



MINUTES

of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held
18 July 2022

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Lockhart Shire Council held in the Council Chambers,
Lockhart on Monday, 18 July 2022 commencing at 5.00pm.**

PRESENT

Cr G Verdon (Mayor), Cr A Rockliff (Deputy Mayor), Cr F Day OAM, Cr G Driscoll, Cr J Hunter, Cr I Marston, Cr R Mathews and Cr J Walker.

Also in attendance were the General Manager, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Engineering & Environmental Services, and Engineering Assistant.

The meeting opened with a prayer and was followed by an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Mayor reminded Councillors of their ethical obligations as reflected in the oath and affirmation of office and the Code of Conduct.

The Mayor also informed all persons present that the proceedings of the meeting were being recorded.

The Mayor welcomed newly appointed Director Engineering and Environmental Services, Austin Morris, who was attending his first Council meeting.

APOLOGIES

Cr Peter Sharp

LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

128/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Walker that the apology from Cr Peter Sharp be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Cr Fran Day – request to participate in the 15 August 2022 Council Meeting by audio visual link.

Cr Jane Hunter – request to participate in the 15 August 2022 Council Meeting by audio visual link.

129/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Rockliff that the requests from Cr Fran Day and Cr Jane Hunter to participate in the 15 August 2022 Council Meeting via audio visual link be approved.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING, 20 JUNE 2022

130/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Day and Walker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 June 2022 as printed and circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING, 27 JUNE 2022

131/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Day and Walker that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday, 27 June 2022 as printed and circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Marston declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 6 – Request for Council to Purchase Private Access.

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CHAIRPERSON

MAYORAL MINUTE

Financial Accounting Treatment of Rural Fire Services Mobile Assets – “Red Fleet”

132/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Marston that

- 1) Council writes to the local State Member, Dr Joe McGirr; the Treasurer the Hon Matt Kean MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, the Hon Stephanie Cook MP; and the Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman MP:
 - a) Expressing Council’s objection to the NSW Government’s determination on ownership of Rural Fire Service assets;
 - b) Advising of the impact of the Government’s position on Council finances of this accounting treatment;
 - c) Informing that Council will not carry out RFS assets stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Lockhart Shire Council’s financial statements;
 - d) Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to permanently clear up inequities and inconsistencies around the accounting treatment of RFS assets by acknowledging that rural firefighting equipment is vested in, under the control of and the property of the RFS; and
 - e) Amending s119 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997* so that the effect is to make it clear that RFS assets are not the property of councils.
- 2) Council writes to the Shadow Treasurer Daniel Mookhey MLC, the Shadow Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib MP, the Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP, the Greens’ Spokesperson for Local Government Jamie Parker MP and the leaders of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers, Animal Justice and One Nation parties, Robert Borsak MLC, Emma Hurst MLC and Mark Latham MLC:
 - a) Advising Members of Lockhart Shire Council’s position, including providing copies of correspondence to NSW Government Ministers; and
 - b) Seeking Members’ commitments to support NSW Councils’ call to amend the *Rural Fires Act 1997* as set out in correspondence.
- 3) Lockhart Shire Council writes to the Auditor General advising that notwithstanding any overtures of future qualified audits, it will not carry out RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Lockhart Shire Council’s financial statements, noting that the State Government’s own *Local Government Accounting Code of Practice and Financial Reporting* provides for councils to determine whether or not they record the RFS assets as council assets.
- 4) Re-affirms its complete support of and commitment to local RFS brigades noting that Lockhart Shire Council’s action is entirely directed towards the NSW Government’s nonsensical position that, rather than being owned and controlled by local brigades, RFS assets are somehow controlled by councils, which councils consider to be a cynical financial sleight of hand abdicating the NSW Government’s responsibilities at the cost of local communities.
- 5) That Lockhart Shire Council affirms its support to Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and requests LGNSW continue advocating on Council’s behalf to get clarification finally from the State Government about the accounting treatment of RFS assets.

REPORT ON MAYORAL & COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

The Mayor, Cr Verdon, verbally reported on activities during the past month as follows:

- 24 June 2022 With the General Manager attended RIVJO and REROC Board meetings in Wagga
- 1 July 2022 With the General Manager attended the opening of Munyaplah Fire Station and presentation of National Emergency Medals.
- July 2022 With Cr Hunter attended Christmas in July celebrations at the Yerong Creek Hall
- 7 July 2022 With the General Manager attended a workshop on One Organisation for RIVJO and REROC.
- 13 July 2022 With the General Manager attended a briefing session on the Mobile Library.
- 14 July 2022 Met with the new Director Engineering and Environmental Services and the General Manager.

133/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Hunter that the Mayoral Report be received.

URGENT MATTERS

Nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

DELEGATES' REPORTS

1. RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL BOARD MEETING HELD 22 JUNE 2022

(GM: 22/7890)

To support the work of its Board members and provide regular information to its constituent councils, Riverina Water distributes a summary of the key reports from its six Board meetings per year.

The aim is to keep constituent councils informed of relevant matters including water usage, development and growth, documents and policies in development, strategies and plans and other major decisions.

The update relating to the Board meeting held on 22 June 2022 has been received and has been distributed separately to Councillors.

2. RIVERINA JOINT ORGANISATION (RIVJO) – 24 JUNE 2022 AT WAGGA WAGGA

I together with the General Manager attended a meeting of RIVJO in Wagga on 24 June 2022. A summary of the main issues addressed is set out below.

- The Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP, addressed the meeting in relation to renewable energy precincts.
- Representations will be made to the Treasurer and the Minister for Local Government to ask that consideration be given for a person with Local Government experience be included as a tribunal member on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

- Representations will also be made to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Minister for Local Government for s119 of the Rural Fires Act to be amended to reflect current practice in relation to the purchase, control and sale of firefighting equipment.
- A second workshop will be held on 8 July 2022 to consider the transition from RIVJO and REROC to a single organisation.

3. RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (REROC) – 24 JUNE 2022 AT WAGGA WAGGA

I together with the General Manager attended the REROC Board meeting in Wagga on 24 June 2022. A summary of the main issues addressed is set out below.

- Negotiations are continuing with the new rail contractor, UGL, on road-rail interface agreement.
- A Destination NSW Grant has been secured which will enable the 2023 Waste Conference to be extended by one day. The additional day will include tours around the region to visit resource recovery sites.
- A contractor has been engaged for the collection of waste metal. Lockhart Shire is one of the participating councils in this round with collections due to commence in Wagga Wagga on 4 July and then finishing in Lockhart on 5 September.
- The Recycle Night? Recycle Right! campaign continues across the region with drink coasters distributed to pubs, clubs, cafes, bakeries etc around the LGAs and the Kurrajong and Elouera Ads screening on the WIN network until the end of financial year.
- A new composting campaign – Food and Green. Keep it Clean is being developed with new ads being filmed. A Food and Green. Keep it Clean. website is now live and can be found as part of the REROC Waste Forum website <https://waste.reroc.com.au/fogo>
- A second workshop will be held on 8 July 2022 to consider the transition from RIVJO and REROC to a single organisation. Options being considered include:
 - Option 1a: REROC as an Incorporated Association - staff employed by REROC under Fair Work arrangements with office rented with co-location with another organisation or rented stand-alone.
 - Option 1b: REROC as an Incorporated Association – Staff to be a contracted secretariat with office rented with co-location with another organisation or rented stand-alone.
 - Option 2: Joint Organisation incorporated under the Local Government Act – staff employed under the Local Government Award with office rented with co-location with another organisation or rented stand-alone.
 - Option 3: REROC as an Incorporated Association and JO run separately - REROC staff to be a contracted secretariat or employed by REROC under Fair Work and JO staff to be employed under the LG Award with office to be rented with co-location with another organisation or rented stand-alone.

Cr G Verdon
Delegate

Recommendation: that the Delegates' Reports be received and noted.

134/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Day and Marston that the Delegates' Reports be received and noted.

