to determine an appropriate site at Adjungbilly.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation Plan to close Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen Landfills and change to transfer stations.</li> <li>• Develop financial plan to instigate the above.</li> </ul> <p>The feasibility to build a transfer station at Adjungbilly cannot be determined until the above have been investigated.</p>
<b>ORDINARY MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</b>			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
<p>8.1.11 Cootamundra Tourism Action Group s.355 Committee Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Resolution 149/2021</p>	<p>That any required preparatory planning work needed be undertaken to enable the expansion and renovation of the Cootamundra Heritage Centre – Visitors Information Centre project to be “grant ready”. Furthermore, that applications be prepared for this project and submitted in any appropriate upcoming grant programs.</p>	<p>Manager Community and Culture</p>	<p>October 2021 – waiting for concept design.</p>

ORDINARY MEETING 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
8.1.7 Cootamundra Tourism Action Group s355 Committee Resolution	That Council review Isobel Scott's proposal for the Hillside Adventure Walking Track and Dirt Bike Facility and consider its suitability for further investigation & planning to have in a grant ready state.	Manager Community and Culture	September 2021 – to be considered at the cycle tourism forum on 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 <b>October 2021 – No further update at the time of this report.</b>
8.1.4 RV Friendly Sites Resolution 001/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pioneer Park , Cootamundra be included in a new RV Friendly Town Assessment submission to the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) to have Cootamundra included in the Recreational Vehicle Friendly Town program.</li> <li>A new application be submitted to the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) for approval of the determined sites.</li> <li>Once approval has been received, the new RV Friendly sites be advertised through Council's usual mediums and (previously purchased) RV Friendly Town signs be installed accordingly.</li> </ol>	Coordinator Business	<b>October 2021 - Ongoing</b>
8.1.7 RV Friendly Sites Resolution 266/2021 (September)	The RV Friendly working party consider any potential crown land sites as the second site.		
8.6.3 Business Case for Nangus Water Supply Project Resolution 002/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council seek a review of the cost estimates provided by Cardno.</li> <li>Council meet with the Nangus Water Supply Project Committee to discuss the details of the project including figures.</li> </ol>	Manager Assets  GM/ Manager Assets	

8.8.1 2022/23 Safer Roads Program Nominations  Resolution 003/2021	1. The resubmission of the Muttama Road Safety Improvement Project for the 2022/23 Safer Roads Program be endorsed.  2. The nomination of the Nangus Road Safety Improvement Project for the 2022/23 Safer Roads Program be endorsed.	Manager Technical Services	February 2022 – applications were unsuccessful in R3 of the Safer Roads Program. Applications were resubmitted in December, 2021 for funding Rounds 4 and 5. There has been no advice received regarding these applications.
11.2 Reno Road Boundary Adjustment  Resolution 004/2021	Council offer a financial contribution of \$30,000 in addition to the ongoing maintenance on the road.	Manager Technical Services	October 2021 – No further update at the time of writing this report.

ORDINARY MEETING 31 <sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2021			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
7.2 Minutes of the Cootamundra Aerodrome Users Advisory Group Meeting Held on Wednesday 11 August 2021 Resolution 218/2021	The proposed \$250 per annum fee for all premises be investigated further by the Cootamundra Aerodrome Users Advisory Group with alternative options brought back to Council for consideration.	Manager Civil Works	November 2021 – No decision was met on the determination of aerodrome fees. The next meeting is scheduled for March, 2022
8.1.10 Updated Council Meeting Action Report	A report on the Wallendbeen Community Association Silo Project be prepared and submitted facilities	Manager Culture and Community	October 2021 – No further update at the time of writing this report.
8.1.10 Updated Council Meeting Action Report	Prepare a report for Council on a cost and budget for the drainage matter in Wallendbeen Street alongside Clarke Oval.	Managers Civil Works	October 2021-Waiting to receive the criteria for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Round3

ORDINARY MEETING 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
8.1.2 Updated Council Meeting Action Report Resolution 271/2021	Is there a masterplan for cycletracks? (question from Cr Bowden)	Manager Civil Works	October 2021 – Previous Roads Safety Officer had commenced masterplan. To be tasked to new Road Safety Officer to complete.
8.2.1 Corporate Credit Card Use and Management Resolution 273/2021	3.A subsequent report be provided to Council for consideration, once the Corporate Credit Card Use and Management Framework has been developed.	Governance Officer	October 2021 - Collaboration and development to begin when time and resources allow. Most likely to commence development in the 2022 new year.
8.6.2 Irrigation Using Recycled Water at Cootamundra Resolution 282/2021	1.The Report for Irrigation Using Recycled Water at Cootamundra be deferred for further information and detailed cost analysis come back to Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2021. 2.Representations be made to Member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke, MP regarding this matter.	Manager Assets  EA to GM	October 2021 - Cost analysis is being prepared and will be included in a report for Council for consideration at the November 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

ORDINARY MEETING 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
8.1.7 Muttama Hall Management s355 committee meeting minutes Resolution 365/2021			
8.6.1 Irrigation To Dog Off Leash Park And Recycled Water Management System, Cootamundra Resolution 358/2021	The report on Irrigation to Dog Off Leash Park and Recycled Water Management System Cootamundra be deferred for consideration of the new council.  A report be prepared for the February , 2022 Meeting	Manager Assets	
8.8.1 Community Bus Funding Opportunity Resolution 362/2021	The Community bus be sold through public auction with the income to be allocated to Councils plant reserve	Manager Technical Services	February 2022 - Still waiting on purchase of bus for Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre.
8.9.1 The Arts Centre Cootamundra – GST Report Resolution 363/2021	The General Manager and Interim Manager Finance and Customer Service develop a payment plan for the Arts Centre Cootamundra to repay their GST debt while continued operations at the Arts Centre Cootamundra remain in place.	Interim Manager Finance and GM	February 2022 – Report before Council
8.10.1 Prices for Sale of Recyclable Items	Were any submissions received to report back to Council?	Manager Waste, Parks and Recreation	February 2022 – Report to come back to the February Council Meeting.
9.1 Notice of Motion – Cultural Awareness Training	First Nations Cultural Awareness Training be included as a permanent part of the Induction Program for each new Council term of office.	Coordinator Business	February 2022 - Cultural Awareness Training included in Councillor Induction Schedule. Date to be confirmed.



ORDINARY MEETING 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022			
ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
8.1.4 Draft Code of Meeting Practice Resolution 014/2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft Code of Meeting Practice, attached to the report, including any amendments made from 1 above, be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, with members of the community invited to comment on the draft Code for a period of not less than 42 days from the commencement of the public exhibition period.</li> <li>Following 2 above, a report, including any submissions received, be prepared and submitted to the March 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council.</li> </ol>	Governance Officer	February 2022 - Draft Code of Meeting Practice is currently on Public Exhibition.
8.1.5 Political Donation and Electoral Expenditure disclosures Resolution 015/2022	Councillors submit their political donation and electoral expenditure disclosures to the NSW Electoral Commission, as detailed in the report.	Councillors	
8.1.6 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2022 Resolution 016/2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motions be presented to the General Manager for consideration.</li> <li>A further report be prepared and submitted for consideration by Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022.</li> </ol>	Councillors and General Manager	
8.8.1 Road Closure Tom Street Gundagai Resolution 032/2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council proceed with intent to close Tom Street between Camphor Lane and Camphor Street in accordance with Part 4, Division 3 of the Roads Act 1993.</li> <li>Following the roads closure, the land be classified as operational and made available for purchase by the beneficiary, subject to valuation at time original consent had been granted (1983).</li> </ol>	Manager Technical Services	February 2022 - in accordance with Part 4 Division 3 of the Roads Act 1993, Council has initiated the closure process.
9.1 Notice of Motion - Procurement of Weed Spraying Chemicals	That the General Manager arrange a workshop for Councillors on Council's Procurement Policy and Procedures with the workshop to include examples of current procurement procedures and practices, particularly including the purchase of weed spraying chemicals.	General Manager/ Coordinator Business	February 2022 – Workshop to be scheduled.



## 8.2 FINANCE

### 8.2.1 THE ARTS CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA - GOODS AND SERVICES TAX DEBT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365291
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>1. A vibrant and supportive community: all members of our community are valued</b>  1.1 Our Community is inclusive and connected
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	\$7,000 of the outstanding GST debt to be funded from the Finance Budget.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Correspondence in 21.12.2021 - The Arts Centre Cootamundra GST Proposal <a href="#">↓</a>

### RECOMMENDATION

1. The Correspondence in 21.12.2021 - The Arts Centre Cootamundra GST Proposal be received and noted.
2. The Proposal for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and The Arts Centre Cootamundra to each pay 50% of the \$14,000 Goods and Services Tax Debt be endorsed.
3. Council's \$7000 be funded from the Finance Budget.

### Introduction

At its Ordinary Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, Council resolved (Min. no 363/2021) that The General Manager and Interim Manager of Finance and Customer Service develop a payment plan for the Arts Centre Cootamundra to repay their Goods and Services Tax debt while continued operations at the Arts Centre Cootamundra remain in place.

In the attached correspondence from The Arts Centre Cootamundra (TACC), due the historical nature of the outstanding GST, it is proposed to split the debt equally between TACC and Council for each to pay 50%. If Council were to endorse this proposal the debt would be settled promptly and allow TACC to continue with its work of managing the Arts Centre and providing valuable programs and entertainment to the local community.

## **The Arts Centre Cootamundra (TACC)**

*Also known as Cootamundra Creative Arts and Cultural Centre (CCACC)  
A Section 355 Committee of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council*

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Regional Council  
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The Arts Centre Cootamundra  
18 Wallendoon Street  
COOTAMUNDRA NSW 2590

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13 December 2021

The General Manager  
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council  
81 Wallendoon Street  
COOTAMUNDRA NSW 2590

### **"Historical" Goods & Services Tax**

We are writing on behalf of the The Arts Centre Cootamundra (TACC) Committee regarding an issue that arose from a misunderstanding between the then Treasurer and Council staff some years ago. That misunderstanding has resulted in the TACC accruing a debt to the Council. The Committee is seeking to agree and document a way ahead with Council to finalise the matter.

### **Background**

TACC, as a Section 355 committee of Council, does not submit its own Business Activity Statement (BAS). That is done by Council as part of its BAS. TACC has provided input information quarterly. The information is provided from the Manage Your Own Business (MYOB) accounting package that TACC uses to manage its finances.

As the previous treasurer (Maree Twomey) has indicated in an email, she had a number of conversations with Council staff that gave her to understand that Council were not seeking payment from TACC for any resulting goods & services tax debts. She understood that the amounts should be considered donations from Council towards the operation of TACC.

Acting on that belief, she conscientiously recorded Council "donations" - equivalent to the end of year GST positions in MYOB - for the five years from FY2014/15 to FY2018/19. Those "donations" were reflected in the reduced GST liabilities on the annual balance sheets provided to Council. No correspondence or invoices were issued by Council during those years to challenge her actions.

In 2019, a Council officer inspected TACC's books and pointed out that Council had been accruing an Account Receivable for the GST for the preceding five years. By this stage the total was around fourteen thousand dollars. The recording of "donations" then ceased and GST liabilities for FY2019/20 and FY2020/21 were reflected in the respective balance sheets.

The previous Treasurer stepped back from the role in 2019 and there was no one formally in the role until this July 2021's annual general meeting. The Committee and new Treasurer have been working to understand and resolve this matter since then.

### **Current situation**

This issue spanned seven financial years and a number of discrepancies exist between the Council and TACC's records. It would be a monumental task to attempt to resolve those discrepancies at this late stage and TACC accepts the slightly higher Council figures. The Council's records indicate that TACC "Historical GST debt" is:

FY2014/15 to FY 2018/19	\$14,068.98	
FY2019/20 and FY2020/21	\$ 7,013.69	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,082.67</b>	As invoiced 24Nov'21

Council assists TACC in many ways, including with the receipt of electronic transactions ie. EFTPOS and Dine & Discover payments. We are grateful for the assistance. Payments have been retained by Council to offset unspecified Council costs relating to TACC:

FY2020/21	\$ 4,006.38	From Council printout
FY2021/22 to date	\$ 2,813.63	From credit note 30Nov'21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,820.01</b>	

The Committee's understanding of its financial position had been distorted by a range of factors including the "donations" reducing the annual FY2014/15 to FY2018/19 GST balances to zero. TACC's effective income has been reduced as a result of Covid restrictions and the transfer of a substantial component of the remaining income - the electronic transactions - to Council.

The immediate payment of the full Historical GST debt would leave the committee with a low level of working funds and constrain operation of the Arts Centre. TACC proposed paying off part (FY2018/19 and earlier) of the debt immediately, offset by the accumulated electronic transactions income. And, then to repay the remaining debt by using ongoing electronic transactions income.

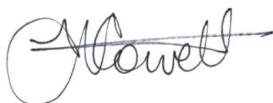
It was estimated that the remaining debt would be paid in about two years. But we now understand that the FY2020/21 funds have been "brought to account" and are unavailable which would prolong that to about three years. The growing debt will have been present on the Council's books for nearly a decade by then and we understand has been commented upon by auditors. The Committee is keen to resolve this issue sooner.

### Proposal

Given the circumstances in which the debt arose - a genuine misunderstanding that went unchallenged for many years - Council is requested to consider forgiving half of the earlier ~\$14k tranche of debt. TACC can then pay the remainder of the debt immediately.

The current Committee has worked hard to resolve this, and a number of other lesser financial issues, over the last six months. Your agreement to this proposed 50/50 sharing will allow this long-standing matter to be finalised promptly and the Committee can focus it's efforts on managing and improving the Arts Centre on the Council and community's behalf.