STATUS REPORT/PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED

Status Report: Council Resolutions and Tasks to be finalised

Minute No:	Officer to Action	Council Resolution	Action Taken
Extraordinary Council Meeting held 27 June 2022			
127/22	DCCS	<p>Draft Operational Plan Budget 2022/23, Draft Delivery Program Estimates 2023/24 – 2025/26 and Fees & Charges 2022-2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note and consider any public submissions made in respect to the Draft Operational Plan Budget 2022/23 and Draft Delivery Plan Estimates 2023/24 to 2025/26. 2. The Draft Delivery Program 2023/2025 incorporating Budget Estimates 2023/24 to 2025/26 for income and expenditure for Council's General Fund and Sewer Fund and the Draft Revenue Policy, as attached, be adopted. 3. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, expenditure required to finance works, services and activities of the Council for the financial year 2022/2023 as detailed in Part 1 Budget Estimates section of the Council's Operational Plan Budget 2022/2023 and Delivery Program Budget 2024/2026 be approved and voted accordingly. 4. Council, pursuant to section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the Ordinary Rates for the rating period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023: 5. the Draft Fees and Charges 2022/2023 be adopted, as publicly exhibited, subject to the Lockhart Caravan Park fees remaining unchanged from the 2021/22 financial year. 6. the Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32 be adopted. 7. In accordance with section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (inclusive) will be 6.0% per annum. 	<p>2022/23 Operational Plan and Budget, 2022/23 Fees and Charges and 2023/2032 Long Term Financial Plan uploaded to Council website.</p> <p>Completed.</p>

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Minute No:	Officer to Action	Council Resolution	Action Taken
126/22	GM	<p>Review of Code of Meeting Practice</p> <p>1. That the draft revised Lockhart Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice, as publicly exhibited, be adopted, subject to changing the heading of Standing Agenda Item 7 to “Report on Mayoral and Councillor Activities”.</p> <p>2. That an Acknowledgement of Country be included in the general order of business for an ordinary meeting of the Council in the following form:</p> <p><i>“Lockhart Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future, and extends the respect to all First Nations Peoples in Lockhart Shire.”</i></p>	<p>Code of Meeting Practice uploaded to Council's website.</p> <p>The format of the Council Business Paper has been revised to incorporate the adopted changes.</p> <p>Complete.</p>
125/22	GM	<p>Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grants Program – Phase 3</p> <p>Council nominates the following projects for funding under Phase 3 of the LRCI Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$144,000 Upgrade Lighting at Lockhart, Osborne and The Rock Recreation Grounds' main ovals • \$10,000 Public Display of Chaff Cart – Yerong Creek • \$80,000 CCTV Cameras at Lockhart, Osborne, The Rock, and Yerong Creek Recreation Grounds and Main streets in Lockhart and The Rock • \$20,000 Improved lighting – CBD to Lockhart Caravan Park • \$30,000 Christmas Lighting for towns in the Shire • \$80,000 Implementation of Council's energy savings plan, noting a contribution may also be required from Council's existing budget. 	<p>Project Nomination form incorporating the nominated projects has been submitted to the funding body and awaiting approval.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 June 2022			
123/22	GM	<p>Fees Payable to the Mayor & Councillors FY23</p> <p>That the midpoint payment be maintained plus 2% for Councillors and the maximum for the Mayor.</p>	<p>Council's Accounts Payable Officer has been advised of the new fees and authorised to apply them from 1 July 2022.</p> <p>Completed.</p>

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121/22	GM	<p>Preparation of Plans of Management – Council-managed Crown Land and Council-owned “Community” Land</p> <p>1. Place the <i>Draft Lockhart Shire Council Plan of Management for Crown Land managed by Council and Council-owned land classified as ‘community’</i> on public exhibition.</p> <p>2. Hold a public hearing in accordance with section 40A of the Local Government Act in relation to the proposed change in categorisation.</p>	Public notice of the public exhibition of the Draft PoM to be given in the Daily Advertiser on 23 July 2022 and in the July Council Newsletter with submissions closing on 12 September 2022.
117/22	GM	<p>Request for Financial Assistance</p> <p>An accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make a \$200 contribution to the Southern Sports Academy.</p>	The donation has been paid to the recipient organisation. Completed.
116/22	GM	<p>Riverina Regional Library – Deed of Agreement 2022-2026</p> <p>Authority be granted for the Riverina Regional Library 2022-2026 Deed of Agreement be executed under Council’s seal.</p>	Awaiting receipt of the original Deed for execution. The document is currently being circulated amongst member councils.
Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 May 2022			
109/22	GM	<p>Tender – 109 Green Street</p> <p>Council declines to accept the tender received from ASCO Group (Aust) Pty Ltd for the provision of public toilets at 109 Green Street Lockhart and seek separate quotations for the individual components of the project for the following reasons:</p> <p>a) Seeking separate quotations and being able to negotiate with different contractors for the different components of the project will provide more flexibility in seeking the most cost-effective solution bearing in mind that the funding approved under Round 4 of the Stronger Country Community Fund is less than the amount for which Council applied.</p> <p>b) Accepting the one tender that has been received for the public toilets without a contract in place for the community space component of the project will prove problematic as the community space and landscaping is critical to providing access to the public toilets.</p>	<p>Unsuccessful tenderer notified of Council's decision.</p> <p>Local builder engaged for the public toilets and Individual quotations currently being sought for the landscaping component.</p>
93/22	GM	<p>Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grants Program</p> <p>A Workshop be convened at 4.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022 to allocate the remaining balance of LRCI Phase 3 funding totalling \$305,000.</p>	Workshop held on 27 June 2022. Completed.

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92/22	GM/ TEDO	<p>Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program</p> <p>Council submits an application under the Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program subject to consultation with local event organisers.</p>	Application currently being prepared based on responses received from event organisers.
Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 March 2022			
60/22	DEES/ DCCS	<p>Local Environmental Plan Review</p> <p>Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the information provided in the report regarding the review of the Lockhart Local Environmental Plan; and allocates \$62,000 (excluding GST) in its 2022/23 (\$42,000) and 2023/24 (\$20,000) budgets to complete the review of the Lockhart Local Environmental Plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete. Funding incorporated into the 2022/23 Budget adopted on 27/06/2022. Completed.
59/22	DEES	<p>Review of Road Classification</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> establishes a Road Classification Working Group to oversee a review of road classifications in the Shire; and nominates the following Councillors to participate in the Working Group <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A Ward Cr Rockliff B Ward Cr Sharp C Ward Cr Verdon</p>	<p>Road classification review was deferred pending appointment of Director Engineering and Environmental Services.</p> <p>Inaugural meeting of the Working Group to be convened shortly.</p>
56/22	GM	<p>Development of Lockhart Industrial Estate</p> <p>Council prepares a subdivision application for the development of Stage 3 of the Lockhart Industrial Estate.</p>	Request for Quote being prepared.
48/22	GM	<p>Public Access – Plums Lane, The Rock</p> <p>Council agrees to maintain public access along the north/south section of Plums Lane at The Rock as the current laneway is not on the correct alignment and the adjoining landowner has blocked public access and that Council staff investigate the options for formation of a public road in the correct location.</p>	<p>A previously commissioned land survey held on file confirms that the existing formed track is situated on the adjoining private property.</p> <p>The corridor which is dedicated as public road is heavily treed with a significant amount of vegetation on it and therefore the formation of an all-weather access track on it will require significant expenditure.</p>

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Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 February 2022			
33/22	DEES	<p>Flood Mitigation Review – The Rock and Yerong Creek</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the information provided in this report. 2. Allocates \$65,000 from Council Reserves for the purchase of a mobile water pump and hoses. 3. Awaits the outcome of works to be undertaken by Transport for NSW to clear the table drains along the Olympic Highway before determining whether additional works are required to be funded by Council. 4. Applies to the next round of Floodplain Management grants (2022/23) to revise the Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plan for The Rock. 5. Applies to the next round of Floodplain Management grants (2022/23) to undertake a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Yerong Creek. 6. Notes that a final report will not be available until after funding opportunities are finalised. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted – complete. 2. Pumps have been ordered, delivery has been delayed. Hoses have been received. 3. Table drains cleaned – final section to be completed. 4. Application lodged – complete. 5. Application lodged – complete. 6. Noted – complete.
23/22	DCCS	<p>Lockhart – Out of School Hours Care Service</p> <p>Further investigation of out-of-school-hours care requirements in Lockhart be undertaken.</p>	<p>Provider indicated current demand is not sufficient for a before & after school care program to be viable with the additional staff and programming required.</p> <p>Survey circulated during week commencing 20/06/2022.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 October 2021			
180/21	TEDO	<p>Committee Minutes – TEDSC held 5 October 2021</p> <p>Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Steering Committee held on 5 October 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted with the exception that an information board be erected at Lockhart Caravan Park.</p>	<p>Information board at Caravan Park to be included in list of locations yet to be scoped.</p> <p>New maps and signs are being progressed.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 September 2021			
174/21	GM	<p>Potential Property Acquisition for Community Development at The Rock</p> <p>Council authorises the General Manager to submit an offer for the purchase of Lot 2 Sec 17 DP758971 based on the independent valuation received by Council.</p>	<p>Refer separate report to Council (agenda item 10).</p>