Yours sincerely



Julie Cowell  
Vice Chair  
CCACC Committee



Bruce Haines  
Treasurer  
CCACC Committee



**8.2.2 INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2022**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365539
REPORTING OFFICER	John Chapman, Interim Manager Finance and Customer Service
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Council's investment income for January, 2022 was \$6,104.34, 20% over the budgeted figure of \$5,096.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Council investments comply fully with Section 625 of the Local Government Act (NSW), 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005 paragraph 212.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	The Investment Policy was adopted on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018 and was due for review on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021.
ATTACHMENTS	1. Investment Report - January 2022 <a href="#">↓</a>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Investment Report for January, 2022 be received and noted.**

Introduction

The monthly investment report provides an overview of Council's investments, and their performance for the month.

Discussion

Investments for the month have produced interest of \$6,104.34, being 20% over the budget for the month.

## INVESTMENT REPORT

As at: 31/01/2022



Date Invested	Interest Rate	Term Days	Investment Amount	Held With	Interest	Maturity Date
18 Jan 2022	0.55%	182	\$1,003,377.88	ME Bank	\$ 468.70	19 Jul 2022
31 Aug 2021	0.45%	182	\$1,000,000.00	ME Bank	\$ 382.19	1 Mar 2022
20 Jul 2021	0.60%	245	\$1,006,954.25	AMP	\$ 513.13	22 Mar 2022
13 Jul 2021	0.75%	336	\$2,013,908.49	AMP	\$1,282.83	14 Jun 2022
20 Sep 2021	0.80%	365	\$2,000,000.00	AMP	\$1,358.90	20 Sep 2022
21 Sep 2021	0.38%	365	\$2,003,471.23	BOQ	\$ 646.60	21 Sep 2022
21 Sep 2021	0.35%	365	\$2,000,000.00	National Australia Bank	\$ 594.52	21 Sep 2022
		AC	\$3,316,269.32	Commonwealth Bank	\$ -	At Call
		BOS	\$5,505,039.14	Commonwealth Bank	\$ 467.55	At Call
		AC	\$113,361.70	National Australia Bank	\$ 7.28	At Call
Total			\$19,962,382.01			
Matured in Report Month 20 Jul 2021	0.45%	182	\$1,001,131.51	ME Bank	\$ 382.62	18 Jan 2022
Totals					\$6,104.34	

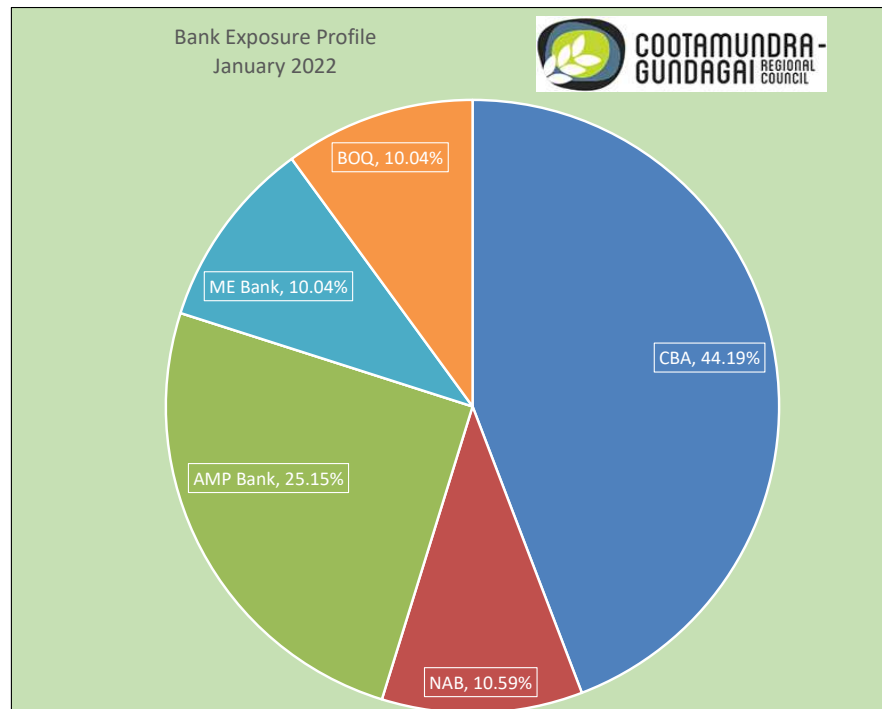
Budgeted Interest for Month	\$ 5,096
Combined Interest Rate	0.37%
BBSW Benchmark Rate	0.0623%

This report is produced in accordance with  
section 625 of the local Government Act 1993  
and all Investments have been made in accordance  
with the Act, the Regulations and council's investment policy.

Signed

John Chapman  
Responsible Accounting Officer





**8.2.3 DECEMBER 2021 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365635
REPORTING OFFICER	John Chapman, Interim Manager Finance and Customer Service
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<p><b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b></p> <p>4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	As reported in the attached quarterly budget review, the revised net operating result for the year to 31 December 2021 estimates a profit of \$12,275,514 compared with the original budget of \$9,240,964 profit. The net movement in unrestricted cash now anticipated is \$1,441,165 increase, compared with the original budget of \$704,566 increase. A summary of the operational and capital budget variations is included in the attached reports.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Compliance with Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005 requires that, not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, excluding the June quarter, the responsible accounting officer must submit a budget review statement to Council. The format of the review must be consistent with the minimum requirements contained in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines provided by the Office of Local Government.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consolidated Summary <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>2. Operational Budget Variances <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>3. Capital Expenditure <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>4. Business Unit Summary <a href="#">↓</a></li> </ol>

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The attachments included in the December, 2021 Quarterly Budget Review Report be received and noted.
2. The budget variations listed in the report be adopted.


Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of Council's financial position at the end of the quarter, and to report on progress made against the original budget adopted by Council in its 2021-22 Operational Plan. A summary of budget variances is included in the December, 2021 Quarterly Budget Review attached to the report.

Discussion

Commentary on the operational budget variations is included in the attached reports.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW  
31st December 2021

		Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Adjustments this QBR	Revised Budget	Actual YTD	% of Revised Budget
<b>Consolidated</b>							
Rates and annual charges		16,537,983	16,357,156	20,000	16,377,156	14,401,178	88%
User charges and fees		7,155,694	7,286,678	230,200	7,516,878	2,803,579	37%
Interest and investment revenues		183,800	180,000	(28,600)	151,400	42,910	28%
Other revenues		1,135,800	1,259,416	198,869	1,458,285	547,032	38%
Operating grants and contributions		8,513,304	9,184,817	383,046	9,567,863	1,765,185	18%
Capital grants and contributions		7,923,103	18,383,500	(578,368)	17,805,132	348,658	2%
Recovery of corporate overhead expenditure		1,988,081	1,988,081	0	1,988,081	-283,238	-14%
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		<b>43,437,765</b>	<b>54,639,648</b>	<b>225,147</b>	<b>54,864,795</b>	<b>19,625,305</b>	<b>36%</b>
Employee costs		10,878,269	12,423,473	409,714	12,833,187	5,995,539	47%
Borrowing costs		249,647	250,247	360,800	611,047	238,794	39%
Materials and services		10,635,910	14,995,404	540,100	15,535,504	7,089,198	46%
Other expenses		935,799	1,172,210	9,097	1,181,308	781,308	66%
Internal Overheads		1,988,081	1,988,081	0	1,988,081	3,478	0%
Depreciation		9,509,095	10,440,154	0	10,440,154	0	0%
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		<b>34,196,801</b>	<b>41,269,570</b>	<b>1,319,711</b>	<b>42,589,281</b>	<b>14,108,317</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Operating Gain/(Loss)</b>		<b>9,240,964</b>	<b>13,370,078</b>	<b>(1,094,564)</b>	<b>12,275,514</b>	<b>5,516,989</b>	<b>45%</b>
Capital Expenditure		(16,298,409)	(34,561,139)	1,722,694	(32,823,661)		
Transfers from/(to) Reserves		(1,481,428)	7,417,975		7,417,975		
Loan Funds Utilised		1,000,000	5,000,000	0	5,000,000		
Loan Principal Repaid		(1,265,656)	(1,265,656)	(58,700)	(1,324,356)		
Proceeds from Sale of Land		0	455,539	0	455,539		
Add Back DepreciationExpense		9,509,095	10,440,154	0	10,440,154		
<b>Net Unrestricted Cash - Increase/(Decrease)</b>		<b>704,566</b>	<b>856,951</b>	<b>569,430</b>	<b>1,441,165</b>		


**Summary of Focus Issues and Improvement Areas**  
**Cootamundra Gundagai Finance Committee**

This draft document was originally collated from the recommendations of the CGRC Finance Committee following meetings with individual managers over a number of months during preparation for the 2020/21 IPR documents


Many more actions have been added during the commencement of the 2021/22 budgeting process

Yellow shading in action column indicates action is not complete

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW  
31st December 2021  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE


					
	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
<b>Plant and Equipment Replacement Totals</b>	<b>1,332,288</b>	<b>2,107,835</b>	<b>1,083,885</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,107,835</b>
<b>Office Equipment</b>	<b>*</b>				<b>*</b>
00001174 - Computer server and network	40,000	40,000	0	0	40,000
<b>Office Equipment Totals</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Land</b>	<b>*</b>		<b>*</b>		
00001571 - Bourke Estate Residential Land Development	25,000	25,000	107	0	25,000
00001573 - Turners Lane Industrial Land Development	2,525,465	2,525,465	2,355	(2,515,465)	10,000
00002658 - WWII Fuel Depot 219 Sutton St - Heritage Grant	0	14,784	23,182	8,398	8,398
<b>Land Totals</b>	<b>2,550,465</b>	<b>2,565,249</b>	<b>25,645</b>	<b>(2,507,067)</b>	<b>43,398</b>
<b>Buildings</b>	<b>*</b>				
00001432 - Cootamundra AFL- Demolition of old clubrooms and construction of new clubrooms	0	146,801	144,751	0	146,801
00001525 - Gundagai Visitors Information Centre redevelopment - disabled ramp/toilet	0	1,730	2,280	550	2,280
00001569 - Gundagai depot training room construction	0	28,625	192	0	28,625
00002392 - Gundagai Preschool - Capital works project	0	240,824	142,885	0	240,824
00002402 - Cootamundra Men's Shed - Relocation	0	29,270	20,145	0	29,270
00002415 - Mirrabooka Revivification (SCCF2)	0	20,026	409	0	20,026
00002426 - Cootamundra Arts Centre Rehearsal Space	0	109,231	13,924	0	109,231
00002467 - Gundagai Admin Refurbishment	0	215,811	215,675	0	215,811
00002901 - Sustainable Redevelopment and Upgrade of Cootamundra Library	0	199	199	0	199
00002903 - Indoor Rock Climbing Wall Cootamundra Stadium	0	44,299	47,700	3,401	47,700
00002906 - Pump Track Cootamundra	0	31,551	29,484	0	31,551
00002937 - Cootamundra Showground - Covid19 Funding	0	26,811	20,482	0	26,811
00003044 - Additions to Muttama Hall Entrance	0	2,470	1,472	0	2,470
00003147 - Dwelling - William Street property capital works	0	1,142	1,142	0	1,142
00003277 - Stockinbingal Hall - Footpath & Disabled Ramp	0	74,990	10,302	0	74,990
00003286 - Carberry Park adult lift and changing facility	0	28,486	26,055	0	28,486
00003289 - Cootamundra Stadium Solar upgrade	0	11,944	6,056	0	11,944
00003290 - Bradman Birthplace Rejuvenation	0	29,494	26,705	0	29,494
00003343 - Alby Schultz Meeting Room Roof Replacement	0	30,738	32,519	1,781	32,519
00003346 - Buildings Capital - Budget Only - SCCF Round IV	1,666,786	1,626,786	0		1,626,786
00003349 - Cootamundra Showground - Renovation of toilet block	0	34,215	1,527	0	34,215
00003350 - Cootamundra Showground - Renovation of Rotunda	0	30,000	0	0	30,000

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE


					
	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
00003351 - Muttama Hall - Window replacement/Conservation work	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
00003362 - Cootamundra Driver Reviver Site Upgrade	0	159,553	0	0	159,553
00003381 - Cootamundra Stadium roof repairs, high bay lighting	0	30,000	13,035	0	30,000
00003494 - Gundagai Admin Building Air Conditioning - Funded from Buildings Maint Budget	0	0	50,446	70,000	70,000
<b>Buildings Totals</b>	<b>1,666,786</b>	<b>2,964,996</b>	<b>807,392</b>	<b>75,737</b>	<b>3,040,733</b>
<b>Other Structures</b>	*				
00003010 - High Fencing for Cootamundra Landfill	0	87,050	89,140	2,090	89,140
00003013 - Cootamundra Landfill - Refurbishment of Weight Bridge office and amenities	0	163,764	32,160	0	163,764
<b>Other Structures Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250,814</b>	<b>121,300</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>252,904</b>




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31st December 2021  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

					
	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
<b>Roads</b>	*		*		
00002683 - Cootamundra Roads - Capital Works Budget	1,157,288	0	0	0	0
00002992 - Mackay Street Rehabilitation	68,000	974,338	410,491	0	974,338
00002996 - Berthong Rd Rehabilitation	379,807	376,822	40,233	0	376,822
00002998 - Kilrush Rd Pavement Rehabilitation	0	149,503	17,733	0	149,503
00002999 - Old Gundagai Rd Rehabilitation	357,410	357,410	356,714	0	357,410
00003000 - Rosehill Rd Rehabilitation	37,376	115,082	32,405	0	115,082
00003001 - Mivale Rd Seal Extension	348,049	259,849	21,163	0	259,849
00003002 - Cooper Lane Rehabilitation	321,160	321,160	8,609	0	321,160
00003050 - MR 87 Muttama - Development	0	361,000	2,159	0	361,000
00003337 - Warralong Road - Reconstruction & Sealing	187,500	250,000	0	0	250,000
00003338 - Brawlin Road - Reconstruction & Sealing	157,500	250,000	0	0	250,000
00003339 - French St Rehabilitation	187,500	250,000	48,492	0	250,000
00003419 - MR 87 Rehabilitation Muttama Rd - Regional Roads Repair Program	0	0	48,265	361,000	361,000
00003487 - Warralong Road - Reconstruction and Sealing - Fixing Local Roads (FLR) R2	0	0	12,714	187,000	187,000
00003488 - Brawlin Springs Road - Stage 1 - Reconstruction and Sealing - Fixing Local Roads (FLR) R2	0	0	12,714	157,500	157,500
0000XXXX - Natural Disaster Flood repairs Rosehill/Jugiong Rd	0	373,569	0	0	373,569
0000XXXX - Natural Disaster Flood repairs Old Gundagai/Brawlin Rd	0	291,722	0	0	291,722
0000XXXX - Natural Disaster Flood repairs Muttama Rd	0	106,534	0	0	106,534
0000XXXX - Cootamundra Roads - Resealing Program	0	700,000	7,937	0	700,000
0000XXXX - Cootamundra Roads - Gravel Resheeting Program TBA	0	135,000	0	-4,917	130,083
00003499 - Fontenoy Lane Gravel Resheeting 2021/2022 (id 2120)	0	25,000	29,917	4,917	29,917
00003500 - McCaffreys Lane Gravel Resheeting 2021/2022 (id 1458)	0	40,000	15,600	0	40,000
0000XXXX - Cootamundra Roads - K&G Replacement	0	200,000	0	0	200,000
0000XXXX - Cootamundra Roads - Sealed Pavements Rehab	0	120,000	0	0	120,000
0000XXXX - Stockinbingal Hall Kerb & Building Repairs	0	12,000	0	0	12,000
<b>Civil Works Sub Total</b>	<b>3,201,590</b>	<b>5,668,989</b>	<b>1,065,144</b>	<b>705,500</b>	<b>6,374,489</b>


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 <b>COOTAMUNDRA- GUNDAGAI</b> REGIONAL COUNCIL					
	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
00002684 - Gundagai Roads - Capital Works Budget	2,962,000	0	0	0	0
0000XXXX - Gundagai Roads - 2021/22 Resealing Program	0	700,000	212,876	0	700,000
0000XXXX - Gundagai Roads - 2021/22 Resheeting Program	0	100,000	0	0	100,000
0000XXXX - Gundagai Roads - 2021/22 Capital Projects TBD from Maloneys (likely Old Hume Hwy +O	0	360,000	0	0	360,000
00003497 - Hurley Street Pavement Repairs Segment 1308	0	40,000	36,064	0	40,000
0000XXXX - Gundagai Roads - 2021/22 Footpath Replacement	0	17,500	0	0	17,500
0000XXXX - Gundagai Roads - 2021/22 K&G Replacements	0	150,000	0	0	150,000
00001640 - Sheridan Street Redevelopment - Main Street Upgrade	0	5,110	5,110	0	5,110
00002912 - Sheridan Street Redevelopment - Main Street Upgrade - Stage 2	0	476,247	476,247	0	476,247
00002976 - Redhill Rd 8.1km SWS - Upgrade timber haulage roads	0	31,799	1,700	0	31,799
00002977 - Nanangroe Rd 18.1km SWS - Upgrade timber haulage roads	0	1,311,353	109,662	0	1,311,353
00002978 - Adjungbilly Rd 11.5km SWS - Upgrade timber haulage roads	0	374,204	25,397	0	374,204
00002988 - Old Hume Hwy	200,000	300,000	0	0	300,000
00002990 - Railway Parade	0	124,960	549	0	124,960
00002991 - 154 Bethungra Rd (Programmed Works)	0	49,652	0	0	49,652
00002993 - Nanangroe Rd Rehabilitation	0	52,310	842	0	52,310
00002994 - Adjungbilly Rd Rehabilitation	0	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
00002995 - Old Hume Hwy Seal Extension	354,900	555,810	555,810	0	555,810
00002997 - Edwardstown Rd Rehabilitation	375,000	363,611	125,667	0	363,611
00003148 - Sheridan and Otway St Kerb Widening	0	20,238	336	0	20,238
00003149 - Heavy Patching - Mount St	0	32,428	600	0	32,428
00003281 - Sheridan St Block 3 Upgrade	0	106,329	12,537	0	106,329
00003345 - West St Kerb Replacement - Sheridan to Punch	0	1,856	1,856	0	1,856
<b>Technical Services Sub Total</b>	<b>3,891,900</b>	<b>5,198,407</b>	<b>1,590,252</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,198,407</b>


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	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
00002465 - Signage Updates	0	90,611	19,154	0	90,611
<b>Community &amp; Culture Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,611</b>	<b>19,154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,611</b>
00002430 - Community Safety & Beautification of King Street Wallendbeen	0	19,323	7,831	0	19,323
00002913 - Parker Street Redevelopment	0	113,949	98,764	0	113,949
<b>Waste, Parks &amp; Recreation Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>133,272</b>	<b>106,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>133,272</b>
<b>Roads Totals</b>	<b>7,093,490</b>	<b>11,091,279</b>	<b>2,781,145</b>	<b>705,500</b>	<b>11,796,779</b>
<b>Bridges</b>	*				
00003208 - Mackay St Footbridge - Bicycle and walking paths	0	49,816	17,725	0	49,816
00003210 - Scott Avenue Footbridge - Bicycle and walking paths	0	43,829	43,829	0	43,829
00003211 - Rosehill Rd Bridge - Reconstruction widening works	0	58,411	58,411	0	58,411
00003328 - Lucerndale Road - CVR #30301	308,399	316,402	271,237	0	316,402
00003329 - Lucerndale Road - CVR#30365	170,399	178,402	178,402	0	178,402
00003330 - Carrs Road - CVR#30303	392,027	399,977	270,716	0	399,977
00003331 - Brawlin Road - CVR #32771	370,106	377,117	277,100	0	377,117
00003332 - Burra Road - CVR #30307	454,449	461,238	421,196	0	461,238
<b>Bridges Totals</b>	<b>1,695,380</b>	<b>1,885,192</b>	<b>1,538,616</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,885,192</b>
<b>Footpaths</b>	*				
00003209 - Muttama Creek - Shared Footpath/cycleway along the bank	0	103,636	74,178	0	103,636
00003274 - Replacement footpath along Muttama Creek between Mackay St & Thompson St	0	118,860	5,020	0	118,860
00003275 - Upgrade of Bourke St Footpath	0	89,990	68,075	-5,114	84,876
00003276 - Complete missing Footpath link in Nicholson Park	0	0	5,114	5,114	5,114
00003277 - Stockinbingal Hall - Footpath & Disabled Ramp	0	74,990	0	0	74,990
00003278 - Cootamundra Art & Craft Centre - Disabled Ramp	0	1,300	0	0	1,300
<b>Footpaths Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>388,776</b>	<b>152,387</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>388,776</b>
<b>Other Road Assets</b>	*				
00003045 - Sheridan and West Street Intersection	0	141,594	141,594	0	141,594
<b>Other Road Assets Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>141,594</b>	<b>141,594</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>141,594</b>

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	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
<b>Stormwater Drainage</b>	*				
00002446 - Stormwater Mitigation Upgrade - Boundary Road x Matilda Avenue	0	300	300	0	300
00003009 - Stormwater Drainage Capital Works - Projects to be determined	170,000	170,000	7,049	0	170,000
<b>Stormwater Drainage Totals</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>170,300</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170,300</b>
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	*		*		
00001523 - Gundagai pool tiling and disabled ramp	0	32,000	32,225	282	32,282
<b>Swimming Pools Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>32,225</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>32,282</b>
<b>Open Space &amp; Recreational Projects</b>	*		*		
00001527 - Gundagai Netball Courts Masterplan - construction of lighting, storage & shelter	0	0	68	68	68
00002387 - Gundagai Tourism Action Group - Gundagai Main Street History Walk	0	10,080	10,080	0	10,080
00002388 - Yarri Park Youth Precinct/Lions Park - Basketball Court & New Amenities	0	0	33	33	33
00002398 - Owen Vincent Oval Gundagai - River Water Pump	0	40,000	0	0	40,000
00002399 - Cootamundra Harness Racing - Upgrades & Maintenance to Track	0	27,347	0	0	27,347
00002409 - Cootamundra Event Promotion Banners	0	200	276	76	276
00002410 - Gundagai Event Promotional Banners	0	0	586	586	586
00002411 - Gundagai Friendship Park Playground	0	5,431	2,407	0	5,431
00002418 - Gundagai Community Garden	0	32,428	6,870	0	32,428
00003019 - Albert Park Playground Project (Everyone Can Play)	0	387,794	365,186	0	387,794
00003279 - Pioneer Park - Access and Paths	0	164,980	74,920	0	164,980
00003280 - Bradman Oval - Cricket Nets	0	16,500	14,920	0	16,500
00003282 - Carberry Park Playground Shade Structure	0	69,990	0	0	69,990
00003283 - Lindley Park Playground Carpark	0	110,027	10,576	0	110,027
00003284 - Palmer Park Playground Shade Sails	0	29,990	0	0	29,990
00003285 - Sherwood Forest - Landon St	0	135,814	14,423	0	135,814
00003379 - Jubilee Park Enhancement	0	1,992,523	195,615	0	1,992,523
<b>Open Space &amp; Recreational Projects Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,023,104</b>	<b>695,960</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>3,023,867</b>
	*		*		
<b>TOTALS GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>14,548,409</b>	<b>24,661,139</b>	<b>7,387,496</b>	<b>-1,722,694</b>	<b>22,923,661</b>

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	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Actual Year to Date	Adjustments This Quarter	Revised Budget
<b>Water Supply Network Capital Works</b>					
00003016 - Water Capital Works - Unallocated Budget Only	1,000,000	70,000	0	0	70,000
00001515 - Extension of Gundagai Water Supply to the Dog on the Tuckerbox site	0	1,000,000	5,133	0	1,000,000
00002274 - Nangus Water Supply Works	0	50,000	41,455	0	50,000
00003312 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Parker St From Hurley to Mackay	0	66,000	2,918	0	66,000
00003313 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Mackay St From Parker to Onley	0	132,000	129,374	0	132,000
00003314 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Ursula St From Cowcumbula to Southee	0	82,500	3,494	0	82,500
00003315 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Hay St From Adam to O'Donnell	0	44,000	2,243	0	44,000
00003316 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Queen St From McGowan to Congou	0	155,500	5,838	0	155,500
00003317 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Adam St From Crown to Murray	0	165,000	5,920	0	165,000
00003318 - Cootamundra water mains replacement project - Mackay St From Poole to Hospital	0	110,000	16,611	0	110,000
00003354 - Gundagai water mains replacement project - West Street from Punch to Hanley	0	175,000	172,721	0	175,000
<b>Water Supply Network Capital Works Totals</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>2,050,000</b>	<b>385,704</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,050,000</b>
<b>Sewerage Network Capital Works</b>					
	*				
00001611 - Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Works Plant Replacement	0	7,100,000	4,487,845	0	7,100,000
00002381 - Stockinbingal Sewerage Treatment System	0	20,000	11,920	0	20,000
00003014 - Sewer Capital Works - Budget Only	750,000	710,000	0	(40,000)	670,000
00003141 - Sewer Service Connections	0	20,000	0	0	20,000
00003508 - Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Plant - New Solar \$40,000	0	0	85	40,000	40,000
<b>Sewerage Network Capital Works Totals</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>7,850,000</b>	<b>4,499,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,850,000</b>
	*		*		
<b>TOTALS CONSOLIDATED</b>	<b>16,298,409</b>	<b>34,561,139</b>	<b>12,273,050</b>	<b>(1,722,694)</b>	<b>32,823,661</b>

**QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW****Business Unit/Cost Centre Summary - Operating**

Period ended 31 December 2021



	Income						Expenditure					
	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Recommended Variations	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	% of Revised Budget	Original Budget	Revised Budget (QBR1)	Recommended Variations	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	% of Revised Budget
Period ended 31 December 2021	(1,455,613)	(1,533,528)	1,262,733	<b>(270,795)</b>	(68,499)	25.30%	1,285,600	1,435,991	(72,278)	<b>1,363,713</b>	440,478	32.30%
Business Services	(100)	(100)	-	<b>(100)</b>	(495)	495.27%	988,383	1,134,424	236,847	<b>1,371,271</b>	602,223	43.92%
Civil Works (excl Roads, Bridges, Footpaths)	(5,543,487)	(8,724,174)	(70,600)	<b>(8,794,774)</b>	624,480	-7.10%	1,134,848	1,359,734	80,690	<b>1,440,424</b>	685,337	47.58%
Community and Culture	(2,757,378)	(5,493,485)	(33,398)	<b>(5,526,883)</b>	(1,031,845)	18.67%	1,621,571	2,025,000	13,580	<b>2,038,580</b>	897,544	44.03%
Development, Building and Compliance	(426,320)	(541,454)	(148,250)	<b>(689,704)</b>	(503,640)	73.02%	1,153,165	1,276,123	-	<b>1,276,123</b>	565,297	44.30%
Executive Office	(235,018)	(279,364)	(2,500)	<b>(281,864)</b>	(46,846)	16.62%	1,143,315	1,526,012	2,700	<b>1,528,712</b>	678,626	44.39%
Finance and Customer Services	(16,693,473)	(16,959,208)	-	<b>(16,959,208)</b>	(10,479,012)	61.79%	1,629,943	1,722,716	(277)	<b>1,722,439</b>	640,911	37.21%
Risk Management, WH&S	(80,000)	(162,200)	(120,215)	<b>(282,415)</b>	(117,364)	41.56%	834,500	1,207,474	328,098	<b>1,535,572</b>	988,247	64.36%
Parks, Recreation & Public Toilets	(21,410)	(2,407,527)	(1,300)	<b>(2,408,827)</b>	(994,408)	41.28%	2,989,068	3,049,401	1,300	<b>3,050,701</b>	1,380,709	45.26%
Regulatory Services	(764,003)	(959,248)	693	<b>(958,555)</b>	(530,023)	55.29%	1,862,475	2,292,324	(693)	<b>2,291,631</b>	1,337,409	58.36%
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths, etc	(4,413,039)	(6,561,787)	(894,038)	<b>(7,455,825)</b>	(2,232,303)	29.94%	11,847,601	14,590,697	5,447	<b>14,596,144</b>	3,178,957	21.78%
Technical Services (excl Roads, Bridges, Footpaths)	(110,000)	(130,400)	-	<b>(130,400)</b>	(46,252)	35.47%	(290,309)	310,895	8,700	<b>319,595</b>	(467,428)	-146.26%
Waste Services	(3,413,271)	(3,116,373)	(223,572)	<b>(3,339,945)</b>	(3,124,303)	93.54%	1,826,156	3,044,474	19,600	<b>3,064,074</b>	1,078,683	35.20%
Water Supply Services	(4,543,000)	(4,614,400)	9,600	<b>(4,604,800)</b>	(2,087,438)	45.33%	4,068,724	4,029,512	133,220	<b>4,162,732</b>	1,328,971	31.93%
Wewerage Services	(2,981,653)	(3,156,400)	(4,300)	<b>(3,160,700)</b>	1,012,641	-32.04%	2,101,761	2,264,793	562,777	<b>2,827,570</b>	772,351	27.32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>(43,437,765)</b>	<b>(54,639,648)</b>	<b>(225,147)</b>	<b>(54,864,795)</b>	<b>(19,625,305)</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>34,196,801</b>	<b>41,269,570</b>	<b>1,319,711</b>	<b>42,589,281</b>	<b>14,108,317</b>	

## 8.3 COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

### 8.3.1 COOTAMUNDRA YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365528
REPORTING OFFICER	James Tonson, Youth and Inclusion Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<p><b>1. A vibrant and supportive community: all members of our community are valued</b></p> <p>1.1 Our Community is inclusive and connected</p> <p><b>1. A vibrant and supportive community: all members of our community are valued</b></p> <p>1.2 Public spaces provide for a diversity of activity and strengthen our social connections</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	<p>1. Cootamundra Youth Council - Minutes 7th February 2022 <a href="#">↓</a></p> <p>2. Cootamundra Youth Council - Youth Hub Vision February 2022 <a href="#">↓</a></p>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The minutes of the Cootamundra Youth Council meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, attached to the report be received and noted.
2. The new members of the Cootamundra Youth Council Laila Ismay (February, 2022) and Hannah Drum (December, 2021) be welcomed and endorsed.
3. Council congratulate the newly elected Youth Mayor Kyle Collins.
4. The updated Vision for the Youth Hub (attached) be endorsed.

## Introduction

The Minutes of the Cootamundra Youth Council (CYC) Meeting held Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 are submitted for the information of Council and the community.

## Discussion

CYC continues to receive welcome interest from new members. Current CYC members are:

- Kyle Collins (Youth Mayor)
- Michelle Rabey (Secretary)



- Will Ellis (Treasurer)
- Kyle Sheppard
- Eliza Cowell
- Hannah Drum
- Leila Ismay

CYC looks forward to continuing to work with Logan Collins in his capacity as Councillor and Councillor Delegate to CYC.

### **Youth Hub Vision**

As per Council's Youth Strategy 2020-2030, CYC continues to work towards establishing a Youth Hub in Cootamundra.

The Vision for the Youth Hub, attached to the report, has been developed by CYC with input from young people in the wider community through public consultation and direct submissions. The Vision will continue to be refined through ongoing consultation.

The Vision reflects the range of the enthusiastic ideas, as detailed in submissions received and noted at consultation sessions, so as to reflect funding realities and provide a narrower sense of what is essential for a viable Youth Hub.

This updated Vision has also been submitted for inclusion in Council's Community Strategy Plan once endorsed by Council.

CYC thanks Council for their vital support of this project and hopes that the Vision Statement assists in identifying an appropriate location for the Youth Hub and funding opportunities for the Youth Hub.



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**COOTAMUNDRA YOUTH COUNCIL**

# **Minutes**

## **Monthly Formal Meeting**

**4:00PM, MONDAY 7th February 2022**

**Cootamundra Alby Schultz Room**

**Meeting opened at 4:08PM****1. Confirmation of Quorum**

**Present:** Leila Ismay, Eliza Cowell, Hannah Drum, Wil Ellis, Kyle Collins (Chair), Michelle Rabey (minutes) James Tonson, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Charlie Sheahan, Ellenore Clapham (guest), Tenesha Silk (guest)

**Apologies:** Kyle Sheppard

**2. Confirmation of Membership**

All present members acknowledged Leila's membership and were unanimously in favor of Leila joining the Youth Council.

**3. Executive Elections**

Wil Ellis took the Chair to conduct the following elections:

Youth Mayor: Kyle Collins

Nominated by: Michelle Rabey, seconded by: Eliza Cowell

Publicity Officer: Hannah Drum

Nominated by: Eliza Cowell, seconded by: Leila Ismay

Deputy Youth Mayor: left vacant until the next meeting as there were no nominations accepted for the position

**4. Confirmation & Amendment of Previous Minutes**

Update to December CYC minutes: Tickets for the Scuba Experience were raffled at the Christmas Street party, rather than being distributed through the schools as previously discussed.

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**5. Previous Business Reports:****5.1. Summer Holiday Events Update**

James updated the CYC on holiday events made possible from grant funding including:

- Half price movies at TACC - low uptake but continuing for Spiderman during February.
- Free pool day - successful
- Multi-sports day - one held in January was enjoyed by all participants, one planned for Feb.
- 'Flying Fruit Fly Circus' - cancelled due to COVID.

**5.2. Youth Forum with Collina Meadows**

Unfortunately, the Youth Forum was postponed due to COVID. However, the CYC will be updated about a future date for the event when the time comes.

**6. Correspondence****6.1. Youth Hub Letters and Response**

Letters sent to Council & CYC by local youth have been integrated into the 'Youth Hub Vision' and reviewed on our planning day. A joint response from Mayor Sheahan and the Youth Mayor will be sent out after the meeting.

The letters, 'Planning Day Notes' and 'Youth Hub Vision' can all be found in document form on the shared CYC Google drive.

**6.2. Updated Youth Hub Vision**

As mentioned, local letters from the youth included ideas added to our Youth Hub Vision along with ideas suggested during the CYC christmas booth.

Charlie Sheahan asked if the Youth Hub was present in the Community Strategic Plan - James to ask for it to be included. replied that he would compile it so it could be more clearly included in the plan. Charlie also suggested that we put the Youth Hub forward as a recommendation to Council.

After review of the Youth Hub Vision document the motion to endorse it was put forward. The motion was then unanimously passed and the Youth Hub Vision endorsed.

**7. Executive Reports:****7.1. Youth Mayor: Kyle Collins**

Kyle wanted to formally thank everyone who could help on Australia Day and encouraged us to in future think of more ideas to involve the youth next year. He also briefly touched upon the speech he conducted during the ceremony as a CYC representative.

**7.2. Treasurer: Wil Ellis**

Wil began by sharing quick notes on the CYC funds:

- \$250 from the Lion's club was accepted last week
- \$2000 is being donated to CYC by Council as thanks for our contribution on Australia Day
- \$216 of profit was made at the 2021 Xmas Street party.

Wil then put forward three motions in regards to the CYC bank account:

Motion 1:

That CYC open an account through South West Slopes Credit Union with Kyle Collins, Wil Ellis and James Tonson as signatories. Any two signatories are authorised to make payments or transfer funds, including via internet banking.

- The motion put forth by Wil Ellis was seconded by Kyle Collins and passed without dissent.

**Motion 2:**

That CYC close our Commonwealth Bank account and transfers all funds to the CYC account with South West Slopes Credit Union.

- The motion put forth by Wil Ellis was seconded by Michelle Rabey and passed without dissent.

**Motion 3:**

That the treasurer is authorised to place CYC funds into a 6 month rolling term deposit account, provided that at least \$3000 remains available as cash on hand.

- The motion put forth by Wil Ellis was seconded by Eliza Cowell and passed without dissent.

**8. General Business:**

**8.1. Goulburn Youth Conference (18th - 20th of February)**

CYC attendees will be driven by Council bus to the event in the morning and will need to take Friday the 18th off school/work in order to attend (unless they can arrange for their own transport).

Members: Leila Ismay, Kyle Collins, Wil Ellis and Michelle Rabey confirmed that they will be attending - Kyle Sheppard is to be followed up with.

The conference will include presentations and workshops featuring many guest speakers. It will also provide the CYC with opportunities to network and learn from other Youth Council groups.

**8.2. Event Coordination Template**

Michelle informed the CYC of an 'Event Planning Template' document for members to use when planning future events. This is to encourage members to take on more leadership roles when it comes to future events and make it clear who is coordinator for different events, improving communication.

The template is currently available on the shared Google Drive in an 'Events' folder and is to be used by all members to plan an event for Youth Week in preparation for the CYC's first workshop meeting.

**8.3. Festival Of the Lights (18th of March 6-10PM)**

Kyle proposed for the upcoming festival of the lights the CYC hires a popup ice-skating rink, stating that he would look into the idea himself. Wil asked if the road would be closed on the night - to be investigated.

Kyle also suggested that should the ice-skating idea not be possible the CYC could run another popcorn/fairy floss stall like the one held at the CDC Christmas Event. Members agreed that this would be a good idea and James suggested that we also include the Youth Hub Consultation on our booth again.

**8.4. Event for Youth Week (4th - 14th of April)**

James brought up the CYC Planning Day Notes and reviewed the section in which the team brainstormed ideas for future events including Youth Week. Commitments for the planning of certain events and dates they should be held on were set out. Members are to fill out event coordination templates for their assigned event in preparation for upcoming workshop meeting: [CYC Youth Week Events Plan - Google Sheets](#)

**- February Workshop Meeting Date**

The date for the February workshop meeting is to be moved from Monday the 14th instead of the 21st in early preparation for the fast approaching Youth Week and to avoid being the same weekend as the Goulburn conference.

**8.5. CYC Jumpers or Winter clothing**

Wil suggested that the CYC looks back on previous concepts and get CYC jumpers for winter. A few concerns and options were raised:

- consider a cheaper all-year alternative eg hats, masks or pins/badges
  - Would Council subsidise this?
  - Could members who want jumpers provide their own jumpers to have a CYC logo embroidered?
- Wil and James to get more quotes and information.

**8.6. CYC Banner**

Proposal that CYC purchase a standing banner, estimated cost \$250 - \$300

Concerns and options:

- Can we make a DIY banner and make better use of funds?
- Would we benefit from both a horizontal and vertical banner?
- Would a professionally designed banner be more durable?
- Could we use corflutes instead?

The CYC dedicated more investigation into both a 'horizontal homemade banner' and 'vertical printed banner' was needed, and both Hannah and Kyle C respectively are to get quotes for the two choices.

**8.7. 2022 Meeting Dates**

A document outlining all of the CYC's formal and workshop meeting dates was adopted and is available for members in the Google Drive.

**9. Next Formal Meeting: To be held at 4:00PM on Monday the 7th of March**

**Meeting closed at 5:22PM**



## Cootamundra Youth Hub Vision

### Facilities

Essentials	Dreaming bigger (pending location & funding)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated youth space, only used by young people &amp; youth services</li> <li>• Accessible for all young people aged 12-25 (inc wheelchair accessibility)</li> <li>• kitchenette for making drinks &amp; snacks (inc, fridge, microwave, sink, kettle etc)</li> <li>• toilets</li> <li>• internet &amp; wifi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to a computer</li> <li>• Video Games – Roblox</li> <li>• TVs for movie nights,</li> <li>• Little library of books for young people</li> <li>• Musical instruments</li> <li>• Canteen/vending machines</li> <li>• Driving simulator</li> <li>• Art supplies, eg paints etc</li> </ul>

### Spaces

Essentials	Dreaming bigger (pending location & funding)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An open space &amp; games area games space</li> <li>• A quiet space to relax, chill &amp; read, including bookshelf &amp; books</li> <li>• Private room where meetings or counselling sessions could be held, or for use by Youth Officer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor area with garden &amp; chairs</li> <li>• Garden with soccer and football posts</li> <li>• basketball, cricket pitch, tennis court.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• space to plant lucern or practise agriculture</li> <li>• Full kitchen for cooking demo's, classes, practice or experimentation</li> <li>• Art &amp; craft space</li> <li>• Places to practice &amp; record music making</li> <li>• Dirt bike mechanic space</li> <li>• A fake beach or a place to hang in the spa.</li> <li>• Theatre room, lounge room, games room, social room</li> </ul>



**Activities and events we'd like to hold in a Youth Hub?**

Activities	Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Games, eg Monopoly, Twister, Snakes &amp; Ladders, Connect Four</li><li>• meet up &amp; hang with friends.</li><li>• Improve skills, learn how to cook, explore new recipes,</li><li>• Painting, crafting, sculpturing,</li><li>• Photography &amp; jewellery workshops</li><li>• playing music,</li><li>• sporting activities, eg table tennis, pool table etc</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday night events,</li><li>• pizza night,</li><li>• pajama party,</li><li>• dress ups,</li><li>• discoes,</li><li>• trivia nights,</li><li>• guest speakers,</li><li>• games nights eg Yatzee, board games</li></ul>

## 8.4 DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING AND COMPLIANCE

### 8.4.1 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL

DOCUMENT NUMBER	364797
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Personal Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<p><b>2. A prosperous and resilient economy: we are innovative and 'open for business'</b></p> <p>2.2 Strategic land-use planning is co-ordinated and needs-based</p> <p><b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b></p> <p>4.2 Active participation and engagement in local decision-making</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

1. **Mr Gordon Lindley remaining in the position of sitting Member for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council on the Joint Regional Planning Panel be considered.**
2. **Mark Ellis, Manager Civil Works be nominated as the alternative delegate in the event Mr Lindley is unavailable to fulfil his role as representative to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.**

### Introduction

At its Ordinary Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 Council endorsed (Min. no. 463/2019) Mr. Gordon Lindley as the community representative on the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Regional Planning Panel's (RPP) determine regional development, as outlined in Schedule 7 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011, with a capital investment value of over \$30Million (M) or developments over \$5M which are:

- Council related
- Lodged by or on behalf of the Crown (state of NSW)
- Private infrastructure and community facilities
- Eco-tourist facilities
- Extractive industries, waste facilities and marinas that are designated development,

- Certain coastal subdivisions
- Development with a capital investment value between \$10M and \$30M which is referred to the Planning Panel by the applicant after 120 days.