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Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 August 2021			
148/21	GM	<p>Proposed “Tim Fischer Way”</p> <p>Council to reinstate investigations into the erection of tourism signage indicating “Tim Fischer Way”.</p>	<p>Submission made to the Tourism Attractions Signs Assessment Committee.</p> <p>Plan to incorporate “Tim Fischer Way” touring route on new Visit Lockhart Shire website.</p> <p>New website now live. Functionality to facilitate “Tim Fischer Way” touring route being developed.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2021			
63/21	GM	<p>Residential Development – Lockhart</p> <p>1) That Council proceed with the subdivision of Lots 62 and 90 Prichard Place Lockhart as outlined in the report.</p> <p>2) That the cost of subdividing the land be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve with the proceeds of any land sales to be returned to the Reserve.</p>	<p>The development application for Lot 62 (westernmost lot) has been approved. The application for Lot 90 is still being processed.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 February 2021			
9/21	DCCS	<p>The Lockhart Recreation Ground Management Committee – Request for Financial Assistance</p> <p>Approve an interest-free loan to the Lockhart Recreation Ground Management Committee of up to \$70,000 with repayments being Year 1 \$4,200 and the remaining 14 years will be repayments of \$4,700 to support an application to Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round Five.</p>	<p>This resolution will be actioned if the application to the Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream – Round Five is successful.</p> <p>The Lockhart Football Netball Club have been advised the grant application has been successful. A report will be provided at a future Council meeting.</p>
6/21	DEES	<p>Recreational Vehicles (RV’s) and Caravan Parking in Lockhart CBD</p> <p>Council to investigate and implement RV and Caravan Parking in locations in Green Street (Plan 3 and Plan 6 of the Lockhart Business Centre Master Plan) as well as Urana Street and Matthews Street, Lockhart, including an education program, as recommended by Council’s Tourism and Economic Development Steering Committee.</p>	<p>Investigation completed. Dedicated RV parking locations in Green/Urana Street near museum completed.</p> <p>Dedicated RV parking near Shire Administration not supported (limited car parking, mobile library, NSW Government Mobile Services). Single parking space in Matthews Street supported. Implementation subject to funding.</p> <p>Referred to LRCI Phase 3 Workshop held on 27 June 2022 – no funding allocated.</p> <p>Transferred to “Wish List” for consideration at future grants Workshop. Completed.</p>

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Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 July 2020			
133/20	DEES	Naming of Bridges – Brookong Creek and Urana Lockhart Road <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Propose the bridge on Urana Lockhart Road be named Brookong Creek Bridge. Propose the culvert over Brookong Creek in Green Street, Lockhart, be named Greens Gonyah Bridge, Brookong Creek. Write to Transport for NSW advising of the proposed names for the bridge on Urana Lockhart Road and the new culvert over Brookong Creek, Lockhart. 	<p>Written to TfNSW advising of the proposed bridge and culverts names.</p> <p>Received response from TfNSW requesting further information. Wrote to NSW Aboriginal Land Council re proposed names. DEES also contacted TfNSW liaison officer on several occasions.</p> <p>Last correspondence on 14 March 2022. Awaiting response.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 April 2020			
70/20	GM	Review of Operational Land <p>Council adopts the following actions in relation to the review of land classified as “operational land”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach the adjoining owner of the land situated at 2410 Albury Road, Urangeline regarding potential sale or transfer of the land. 	<p>Contact has been made with the adjoining landowner and information provided regarding the Council owned land in anticipation of further discussions.</p> <p>The landowner is liaising with their solicitor.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 June 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	GM	Cr Marston – Welcome to Country <p>Suggested changes to the wording of the proposed Acknowledgment of Country.</p>	<p>Wording adopted at the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 27 June 2022.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
	GM/ DCCS	Cr Day – Voluntary Purchase Scheme <p>Enquired about delays in VP Scheme and rates levied during that time on behalf of an affected resident.</p>	<p>Response provided by General Manager.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
	GM/ DEES	Cr Sharp – Osborne Pleasant Hills Road <p>Noted that maintenance grading is scheduled to take place from 28 June 2022. Cr Sharp advised that a large pothole near the intersection of Lallarook Lane will need greater attention, including additional gravel.</p>	<p>Minor pavement repairs to be completed.</p>
	GM/ DEES	Cr Sharp – Jim Willis Lane <p>Referred to a previous request for a road sign at the end of this road and further advised the resident has requested gravel at the end of the lane as access has become very difficult in a normal passenger vehicle.</p>	<p>Signage installed.</p> <p>Road scheduled in mid August.</p>
	DCCS	Cr Hunter – Yerong Creek Bowling Club <p>Advised the Bowling Club are still awaiting receipt of an Occupation Certificate for the building.</p>	<p>Proposed to engage an accredited certifier for Class 2-9 buildings to review and identify outstanding works to be completed for the issue of an Occupation Certificate.</p>
	DCCS	Cr Walker – Electricity Bills, The Rock Showground <p>Could the committee have some assistance in working out a split for the bill.</p>	<p>Electricity Bills have been received and currently being analysed.</p>

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 CHAIRPERSON

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	GM	Cr Verdon – The Kings Own Hotel Advised he is receiving continual complaints regarding the stalled works at this property. Asked if a meeting could be arranged with the owners to ascertain their plans for the site and asked if a clean-up order could be issued.	A Notice of Intention to Serve an Order has been issued requiring certain clean up works and maintenance works to make the building vandal proof.
	GM/ DEES	Cr Verdon – Tree, John St The Rock Advised he has received a complaint about a tree which has been pruned by Essential Energy and is now growing in a way which is causing the resident issues.	Claret Ash at 15 John St, The Rock was the only tree that fit the description. A fungal disease, Ash Dieback was discovered during assessment. Tree is not high risk but there is no cure other than removal of affected limbs to prevent further infection, causing further disfigurement in this case. Removal recommended.
Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 May 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	GM	Cr Day: Heavy Vehicle Access, Green Street Has received comments from residents expressing concern about the number of heavy vehicles still accessing Green Street and asked what more could be done to deter B-Double operators from using Green Street.	The Mayor raised the issue at the Police & Community Consultation Group meeting held on 24 May 2022 (refer Delegates Report). Cr Sharp advised that further directional signage is required on Spanish Avenue to direct vehicles to Flood Detour Road. Signs have been ordered, should be received and erected soon.
	DCCS	Cr Driscoll: Picket Fence, The Rock Rec Ground Requested an update on the progress of the replacement of the picket fence at The Rock Recreation Ground.	Contractor commenced work week of 11 July 2022.
	GM/ DEES	Cr Driscoll: Yerong Street, The Rock Enquired as to when Yerong Street is likely to be reopened as any works in this area appear to be complete.	A schedule of works to be completed with estimated timeframes has been provided by the contractor. The project is now scheduled to be completed by 22/07/2022.
	GM/ DEES	Cr Mathews: Footpath Strategy Asked if Council has a footpath strategy document as location of footpaths in Lockhart township seems to be haphazard, with some blocks having paths on both sides, some only have one and some having none at all.	Council does not have a formal footpath strategy or forward program. The most recent consideration of priorities was made in February and March 2020 when Council adopted a program for upgrading footpaths at Lockhart and The Rock with funds provided at the time under the Drought Communities Programme Extension.
	GM	Cr Sharp: Ryans Lane Drew attention to this road, which is terrible condition, and requires some maintenance.	Ryans Lane – works complete. Ryan Stock Route – works began July 2022 (refer Works Program-June 2022).

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	GM	Cr Sharp: Signpost, Ryans Ln/Albury Rd Intersection Reported the road signs at this intersection are faded and unreadable on the southern side and asked that they be replaced. The poor readability recently caused problems for visitors to Osborne Recreation Ground.	New signs installed – Completed.
	GM	Cr Rockliff: Streetsweeper Asked for an update on the purchase of a streetsweeper suitable for use on the pavers.	Council to resource – Manager of Works to speak with Workshop Supervisor, to source pricing for a smaller streetsweeper than what Greater Hume used.
	DCCS	Cr Verdon: Public Showers, The Rock Rec Ground Advised the public showers at The Rock Recreation Ground are continually leaking, with campers reporting they are unable to turn off the taps completely, asked if all the washers could be replaced.	Plumber to inspect and fix.
Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Question & Statements	DEES (GM)	Cr Rockliff: Tree, Galore Street Referred to an email received by Council regarding a tree near 58 Galore Street, which appears to be eaten out at the bottom and could be dangerous. Cr Rockliff asked for an update on this matter.	Tree assessment has been completed in accordance with Australian Standards and landowner advised of the outcome. Tree assessment to be reviewed.
	GM	Cr Hunter: Connectivity Asked if there were any outcomes from the recent meeting with the Regional General Manager of Telstra.	Council currently collating information on blackspots and connectivity issues across the Shire to provide to the NSW Telco Authority. A survey for this purpose has been distributed to Shire residents and also made available on Council's website.
	DEES (GM)	Cr Driscoll: German Church Road "Davidsons Hill" Referred to the road being too narrow for heavy vehicles and the hill providing poor visibility. Cr Driscoll asked if something can be done on 500m of road in Lockhart Shire to where it meets the Wagga City Council boundary.	Cost estimate to be prepared.
	GM	Cr Driscoll: Pump Track Advised that The Rock Progress Association would be very interested in the installation of a permanent "pump" cycling track at The Rock.	Referred to LRCI Phase 3 Workshop held on 27 June 2022 – no funding allocated. Transferred to "Wish List" for consideration at future grants Workshop. Completed.
	GM	Cr Day: Christmas Would like Council to consider Christmas lights in the main streets across the Shire, to bring back some positivity post-Covid.	Referred to LRCI Phase 3 Workshop held on 27 June 2022. Funding allocated by Council. Project nomination form has been submitted to the funding body and waiting approval.