It is the responsibility of the relevant local council to carry out a proper and professional assessment of a proposal for a Panel's determination of a relevant DA. This will include the public exhibition of the application and assessment of submissions received.

### Discussion

The Planning Panel Operational Procedures indicate that Panels have two council members appointed by each Council. Panel members should have good local knowledge of the community and the issues that are important in the wider community context. The guidelines for panel members contain qualifications that at least one of the council appointed members should have. Currently Council's two appointed members are Mr. Tony Donoghue and Mr. Gordon Lindley.

Mr. Tony Donoghue is independent from our Council, and the current General Manager from Coolamon Shire Council. He holds necessary qualification. He is willing to continue in that capacity.

This report seeks the endorsement of Council for Mr Gordon Lindley to continue in the role of community member. In the past it has been difficult to recruit members with local knowledge, wide ranging experience and awareness of planning matters.

Mr Lindley has been involved in the Gundagai community for many decades. He served the former Gundagai Shire Council community, as councillor, for a period of 12 years, with six of those years as Mayor.

Mr Lindley has wide ranging interests in the community, significant local knowledge and community connections, understanding of the functions of local government and awareness of planning matters that affected the local economy, community and environment. Mr Lindley is a respected member of the community and has been a credible Council representative to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

With potential for upcoming developments, it is thought appropriate to resolve to have an alternative delegate within our Council team to cover availability if needed.

#### 8.4.2 EMPLOYMENT ZONE REFORM - TRANSLATION DETAIL TO AMEND LAND USE TABLES OF COOTAMUNDRA AND GUNDAGAI LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365336
REPORTING OFFICER	Craig Perrin, Town Planner
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b>  2.2 Strategic land-use planning is co-ordinated and needs-based
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Compliance with the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) (Land Use Zones) Order 2021 as part of the Employment Zones Reform.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gundagai LEP 2011 - Translation of the employment zones land use table <a href="#">↓</a></li> <li>2. Cootamundra LEP 2013 - Translation of the employment zones land use tables <a href="#">↓</a></li> </ol>

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. The proposed translation changes to the Land Use Tables of the Cootamundra Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 and Gundagai LEP 2011 as detailed in the Translation of the Employment Zones Land Use Tables documents be endorsed.
2. The Translation of the Employment Zones Land Use Tables documents are submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for public exhibition and further processing by DPIE as part of the Employment Zone Reforms.

#### Introduction

The Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (SI LEP Order) has been amended to give effect to the Employment Zones reform that, on completion, will replace the existing Business and Industrial zones with new zones. All Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plans (LEP) in NSW must be made in accordance with the SI LEP Order. This means that a translation amendment to Cootamundra LEP 2013 and Gundagai LEP 2011 be proposed. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) is coordinating the translation of LEPs amendments and is proposing a centralised public exhibition of all LEP amendments in April, 2022.

Upon review of Council's initial return translation documents by the DPIE, there has been refinements to the documents provided at a Councillor workshop where the amendments were discussed.

### Discussion

The DPIE has amended the SI LEP Order introduce five employment zones and three supporting zones. On 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 the Business and Industrial zones will be repealed from the SI LEP Order.

- The new zones are:
  - E1 Local Centre
  - E2 Commercial Centre
  - E3 Productivity Support
  - E4 General Industrial
  - E5 Heavy Industrial
- Supporting zones
  - MU1 Mixed Use
  - W4 Working Waterfront
  - SP4 Enterprise

The new employment zones came into effect within the Standard Instrument Principal Local Environmental Plan on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

It was recommended by the NSW Productivity Commission to rationalise the number of employment zones in NSW and to increase flexibility within the new zones to expand the land uses that are permitted.

The DPIE exhibited the employment zones framework from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council did not make a submission.

To progress the translation to the new zones DPIE has provided a preliminary translation of Council's LEP including prepared land use tables. Council has reviewed DPIE's translation. This detail is now being prepared for public exhibition being coordinated by DPIE.

### **Current considerations**

- Council can review the translation of the zones alongside the broader suite of employment zones to find a zone that best fits councils' strategic planning.
- There may be some scope to make changes to align with endorsed employment strategies however a zone selection that generally changes the intent of the existing zone or range of permitted uses may be better dealt with as part of future planning proposal.
- A savings and transitional provision will be made which means councils can make changes to other documents incrementally including DCPs, Local Strategic Planning Statements, council strategies, policies, plans and forms.

### **Next steps**

- A self-repealing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) will be exhibited by DPIE in April, 2022.
- The SEPP EIE will outline each council's proposed LEP amendment.
- DPIE is building a web platform so that communities can readily identify their local changes and make specific submissions on the proposed translation and associated detail relevant to their local areas.

- Submissions in their entirety as well as summaries will be shared with councils following exhibition to enable finalisation of the policy between DPIE and Council in the second half of 2022.
- It is intended to amend all LEPs before December, 2022.



## Translation of the employment zones land use tables

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*Gundagai LEP 2011 land use tables (Version 2.0)*

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## Gundagai Local Environmental Plan 2011

### Zone E1 Local Centre

#### 1 Objectives of zone

- To provide a range of retail, business and community uses that serve the needs of people who live, work or visit the area.
- To encourage investment in local commercial development that generates employment opportunities and economic growth.
- To enable residential development that contributes to a vibrant and active local centre and is consistent with the Council's strategic planning for residential development in the area.
- To encourage business, retail, community and other non-residential land uses on the ground floor of buildings.
- To promote the enhancement and conservation of heritage items.
- To ensure new development occurs in a manner that does not compromise the values of existing heritage items.
- To encourage high quality urban design.

#### 2 Permitted without consent

Home occupations

#### 3 Permitted with consent

Amusement centres; Boarding houses; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Centre-based child care facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; [Educational establishments](#); Entertainment facilities; Function centres; Home businesses; Home industries; Hotel or motel accommodation; Information and education facilities; [Light industries](#); Local distribution premises; Medical centres; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Respite day care centres; Roads; [Self-storage units](#); Service stations; Shop top housing; Tank-based aquaculture; Veterinary hospitals; [Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4](#)

#### 4 Prohibited

[Agriculture](#); [Air transport facilities](#); [Animal boarding or training establishments](#); [Boat building and repair facilities](#); [Boat sheds](#); [Camping grounds](#); [Caravan parks](#); [Cemeteries](#); [Charter and tourism boating facilities](#); [Correctional centres](#); [Crematoria](#); [Depots](#); [Eco-tourist facilities](#); [Electricity generating works](#); [Exhibition homes](#); [Exhibition villages](#); [Extractive industries](#); [Farm buildings](#); [Forestry](#); [Heavy industrial storage establishments](#); [Highway service centres](#); [Home occupations \(sex services\)](#); [Industrial retail outlets](#); [Industrial training facilities](#); [Industries](#); [Marinas](#); [Mooring pens](#); [Moorings](#); [Open cut mining](#); [Pond-based aquaculture](#); [Research stations](#); [Rural industries](#); [Rural workers' dwellings](#); [Sewerage systems](#); [Sex services premises](#); [Storage premises](#); [Waste or resource management facilities](#); [Water recreation structures](#); [Water treatment facilities](#); [Wharf or boating facilities](#)

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## Zone E4 General Industrial

### 1 Objectives of zone

- To provide a range of industrial, warehouse, logistics and related land uses.
- To ensure the efficient and viable use of land for industrial uses.
- To minimise any adverse effect of industry on other land uses.
- To encourage employment opportunities.
- To enable limited non-industrial land uses that provide facilities and services to meet the needs of businesses and workers.

### 2 Permitted without consent

Nil

### 3 Permitted with consent

Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Depots; Freight transport facilities; Garden centres; General industries; Goods repair and reuse premises; Hardware and building supplies; Industrial retail outlets; Industrial training facilities; Light industries; Local distribution premises; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Roads; Take away food and drink premises; Tank-based aquaculture; Warehouse or distribution centres; [Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4](#)

### 4 Prohibited

[Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Amusement centres; Animal boarding or training establishments; Boat building and repair facilities; Boat sheds; Business premises; Camping grounds; Cellar door premises; Cemeteries; Centre-based child care facilities; Charter and tourism boating facilities; Community facilities; Correctional centres; Eco-tourist facilities; Educational establishments; Entertainment facilities; Environmental protection works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Flood mitigation works; Forestry; Function centres; Hazardous industries; Hazardous storage establishments; Health services facilities; Highway service centres; Home-based child care; Information and education facilities; Marinas; Markets; Mooring pens; Moorings; Mortuaries; Offensive industries; Offensive storage establishments; Office premises; Open cut mining; Passenger transport facilities; Pond-based aquaculture; Public administration buildings; Pubs; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities \(major\); Recreation facilities \(outdoor\), Registered clubs; Research stations; Residential accommodation; Respite day care centres; Restaurants or cafes; Roadside stalls; Sewerage systems; Shops; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Veterinary hospitals; Waste disposable facilities; Water recreation structures; Water treatment facilities; Wharf or boating facilities](#)

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## Zone MU1 Mixed Use

### 1 Objectives of zone

- To encourage a diversity of business, retail, office and light industrial land uses that generate employment opportunities.
- To ensure that new development provides diverse and active street frontages to attract pedestrian traffic and to contribute to vibrant, diverse and functional streets and public spaces.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.
- To encourage business, retail, community and other non-residential land uses on the ground floor of buildings.
- To promote appropriate development at South Gundagai having regard to its strategic relationship to the Hume Highway.

### 2 Permitted without consent

Home occupations

### 3 Permitted with consent

Agricultural produce industries; Amusement centres; Boarding houses; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Car parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; Educational establishments; Entertainment facilities; Function centres; Home industries; Information and education facilities; Light industries; Local distribution premises; Medical centres; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Registered clubs; Respite day care centres; Restricted premises; Roads; Seniors housing; Shop top housing; Tank-based aquaculture; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Vehicle repair stations; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4

### 4 Prohibited

Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Animal boarding or training establishments; Boat building and repair facilities; Boat sheds; Cemeteries; Charter and tourism boating facilities; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Eco-tourist facilities; Electricity generating works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Flood mitigation works; Forestry; Hazardous storage establishments; Industrial training facilities; Industries; Marinas; Mooring pens; Moorings; Offensive storage establishments; Open cut mining; Pond-based aquaculture; Research stations; Rural industries; Rural workers' dwellings; Sewerage systems; Waste or resource management facilities; Water recreation structures; Water treatment facilities; Wharf or boating facilities

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### Local Provisions and Schedule 1 – Additional permitted uses

This table lists Local Provisions and Schedule 1 – Additional permitted uses. The department, in reviewing these existing provisions, has prepared a recommendation for how to proceed as part of translation into the new employment zones. Council is asked to review, confirm, or amend the recommendations.

Nil



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*Cootamundra LEP 2013 land use tables (Version 2.0)*

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## Cootamundra Local Environmental Plan 2013

### Zone E2 Commercial Centre

#### 1 Objectives of zone

- To strengthen the role of the commercial centre as the centre of business, retail, community and cultural activity.
- To encourage investment in commercial development that generates employment opportunities and economic growth.
- To encourage development that has a high level of accessibility and amenity, particularly for pedestrians.
- To enable residential development that is consistent with the Council's strategic planning for residential development in the area.
- To ensure that new development provides diverse and active street frontages to attract pedestrian traffic and to contribute to vibrant, diverse and functional streets and public spaces.

#### 2 Permitted without consent

Home occupations

#### 3 Permitted with consent

Amusement centres; Artisan food and drink industries; Backpacker's accommodation; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Car parks; Centre-based child care facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; Educational establishments; Entertainment facilities; Function centres; Home businesses; Home industries; Hotel or motel accommodation; Information and education facilities; Local distribution premises; Medical centres; Mortuaries; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; [Recreation areas](#); Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Respite day care centres; Restricted premises; Roads; [Shop top housing](#); Tank-based aquaculture; Vehicle repair stations; Veterinary hospitals; [Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4](#)

#### 4 Prohibited

[Agriculture](#); [Air transport facilities](#); [Airstrips](#); [Animal boarding or training establishments](#); [Biosolids treatment facilities](#); [Boat building and repair facilities](#); [Boat launching ramps](#); [Boat sheds](#); [Camping grounds](#); [Caravan parks](#); [Cemeteries](#); [Charter and tourism boating facilities](#); [Correctional centres](#); [Crematoria](#); [Depots](#); [Eco-tourist facilities](#); [Electricity generating works](#); [Environmental protection works](#); [Exhibition homes](#); [Exhibition villages](#); [Extractive industries](#); [Farm buildings](#); [Flood mitigation works](#); [Forestry](#); [Freight transport facilities](#); [Heavy industrial storage establishments](#); [Helipads](#); [Highway service centres](#); [Home occupations \(sex services\)](#); [Industrial retail outlets](#); [Industrial training facilities](#); [Industries](#); [Jetties](#); [Marinas](#); [Mooring pens](#); [Moorings](#); [Open cut mining](#); [Pond-based aquaculture](#); [Recreation facilities \(major\)](#); [Research stations](#); [Residential accommodation](#); [Resource recovery facilities](#); [Rural industries](#); [Sewage treatment plants](#); [Sex services premises](#); [Storage premises](#); [Transport depots](#); [Truck depots](#); [Vehicle body repair workshops](#); [Warehouse or](#)

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distribution centres; Waste disposal facilities; Water recreation structures; Water recycling facilities; Water supply systems; Wharf or boating facilities; Wholesale supplies

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## Zone E3 Productivity Support

### 1 Objectives of zone

- To provide a range of facilities and services, light industries, warehouses and offices.
- To provide for land uses that are compatible with, but do not compete with, land uses in surrounding local and commercial centres.
- To maintain the economic viability of local and commercial centres by limiting certain retail and commercial activity.
- To provide for land uses that meet the needs of the community, businesses and industries but that are not suited to locations in other employment zones.
- To provide opportunities for new and emerging light industries.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities and services to meet the day to day needs of workers, to sell goods of a large size, weight or quantity or to sell goods manufactured on-site.
- To maintain the operation and function of the Olympic Highway.
- To facilitate the development of large-scale business premises that do not detract from the core commercial functions of the Cootamundra central business district.

### 2 Permitted without consent

Roads

### 3 Permitted with consent

Animal boarding or training establishments; Boat building and repair facilities; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Business premises; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Depots; Function centres; Garden centres; Hardware and building supplies; Home industries; Hotel or motel accommodation; Industrial retail outlets; Industrial training facilities; Information and education facilities; Landscaping material supplies; Light industries; Local distribution premises; Markets; Mortuaries; Neighbourhood shops; Office premises; Oyster aquaculture; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Research stations; Respite day care centres; Rural supplies; Service stations; Specialised retail premises; Storage premises; Take away food and drink premises; Tank-based aquaculture; Timber yards; Vehicle body repair workshops; Vehicle repair stations; Vehicle sales or hire premises; Veterinary hospitals; Warehouse or distribution centres; Wholesale supplies; [Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4](#)

### 4 Prohibited

[Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cemeteries; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Eco-tourist facilities; Electricity generating works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Forestry; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Home occupations \(sex services\); Industries; Marinas; Mooring pens; Open cut mining; Pond-based aquaculture; Residential accommodation; Restricted premises; Retail premises; Rural industries; Sewerage systems; Sex services premises; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Wharf or boating facilities](#)

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## Zone E4 General Industrial

### 1 Objectives of zone

- To provide a range of industrial, warehouse, logistics and related land uses.
- To ensure the efficient and viable use of land for industrial uses.
- To minimise any adverse effect of industry on other land uses.
- To encourage employment opportunities.
- To enable limited non-industrial land uses that provide facilities and services to meet the needs of businesses and workers.

### 2 Permitted without consent

Roads

### 3 Permitted with consent

[Agricultural produce industries](#); Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Depots; Freight transport facilities; [Funeral homes](#); Garden centres; General industries; Goods repair and reuse premises; Hardware and building supplies; Industrial retail outlets; Industrial training facilities; [Landscaping material supplies](#); Light industries; Liquid fuel depots; Local distribution premises; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; [Plant nurseries](#); [Rural supplies](#); [Sawmill or log processing works](#); [Specialised retail premises](#); Take away food and drink premises; Tank-based aquaculture; [Timber yards](#); [Vehicle sales or hire premises](#); Warehouse or distribution centres; [Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4](#)

### 4 Prohibited

[Agriculture](#); [Air transport facilities](#); [Airstrips](#); [Amusement centres](#); [Animal boarding or training establishments](#); [Boat launching ramps](#); [Boat sheds](#); [Camping grounds](#); [Car parks](#); [Caravan parks](#); [Cemeteries](#); [Centre-based child care facilities](#); [Charter and tourism boating facilities](#); [Commercial premises](#); [Community facilities](#); [Correctional centres](#); [Crematoria](#); [Eco-tourist facilities](#); [Educational establishments](#); [Entertainment facilities](#); [Environmental facilities](#); [Exhibition homes](#); [Exhibition villages](#); [Extractive industries](#); [Farm buildings](#); [Flood mitigation works](#); [Forestry](#); [Function centres](#); [Health services facilities](#); [Heavy industrial storage establishments](#); [Heavy industries](#); [Helipads](#); [Highway service centres](#); [Home businesses](#); [Home occupations](#); [Home occupations \(sex services\)](#); [Information and education facilities](#); [Jetties](#); [Marinas](#); [Mooring pens](#); [Moorings](#); [Open cut mining](#); [Places of public worship](#); [Pond-based aquaculture](#); [Public administration buildings](#); [Recreation areas](#); [Recreation facilities \(indoor\)](#); [Recreation facilities \(major\)](#); [Recreation facilities \(outdoor\)](#); [Registered clubs](#); [Research stations](#); [Residential accommodation](#); [Respite day care centres](#); [Restricted premises](#); [Rural industries](#); [Sex services premises](#); [Tourist and visitor accommodation](#); [Water recreation structures](#); [Water supply systems](#); [Wharf or boating facilities](#)

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### Zone E5 Heavy Industrial

#### 1 Objectives of zone

- To provide areas for industries that need to be separated from other land uses.
- To ensure the efficient and viable use of land for industrial uses.
- To minimise any adverse effect of industry on other land uses.
- To encourage employment opportunities.

#### 2 Permitted without consent

Roads

#### 3 Permitted with consent

Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Data centres; Depots; Freight transport facilities; General industries; Hazardous storage establishments; Heavy industries; Industrial training facilities; Offensive storage establishments; Oyster aquaculture; Tank-based aquaculture; Warehouse or distribution centres; [Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4](#)

#### 4 Prohibited

[Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Amusement centres; Animal boarding or training establishments; Boat building and repair facilities; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Camping grounds; Car parks; Caravan parks; Cemeteries; Centre-based child care facilities; Charter and tourism boating facilities; Commercial premises; Community facilities; Correctional centres; Eco-tourist facilities; Educational establishments; Entertainment facilities; Environmental facilities; Environmental protection works; Exhibition homes; Exhibition villages; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Flood mitigation works; Forestry; Function centres; Health services facilities; Helipads; Highway service centres; Home businesses; Home occupations; Home occupations \(sex services\); Industrial retail outlets; Industries; Information and education facilities; Jetties; Local distribution premises; Light industries; Marinas; Mooring pens; Moorings; Mortuaries; Open cut mining; Passenger transport facilities; Places of public worship; Pond-based aquaculture; Public administration buildings; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities \(indoor\); Recreation facilities \(major\); Recreation facilities \(outdoor\); Registered clubs; Research stations; Residential accommodation; Respite day care centres; Restricted premises; Service stations; Sex services premises; Stock and sale yards; Storage premises; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Vehicle repair stations; Veterinary hospitals; Water recreation structures; Water storage facilities; Wharf or boating facilities; Wholesale supplies](#)

## Employment zones reform

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Translation of Cootamundra LEP 2013 land use tables



## Local Provisions and Schedule 1 – Additional permitted uses

Nil.

**8.4.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS JANUARY 2022**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365357
REPORTING OFFICER	Craig Perrin, Town Planner
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b> 3.2 Our built environments support and enhance liveability
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and related legislation..
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The information on Development Applications approved in January 2022 be received and noted.**

Introduction

The Development Applications Approved in January 2022 report is submitted for the information of Council regarding development applications processed.

Discussion

The following development applications were approved by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council in January 2022:

APP. NO.	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
010.2022.6	New Signage	Lot: A DP: 327881, Hovell Street, Cootamundra
010.2022.1	New Pool/Spa	Lot: 10 DP: 660536, Centenary Avenue, Cootamundra
010.2021.196	New Dwelling	Lot: 541 DP: 1250917, Hanley Lane, Gundagai
010.2021.192	Change of Use (Homebased Childcare Service) and Internal Alterations to Existing Shed	Lot: 5 Sec: F DP: 1975, Berthong Street, Cootamundra
010.2021.191	Alterations to Alterations and additions to commercial	Lot: 505 DP: 753601, Hurley Street, Cootamundra



010.2021.187	Addition/alteration to Darbalara Rural Fire Shed	Lot: 3 DP: 1113473, Darbalara Road, Gundagai
010.2021.189	Demolish existing toilet block & build new attached toilet block	Lot: 237 DP: 753599, Coolac Road, Coolac
010.2021.188	Home business – to establish and operate a home based food business	Lot: 10 DP: 825825, Brungle Road, Gundagai
010.2021.183	New Dwelling	Lot: 3 DP: 1112706, Nangus Road, Gundagai
010.2021.150	New Shed	Lot: 1 DP: 811149, Scott Avenue, Cootamundra

**VALUE OF WORK REPORTED TO THIS MEETING:     \$ 1,384,526.00**

**VALUE OF WORK REPORTED YEAR TO DATE:         \$39,442,739.00**

THIS TIME LAST YEAR:

VALUE OF WORK –January 2021-    \$2,429,839.00

VALUE OF WORK – YTD 2021-     \$13,089,210.00

## 8.5 REGULATORY SERVICES

### 8.5.1 REGULATORY REPORT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	364904
REPORTING OFFICER	Glen McAtear, Manager Regulatory Services
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</b>  4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

**The Regulatory Report for November 2021 to January 2022 be received and noted.**

#### Introduction

The following report details the main activities that were undertaken by the Regulatory staff during the months of October, November & December 2021 and January 2022.

#### Saleyard Activities

- Sheep Sales held – Cootamundra: 4 - Yarding information: Total sheep sold: 8,554 head.
- Total amount of Vendor sales - \$1,492,106.30 Top price: \$274.20, Average Price: \$174.43
- Cattle Sales held – 0
- Truck wash Registered Operators: Cootamundra Saleyards: 113, Individual usages 203 - Amount received \$9,419.25
- Truck wash Registered Operators: Gundagai Saleyards: 117, Individual usages 298 - Amount received \$9,692.61
- Transit Fees Received: Cootamundra Yards: 0 Gundagai Yards: 0

General yard maintenance, hosing and repairs were undertaken at the Gundagai and Cootamundra yards. Cootamundra Truck wash maintenance was undertaken with tank flushing and excess manure removal from pit.

#### Biosecurity Activities

Regulatory staff have continued with weed spraying throughout the Local Government Area (LGA). Regional roads and Highways, Township lanes and streets, in addition to Parks, Sporting ovals and reserves, tips and stockpile sites and fire suppressions.

Staff have been targeting Blue Thistles along- Ryans Lane, Ingolds Lane, Rosehill Road, Old Gundagai Road (partial, Olympic Hwy end), St Johns Wort along Back Brawlin Road, Brawlin Road, Shaftsbury Lane, Ryans Lane, Old Gundagai Road, Cullinga Road, Cullinga Mines Road, Ingolds Lane, Wallendoon Lane, Pioneer Park (access and car park areas) Also St Johns Wort & Blue thistle were sprayed south and west of Cootamundra (Dirnaseer, Frampton, Dudaumen & Stockinbingal areas) & various other spot spraying around town vicinity. Blackberries, Blue Thistles and St Johns Wort along with other invasive weeds were sprayed in and around Gundagai. Biosecurity staff also carried out roadside weed inspections, drumMUSTER collections continued to be received and all Cemeteries and Saleyards have also been sprayed.

#### Ranger Activities

Along with regular patrols around the LGA the Council Rangers attended to several complaints: 3 Nuisance dog issues (predominantly barking issues), 2 nuisance cat complaints, no straying livestock incidents. 7 dog attack incidents, menacing dog compliance home checks were carried out and 4 illegal dumping cases and related clean-ups and 2 abandoned vehicles impounded.

The Animal Care Facilities was cleaned, mowed, whipper snipped and maintained. Dog Waste Stations were refilled with bags in all parks and off leash areas. Rangers continue to follow up communications regarding the Companion Animal Audit.

NSW Companion Animal Registrations: 73 - Amount received: \$4,266.00

Total number of Dogs and Cats seized across the LGA for this period were: 60.

20 of these from the Cootamundra area, 1 from Coolac, 39 from the Gundagai area. The outcomes of these animals seized were: 12 returned home, 12 were rehomed, 32 were Euthanised (predominately feral cats from South Gundagai), 4 animals remain impounded going into February.

#### Cemetery Activities

Burial enquiries undertaken-Locate graves, provide maps and information for family research: 108.

All cemeteries were sprayed for weeds, mowed, plants, roses and hedges were pruned, and tree litter was removed. General grave maintenance was undertaken with the topping up of sunken graves, backfilling feral animal holes and irrigation repairs were undertaken.

Regulatory staff continued to collect additional cemetery data and photographs for the new cemetery mapping system being developed for Council's 13 cemeteries.

Local Funeral Directors utilised Council's marquees to hold private ceremonies in the Cootamundra Lawn Cemetery.

Burial/Interments: 29 - Cemetery Locations: Cootamundra 17, North Gundagai 4, South Gundagai 3, Tumblong 2, Nangus 1, Coolac 1, Wallendbeen 1 and Stockinbingal 1.