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Minute No:	Officer to Action	Council Resolution	Action Taken
	GM	Cr Marston: Lighting, The Rock Recreation Ground Asked that replacement of the lights be considered for any unspent LRCI funds.	Referred to LRCI Phase 3 Workshop held on 27 June 2022. Funding allocated by Council. Project nomination form has been submitted to the funding body and waiting approval.
	DEES	Cr Verdon: Pedestrian Crossing Brought attention to the section of Urana Street at the post office, where heavy vehicles are causing major “shoves” impeding the travel of mobility scooters.	A works request has been submitted and the matter is being attended to.
	DEES	Cr Verdon: The Rock Collingullie Road Advised a number of potholes have formed between The Rock and Humphrys Lane, in the area where widening has occurred.	Works completed.
	DEES	Cr Verdon: Roads Budget Asked that Council considers a widening project near “Ryans Hill” on The Rock Collingullie Road.	Cost estimate to be prepared.
	GM	Cr Verdon: Amendment to Code of Meeting Practice Asked that, in line with most councils, this Council considers introducing an Acknowledgement of Country to its meeting practice.	A revised Code of Meeting Practice incorporating an Acknowledgement of Country was adopted at the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 22/07/2022. Completed.
Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 March 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	GM	Cr Sharp: Jim Willis North Road Has received a request from a landowner for a “No Through Road Sign” at the junction of Jim Willis North Road and Willis Lane. Because of works done on the landowner’s property it is unclear where the public road ends and the owner’s driveway begins.	Sign installed. Completed.
	MP&B	Cr Mathews: Bluebird Café Expressed concerns regarding the Bluebird Café, which has been closed for some time. Referred to the bird droppings at the front of the building and the possibility of harbourage of vermin inside the building, being a health and safety issue.	A notice of intention to serve an order was issued to the property owner. The property owner has now consented to the installation of bird netting, and this will be done in the coming weeks together with the other remaining shop fronts in Green Street.
Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 February 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	DEES	Cr Walker: Bulloc Hill Road Asked for an update on progress of negotiations with Wagga City Council for the works done inadvertently in WWCC area.	Wagga City Council’s Director Infrastructure Services (DIS) advised that their General Manager is supportive of reimbursing costs. DIS to validate work.

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Minute No:	Officer to Action	Council Resolution	Action Taken
Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 January 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	DCCS	<p>Cr Driscoll: Technology</p> <p>Referred to the address via Zoom by Council's auditor and asked if the equipment in the Council chamber could be upgraded to allow better connectivity for online participation in Council meetings.</p>	<p>Upgrade currently being investigated as the projectors, which were installed during construction of the building, are now 10 years old and outdated.</p> <p>Contact has been made with a Leeton-based company and an on-site meeting is being scheduled.</p> <p>Funds allocated in the 2022/23 Operational Plan Budget.</p>
	DEES	<p>Cr Driscoll: Urana Street Median</p> <p>Enquired whether it was possible to reclassify the median strip in the road reserve of Urana Street at The Rock as recreation space so the road does not need to be closed for events such as markets.</p>	<p>Options will be investigated, an LEP review is soon to be undertaken which may assist in the process.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 October 2021 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	DEES	<p>Cr Rockliff: Bridge on Green Street</p> <p>Noted that cumbungi and poplars are growing and becoming a bush fire concern.</p>	<p>Poplars and other introduced species in Brookong Creek have been earmarked for removal when budget and resources allow; with current staffing and workload it may be necessary to engage a contractor. The spillways are being cleared when water levels allow.</p> <p>No permit is required for further works within the creek bed.</p> <p>Requests for quotes to remove the poplar and other non-native species on the eastern bank from the pedestrian bridge to the roadhouse have been sent out. Quote accepted, work has commenced.</p>
	DEES	<p>Cr Marston: Sign, The Rock Recreation Ground</p> <p>Referred to an information sign at the recreation ground which has information on both sides but can only be read from the footpath because of access issues, asked if the sign could be relocated nearer to the playground to allow both sides to be viewed.</p>	<p>A new site has been decided. Relocation works are programmed.</p>
Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 June 2021 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	DEES	<p>Cr Driscoll: Community Reflection Space</p> <p>Asked if it was possible the park across the road from The Rock Central School could be utilised as a place of quiet reflection for the town, particularly for those suffering the loss of loved ones due to suicide, which has had an impact on the community in recent years.</p>	<p>Park deemed appropriate for reflection space. Proponent to present proposal to Council for consideration.</p> <p>Cr Driscoll met with the General Manager and Manager Parks & Facilities to progress the project.</p>

Lockhart Shire Council
Ordinary Meeting – 18 July 2022

Minute No:	Officer to Action	Council Resolution	Action Taken
Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 February 2021 – Councillor Questions & Statements			
Questions & Statements	DEES	<p>Cr Driscoll – Natural Gas</p> <p>Referred to the natural gas pipeline which runs just outside The Rock township. Mentioned previous investigations which found that connection of the town was unfeasible. Asked if investigations could take place to see if the recent growth of the town might make that connection viable, and that Council pursue any opportunities that may assist in making it a feasible project.</p>	<p>Contact has been made with APA (pipeline owner) and Gemena (responsible for connection). The current network is 4km out of The Rock, crossing The Rock Mangoplah Road. Both APA and Gemena indicated that they have no current plans to extend the line. However, further enquiries are being made with Gemena.</p> <p>The issue has also been identified for inclusion in an MoU with a tenderer for the Inland Rail project.</p>

Correspondence Sent to Councillors

Date sent to Councillors	From	Subject
30 June 2022	General Manager	Forwarding Disclosure Fact Sheets received from NSW Electoral Commission.
1 July 2022	Executive Assistant	Forwarding ALGA news dated 1 July 2022.
5 July 2022	General Manager	Information regarding Riverina Regional Library operations.
6 July 2022	General Manager	Further update regarding Riverina Regional Library (RRL).
6 July 2022	General Manager	Providing copy of RRL's legal representations to the State Library.
7 July 2022	Mayor (via Exec Asst)	Mayoral update.

Recommendation: That the Status Report and Correspondence Précis be received.

135/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Driscoll that the Status Report and Correspondence Précis be received.

STAFF REPORTS

STRATEGIC DIRECTION A: A Connected and Resilient Community

1. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – EXPLORERS RIFLE CLUB

(GM: 22/8346)

Executive Summary

A request for financial assistance has been received from the Lockhart based Explorers Rifle Club.

Report

The Explorers Rifle Club has written to advise that its 2022 Annual Prize Meeting is scheduled for the 27th and 28th August and the continuing wet weather has meant that the range has not been able to dry out properly and the internal access road is in a poor state (refer attached photographs). The Club is seeking Council support by grading the internal access road and other minor works.

The rifle range is situated on Crown land that is not managed by Council. The Club holds a lease over the land from Local Land Services. Works on private land or other land not owned or managed by Council is generally carried out in accordance with Council's Private Works Policy and charged accordingly. However, pursuant to section 356 of the Local Government Act Council may by resolution provide financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

The estimated cost of the works is \$6,200.00.

The Club's annual prize meeting has proven to be one of the more popular shooting events in NSW Country regions attracting over 60 shooters from within the Riverina, Northern Victoria & other parts of NSW. As the Club is a not-for-profit organisation and the event generates considerable economic activity it is recommended that Council agree to the request.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

- A1: Facilitate and support our community to deliver vibrant and dynamic community events.
- A1: Build capacity, capability and partnerships to encourage sustainable community groups and clubs.
- A1: Provide support and advice to community groups, clubs and volunteers.

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

Pursuant to Section 356 of the Local Government Act Council may, in accordance with a resolution of the Council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Council's 2022/23 Budget includes an allocation of \$52,000 for financial assistance granted pursuant to Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

Attachments

- Request from Explorers Rifle Club dated 6 June 2022.

Recommendation: That Council carry out grading of the internal access road and other minor works at the Explorers Rifle Club with the cost of the works to be funded from the 2022/23 budget allocation for Section 356 contributions.

<p>136/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Walker that Council carry out grading of the internal access road and other minor works at the Explorers Rifle Club with the cost of the works to be funded from the 2022/23 budget allocation for Section 356 contributions.</p>

STRATEGIC DIRECTION B: A Dynamic and Prosperous Economy

STRATEGIC DIRECTION C: An Environment that is Respected and Protected

2. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN REVIEW

(GM: 22/8742)

Executive Summary

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), requires all councils to periodically review their local environmental plans (LEPs) and determine if those LEPs should be amended following such a review. Council has resolved to undertake a review of its LEP and an update is provided in relation to how the review will be progressed.

Report

As previously reported to Council quotations were sought from suitably qualified consultants for the review of the Lockhart LEP. Following an assessment of the three proposals received, Habitat Planning Pty Ltd's response was deemed the most responsive to the brief and best value for money and was appointed to undertake the review.

A summary of the proposed steps and anticipated timeframes for completion of these stages is set out below for information.

The proposed approach to the Project is as follows:

Profile and Issues Report

The initial stage of the project involves establishing the baseline issues and position for Lockhart Shire.

The Local Profile and Issues Report is a factual document that involves information and data gathering from a myriad of sources that contributes to the understanding of the Local Government Area. The report will also provide a key document to be used for engagement with the community, stakeholders and government agencies and shape and inform the LEP Review.

The purpose of the Local Profile and Issues Report is to establish the understanding of the Lockhart context from which the future strategic work will be built upon.

Residential Land Use Study

Future housing supply and development is a key land use consideration for the Lockhart LGA and therefore a specific Residential Land Use Study is proposed to be carried out. The preparation of a Local Housing Strategy is a key requirement being requested by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) of local Council's and therefore this work will fulfil a strategic requirement of Council.

The Study is proposed to be carried out generally in accordance with the Local Housing Strategy Guidelines and Template which has been developed by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to guide preparation of local housing strategies within local government areas.

The Study will focus on considering the impacts and opportunities for subdividing land and the minimum lot sizes across the LGA, the density of dwellings in residential areas, environmental issues, character and context and housing needs of the community. It will also consider current and future infrastructure needs for the communities, including future servicing considerations that will need to be considered as the LGA continues to grow.

Strategic Land Use Plan

While residential matters will be the key issue informing the LEP Review, it is also appropriate that a broader Strategic Land Use Plan be prepared to supplement the Residential Land Use Study and cover other matters such as employment land, industry, commercial, tourism, environment and rural issues.

This Strategy will be prepared parallel to the Residential Land Study so as to provide efficiencies in costs, timing and consultation processes.

It is proposed that some of the other issues investigated through the Strategic Land Use Plan will be:

- Assessment of industrial land demand and supply analysis including industrial development types, trends, and opportunities, and
- Assessment of business/employment land demand and supply, opportunities, including any proposed changes to zoning;
- Development of a staging plan to guide future land release for residential and industrial development including infrastructure and servicing requirements for future development;
- Consideration of needs for protection or rural land in the Shire, including consideration of minimum lot sizes; and
- Consideration of environmental constraints and issues and particularly whether any changes are necessary through the LEP.

LEP Review – Planning Proposal

The final stage of the project will be the preparation of the new LEP review via the preparation of a Planning Proposal and the subsequent processes as prescribed by DPIE. This Planning Proposal will be based on the recommendations of the endorsed issues paper, strategic planning inputs and consultation carried out the earlier stages.

The Planning Proposal will be prepared in accordance with the recommendations for a 'Principal LEP' as per the recently updated 'Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline' prepared by DPIE in December 2021.

A summary of the respective components of the Project and estimated timeframes is summarised below.

Component	Target Issue Dates
Profile & Issues Paper	Final to Council – August 2022
Residential Land Use Study	Draft to Council for Comment – September 2022 Public Exhibition – October to November 2022
Strategic Land Use Plan	Draft to Council for Comment – September 2022 Public Exhibition – October to November 2022
LEP Review/Planning Proposal	(Target Dates, subject to DPE Discussions) Commence Preparation – December 2022 Seek Gateway Determination – January 2022 Public Exhibition – March – April 2023

Consultation and engagement with key stakeholders, including the community and key agencies, is essential for the successful completion of this project. An overview of the proposed consultation approach is set out below.

1. **Community and Stakeholder Workshops** - this will involve targeted consultation with stakeholders, government agencies, Council and community members.

The workshops will be carried out at the commencement of the Residential Land Use Study and Strategic Land Use Plan and enable the consultants to draw in the detail for preparation of the strategic documentation.

It is proposed to hold individual workshop sessions with community stakeholders, key agencies, community groups, Councillors, Council staff and other identified reference groups.

2. **Presentation of Residential Land Use Study and Strategic Land Use Plan** – The consultant proposes to present both the Residential Land Use Plan and the Strategic Land Use Plan to Council prior to placing these documents on public exhibition.

Council staff and Councillors will have the opportunity to comment on the documentation before exhibition commences.

3. **Public Exhibition of Residential Land Use Study and Strategic Land Use Plan** – It is proposed that the Residential Land Use Study and Strategic Land Use Plan be released for public comment and feedback.

This consultation period would be for a period of at least 28 days and would be circulated widely amongst the community and relevant stakeholders for comment. This allows for feedback to be incorporated into the final documents.

4. **Public Exhibition of Planning Proposal/LEP Review** – The final stages of the LEP Review will be the drafting of the formal Planning Proposal to implement the LEP changes. Once prepared and a gateway determination is received from DPE, Council will be required to exhibit the draft LEP and Planning Proposal information.

This will involve an exhibition period of at least 28 days for the community and other stakeholders to comment.

Targeted consultation and notice will be provided to relevant stakeholders and agencies for review and comment, with a public hearing also required to be held if requested by DPE.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

C1: Our environmental practices are sustainable

C2: Flora and fauna are protected across the Shire

C3: Our open space and natural environment are protected for future generations

D2: Our Planning and development controls work to attract new residents and investment.

Budget and Financial Aspects

Council's allocated budget in 2021-22 for the review of the LEP is \$20,000. Council has also resolved to allocate a further \$72,000 in its 2022/23 budget to complete the review.

Attachment

Nil

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

137/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Marston that Council engage LGNSW to deliver the "Planning for Councillors" training module in house.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION D: Infrastructure for the Long-Term Needs of the Community

3. ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Executive Summary

Monthly report on engineering and environmental services matters.

Background Information

a) **Works**

Floods November 2021 and January 2022: Emergency works for the November 2021 flood event is completed with emergency works for the January 2022 flood event nearing completion. Damage Control Project Management (DCPM) was appointed to manage the flood reconstruction

works. Their project management fees are to be fully reimbursed. Council's contribution to each of the flood events is \$18,113.

Wattles Rd/Tinamba Ln: Intersections have been completed.

Prichard Pl: Sealing of the 400m section and culvert installation is complete. Minor drainage works are required to complete the project.

Lockhart Kywong Rd – 1.25km North of Slocums Ln: works are progressing, with two of the three structures now completed.

Lockhart Kywong Rd – 170m North of Spanish Ave: works completed.

Mittagong Yerong Creek Road: Funding secured through the Fixing Local Roads program to increase the capacity of two culverts and add additional width on Mittagong Yerong Creek Road with construction scheduled to commence in August 2022.

Unsealed Road Maintenance: Grading program has recommenced, after being temporarily interrupted while crews were completing emergency works resulting from recent floods. The following roads have been graded: Humphrys Lane, Hendersons Road, Ashcroft Cemetery Road, Moores Bus Route, Leitch Lane, McGeachies Lane, Montagues Lane, and Soldier Settlement Road.

An updated 12-month programme will be presented at the meeting.

b) ***Parks and Gardens:***

Ave of Honour, The Rock – Kurrajongs

Council has sourced advanced Kurrajong specimens for planting where trees were previously removed. Some planting has commenced where possible, a mini digger will be sought to excavate further holes and remove old roots.

Removal of dead trees, pruning of trees suffering from severe die-back, and removal of dead limbs has mostly been completed. The crown has been removed from dead trees, removal of trunks and stump grinding will be scheduled as resources become available. It is hoped that the pruning of the trees with die-back will help encourage new growth and prolong their lifespan, giving new trees time to establish before too many of the older trees succumb.

The Rock Recreation Ground

The over mature peppercorn trees were recently removed as part of the boundary track upgrade. *Eucalyptus eximia nana*, dwarf yellow bloodwoods, have been planted thanks to a donation from The Rock Touch Football.

Lockhart Caravan Park Entrance, Green St

Replacement of the old granite path with paving is scheduled to commence. Refurbishment will also include replacement of pebble surface with pea granite and the extension of the existing garden bed.

This area is already the home of the annual winner of Spirit of the Land sculpture and will also become the permanent home of the 'Spirit of the Land' Frame Sculpture, kindly donated by its creator David Fenwick of Weathered Garden Art, Mangoplah. The frame was very popular at the 2019 Spirit of the Land Festival with many visitors posing for photos behind it, its permanent inclusion in this position will allow visitors to take photos of themselves with the caravan park and creek backdrop throughout the year and can also be used during the festival.

Parks and Gardens

Along with the ongoing garden maintenance including regular weeding, spraying, pruning, deadheading and mulching; rose pruning has begun.

Walter Day Park is also looking very open at the moment due to some hard pruning of some very leggy bottlebrush and melaleuca. These species should take the hard pruning well and recover quickly with fresh new shrubby growth to fill out the gardens better.

Weed Control

Weed control by mechanical and chemical methods are undertaken regularly in urban areas. Pesticides commonly used are Glyphosate and Dicamba. Signage will be placed at property entrances when spraying is in progress.

Freehand herbicide has been trialled in several lawn situations to test its ability to suppress the germination of khaki weed and Caltrop (bindii/cathead) seed. Freehand is for pre-emergent weed control of annual grasses, susceptible sedge species and many small-seeded broadleaf weeds in ornamental landscape and warm season turf situations. The trial appears to have been quite successful; use will be extended next season.

Mowing and Slashing

Growth has slowed significantly; slashing in towns and villages is still being conducted as required. Many roadsides are now quite saturated; it will be difficult to get machines on these areas for the foreseeable future.

Growth of irrigated lawns is being monitored and mowed as required.

Trees

The tree maintenance program has commenced and will continue throughout autumn and winter. Council's priority has been high risk, dead, dying, or damaged trees. The bulk of these have been completed and the usual under-pruning of street trees has commenced.

Watering of any trees planted in the last two years has ceased due to regular rain, cooler temperatures, and dormancy of many species.

Lockhart Shire's *Street Tree Policy 2.44* states; 'Council is responsible for the planting and maintenance of street trees, including the selection of species, regular health, and safety checks, pruning, and removal and replanting requirements. Issues presented to residents regarding street trees, including species selection, maintenance and/or removal should be made in writing and addressed to the General Manager. Such issues will be resolved based on financial and time restraints.'

c) **Biosecurity**

Control Program

Priority has been given to the control of African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*), Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), and Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) on roadside reserves and council managed land.

Pests

Common White Snail Baiting Program:

Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 14 June 2022

d) **Development Applications:** The following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 June to 30 June 2022.

DA/CDC No	Development	Applicant	Site of Development
DA76/22	Swimming Pool	CSKY Services Pty Ltd	50 King St, The Rock
DA77/22	Shed	Simon Hounsell	75 Ferrier St, Lockhart
DA78/22	Dwelling house	Elizabeth Lawson	8 Bond St, Lockhart

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Applications are processed under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Weed inspections and associated activities are carried out in accordance the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and associated regulations.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

C2: Flora and Fauna are protected across the Shire.

D1: Our assets and infrastructure are well planned and managed to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

D2: Our Planning and development controls work to attract new residents and investment.

Budget and Financial Aspects

Will be conducted within Council's allocated budget.

Attachment

- Works Programme (to be handed out separately at the meeting).

Recommendation: That Council notes the information provided in the Engineering and Environmental Services report.

138/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Hunter and Day that Council notes the information provided in the Engineering & Environmental Services Report.

4. HIRE (WET) PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(GM: 22/8000)

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve a list of contractors for the hire (wet) of plant and equipment for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Background Information

Every year Council invites quotes from suitably qualified contractors for the hire (wet) of plant and equipment.

Contractors are required to have a Work, Health and Safety system in place and hold the required insurances (public liability, workers compensation). Where contractors do not have their own WH&S system, they can operate under Council's WH&S system. However, all contractors would be encouraged to have their own WH&S systems in place.

The criteria used for assessing and selecting plant for hire include:

- Quoted hire rate.
- Currency of insurances.
- Compliance with WHS regulations.
- Capacity to undertake the works.
- Condition and age of plant and/or equipment.
- Plant and operator performance/competencies.
- Proximity and availability.
- Service and support.
- Local preference.

A request for quotations for the wet hire of plant and equipment for the 2022-23 financial year was advertised and Council received responses from the following nine contractors:

Contractor	ABN	WH&S System	Public Liability Insurance	Personal Accident Workers Comp Insurance
Rollers Australia (Wagga Wagga)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kennedy Bros Earthmoving (Wagga Wagga)	✓		✓	✓
The Mining Pty Ltd (Fannie Bay)	✓	✓	✓	✓
R & L Holyoake (Pleasant Hills)	✓		✓	✓
Peakn Park Contracting (Currawarna)	✓	✓	✓	✓
RW & LM Thomson (Lockhart)	✓		✓	✓

Contractor	ABN	WH&S System	Public Liability Insurance	Personal Accident Workers Comp Insurance
Solomons (Lockhart Earthmoving) (Lockhart)	✓		✓	✓
TDG Environmental (Strathfieldsaye Vic)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dynamic Diggers (Junelee)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Campo's Earthworks (The Rock)	✓		✓	✓

Based on the above assessment the lowest price (rates) may not be necessarily accepted. Appointment of a contractor will depend on the availability of plant and equipment required for a specific period as well as the above criteria. Once hired a daily equipment hire order including a safety check must be completed.

Most of the contractors that submitted quotes are located in the Lockhart Local government Area of eastern Riverina region except for TDG Environmental (Strathfieldsaye – Greater Bendigo) and The Mining Pty Ltd (Fannie Bay, NT). Given the distance away from the Lockhart shire it is unlikely that these two contractors may be utilised.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Part 7 – Tendering) provides that works exceeding \$250,000 must be awarded by Council by way of public tender.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

D1: Our assets and infrastructure are well planned and managed to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

Budget and Financial Aspects

Council's auditors advised that 'Management should review expenditure on an annual basis to identify goods or services where expenditure regularly exceeds \$250,000 annually irrespective whether the expenditure is spread over several projects. It is proposed that Council approves the contractors for the hire (wet) of plant and equipment for the 2022-23 financial year to satisfy the recommendation by Council's auditors.

Attachments

- Nil.

Recommendation: That Council approves the following contractors for the hire (wet) of plant and equipment for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

- Rollers Australia (Wagga Wagga)
- Kennedy Bros Earthmoving (Wagga Wagga)
- R & L Holyoake (Pleasant Hills)
- Peakn Park Contracting (Currawarna)
- RW & LM Thomson (Lockhart)
- Solomons - Lockhart Earthmoving (Lockhart)
- Dynamic Diggers (Junelee)
- Campo's Earthworks

139/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Marston that Council approves the following contractors for the hire (wet) of plant and equipment for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

- Rollers Australia (Wagga Wagga)
- Kennedy Bros Earthmoving (Wagga Wagga)
- R & L Holyoake (Pleasant Hills)
- Peakn Park Contracting (Currawarna)
- RW & LM Thomson (Lockhart)
- Solomons - Lockhart Earthmoving (Lockhart)
- Dynamic Diggers (Junee)
- Campo's Earthworks

5. HIRE (DRY) PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(GM: 22/7999)

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the list of hire companies for Miscellaneous Plant Hire (Dry Hire), for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Background Information

Every year Council invites submissions from companies for the hire of plant (dry) to be used for construction and maintenance purposes in cases where Council is unable to provide its own plant.

A request for a schedule of rates was sent to selected companies for the dry hire of plant. Council received responses from the following:

1. Porter Plant (Wangaratta).
2. Kennards Hire (Wagga Wagga).
3. Coates Hire (Wagga Wagga).
4. Rollers Australia (Wagga Wagga).
5. Orange Plant Hire (Leeton).

Council is not bound to accept the lowest rates, or any rates submitted. The criteria used for assessing and selecting plant for dry hire include:

- a) Quoted hire rate.
- b) Hire terms.
- c) Local preference.

The Council may undertake an ongoing evaluation of the hire companies' performance. The evaluation may be considered in the assessment of future requests for services of a similar nature. A copy of any such evaluation will be forwarded to the company. If the company disagrees with the evaluation, they may forward a request to Council's Manager Works for a review along with reasons why it should be reviewed. The Council's decision will be final. Council reserves the right to terminate agreements/contracts if the companies' performance has been identified as unsatisfactory and the company fails to rectify this.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Part 7 – Tendering) provides that works exceeding \$250,000 must be awarded by Council by way of public tender.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

D1: Our assets and infrastructure are well planned and managed to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

Budget and Financial Aspects

Council's auditors advised that 'Management should review expenditure on an annual basis to identify goods or services where expenditure regularly exceeds \$250,000 annually and assess whether these should be subject to a competitive tender process.

Council may hire (dry hire) plant on occasions when it is unable to provide plant from its own fleet. Although every effort will be made to minimise the cost of plant hire (dry hire) and keep the cumulative cost per hire company below \$250,000, circumstances may arise where the \$250,000 limit may be exceeded. Irrespective whether the expenditure is spread over several projects it is proposed that Council approves the contractors for the hire (dry) of plant and equipment for the 2022-23 financial year to satisfy the recommendation by Council's auditors.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation: That Council approves the following companies for Miscellaneous Plant Hire (Dry Hire) for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

1. Porter Plant (Wangaratta).
2. Kennards Hire (Wagga Wagga).
3. Coates Hire (Wagga Wagga).
4. Rollers Australia (Wagga Wagga).
5. Orange Plant Hire (Leeton).

140/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Day that Council approves the following companies for Miscellaneous Plant Hire (Dry Hire) for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

- Porter Plant (Wangaratta).
- Kennards Hire (Wagga Wagga).
- Coates Hire (Wagga Wagga).
- Rollers Australia (Wagga Wagga).
- Orange Plant Hire (Leeton).

At this juncture (5.35pm) Cr Marston declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 6 and left the room.

6. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO PURCHASE PRIVATE ACCESS

(GM: 22/8576)

Executive Summary

A request has been received from two adjoining landowners for Council to acquire a section of their freehold land currently used for the purposes of a driveway access with a view to the land being dedicated as public road with Council accepting ongoing responsibility for the road.

Report

Council has received a request from the owners of 49 and 50 Rods Road, The Rock for Council to acquire a section of their respective properties currently used for the purposes of a driveway access. The subject land is being offered to Council for the sum of \$1.00 with a view to Council dedicating it as public road and assuming ongoing responsibility for it. A copy of the request together with supporting letters and photographs is attached.

By way of background the current situation is the result of a six-lot subdivision that was approved by Council in 1986. In order to obtain approval from Council a developer is required to ensure that all lots being created will have access to a public road.

In order to satisfy this requirement the subject lots were created in a “battle axe” shape so that they would have a small frontage to Rods Road. It is assumed this design was proposed by the applicant at the time to avoid the additional expense of constructing Rods Road for a longer length.

The “handle” of the battle axe lots are of sufficient width to provide an internal driveway and it is these sections of the two lots that the current landowners are proposing to transfer to Council. A copy of the subdivision plan is also attached.

Bearing in mind the land in question forms part of the landowners existing freehold title, in order to excise the relevant sections and dedicate them as public road, it would be necessary for a subdivision plan to be prepared and lodged with the Land Titles Office for registration. This will involve survey fees, plan registration fees and legal costs.

The request for Council to assume responsibility for the property access is not supported as the current situation is in accordance with the approved subdivision plan. The only other way the six-lot subdivision would have been capable of being approved at the time is if Rods Road was constructed by the developer for the extended length to Council’s satisfaction to service two conventionally shaped lots.

It is noted that a similar request was received by Council in 2013. At that time Council declined the request (minute no. 220/13).

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

D1: Our assets and infrastructure are well planned and managed to meet the needs of the community now and into the future

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

The subject lots have been created in accordance with a development consent issued pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (DA19/85).

Pursuant to section 9 of the Roads Act a person may open a public road by causing a plan of subdivision or other plan that bears a statement of intention to dedicate specified land as a public road to be registered in the office of the Registrar-General. On registration of the plan, the land is dedicated as a public road.

Budget & Financial Aspects

The subject land is being offered to Council for the sum of \$1.00 however in order to facilitate the transfer, survey fees, plan registration fees and legal costs would be incurred and estimated to be in the order of \$5,000 to \$10,000. If acquired Council will have ongoing responsibility for maintaining the road.

Attachments

1. Request from Landowners dated 13 June 2022 and supporting documentation.
2. Photographs taken from east and west of the accessway.
3. Plan of subdivision – DA19/85.

Recommendation: That Council decline the offer to assume responsibility for the private access to the properties situated at 49 and 50 Rods Road, The Rock.

141/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Rockliff that Council agrees to the request in principle subject to Council and the applicants agreeing to a reasonable cost sharing arrangement.
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At this juncture (6.00pm) Cr Marston re-joined the meeting.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION E: Strong Leadership and Governance

7. INVESTMENT AND BANK BALANCES REPORT – 30 JUNE 2022

(DCCS: 22/8663)

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the funds that have been invested and bank account balances.

Report

It is required under Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 to provide the Council with a written report each month detailing all money that Council has invested.

Cash at Bank

Opening Combined Cashbook Balance				1,898,198.11
Add: Total Receipts				
	Rates		102,290.94	
	Debtors		35,930.87	
	Miscellaneous		38,832.41	
	Interest		4,769.89	
	May BAS Return		32,054.00	
	Sale of Plant		98,663.95	
	Apprenticeship Incentives		29,884.66	
	FBT Refund		3,829.88	
	FMP Grant		1,311,429.00	
	FM-0037		43,011.43	
	FMP - 0049		154,286.00	
	LR 2 - LRC12		215,844.00	
	LR 3 - LRC13		846,561.00	
	OLG - RFS - ESL 2022		84,242.92	
	Riverina Water Grant - The Rock Showground & Golf Course		19,306.39	
	EPA - PIP Grant M5		22,185.00	
	Transport for NSW - Traffic Route Lighting		4,000.00	
	Transport for NSW - Reg Roads - Emergency Works		30,226.45	
	Transport for NSW - Local Roads - Emergency Works		73,229.79	
	Transport for NSW - Fixing Local Roads		449,550.00	
	Redeemed Investment		1,000,000.00	
	Macquarie DEFT		550,000.00	
				5,150,128.58
Less: Total Payments				4,923,754.07
	New Investments	0		1,500,000.00
Closing Combined Cashbook Balance				2,124,572.62
Closing Bank Statement Balance				
	Bendigo Bank			2,237,948.03
	Macquarie Bank			83,717.91
	Bendigo Bank-Prichard Trust			31,666.37
				2,353,332.31
Add: Outstanding Deposits				0.00
				2,353,332.31
Less: Outstanding Cheques				228,759.69
Closing Combined Cashbook Balance				2,124,572.62
	Investments:	Interest Rate per Annum	Amount Invested	% of Total
	Bendigo	2.20	500,000.00	6.06
	Bendigo	2.20	500,000.00	6.06
	Bendigo	1.00	500,000.00	6.06
	Bendigo	on call	100,000.00	1.21
	Bendigo	1.30	400,000.00	4.85
	Commonwealth	0.63	500,000.00	6.06
	Commonwealth	1.71	500,000.00	6.06
	Commonwealth	2.31	250,000.00	3.03
	Commonwealth	1.62	500,000.00	6.06
	Commonwealth	2.31	500,000.00	6.06
	MACQUARIE BANK	1.20	500,000.00	6.06
	MACQUARIE BANK	1.20	500,000.00	6.06
	MACQUARIE BANK	1.77	500,000.00	6.06
	NAB	1.05	500,000.00	6.06
	NAB	1.05	500,000.00	6.06
	NAB	1.75	500,000.00	6.06
	NAB	2.26	500,000.00	6.06
	NAB	2.05	500,000.00	6.06
			8,250,000.00	
				AMOUNT
	General (PTD)		1490-3000-0000	-159,119.73
	Combined Sewerage		8490-3000-0000	2,252,025.98
	Trust Fund		9991-3000-0000	31,666.37
			2,124,572.62	2,124,572.62
TOTAL FUNDS HELD ARE:			10,374,572.62	

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 CHAIRPERSON

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

- E1 Council is strong, sustainable and able to stand alone.
- E1 Plan for the long-term sustainability of the Shire.
- E1 Meet all governance and regulatory requirements in the conduct of Council operations.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

- Local Government Act 1993 Section 625 Investments.
- Local Government (General) Regulation Clause 212.

Budget and Financial Aspects

Council's 2021/22 Operational Budget has forecast a total of \$33,750 income from interest on investments for General Fund & Sewer Fund combined. For the period of July 2021 to June 2022, the average end of month balance of funds invested has been \$6.17 million and the average return on invested funds has been 0.43%. On these year to date figures, Council's budgeted income on investments will be under budget for the General Fund and Sewer Fund. The interest on investments has been adjusted for at each Quarterly Budget Review to reflect reduction in income from this income source.

Responsible Accounting Officer Statement

I, Craig Fletcher, hereby certify that all investments listed in this report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of Local Government (General) Regulation and Council's Investment Policy. The Internal and External Reserve amounts and Unrestricted Funds are estimate valued only, they are subject to change and review in part with the audit of Council's Financial Statements and each Quarterly Budget Review.

Recommendation:

- a) That the June 2022 Investment and Bank Balances Report be received and noted.
- b) That the Responsible Accounting Officer Statement be noted, and the report be adopted.

142/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Day:

- a) That the June 2022 Investment and Bank Balances Report be received and noted.
- b) That the Responsible Accounting Officer Statement be noted, and the report be adopted.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

(GM:22/8740)

Executive Summary

Discussions are currently being held by the Boards of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) and the Riverina Joint Organisation (RIVJO) regarding transitioning to a single regional organisation.

Report

Lockhart Shire Council has been a long-standing member of REROC. In December 2017 the Local Government Act was amended to provide a legislative framework for the formation of Joint Organisations of councils (JOs). Pursuant to a resolution passed on 5 February 2020 Lockhart Shire Council is now a member of the Riverina JO (RIVJO) with seven other local councils.

The RIVJO member councils initially took a cautious approach to the transition from REROC to the JO whereby REROC would continue to operate alongside RIVJO with each organisation having different responsibilities i.e. REROC being responsible for operational activities e.g. joint purchasing, resource sharing etc. and RIVJO performing an advocacy role and determining regional priorities. The cautious approach was adopted due to concerns regarding the cost of operating JOs and their ongoing financial viability.

As Councillors will be aware from the regular Delegates Reports tabled at Council meetings the REROC and RIVJO Boards have been considering the transition to a single organisation with various options

with the respective pros and cons being presented to the Boards. The Boards' decisions will ultimately have to be referred to the member councils for their consideration.

For the majority of councillors who have not been privy to the REROC and RIVJO discussions there will be a substantial amount of information to digest when considering this matter. For this reason it is considered appropriate that Council have the opportunity to workshop the issue before having to formally adopt a position. Accordingly it is recommended that a Councillor Workshop be held prior to the Council meeting scheduled for 15 August 2022.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

E1: Implement "Fit For The Future" improvement action plans, i.e. continue involvement with REROC/JO.

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

A legislative framework for the formation of JOs was established with the passing of the Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Act 2017. REROC is an incorporated body pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Act.

Budget & Financial Aspects

The 2022/23 Budget has made provision for both the REROC and RIVJO Membership fee.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation: That a Councillor Workshop be held at 4.00pm of Monday 15 August 2022 to consider Council membership of REROC and RIVJO and the proposed transition to a single organisation.

143/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Day that a Councillor Workshop be held at 4.00pm of Monday, 15 August 2022 to consider Council membership of REROC and RIVJO and the proposed transition to a single organisation.

9. POLICY REVIEWS

(GM: 22/7969)

Executive Summary

A number of policies are due to be reviewed in accordance with the three-year cycle referred to in Policy No. 1.0 Policies – Procedure for Consideration and Adoption.

Report

At its meeting held on 16 March 2020, Council endorsed "Policy No. 1.0 Policies – Procedure for Consideration and Adoption" which set out a process for the systematic review of Council policies and the development of new policies.

Policy 1.0 Policies – Procedure for Consideration and Adoption, provides that:

In order to ensure that policies remain relevant a program of ongoing review of policies not later than every three years will be developed and maintained.

Individual policies will be reviewed and amended in advance of the scheduled review date when circumstances warrant. This may be prompted by factors such as a change in legislation, a change in government policy or as a result of a need identified by the Council, management and staff or internal and external audit activities.

Policy 1.0 also provides that any new or amended policies that, in the Council's opinion, may impact on residents and ratepayers and/or on the provision of services to the community, are to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, and any submissions received will be considered by Council prior to adoption of the Policy,

The following Policies are now due for review in accordance with the scheduled three-year cycle referred to in Policy No. 1.0:

- Policy 2.28 Asbestos Cement

- Policy 2.54 Contract Management
- Policy 2.55 Roadside Vegetation Management
- Policy 2.56 Mobile Food Vans

No significant changes are proposed to the above policies however it is considered appropriate that Policies 2.28, 2.55 and 2.56 be placed on public exhibition prior to being reaffirmed by Council.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

- E1: Meet all governance and regulatory requirements in the conduct of Council operations.
E1: Minimise Council's exposure to risk and promote a strong risk management culture within Council.

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

A process for the identification, development and review of appropriate policies and procedures facilitates an effective governance and control environment.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil.

Attachments

1. Policy 2.28 Asbestos Cement
2. Policy 2.54 Contract Management
3. Policy 2.55 Roadside Vegetation Management
4. Policy 2.56 Mobile Food Vans

Recommendation:

1. That Policy 2.54 Contract Management, as presented, be adopted.
2. That the following policies be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days and any submissions received be considered prior to the policies being reaffirmed.
 - a) Policy 2.28 Asbestos Cement
 - b) Policy 2.55 Roadside Vegetation Management
 - c) Policy 2.56 Mobile Food Vans

144/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Hunter that:

1. Policy 2.54 Contract Management, as presented, be adopted.
2. The following policies be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days and any submissions received be considered prior to the policies being reaffirmed.
 - a) Policy 2.28 Asbestos Cement
 - b) Policy 2.55 Roadside Vegetation Management
 - c) Policy 2.56 Mobile Food Vans

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Rockliff

- i) **Essential Energy** – Cr Rockliff raised concerns that Essential Energy may not be continuing its presence in Lockhart and the associated jobs may be lost to the town as a result. He suggested that Council write to Essential Energy requesting its depot and staff remain in Lockhart.

Response: General Manager

The General Manager advised that representations had previously been made to Essential Energy in relation to this matter and that further representations can be made.

- ii) **Commercial Approvals**: Cr Rockliff enquired if Council can put on an understudy or trainee to assist in the processing of commercial applications? The process of referring them to Wagga is not satisfactory as they may be looked at differently.

Response: General Manager:

The General Manager advised that it has been necessary to outsource some development applications for certain types of buildings due to Council's staff not have the required accreditation and that alternative arrangements were being pursued with private certifiers.

Cr Walker

- i) **Question**: Cr Walker enquired if the Jetpatcher is back in operation yet and how are large potholes dealt with if too big for the Jetpatcher?

Response: Director Engineering and Environmental Services

The Jetpatcher is now back in operation and working through the backlog. For potholes too big for the Jetpatcher, crews are assigned to carry out the repairs.

Cr Hunter

Nil

Cr Mathews

- i) **Statement**: Cr Mathews advised a property owner in Green Street would like to sell their property to Council.

- ii) **Statement**: Cr Mathews noted with the increase in Prostate Cancer, consideration should be given to providing adult incontinence pads in Council's public toilets.

- iii) **Rates**: Cr Mathews advised he had received enquiries regarding why the calculations of rates for The Rock and Lockhart are different.

Response – Mayor

The Mayor suggested to Cr Mathews that he arrange to meet with the Director Corporate and Community Services to gain an understanding of Council's rating structure.

- iv) **Statement**: Cr Mathews advised that the NSW Government Senior Festival Grants are open until 1 August 2022.

Cr Driscoll

- i) **Statement**: Cr Driscoll advised that The Rock Recreation Ground toilets are looking very scrappy at the moment with mud etc. and enquired as to the current cleaning regime.

Response – Director Corporate and Community Services

The Director advised that The Rock Recreation Ground toilets are scheduled to be cleaned daily. The Director will investigate.

- ii) **Statement**: Cr Driscoll advised that the laneway between Bretton and Yerong Streets The Rock has a tree across it and a deep divet.

Response – Director Engineering and Environmental Services

The Director advised that he will follow up on this matter.

- iii) **Question:** Cr Driscoll enquired if the new subdivision in Lockhart is progressing.

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised that the subdivision involves two Development Applications one of which has been approved with the other requiring additional information regarding dam that was previously on the site and has since been filled in.

- iv) **Question:** Cr Driscoll enquired if the last census has shown that the Shire has grown? If so, it should be positive for sales.

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised that the census results confirmed that the Local government Area is growing and importantly future population projections are also positive.

Cr Day

- i) **Lockhart Health Advisory Committee:** Cr Day advised that the Lockhart Health Advisory Committee has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$9,920.00 for the promotion of social inclusion across the Shire. The grant will be used for all school children across the Shire to support community activities and promote social cohesion.

- ii) **Question:** Cr Day enquired about accommodation for doctors and nurses. Has there been any discussion on where they stay when they come to Lockhart?

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised that Local Government receives updates through the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and noted that MLHD has received government funding to assist with accommodation for health workers.

Cr Marston

- i) **The Rock Pony Club:** Cr Marston advised that pony clubs are now required to load and unload horses from their floats in an enclosed area and requested some minor improvements to facilitate this.

Response – Directors

The Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Engineering and Environmental Services advised that they will follow up the matter.

- ii) **Mural:** Cr Marston provided a photo of a war memorial mural taken elsewhere in NSW and advised that The Rock RSL is considering something similar for The Rock Bowling Club and enquired as to whether a development application is required.

Response – General Manager

The General Manager noted that a development application was required for the Lockhart and Yerong Creek Water Tower murals and advised that he would check with Council's planning staff and advise.

- iii) **Statement:** Cr Marston thanked the Council for the trees planted around The Rock Recreation Ground main oval.

- iv) **Statement:** Cr Marston advised that the white fence around The Rock Recreation Ground main oval looks terrific and thanked the Director Corporate and Community Services.

- v) **Lights:** Cr Marston enquired as to the progress of the lighting upgrades to be funded under the LRCI Phase 3 grants program.

Response: Director Corporate and Community Services

The Director advised that the Project Nomination form has been submitted to the funding body and is awaiting approval. The project will be progressed once approval has been received noting that Council will be required to comply with its procurement policy.

Cr Verdon

- i) **The Rock Touch Association:** Cr Verdon requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to The Rock Touch Association for the trees donated to The Rock Recreation Ground.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 the following business is considered to be of a kind referred to in subsection 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with as part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

145/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Walker that Council close the meeting to the public as per section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

The meeting moved into Closed Session at 6.32pm.

146/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Marston and Walker that Council move into Open Session.

The meeting moved into Open Session at 6.42pm.

OPEN COUNCIL

The resolutions of Council, relating to Item 10, passed while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the meeting by the General Manager.

10. THE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE

(GM: 21/11314)

147/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Walker that Council:

- a) Authorise the General Manager to purchase Lot 2, Section 17, DP758971 in accordance with the updated valuation advice received by Council, and
- b) Request the General Manager to further investigate the possible purchase of Lot 2, DP1196082 Burke Street, The Rock.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18 July 2022, were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2022, at which time the signature was hereunto subscribed.



CHAIRPERSON



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