## **8.6 ASSETS**

Nil

## 8.7 CIVIL WORKS

### 8.7.1 CIVIL WORKS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT - FEBRUARY 2022

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365188
REPORTING OFFICER	Julie Buckley, Operations Support Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b> 3.2 Our built environments support and enhance liveability
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Civil Works and Technical Services Report for the month of February 2022 be received and noted.**

#### Introduction

The Civil Works and Technical Services Report for the month of February 2022 is submitted for the information of Council and the community.

#### Discussion

##### *Fixing Local Roads Projects:*

Edwardstown Road, Gundagai has reached practical completion following the placement of primer seal the first week of February. This project involved considerable earthworks, removal and replacement of unsuitable pavement subgrade material followed by in situ stabilisation. The result is a wider, improved surface for road users and has rectified numerous defects along this length.

##### *Mackay Street, Cootamundra:*

Mackay Street Cootamundra has seen the section, either side of Onley Street, reconstructed and sealed, which now sees the section between Onley and Poole Streets finished. The kerb between Onley and Margaret Streets has been replaced and at the time of reporting, the last section from Ursula to Parker Streets was being prepared for replacement. A couple for damaged sections near the Caravan Park will also be replaced prior to actual road works. Expectations are that the road pavement works will commence in March.

##### *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program:*

The new footbridge at the top end of Mackay Street (Cootamundra) has now been completed. This has seen the old narrow footbridge replaced with a 2.4 meter wide bridge suitable for all users including disability scooters.

Work has recommenced on the Pioneer Park Access Road (Cootamundra). Formation and reshaping of new table drains has been completed with road and carpark pavement works currently underway.

*Bridge Renewal Program:*

Work is progressing well on the Burra Road Bridge (Burra Creek) replacement with the bridge itself now complete following the pouring of the in situ reinforced concrete deck in early February. Council crews are working on constructing abutments and road approaches whilst observing the 28-day concrete curing time. It is expected the bridge will be opened in early March.

Work has commenced on the Brawlin Road Bridge (Burra Creek) with a temporary sidetrack now in place ahead of Council's contractor starting work on the bridge itself.

*Restart NSW Timber Haulage Projects:*

Work has resumed on Nanangroe Road (Adjunbilly) with drain clearing and preliminary earthworks underway on a 2.5km section north of Threeways Road (Adjunbilly). Crews will progress onto pavement work in the coming weeks.

*Storm Damage Repairs:*

Work have been undertaken on Black Springs Road (Wallendbeen), West Jindalee Road (Jindalee) and Sheep Station Creek (Brawlin), Bundarbo Road (Gobarralong), Hopewood Road (Gobarralong), Hoares Lane (Coolac) and Parsons Creek Road (Adjungbilly) to repair damage from the early January storms. These were the most damaged from this event and required substantial repairs while other numerous roads only suffered minimal damage and were attended to as well. Several bitumen roads including Berthong Road (Cootamundra) and Silo Road (Wallendbeen) had small areas of bitumen surface damage which has been temporarily repaired. Council is currently submitting a storm damage claim for assistance for the cost recovery from this storm event.

*General Works:*

Bitumen shire road patching has continued where necessary across the whole Local Government Area (LGA) as required. Grass slashing has continued in earnest to keep ahead of the prolific growth currently being experienced. Areas include Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen townships and the Cootamundra township.

Kerb and Gutter replacement is underway in the vicinity of Bourke and Hanley Streets, Gundagai.

Heavy patching is again underway on the Burley Griffin Way just east of Stockinbingal. These works have been recently approved by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) as addition to the works completed in December 2021 and will be followed by other additional works again in March. Heavy patching is also underway on Muttama Rd, east of Muttama, to rectify numerous defects. Council crews have been challenged by lime supply issues that have limited the ability to deliver works efficiently.

**8.7.2 2021-22 ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM FUNDING**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365189
REPORTING OFFICER	Julie Buckley, Operations Support Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b>  3.2 Our built environments support and enhance liveability
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	\$985,552 to be funded from 2021
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The allocation of the 2021/22 Roads To Recovery funding for Fixing Local Roads projects and Regional Roads REPAIR program detailed below be endorsed:

• Mackay Street	\$ 90,000
• Brawlin Road	\$ 50,000
• Warralong Road	\$ 60,000
• French Street	\$ 62,276
• Cooper Street Laneway	\$ 50,000
• Old Hume Highway	\$225,000
• Edwardstown Road	\$145,000
• Darbalara Road	\$122,776

2. Muttama Road REPAIR **\$180,500 be endorsed .**

3. Total contribution from Roads To Recovery Program **\$985,552 be endorsed.**

Introduction

Currently there is \$985,552 of unallocated funds from the 2021/2022 Roads to Recovery Program to be allocated for local road works.

Discussion

Over time, Council has been successful in obtaining approximately \$5.5 Million in grant funds under the Fixing Local Roads (FLR) program. Projects approved under the grants have been successful and require a co-contribution from Council.

At the Ordinary Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 Council resolved (400/2020) to fund the co-contributions for the FLR program from funds in its Roads to Recovery grants to avoid the co-contributions being taken from Council's general revenue.



The proposed projects and allocations are:

Road Name	Works Description	Location	Approved FLR Funds	Council Funds (Roads to Recovery)	Total Project cost
Mackay Street	Reconstruction	Cootamundra	\$823,555	\$ 90,000 Note: \$186,958 was used from R2R in 2020/21	\$1,100,513
Brawlin Road	Reconstruction (Stage 1)	Brawlin	\$157,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 207,500
Warralong Road	Reconstruction (Stage 1)	Cootamundra	\$187,500	\$ 60,000	\$ 247,500
French Street	Reconstruction	Cootamundra	\$187,500	\$ 62,276	\$ 249,776
Cooper lane	Reconstruction	Cootamundra	\$251,160	\$ 50,000	\$ 301,160
Old Hume Highway	Reconstruction and sealing previously unsealed	Tumblong	\$354,900	\$225,000	\$ 579,900
Edwardstown Road	Reconstruction	Gundagai	\$269,861	\$145,000	\$ 414,861
Darbalara Road	Rehabilitation	Darbalara	Nil (Fully Council funded)	\$122,776	\$ 122,776
Sub total REPAIR Funds				\$805,052	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<u>\$180,500</u> \$985,552	

### *Regional Roads REPAIR Program*

While the allocation of funds to meet the commitments of the FLR program are noted above, Council also has REPAIR funds to be spent on specific Regional Roads projects. These funds also have to be matched 50/50 by Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

This year's project is a continuation of the rehabilitation works which commenced in 2021 on Muttama Road, just north of Brawlin Road (near the Model Aero Club). The second stage of this work involves a further 800m of rehabilitation. TfNSW has allocated \$180,500 to the project which has to be matched by Council. It is suggested that the \$180,500 be funded through the Roads to Recovery Program funds.

## **8.8 TECHNICAL SERVICES**

Nil

## 8.9 FACILITIES

### 8.9.1 PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE AT CARBERRY PARK, GUNDAGAI

DOCUMENT NUMBER	364527
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<p><b>1. A vibrant and supportive community: all members of our community are valued</b></p> <p>1.2 Public spaces provide for a diversity of activity and strengthen our social connections</p> <p><b>1. A vibrant and supportive community: all members of our community are valued</b></p> <p>1.1 Our Community is inclusive and connected</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	Consideration of S632A of the Local Government Act, 1993
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

## RECOMMENDATION

**The Report on the Proposal to Create an Alcohol Free Zone at Carberry Park Adventure Playground between 10:00pm to 9:00am from 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022 to 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 be considered.**

### Introduction

Recently Council has received correspondence, circulated to Councillors separately, in relation to people gathering at the play space in Carberry Park after pubs and, or clubs, have closed. At such times alcohol has been consumed and associated noise has drifted to adjacent residences.

The correspondence has provided details of the loud and intrusive behaviour. Furthermore, Police have been called and when available, have attended the park and moved the gathering on.

### Discussion

Under 632A Confiscation of alcohol in certain public and other places:

1. A police officer or an enforcement officer may seize any alcohol (and the bottle, can, receptacle or package in which it is contained) that is in the immediate possession of a person in an alcohol prohibited area if the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person—
  - a) is drinking, or
  - b) is about to drink, or
  - c) has recently been drinking,

alcohol in the alcohol prohibited area.

2. Any alcohol or thing seized under this section is, by virtue of the seizure, forfeited—
  - a) if seized by a police officer—to the State, or
  - b) if seized by an enforcement officer—to the council that employs the officer.
3. Any alcohol seized under this section may—
  - a) be disposed of immediately by tipping it out of the bottle, can, receptacle or package in which it is contained, or
  - b) be otherwise disposed of in accordance with directions given by the Commissioner of Police or the council (as the case requires).
4. A council may declare any public place (or any part of a public place) in the council's area to be an **alcohol prohibited area** for the purposes of this section. However, an alcohol prohibited area cannot be established in relation to a public place that is a public road (or part of a public road) or car park.

Note: Alcohol-free zones can be established under Part 4 of this Chapter in relation to public roads or car parks.

**8.9.2 ESSENTAIL ENERGY BULK LIGHT EMITTING DIODE LUMINAIRE UPGRADE**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	364564
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b>  3.1 The natural environment is valued and protected
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Report on the Essential Energy Bulk Light Emitting Diode Luminaire Upgrade be received and noted.**

Introduction

At its Ordinary Meeting held Council resolved (Min. no. 306/2021) for provision to be made in the September, 2021 Quarterly Budget Review to the expenditure of \$521,877 to fund the proposed Bulk Light Emitting Diode (LED) Upgrade for Street Lighting.

Discussion

Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) has liaised with Essential Energy on behalf of its member councils over the previous eighteen months and negotiated a bulk light emitting diode luminaire upgrade of street lights.

Essential Energy is managing the project on behalf of the REROC councils. Councils could choose to pay an upfront amount or choose Essential Energy to fund their contribution with a repayment plan. A 2% contingency to cover any variation to the program scope has been allowed for. While Council's contribution to Essential Energy is significant the long term ongoing cost saving to Council is also significant.

The General Manager executed the LED Upgrade Acceptance form committing Council to a Council Funded agreed amount of \$521,876.98 (exc. GST) and including the 2% contingency dated 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2022, attached to the report.

A resolution of Council is required for the programme.

**8.9.3 FACILITIES WORKS REPORT - FEBRUARY, 2022**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365582
REPORTING OFFICER	Andrew Brock, Manager Facilities
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b>  3.2 Our built environments support and enhance liveability
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no Financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Facilities Works Report for February, 2022 be received and noted.**

Introduction

The Facilities Works Report for February, 2022 provides a detailed update on the works undertaken by the Gundagai Facilities and Parks and Garden Team. The scheduled activities and projects, undertaken for the month of February 2022 are included in this report which has been prepared and submitted for the information of Council and the community.

Discussion

Staff have been working on new planting new foliage and trees, installation of an irrigation system, weeding of Sheridan Street garden beds, watering new trees and preparation of gardens around the Gundagai Administration building. Ongoing maintenance of irrigation systems, weeding of garden beds and preparation of new garden beds after main street works have been completed, form part of works undertaken during the month.

Due to the high rainfall over the previous months and exceptional plant growth, staff have been working hard to keep parks and streets beautifully presented. In addition to COVID caused staff absences the unseasonal wet weather has created challenges which staff have met to ensure the streets and entrances to the township are looking bright and attractive for visitors during the holiday season.

As a result of the la Ninà weather pattern there has been an increase in tree maintenance activities, fallen limbs to clean up and general tidy up works around footpaths and roadways. Staff have been assisting the road crews to remove unsafe trees and debris around the area.

There has been an increase in slashing around the Gundagai Villages, which is supporting the hazard reduction undertaken by local Rural Fire Service crews. Roadside spraying has been undertaken as part of these works, to help minimise further slashing leading into the fire season.

The township has seen an increase in vandalism around the town which has resulted in increased attention to repair and replace of damaged equipment, in addition to the daily cleaning of public amenities. These matters of concern have been raised with local Police and Council's safety officers, for increased monitoring.

Staff are attending to the barbeques in Carberry and Yarri Parks daily. Clean up of transfer stations are undertaken as needed. The Burra Road landfill green waste and steel piles are attended to for clear safe access for rate payers between the stockpiles. Staff have been clearing the spilled waste material left by Cleanaway when collecting the bulk waste bins within the site. Waste bin repair is being undertaken as requested and new bins and delivered as required.

**Gundagai Administration Building-** With refurbishment of the Administration Building complete staff have returned to the office for normal operations. The garden beds are currently being prepared for planting

**Stockinbingal Ellwood Hall Kitchen-** Facilities staff have been involved in preparation works for the installation of a new kitchen. Works include the creation of an access ramp, plastering in preparation of painting and general repairs to locks and doorways. Further works are required to replace weather damaged doors at the front of the building.

**Pickled Pantry @ the Cootamundra Arts Centre-** Safety works have been undertaken to prepare the former shop site for a new lessee. General maintenance and the creation of a false platform between existing concrete plinths was undertaken to minimise trip hazards, and some electrical maintenance due to electrical safety concerns.

**Fisher Park Cootamundra Referee Room-** Staff met with representatives of the Cootamundra Bulldogs Committee to discuss issues with the existing toilet block and change room. A previous funding application to carry out major renovations of the building was unsuccessful and as a result, concerns have been raised requiring areas for referees to change away from players. Minor works are underway to replace plumbing for showers, floor coverings, painting, and an upgrade of the existing toilet facilities. This minor work will allow for better facilities for the upcoming rugby league season. Funding streams will be investigated with the intention of an application being submitted for significant refurbishment and roof replacement.



## 8.10 WASTE, PARKS AND RECREATION

### 8.10.1 WASTE, PARKS AND RECREATION MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2021-22 REPORT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365581
REPORTING OFFICER	Wayne Bennett, Manager Waste, Parks and Recreation Services
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<b>3. Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us</b>  3.2 Our built environments support and enhance liveability
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no financial implications associated with this report.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

The Waste, Parks and Recreation Major Projects for 2021-22 report be received and noted.

### Introduction

The Waste, Parks and Recreation report is presented to keep Council informed of relevant planning and progress of major work activities for the 2021/22 financial year. A report regarding the scheduled activities of the Waste, Parks and Recreation attended to by staff will be prepared for the information of Council at its Ordinary Meeting to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

### Discussion

The table below details major projects scheduled works and progress.

TASK/PROJECT	CURRENT ACTIONS /STATUS
1. Parker Street Redevelopment  Budget - \$500,000 Expended - \$484,815.	Redevelopment completed on time, within budget and quality. The damaged sculpture repaired, and the maintenance of the central business district new landscape works classified as a high priority.

<p>2. Jubilee Park Redevelopment</p> <p>Budget - \$2M</p> <p>Expended - \$195,615.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding deed completed.</li> <li>• Project Management Plan completed.</li> <li>• Technical designs, specifications, scope of works and cost estimates all completed.</li> <li>• Quotes for concept designs for water features received with 'Waterworks International' being appointed.</li> <li>• Stage (1) consisting of construction of new pathways and gardens is 50% complete.</li> <li>• Stage (2) specifications and tender documents are currently being prepared.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Commercial and Industrial Waste Processing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trialling of shredding of commercial and industrial waste at both Cootamundra and Gundagai landfill sites.</li> <li>• First trials in Cootamundra completed.</li> <li>• Both trials completed, but heavy contamination with bulk steel items has caused problems. This will need to be rectified as contractor will not return until Council rectifies the problem</li> <li>• Result - 75% reduction in air space (landfill).</li> </ul>
<p>4. Albert Park Playground</p> <p>Stage (1)</p> <p>Budget - \$400,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$365,186.</p> <p>Stage (2)</p> <p>Toilet Block, Pathways, Fencing</p> <p>Budget \$350,000. (Pending final approval)</p> <p>Expenditure - \$0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Reports, funding deed, project management plan, scope of works and estimates all completed. Expressions of interest/Tenders called for stage 1.</li> <li>• Contractor appointed.</li> <li>• Fencing completed.</li> <li>• Technical designs for playground completed.</li> <li>• Unwanted tree and shrubs removed, and trees pruned and shaped.</li> <li>• Design works of new irrigation system completed, and quotations received.</li> <li>• New plants and trees ordered.</li> <li>• Play trees, logs, stones, pipes selected for natural play positioned and installed.</li> <li>• Construction well underway, however wet weather is causing delays. Current deadline is end March 2022.</li> <li>• Tender prepared for stage 2 and reported ready to go to Council pending final funding approval.</li> <li>• Council staff are carrying out approximately 25% of the playground construction and refurbishment phase. This has saved Council tens of thousands of dollars and filled a void left by the unavailability of suitable Tradesmen.</li> </ul>
<p>5. 15 Year Financial Landfills Rehabilitation Plan</p>	<p>Works Completed and approved by Council's Auditors. Auditor's interest is for Council to have enough funds in Waste Reserves to cover any landfill rehabilitation costs once the landfill life cycle has concluded.</p>

<p>16. Transfer Station Review</p> <p>Budget- \$80,000 (pending budget allocation).</p> <p>Expenditure \$0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council requested the Manager undertake a complete Transfer Station Review including Wallendbeen and Stockinbingal Landfills with a view to transferred to Transfer Stations. with a report back to Council.</li> <li>• Review on hold until funds have been allocated. Waiting on confirmation of waste reserve figures from Finance.</li> <li>• In response to direction of Environmental Protection Agency, electronic access, and security upgrade complete. This involved upgrade from key entry to electronic access and placement of surveillance cameras. This action is complete.</li> </ul>
<p>17. Cootamundra Pump Track</p> <p>Budget - \$165,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$ 162,933</p>	<p>Project Completed on time, within budget and quality.</p>
<p>18. Cootamundra Weighbridge Office.</p> <p>Budget - \$250,000</p> <p>Expenditure - \$98,344.09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office installed and operational with some internal finishing off work yet to be completed.</li> <li>• Getting Tradesmen on site has proven extremely difficult.</li> </ul>
<p>Cootamundra Landfill Operating Hours Review</p>	<p>Completed and has proven to be a great success.</p>
<p>19. Waste Landfill Infrastructure Cootamundra and Gundagai Landfills 2021/22</p> <p>Budget - \$550,000. (pending)</p> <p>Expenditure - \$0</p>	<p>The following Waste Infrastructure as identified in the Waste Management Strategy is required for both Cootamundra and Gundagai Landfill facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machinery and Storage Shed at Cootamundra <u>\$250,000.</u></li> <li>• 240V power connected to Gundagai <u>\$100,000.</u></li> <li>• Refurbish existing fixed compactor Gundagai <u>\$50,000.</u></li> <li>• purchase and install Weighbridge Gundagai Landfill <u>\$150,000.</u></li> </ul> <p>All pending financial approval from the Waste Reserves.</p>
<p>20. Organic's Processing Systems and sale of 2nd Hand Goods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently investigating latest business techniques in organic processing systems, preparing a business case including costs, seeking grant funding opportunities.</li> <li>• Substantial sales of compost have gone out to local business.</li> <li>• Further sieving trials are to commence to help improve quality.</li> <li>• Processing ongoing sales have been good and still seeking grant opportunities for further process development.</li> <li>• No grant funds for infrastructure at this stage.</li> </ul>

<p>21. Pioneer Park Redevelopment</p> <p>(Stage 1)</p> <p>Budget - \$ 164,980.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$74,920.</p>	<p>Scope of Works, technical designs for drainage, car parking and access road completed. Construction by the Civil Works is currently underway.</p>
<p>22. Bradman Oval Cricket Net Refurbishment</p> <p>Budget - \$16,500.00</p> <p>Expenditure - \$14,920.</p>	<p>Works completed with new nets, new synthetic turf, new run-up, and concrete wicket installed.</p>
<p>23. Closure Village Tips (Wallendbeen and Stockinbingal) 2021 – 2022</p> <p>Budget - \$250,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$0</p>	<p>Need to prepare Local Environmental Management Plan for all sites, obtain estimates and prepare Rehabilitation Plans for both Landfill sites, Survey works estimates completed. Estimates have been received, currently preparing budget from Waste Reserves.</p>
<p>24. Cootamundra Landfill Waste LEMP</p> <p>Budget - \$60,000</p> <p>Expenditure - \$45,000.</p>	<p>Current Local Environmental Management Plan is outdated and requires revision, updating, and approval of the Environmental Protection Agency. Works are well underway and nearing completion slow down on meeting deadline due to Christmas shutdown.</p>
<p>25. Wallendbeen Mainstreet and Memorial</p> <p>Stage (1) Completed (2020-2021)</p> <p>(Stage 2)</p> <p>Budget - \$ 19,323.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$ \$7,831.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have undertaken site inspection and developed a Scope of Works. Now in construction phase. Delays in obtaining contractors.</li> <li>• Works are ready to commence, site meetings with contractors completed but delays in commencing due to availability of contractors due to existing workload.</li> <li>• Memorial upgrade completed waiting on design plans for main street drainage works.</li> </ul>

<p>26. Food Organics and Green Organics Grant</p> <p>Budget 103,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$0.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently attempting to resolve issued raised from the Environmental Trust regarding previous EPA grants. Have completed doc. upgrade for ET Funding Deed now being prepared. Funding Deed completed and approval to proceed from EPA (Environmental Trust) pending. EPA has placed on hold pending the response from Councils Finance Division.</li> <li>Finance Division has submitted outstanding financial reports to the EPA, now waiting on EPA approval to commence FOGO implementation.</li> <li>Still pending final approval to proceed from the EPA.</li> </ul>
<p>27. Green waste Processing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor has been engaged to undertake shredding and sieving and ensuring that all products meet EPA and landscape market guidelines.</li> <li>Midyear processing just completed. Very high-quality product produced.</li> </ul>
<p>28. Cootamundra Landfill Fencing, Sign Posting &amp; Education Interpretation.</p> <p>Budget - \$87,050.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$89,140.</p>	<p>98% completed some interpretation yet to be completed.</p>
<p>29. Ampol Heritage Site Interpretation.</p> <p>Budget - \$60,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$23,182.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research and develop interpretation for the Ampol Heritage Site.</li> <li>Historic interpretation brochures completed. Ready for distribution/sale.</li> </ul>
<p>30. EPA Annual Reports</p>	<p>Completed for 2021/2022</p>
<p>31. REROCC Waste Group</p>	<p>Attend as required/quarterly meetings</p>
<p>32. SWRWG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>as required/quarterly, 1st meeting for 21/22 completed.</li> <li>Site inspection of Bald Hill due sometime in March 22</li> <li>Bald Hill Annual Environmental Management Report Received. Will be presented to the March Council meeting for information.</li> </ul>
<p>33. Bald Hill Licence Approval 2nd Land Cell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsibility of Bald Hill Quarry.</li> <li>Included in the Bald Hill Annual Environmental Management Report.</li> </ul>

<p>34. NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF) - Enhance Pioneer Park</p> <p>(Stage 2)</p> <p>Budget - \$212,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$0.00</p>	<p>Currently developing a Scope of Works and writing a projecMP. Have completed and approved Funding Deed &amp; Milestones. Deadline not until 2023.</p>
<p>35. Rotary Garden Upgrade</p> <p>Budget (Rotary Grant) - \$3,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$3,000.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have completed site inspection and Scope of Works</li> <li>• Meet with Rotary Representative on site happy with design concept proposed.</li> <li>• Works completed.</li> </ul>
<p>36. Rock Climbing Wall</p> <p>Budget - \$250,000.</p> <p>Expenditure - \$47,700.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design completed, materials ordered, DA approved, construction about to commence.</li> <li>• There has been delays caused by COVID. Works still in progress. <b>NOTE</b> - \$37,500 removed from budget for administration costs.</li> <li>• works still pending due to contractors unable to leave WA due to Covid.</li> <li>• All materials are now on site.</li> </ul>
<p>37. CRC Audit Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021/2022 Auditor's report has identified actions that need to be implemented.</li> <li>• currently all issues and requirements have been implemented.</li> </ul>
<p>38. Transfer Station Electronic Access</p> <p>Budget - \$60,000.</p> <p>Expenditure \$60,000.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search what is available in the marketplace and used at other Transfer locations that will enable Council to restrict the abuse of the current access system.</li> <li>• investigations completed</li> <li>• installation works completed currently implementing change over.</li> </ul>
<p>39. Upgrade the Landfill Software to cater for sale of materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and report to Council and have adopted system up and in place by the end of September 21</li> <li>• works completed, Sale prices of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods report to go to Ordinary Meeting to be held March 2022.</li> </ul>

## 9 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

<b>9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY REPAIRS BE UNDERTAKEN ON ANNIE PYERS DRIVE, GUNDAGAI, THE OWNERSHIP OF THE ROAD AND THE SCHEDULING OF LONG-TERM REPAIRS OR UPGRADING OF THE ROAD.</b>
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DOCUMENT NUMBER	365209
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McInerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager

The following Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Penny Nicholson was submitted on 14 February, 2022.

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Council meeting of Tuesday, 22 February, 2022:

### MOTION

**To discuss immediate emergency repairs be undertaken on Annie Pyers Drive, Gundagai, the ownership of the road and the scheduling of long-term repairs or upgrading of the road.**

### Note from Councillor

Annie Pyers Drive is the north bound entrance to the Dog on the Tuckerbox tourist site and many businesses in the precinct. Thousands of vehicles visit the site every week for fuel, food and to see the Dog on the tuckerbox monument.

The current state of Annie Pyers Drive is alarming and presents a significant danger to all that use the southern entrance to the Dog on the Tuckerbox tourism and commercial site. The dust created from northbound vehicles driving onto the gravel road is substantial and at times reduces vision for secondary and oncoming drivers. The 'canyons' present in the unsealed road are almost impossible for smaller vehicles to navigate and are a constant cause for negative comment and complaint, and justifiably so.

The condition of Annie Pyers Drive has been longstanding and although many meeting have been had between with government departments there has been no resolution to the problem. The long standing state of this major thoroughfare is an embarrassment and I cannot help but believe at some stage there will be a significant accident that could well have been avoided.

## 10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 10.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - FEBRUARY, 2022

DOCUMENT NUMBER	365226
REPORTING OFFICER	Marianne McNerney, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

**The Questions with Notice from Councillors and related responses from Council officers be noted.**

#### Questions with Notice

The following questions with notice from Councillors have been received with the responses from Council officers provided respectively:

**Cr Penny Nicholson** – Please provide an update on discussions held with local Police regarding un-social behaviour at Gundagai Adventure Playground and the possible implementation of an alcohol-free zone in this area.

**Response from Council Officer** – Local Police have advised that on 3 weekends a number of people were asked to move on from the playground. Police also stated there has been no calls “000” logged regarding the noise or drunken behavior described within the park. The officer further advised that there has been no recent complaints regarding late use of the park and patrols are undertaken when time permits.

**Cr Abb McAlister** – Can clarification on the permitted interaction between Councillors and Council staff be provided?

**Response from Council Officer** – At its Ordinary Meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021, Council adopted (Min. no.220/2021) a Model Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy to develop positive working relationships between councillors and senior staff. Page 10 of the Policy details such interaction.



**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil