



MINUTES
of the
Ordinary Meeting
held
20 June 2022

**Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Lockhart Shire Council held in the Council Chambers,
Lockhart on Monday, 20 June 2022 commencing at 5.00pm.**

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance were the General Manager, Director Corporate and Community Services, and Executive Assistant.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

APOLOGIES

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| 110/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cr Mathews and Cr Marston that the apology from Cr Gail Driscoll be accepted and leave of absence be granted. |
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr R Mathews requested leave of absence for the 27 June Extraordinary Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING, 16 MAY 2022

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| 111/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Sharp that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 16 May 2022 as printed and circulated be taken as read and confirmed. |
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DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Sharp declared a non-pecuniary interest in Staff Report 5 – Engineering Report, Development Approvals.

MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

MAYORAL REPORT

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

- 2 June 2022 With the General Manager, Human Resources Officer and Mr Terrey Kiss, conducted interviews for the position of Director of Engineering & Environmental Services.
- 8 June 2022 Met with a resident of The Rock regarding zoning issues.
- 15 June 2022 Met with a resident concerning issues in Strevens Street.
- 16 June 2022 Met with members of The Rock Men's Shed regarding future development of the site.
- 20 June 2022 Conferred Citizenship on Shire resident and presented Local Government Service Awards to former councillors, Rodger Schirmer, Max Day and Derek Douglas.

112/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Marston and Hunter that the Mayoral Report be received.

URGENT MATTERS

Nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE HELD IN LOCKHART ON 1 JUNE 2022

(TEDO: 22/7040)

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| Date & Time | Wednesday 1 st June 2022 | |
| Location | Lockhart Council Chambers and via Zoom | |
| Attendees | Navneet Choujar, (Chair), Heather Trevaskis (Timekeeper), Matt Holt (TEDO - Secretary), Brent Alexander, Cr Fran Day, Cr Ian Marston, Cr Peter Sharp, Fiona Beckett, Rachel Viski and Sharon Lambert | |
| Apologies | Erica Jones, Mandy Strong, Cr Bob Mathews, Jared Walker, and Michelle Bailey | |
| Declarations of Interest | Nil | |
| The meeting opened with a Welcome from the Chair and an acknowledgment of country. All members present gave thirty seconds introduction of themselves. | | |
| 1. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting Tuesday 5th April 2022 | | |
| Minutes | Nil | Presenter/s |
| Actions | Nil | Navneet |
| Resolutions | Recommended on the motion of Cr Peter Sharp and Cr Fran Day that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5 th April 2022 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings. | |

| 2. Action from previous minutes | | |
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| Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Information Boards – added to the project list • Code of Conduct – All committee members to sign they understand the Code of Conduct sheet in the shared drive • Letters of appreciation to former members - complete • Working Groups – members to advise Matt if they are interested in helping on any project/s on the project spreadsheet - complete • Connectivity – Survey TEDO to circulate for feedback by 10/6/22 • Questions – TEDO provided verbal answers - Complete | Presenter/s Navneet/Matt/ Rachel |
| Actions | All committee members to read the Code of Conduct and sign the sheet acknowledging they understand it. Matt to circulate Connectivity – Survey | |
| Resolutions | Recommended by Heather Trevaskis and Cr Ian Marston that all committee members read the Code of Conduct and sign the sheet acknowledging they understand it. | |
| 3. Projects Update | | |
| Minutes | Project spreadsheet in shared drive | Presenter/s |
| Actions | Nil | Matt |
| Resolutions | Recommended by Cr Ian Marston and Sharon Lambert that the project list is updated and noted. | |
| 4. Memberships 22/23 | | |
| Minutes | Memberships 22/23 (see sheet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Change • Visit Albury/Wodonga • Visit Wagga • Visit Riverina | Presenter/s Matt |
| Actions | Matt to sign up to three of the four above and report back to the TEDSC for the membership of Visit Riverina | |
| Resolutions | Recommended by Fiona Beckett and Heather Trevaskis that Lockhart Shire Council become members of Country Change, Visit Albury/Wodonga Tourism Partner Program and Visit Wagga Tourism Partner Program for 2022/2023 and hold off becoming a member with Visit Riverina until results of the audit/structure review are presented to all member Councils and reported back to the TEDSC. | |
| 5. Availability of suitable housing blocks | | |
| Minutes | Brent asked for an update about the housing and land. | Presenter/s |
| Actions | Matt provided a verbal update. Updates going forward will be in the project list. | Brent |
| Resolutions | Recommended on the motion of Cr Peter Sharp and Rachel Viski that the update be noted. | |

| 6. Lighting and signage on various streets | | |
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| Minutes | Navneet asked about the lack of streetlights in Lockhart in particular Brookong, Day, O'Connell Streets. | Presenter/s |
| Actions | TEDO asked members to report issues to Essential Energy on 132080. TEDO will investigate who is responsible and if an audit of street lighting can be undertaken across Lockhart Shire. TEDO mentioned that Visitor Information signage is under review and new maps are in progress. Signage for community services, e.g., Service Stations, general visitor information inconsistent across the Shire. TEDO to audit. | Tony |
| Resolutions | Recommended on the motion of Cr Ian Marston and Cr Fran Day that the TEDO investigate the above actions and report back to TEDSC. | |
| 7. Public Toilets in CWA Park | | |
| Minutes | Sharon has raised issues of cleanliness and the age of the amenities block at CWA Park. | Presenter/s |
| Actions | TEDO will speak to who oversees this toilet block and see what can be done in the short term. | Sharon |
| Resolutions | Recommended on the motion of Cr Peter Sharp and Fiona Beckett that Council scope new larger inclusive amenities block within CWA Park as per the Lockhart CBD Masterplan and Council to consider for the next round of funding that comes available. Recommended on the motion of Cr Peter Sharp and Fiona Beckett that Council audit the public toilets across Lockhart Shire regarding frequency of clean, age and when each toilet block is due for renewal and report back to TEDSC for comment. | |
| 8. Questions/Comments/Feedback/Updates | | |
| Comment | Marrocka Emu Farm - Open Charity Day in September 2022 | Member |
| Answer | Matt to follow up with Ian | |
| Comment | LHSC Event | |
| Answer | Railway Hotel celebrating one year under new ownership | |
| Comment | Heather Trevaskis Apology next meeting. | |
| Answer | Matt to note. | |
| Comment | Sharon asked about the fluorescent lights under the Verandahs in Lockhart, who is responsible to replace them? | |
| Answer | Matt to follow up and contact Sharon directly. | |
| 9. Next meeting: Thursday 4th August 2022 – Pleasant Hills Community Hall | | |
| 10.Meeting Closed: 8:04pm | | |

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Steering Committee be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

113/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Day and Sharp that the minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Steering Committee be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

DELEGATES' REPORTS

1. **POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE ROCK MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022**

(GM: 22/6516)

I report having attended the Police and Community Consultation group meeting held at The Rock on 24 May 2022.

All Committee members provided updates in relation to their respective communities. The following issues were noted in particular:

- Constable Alex Gosper recently commenced with the Lockhart Police and was attending his first meeting.
- Sergeant Ged Horsley has accepted a new role commencing in July and based in Wagga Wagga.
- The concerns raised at the last Council meeting regarding heavy vehicles continuing to use Green Street Lockhart despite Council having upgraded detour routes around the town which are sign posted were conveyed to the Police.
- A Rural Fire Brigade Station had been broken into recently and a defibrillator had been stolen. Rural Fire Brigades should be advised to carry out regular checks of their premises and ensure that everything is properly secured.
- The person previously convicted of breaking into the Lockhart IGA has been sentenced to 15 months jail with a non-parole period of 9 months.
- "Coffee with a Cop" was recently held in Lockhart which was very successful, and the community initiative is proposed to be held at The Rock in the future.
- Some funding has been provided to undertake improvements to local Police stations.
- Police are currently focussing on domestic violence and gun ownership compliance.

Cr Greg Verdon
Delegate

114/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Walker that the Delegate's Report be received.

STATUS REPORT/PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED

Status Report: Council Resolutions and Tasks to be finalised

| Minute No: | Officer to Action | Council Resolution | Action Taken |
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| 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>Individual decisions currently being sought.</p> |
| 105/22 | GM | <p>Policy Review – Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue & Replacement</p> <p>Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue & Replacement be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and any submissions received be considered by Council prior to adoption of the Policy.</p> | <p>Policy placed on public exhibition. Complete.</p> |
| 104/22 | GM | <p>Policy Review – Policy 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing</p> <p>1) That Policy 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and any submissions received be tabled for Council's consideration prior to adoption of the Policy.</p> <p>2) That Policy 2.31 Procurement be amended so as to provide that where the procurement is for less than \$3,000 and only one quote is required, where possible that quote be obtained from a local business.</p> | <p>Policy placed on public exhibition. Complete.</p> |

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| 99/22 | GM | Review of Code of Meeting Practice Council endorses the draft revised Lockhart Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice incorporating the amendments outlined in this report for public exhibition. | Code of meeting Practice placed on public exhibition. Complete. |
| 97/22 | DCCS | Quarterly Budget Review No. 3 – Jan to Mar FY22 a) The information be noted, and b) The adjustments in income and expenditure in the March 2022 Quarterly Budget Review be adopted, and c) The adjustments in internal and external reserves in the March 2022 Quarterly Budget Review be adopted. | Complete. |
| 96/22 | DCCS | Draft Operational Plan Budget FY23 and Draft Delivery Program Estimates 2023/24-2025-26 a) Council endorses, for the purpose of public exhibition, the Draft Operational Plan Budget 2022/2023 and Delivery Program Budget Estimates 2023/24 to 2025/26 incorporating the Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges; and the Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2031/2032. b) Following the 28-day public exhibition period, Council further considers the Draft documents at an extraordinary meeting to be held on 27 June 2022, in conjunction with any public comments or submissions received, for the purpose of adoption prior to 30 June 2022. | Documents placed on public exhibition. Complete. |
| 93/22 | GM | Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grants Program 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. | Workshop scheduled to be held at 4.00pm on 27 June 2022. |
| 92/22 | GM/ TEDO | Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program Council submits an application under the Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program subject to consultation with local event organisers. | Application currently being prepared based on responses received from event organisers. |

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| 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"> 1. Notes the information provided in the report regarding the review of the Lockhart Local Environmental Plan; and 2. 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"> 1) Complete 2) Funding has been incorporated into the 2022/23 Draft Budget currently on public exhibition. |
| 59/22 | DEES | <p>Review of Road Classification</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. establishes a Road Classification Working Group to oversee a review of road classifications in the Shire; and 2. nominates the following Councillors to participate in the Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Ward Cr Rockliff B Ward Cr Sharp C Ward Cr Verdon | Road classification review to commence after the newly appointed Director Engineering and Environmental Services has commenced duties. |
| 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 - Complete. 4. Application lodged – complete. 5. Application lodged – complete. 6. Noted – complete. |
| 25/22 | GM | <p>Phase 3 – Local Roads & Infrastructure Grants Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council prepare and submit Project Nominations forms and Work Schedules for the following projects for funding under Phase 3 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grants program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yerong Creek Rec Ground – irrigation system \$58,000 • The Rock Rec Ground – additional funding required for fencing \$6,000 2. The remaining balance of LRCI Phase 3 funding totalling \$305,000 not be allocated to other projects until such time as TfNSW completes the clearing of table drains along the Olympic Highway at The Rock at which time Council can determine whether additional works will be required. 3. An amended project nomination form be submitted to the funding body requesting that the funds approved for the sealing of internal roads at the Osborne Recreation Ground be reallocated to ancillary works involved with the new netball courts, and upgrade of lighting to the main oval. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Nomination Forms submitted. Complete. 2. Table drains cleaned by Greater Hume Shire Council under contract to TfNSW. Workshop scheduled for 4.00pm on 27 June 2022 Complete. 3. Amended Project Nomination form submitted. Complete. |

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| 23/22 | DCCS | Lockhart – Out of School Hours Care Service Further investigation of out-of-school-hours care requirements in Lockhart be undertaken. | Provider indicated current demand is not sufficient for a before & after school care program to be viable with the additional staff and programming required. Survey to be circulated during week commencing 20/06/2022. |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 November 2021 | | | |
| 208/21 | GM | Yerong Creek Men’s Bowling Club – Request for Financial Assistance Council to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$4,016 including GST to the Yerong Creek Men’s Bowling Club and that the contribution be funded from the 2021/22 budget allocation for Section 356 contributions. | Yerong Creek Bowling have purchased synthetic grass. Council will process payment when the invoice is received. Payment processed. Complete. |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 October 2021 | | | |
| 180/21 | TEDO | Committee Minutes – TEDSC held 5 October 2021 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. | Information board at Caravan Park to be included in list of locations yet to be scoped. New maps and signs are being progressed (refer Report of TEDSC for progress update) |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 September 2021 | | | |
| 174/21 | GM | Potential Property Acquisition for Community Development at The Rock 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. | Offer submitted. The vendor has been provided with a copy of the independent valuation and is sourcing their own. |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 August 2021 | | | |
| 148/21 | GM | Proposed “Tim Fischer Way” Council to reinstate investigations into the erection of tourism signage indicating “Tim Fischer Way”. | Submission made to the Tourism Attractions Signs Assessment Committee. GM and TEDO currently in discussions with the Committee. Plan to incorporate “Tim Fischer Way” touring route on new Visit Lockhart Shire website. |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 April 2021 | | | |
| 63/21 | GM | Residential Development – Lockhart 1) That Council proceed with the subdivision of Lots 62 and 90 Prichard Place Lockhart as outlined in the report. 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. | The development application for Lot 62 (westernmost lot) has been approved. The application for Lot 90 is still being processed. |

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| Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 February 2021 | | | |
| 12/21 | GM | <p>Preparation of Plans of Management – Crown Reserves etc</p> <p>1) Council endorse the <i>Draft Lockhart Shire Council Plan of Management for Crown Land managed by Council and Council-owned land classified as ‘community’</i> for the purposes of community consultation.</p> <p>2) In the first instance, Council writes to the s.355 management committees and users groups drawing their attention to that part of the Plan of Management relevant to the reserve they manage/use and invite their feedback and input.</p> <p>3) Following consideration of any feedback received from the management committees and user groups and updating of the draft Plan of Management, the document be placed on public exhibition providing the broader community with the opportunity to comment.</p> | <p>1) Complete.</p> <p>2) Complete.</p> <p>3) Crown Lands Office approval for public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management has been received. (refer Staff Report 6) Complete.</p> |
| 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 previous LRCI Phase 3 Workshop. No funding allocated.</p> <p>Next LRCI Phase 3 Workshop scheduled to be held at 4.00pm on 27 June 2022.</p> |

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| Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 November 2020 | | | |
| 211/20 | GM | <p>Grant Funding Opportunities</p> <p>1. Submit the following projects for funding under the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Rock Hall - Lockhart Caravan Park - The Rock 2nd Oval – Water and Fencing - Lockhart Rec Grd Amenities – Stage 2 - Pleasant Hills Rec Grd – Tennis Courts etc - The Rock Observatory <p>2. Progress the following projects, in priority order, to 'shovel ready' status using the funds allocated in the 2020/21 Budget for 'Grant Application Preparedness'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GrainCorp Building Development - Avenue of Honour - Government Dam, The Rock – Recycling Water - Brookong Creek Masterplan - Galore Hill Scenic Reserve Masterplan | <p>1. Complete</p> <p>2. Development application for 109 Green Street Lockhart has been approved. Avenue of Honour being funded under LRCI Phase 3 RFQ being prepared for Brookong Creek Masterplan and Galore Hill Scenic Reserve Masterplan. Complete.</p> |
| 206/20 | TEDO | <p>Shortage of Residential Property to Lease</p> <p>Investigate options to make housing more available for existing and potential new residents, including possible incentives to attract investor-builders, land availability, workshops, and planning considerations.</p> | <p>Regional Housing Strategy has been developed by REROC and RIVJO and forwarded to relevant Government Ministers.</p> <p>A Land Monitor project has been established.</p> <p>A Residential Land Use Study is one of the key strategic documents to be prepared as part of the review of Council's LEP.</p> <p>A Housing Delivery Plan is being prepared by the Department of Regional NSW in conjunction with local councils.</p> <p>Council is undertaking a residential land development on Council owned land at Lockhart.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |

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| Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 July 2020 | | | |
| 133/20 | DEES | <p>Naming of Bridges – Brookong Creek and Urana Lockhart Road</p> <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 | <p>Review of Operational Land</p> <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 16 May 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements | | | |
| Questions & Statements | DCCS | <p>Cr Marston: Stile, The Rock Pony Club</p> <p>Requested an update on the installation of a stile/step over the dividing fence to allow retrieval of balls and other items.</p> | <p>A stile/step has been ordered.</p> <p>Installed.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |
| | GM | <p>Cr Day: Housing Shortage</p> <p>Enquired if Council could consider assisting with accommodation for nurses/health workers coming to Lockhart MPS, in order to retain staff. Cr Day gave the example of a family of four relocating from New Zealand to work at the local hospital with no suitable accommodation available</p> | <p>Refer Minute no. 260/20 above.</p> <p>Government funding has been allocated to the Murrumbidgee Local Health District to address accommodation issues for health staff.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |
| | GM | <p>Cr Day: Heavy Vehicle Access, Green Street</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>The Mayor raised the issue at the Police & Community Consultation Group meeting held on 24 May 2022 (refer Delegates Report).</p> <p>Cr Sharp advised that further directional signage is required on Spanish Avenue to direct vehicles to Flood Detour Road.</p> <p>Signs have been ordered, should be received and erected soon.</p> |
| | DCCS | <p>Cr Driscoll: Picket Fence, The Rock Rec Ground</p> <p>Requested an update on the progress of the replacement of the picket fence at The Rock Recreation Ground.</p> | <p>Contractor advises works to commence within 3-4 weeks.</p> |

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| | 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. | The contractor advises Yerong Street is still closed as there were issues with a culvert section that required further design input. Rectification works should commence on 23 May for approx. two weeks. |
| | 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. |
| | DCCS | Cr Mathews: Email Responses Advised he had been approached by a resident at a recent function regarding a lack of responses to emails. | The Director advised he was aware of the emails referred to and would provide the necessary responses. Responses sent. Complete. |
| | GM | Cr Sharp: Ryans Lane Drew attention to this road, which is terrible condition, and requires some maintenance. | Ryan Road, Ryans Lane and Ryan Stock Route scheduled for maintenance works in June, July and August respectively (refer Works Program-June 2022) |
| | 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 have been ordered. |
| | 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. |

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| | GM | <p>Cr Hunter: Connectivity</p> <p>Asked if there were any outcomes from the recent meeting with the Regional General Manager of Telstra.</p> | <p>Council currently collating information on blackspots and connectivity issues across the Shire to provide to the NSW Telco Authority.</p> <p>A survey for this purpose is also being prepared by the TEDO.</p> |
| | DEES (GM) | <p>Cr Driscoll: German Church Road "Davidsons Hill"</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Cost estimate to be prepared.</p> |
| | GM | <p>Cr Driscoll: Pump Track</p> <p>Advised that The Rock Progress Association would be very interested in the installation of a permanent "pump" cycling track at The Rock.</p> | <p>This project could be considered for LRCI funding at next Grants Workshop to be held on 27 June 2022.</p> |
| | DEES (GM) | <p>Cr Driscoll: Possible Weed Infestation</p> <p>Has been contacted by a concerned farmer regarding a possible notifiable weed infestation on a neighbouring property.</p> | <p>The matter has been investigated by the Environmental Officer and a Notice has been issued.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |
| | DEES (GM) | <p>Cr Day: Flood Alerts</p> <p>Advised she has been approached about the possibility of a flood warning system, incorporating a warning siren, being installed at Lockhart and The Rock.</p> | <p>The matter has been discussed with the NSW SES which is the lead combat agency for floods.</p> <p>Sirens are more likely to be used in emergencies with less response time.</p> <p>The SES issue flood alerts and warnings based on information and weather forecasts received from the Bureau of Meteorology.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |
| | GM | <p>Cr Day: Christmas</p> <p>Would like Council to consider Christmas lights in the main streets across the Shire, to bring back some positivity post-Covid.</p> | <p>This project could be considered for LRCI funding at next Grants Workshop to be held on 27 June 2022.</p> |
| | GM | <p>Cr Marston: Lighting, The Rock Recreation Ground</p> <p>Asked that replacement of the lights be considered for any unspent LRCI funds.</p> | <p>This project could be considered for LRCI funding at next Grants Workshop to be held on 27 June 2022.</p> |
| | DEES | <p>Cr Verdon: Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>A works request has been submitted and the matter is being attended to.</p> |
| | DEES | <p>Cr Verdon: The Rock Collingullie Road</p> <p>Advised a number of potholes have formed between The Rock and Humphrys Lane, in the area where widening has occurred.</p> | <p>A works requests has been submitted and remedial works programmed.</p> |

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Ordinary Meeting – 20 June 2022

| Minute No: | Officer to Action | Council Resolution | Action Taken |
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| | 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. | The Code of Meeting Practice is required to be reviewed within 12 months of an ordinary council election and this addition could be considered as part of that process. Report to be included at Extraordinary Meeting on 27 June 2022. |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 March 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements | | | |
| Questions & Statements | GM | Cr Walker: Flood Mitigation Works, The Rock Has received a complaint from a resident in Urana Street, The Rock regarding the newly installed bridge access not lining up with his driveway and asked if this could be investigated. | On-site discussion held with landowner. Corrective action to be taken when contract works are completed. |
| | 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 has been ordered. |
| | 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 has been issued to the property owner. |
| Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 February 2022 – Councillor 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. |

Lockhart Shire Council
Ordinary Meeting – 20 June 2022

| Minute No: | Officer to Action | Council Resolution | Action Taken |
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| Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 January 2022 – Councillor Questions & Statements | | | |
| Questions & Statements | DEES | <p>Cr Rockliff: Roads</p> <p>Advised the following roads are in very bad condition, especially after the recent harvest traffic: Bidgeemia Road after Western Road through to Barracluffs Road; Western Road through the creeks at Urangeline; most of the gravel on Soldier Settlement Road especially from McDonnell's down towards Madden's has eroded quite badly. Also mentioned trucks are using smaller lanes more often, not just local owners. Has received a request for Fargunyah Lane to be reclassified and upgraded from Gravel Class 2 to Gravel Class 1. Water is running down the middle of the road, it doesn't get enough maintenance to support increased traffic movements.</p> | <p>Works on the gravel roads are included in flood restoration works and will be undertaken in the coming months.</p> <p>Temporary repairs have been carried out on Western Rd and Soldier Settlement Rd.</p> <p>Fargunyah Ln will be included in the review of Council's Road Classifications.</p> <p>Cr Rockliff raised the matter of Soldier Settlement Rd – has deteriorated further and, as a bus route, requires urgent attention.</p> <p>Remedial works actioned week commencing 16/5/2022.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |
| | GM | <p>Cr Walker: Mobile Coverage</p> <p>Raised the issue of poor mobile phone coverage west of The Rock Hill, and in Yerong Creek and Pleasant Hills. People in these areas are struggling to have any service. Asked if Council could approach providers on behalf of residents?</p> | <p>Discussions have been held with the NSW Telco Authority. Information is currently being collated regarding black spots to provide to the Authority.</p> <p>Superseded by Q & S 19/04/2022.</p> <p>Complete.</p> |
| | 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 Draft Operational Budget FY23.</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> |

Lockhart Shire Council
Ordinary Meeting – 20 June 2022

| Minute No: | Officer to Action | Council Resolution | Action Taken |
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| 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.</p> <p>Funding for the work is also being sought under the CRIF grant program.</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> |
| 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 |
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| 20 May 2022 | Executive Assistant | LG NSW Weekly News dated 18 May 2022 |
| 20 May 2022 | Executive Assistant | ALGA News dated 20 May 2022 |
| 26 May 2022 | General Manager | Office of Local Govt Circular 22-13 Councillor & general manager financial management responsibilities – Information sessions |
| 26 May 2022 | Mayor | Councillor Update |
| 1 June 2022 | Executive Assistant | LG NSW Weekly News dated 1 June 2022 |
| 1 June 2022 | Executive Assistant | Localé Learning – Complimentary Webinar details |
| 7 June 2022 | Executive Assistant | LG NSW Weekly News dated 7 June 2022. |
| 10 June 2022 | Mayor | Councillor Update |
| 11 June 2022 | General Manager | Forwarding invitation to attend sod turning ceremony – Henty Respite Avondale Place project. |
| 15 June 2022 | General Manager | Forwarding the Draft Riverina Murray Regional Plan - Councillor briefing package. |
| 15 June 2022 | General Manager | Copy of June Works Program. |

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

115/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Sharp that the Status Report and Correspondence Précis be received.

STAFF REPORTS

STRATEGIC DIRECTION A: A Connected and Resilient Community

1. RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY – DEED OF AGREEMENT 2022-2026

(GM: 22/7018)

Executive Summary

The existing Deed of Agreement relating to the Riverina Regional Library service expires on 30 June 2022 and a new Deed of Agreement for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026 is required to be executed under seal of Council.

Report

Council is a member of the Riverina Regional Library (RRL). The existing Deed of Agreement covering the period 2018 to 2022 expires on 30 June 2022 and a new Deed of Agreement for the period 2022 to 2026 is required to be executed under seal of Council.

The Deed contains provisions relating to membership, management, and administration of the regional library service. The Deed of Agreement was endorsed by the RRL Advisory Committee, of which Council is a member, at its meeting held on 30 March 2022 and is now being circulated amongst member councils for signing.

It has previously been reported to Council that the Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) has resolved not to continue its membership of the RRL after the expiry of the current Deed of Agreement on 30 June 2022 opting to provide library services in its local government area on a stand-alone basis.

The implications of the discontinuation of WWCC's membership of RRL were considered by a Working Party appointed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the RRL Advisory Committee held on 22 July 2021. The Working Party developed a number of financial models based on various scenarios which were presented to a meeting of the RRL Advisory Committee held on 4 November 2021.

The recommended model endorsed by the RRL Advisory Committee is based on increased contributions for all remaining member councils and a reduced organisation structure in order to remain financially viable.

Based on the model endorsed by the RRL Advisory Committee Lockhart Shire Council's contribution to the RRL in 2022/23 will be \$128,575. This is an increase of \$5,652 compared to Council's current 2021/22 contribution of \$122,923.

The foregoing information was noted by Council at its meeting held on 21 November 2021 at which time it was resolved that:

“Council express its support for the funding model endorsed by the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 4 November 2021 and confirm its continued membership of Riverina Regional Library beyond the expiration of the current Deed of Agreement on 1 July 2022”.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

A1: Facilitate and support programs and projects within the community to make them accessible to people with all abilities

A1: Support cultural and sporting opportunities that respond to the needs of the community.

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

The Deed is required to be executed under Council's seal. The use of Council's seal is required to be authorised by a resolution of Council.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Council pays an annual membership contribution to the RRL for the provision of library services in the Shire which is provided for in the 2022/23 Budget.

Attachments

The Deed of Agreement will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation: That authority be granted for the Riverina Regional Library 2022-2026 Deed of Agreement to be executed under Council's seal.

116/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Walker that authority be granted for the Riverina Regional Library 2022-2026 Deed of Agreement be executed under Council's seal.

2. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(GM: 22/7361)

Executive Summary

A request for financial assistance has been received from the Southern Sports Academy, a Wagga based Academy which provides elite young athletes from Southern NSW with cutting edge development programs designed to assist them in their pursuit of higher-level sporting achievements.

Report

The Southern Sports Academy (SSA) is a not-for-profit, organisation established to identify and prepare talented sports people in the southern NSW region to reach their maximum potential on and off the field.

The SSA is funded primarily through the State Government together with contributions from local councils and other partnerships.

In the past the SSA sought a contribution from councils of \$200 per athlete from the respective local government area at the Academy.

The SSA has now written to Council seeking financial support noting that there is currently one athlete from the Lockhart Shire Local Government Area represented at the SSA i.e. Imogen Bonny of Tootool in netball.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

A3: Support our children and young people.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Section 356 of the Local Government Act states that a 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 and Financial Aspects

Council includes an annual allocation in its budget for contributions to community groups and individuals pursuant to Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation: That in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council make a \$200 contribution to the Southern Sports Academy.

117/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Marston and Sharp that, in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make a \$200 contribution to the Southern Sports Academy.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION B: A Dynamic and Prosperous Economy

3. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL POLICIES FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION

(GM: 22/5390)

Executive Summary

Policy 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing Policy and Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue and Replacement are tabled for adoption by Council having been publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days.

Report

Policies 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing Policy and Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue and Replacement were tabled for Council's consideration at its meeting held on 16 May 2022.

At that meeting Council resolved that the policies be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days during which time comments and submissions in relation to the policies would be accepted and considered by Council prior to formal adoption.

No submissions were received following the public exhibition. The policies are now presented for adoption by Council.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

B1: Provide business support to our community.

B1: Support the growth of the business and industry sector.

C1: Provide efficient and sustainable waste management practices.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Section 8A (b) of the Act states that, "Councils should carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers".

Council's Kerbside collection is conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 as well as the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Budget and Financial Aspects

The Policies will have no discernible impact on Council's Budget.

Attachments

Copies of Policy 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing and Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue and Replacement have been separately distributed to Councillors previously.

Recommendation: That Policy 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing and Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue and Replacement, as publicly exhibited, be adopted.

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| 118/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Day that Policy 1.19 Local Preference Purchasing and Policy 2.53 Mobile Garbage Bin Issue and Replacement, as publicly exhibited, be adopted. |
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STRATEGIC DIRECTION C: An Environment that is Respected and Protected

4. PROJECT ENERGYCONNECT UPDATE

(GM: 22/7016)

Executive Summary

A further update is provided in relation to Project EnergyConnect involving the construction of an above ground transmission line between Robertstown in South Australia and Wagga Wagga in NSW. Following the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project being placed on public exhibition earlier this year, a “Submissions” report and an “Amendment” report have been released.

Report

Project EnergyConnect involves the construction of a new 330/500 kilovolt above ground transmission line between Robertstown in South Australia and Wagga Wagga in NSW that will pass through numerous local government areas including Lockhart Shire.

The purpose of the project is to provide secure and reliable electricity in the near term, while facilitating the longer-term transition across the National Energy Market to low-emission energy sources

The Project has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure and therefore the consent authority for this project is the Minister for Planning.

The Development Application, including the environmental impact statement (EIS), was placed on public exhibition from 19 January 2022 until 15 February 2022.

The EIS identifies the key impacts associated with the Project. The EIS also identifies potential sites for construction compounds and accommodation camps.

A suite of mitigation measures has been identified and incorporated into the EIS to guide finalisation of the proposal design and to manage the construction and operational phases of the Project to mitigate and/or manage the identified environmental, social and economic impacts.

Many of the impacts are issues for landholders situated on the proposed route of the transmission line with whom Transgrid has been negotiating over recent months.

A major consideration for Council is the impact of the project on local roads (construction haulage routes) as well as the impacts of the proposed construction compounds and accommodation camps.

The EIS includes a list of local roads in Lockhart Shire Local Government Area that will be affected and details of the mitigation measures that are proposed to be developed and implemented in relation to traffic and access issues. The mitigation measures included an undertaking that road condition surveys would be carried out for all local roads that would be used as construction haulage routes, in consultation with the relevant road authority. The surveys would be carried out prior to the road being used by heavy vehicles to support construction of the proposal and again post-construction when use by construction vehicles ceases. Roads would be reinstated to equivalent or better condition for all sealed local roads (within the vicinity or 200m of the proposal) and/or all unsealed roads on haulage routes.

A submission was lodged by Council at the time the EIS was on public exhibition noting the above undertaking and stating that the reinstatement of roads should be done within a reasonable timeframe following completion of construction in view of the district’s prominence as a grain growing area.

Transgrid has now lodged some key documents with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) most notably its “Submissions” report and “Amendment” Report which DPIE has publicly released.

The Submissions Report identifies issues raised in submissions received during the public exhibition period as well as Transgrid’s proposed response to mitigate or address the matters raised.

With respect to the submission made from Lockhart Shire Council, Transgrid has amended the proposed mitigation measure to state that any road reinstatement work would be completed within three months of construction use concluding or as otherwise agreed with the relevant road authority. This information is contained in section 4.2.21 of the report.

The Amendment Report outlines any changes to the proposed EIS documentation subsequent to the exhibition period. These changes can be brought about for a number of reasons, including as a result

of further design or field surveys conducted since the lodgement of the EIS, or potentially in addressing some of the issues raised in submissions received during the exhibition period.

In the Lockhart Shire Local Government Area there are two alignment changes to note which are included in section 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of the Amendment Report. In summary, these changes are:

1. A realignment in the area south of Lake Cullivel which effectively moves the alignment up to 1.1km away from Lake Cullivel and a property boundary. According to the Amendment Report this alignment change will provide the following advantages:
 - Potentially reduced biodiversity impacts such as existing bird populations, aquatic groundwater dependent ecosystems and an existing stand of trees within the vicinity of Lake Cullivel.
 - Movement of the proposed transmission line easement further away from potential areas of flooding around Lake Cullivel.
 - Reduced visual impact for the neighbouring property to the north of the proposed transmission line.

A map showing the revised alignment in the area south of Lake Cullivel compared to the original alignment contained in the EIS is attached.

2. A realignment near Kings Lane to the east of Albury Rd which is discussed in section 3.2.2 of the Report and shown in figure 3.3. In summary, this change effectively removes a right-angled section of line between Albury Rd and Kings Lane and replaces it with an alignment at approximately 45 degrees. This alignment change is expected to:
 - reduce visual impact for the neighbouring property to the south of the proposed transmission line
 - reduce overall length of the proposed alignment and reduce the need for (and impact of) up to two transmission line towers, which may no longer be required
 - reduce impact on mature remnant trees on the property
 - improve engineering outcomes as it would remove the need for a heavy-strain, 90 degree angled tower.

A map showing the revised alignment south of Lockhart and to the east of Albury Rd compared to the original alignment contained in the EIS is also attached.

Council has previously made representations to limit the impact of the transmission line on land zoned for large lot residential development south of the town. This change does not lead to any direct impact to the R5 zoned land. As a result of the change there is a slight shift of the alignment closer to those blocks, however it maintains a minimum buffer of approximately 1.3km to the nearest fence line of land with an R5 zoning.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

C1: Ensure responsible development practices are exercised.

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

Project EnergyConnect has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure and as a result the NSW section of the project will be assessed at a State Government level under the State Significant Infrastructure process. The consent authority for this Project is the Minister for Planning.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil.

Attachments

1. Map showing the revised alignment south of Lockhart and to the east of Albury Rd compared to the original alignment contained in the EIS
2. Map showing the revised alignment in the area south of Lake Cullivel compared to the original alignment contained in the EIS.

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

119/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Day and Marston that the information be noted.

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

Cr Sharp left the chamber at 5.39pm

5. 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.

Removal of dead trees, pruning of trees suffering from severe dieback, and removal of dead limbs has been completed. It is hoped that the pruning of the trees with dieback 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 bloodwood, have been purchased and will be planted in the following weeks thanks to a donation from The Rock Touch Football Association.

Green Street, Museum Garden

As part of the refurbishment of the Museum entrance the garden has been replanted as per the masterplan.

Parks and Gardens

There's plenty do in the gardens. The Liriope under the plough at Walter Day Park have been lifted, divided and replanted around the outside of the plough garden, at Hodgson Park and in Green Street. Some planting has been done to fill gaps, especially at Walter Day Park. Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning, deadheading and mulching. Most irrigation systems have been turned off.

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 the property entrance when spraying is in progress.

Freehand herbicide has been trialed in several lawn situations to test its ability to suppress the germination of khaki weed and Caltrop (bindi/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 with the first frost of the season. Slashing in town 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 mowing conducted 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 program 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 Shires 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*), African lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) and Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*) on roadside reserves and council managed land.

Pests

Common White Snail Baiting Program: Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 2 May 2022.

d) **Development Applications:** The following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 May to 31 May 2022.

| DA/CDC No | Development | Applicant | Site of Development |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| DA27/22 | Aged Care redevelopment | Denise Matovic Smith & Tracey Architects | 57 Hebden St, Lockhart |
| DA67/22 | Landscaping material supplies | Adam Jenkins | 11 Harry Davies Dr, Lockhart |
| DA68/22 | Swimming pool | Michelle Sharp | Manson St, Pleasant Hills |
| DA69/22 | Dwelling with attached garage | Kristy Campbell Structure Building P/L | 22 Carson Rd, The Rock |

| DA/CDC No | Development | Applicant | Site of Development |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| DA71/22 | Dwelling house & shed | Glenn Bennett | 17 Rockliff Crt, Lockhart |
| DA72/22 | Subdivision | Philip Lumsden | 183 Humphrys Ln, The Rock |
| DA73/22 | Dwelling house | Lisa Metcalfe Moshude P/L | 10 Hebden St, Lockhart |
| CDC75/22 PC | Dwelling with attached garage | David Bayley & Jenny Wyatt | 13 Mixner St, The Rock |

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.

120/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Mathews that Council notes the information provided in the Engineering and Environmental Services Report.

Cr Sharp rejoined the meeting at 5.45pm.

6. PREPARATION OF PLANS OF MANAGEMENT – CROWN RESERVES FOR WHICH COUNCIL IS THE CROWN LAND MANAGER AND COUNCIL OWNED LAND CLASSIFIED AS 'COMMUNITY'
(GM: 22/6292)

Executive Summary

A Draft Plan of Management (PoM) has been prepared for the Crown reserves for which Council is the Crown Land Manager and for the Council owned land that has been classified as 'community' pursuant to the Local Government Act. The Draft PoM has now been approved for public exhibition by the Crown Lands Office.

Report

Lockhart Shire Council is the Crown Land Manager for a number of crown reserves in the Shire. The Crown Land Management Act imposes a number of obligations on councils that are crown land managers, most notably, the requirement to have a PoM in place for the crown reserves. In addition to this, Council has an obligation pursuant to the Local Government Act to prepare a PoM for land owned by Council which is classified as 'community'.

The NSW Government has provided financial assistance to councils to help them prepare compliant PoMs for the crown reserves. Lockhart Shire Council has received a grant of \$73,880 for this purpose.

After inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons to prepare the PoM for both the crown reserves for which Council is the Crown Land Manager, as well as for the Council owned land

classified as 'community', Council at its meeting held on 21 October 2019 resolved to accept the proposal from the Albury based consultancy firm, Habitat Planning Pty Ltd.

Since that time Habitat Planning Pty Ltd has:

1. Revised the initial categorisation of Crown reserves in Lockhart Shire – it is a requirement that approval is obtained from the Crown Lands Office regarding categorisation of the Crown reserves in accordance with the legislation. All community land must be categorised as one or more of the following:
 - a) a natural area,
 - b) a sportsground,
 - c) a park,
 - d) an area of cultural significance,
 - e) general community use.
2. Completed an inventory of all Crown reserves for which Council is the Crown Land Manager and for the Council owned land that has been classified as 'community'.
3. Prepared a draft PoM for the Crown reserves and Council owned 'community' land.

Prior to submitting a copy of the Draft PoM to the Crown Lands Office the Council, as a courtesy to the volunteer-based section 355 management committees and user bodies that manage and utilise many of the crown reserves, provided them a copy of the draft PoM for comment. This was done as a courtesy notwithstanding that a formal statutory public exhibition of the document will still have to occur once approved by the Crown Lands Office.

The Draft PoM was submitted to the Crown Lands Office some 12 months ago and since that time there have been numerous discussions between the Crown Lands Office, Council's consultant and the General Manager in relation to the document.

A number of adjustments were made to the Draft PoM at the request of the Crown Lands Office. These adjustments have no significant impact on the management of the reserves but were aimed at satisfying the Crown Lands Office that the structure and content of the document complies with the relevant legislation.

Notably, the Crown Lands Office has approved a change in category for R28847 being the Lockhart Recreation Ground to "Sportsground", "General Community Use" and "Park" as it is consistent with the reserve purpose. Currently it is also categorised as "Area of Cultural Significance". However, in order to give effect to a change in category the council must hold a public hearing in accordance with section 40A of the Local Government Act.

Section 40A states that the council must hold a public hearing in respect of a proposed plan of management (including a plan of management that amends another plan of management) if the proposed plan would have the effect of categorising, or altering the categorisation of, community land.

The Crown Lands Office has now written to advise that the Draft PoM can be formally placed on exhibition. Following the public exhibition period and the consideration of any submissions received Council will be able to finalise the process and adopt the PoM.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

- D1: Strategically plan for our sports and recreation infrastructure, as well as cemeteries.
E1: Meet all governance and regulatory requirements in the conduct of Council operations.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 came into force on 1 July 2018. Under the legislation councils are required to prepare PoMs for those crown reserves under their control.

The council must hold a public hearing in respect of a proposed plan of management (including a plan of management that amends another plan of management) if the proposed plan would have the effect of categorising, or altering the categorisation of, community land

Budget and Financial Aspects

Council has received funding in the amount of \$73,880 to assist with the preparation of PoMs for crown reserves for which Council is the Crown Land Manager which will be sufficient to complete the exercise.

Attachments

The *Draft Lockhart Shire Council Plan of Management for Crown Land managed by Council and Council-owned land classified as 'community'* has been separately distributed to Councillors.

Recommendation: That Council:

1. Place the *Draft Lockhart Shire Council Plan of Management for Crown Land managed by Council and Council-owned land classified as 'community'* on public exhibition.
2. Hold a public hearing in accordance with section 40A of the Local Government Act in relation to the proposed change in categorisation.

121/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Walker that Council:

1. Place the *Draft Lockhart Shire Council Plan of Management for Crown Land managed by Council and Council-owned land classified as 'community'* on public exhibition.
2. Hold a public hearing in accordance with section 40A of the Local Government Act in relation to the proposed change in categorisation.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION E: Strong Leadership and Governance

7. INVESTMENT AND BANK BALANCES REPORT – MAY 2022

(DCCS: 22/7098)

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 | | | 2,715,806.26 |
| Add: Total Receipts | | | |
| | Rates | 580,334.27 | |
| | Debtors | 28,535.47 | |
| | Miscellaneous | 66,538.33 | |
| | Interest | 2,464.28 | |
| | Repair Program | 64,334.40 | |
| | April BAS Return | 12,598.00 | |
| | Sale of Plant | 36,499.83 | |
| | Roads to Recovery | 315,881.00 | |
| | FAG | 498,695.00 | |
| | | | 1,605,880.58 |
| Less: Total Payments | | | 2,423,488.73 |
| | New Investments | 0 | |
| Closing Combined Cashbook Balance | | | 1,898,198.11 |
| Closing Bank Statement Balance | Bendigo Bank | 1,322,512.22 | |
| | Macquarie Bank | 469,602.52 | |
| | Bendigo Bank-Prichard Trust | 31,665.02 | |
| | | | 1,823,779.76 |
| Add: Outstanding Deposits | | | 90,773.86 |
| | | | 1,914,553.62 |
| Less: Outstanding Cheques | | | 16,355.51 |
| Closing Combined Cashbook Balance | | | 1,898,198.11 |
| Investments: | Interest Rate per Annum | Amount Invested | % of Total |
| Bendigo | 1.00 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| Bendigo | at call | 100,000.00 | 1.48 |
| Bendigo | 1.30 | 400,000.00 | 5.93 |
| Commonwealth | 0.32 | 250,000.00 | 3.70 |
| Commonwealth | 0.63 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| Commonwealth | 0.32 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| Commonwealth | 0.32 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| MACQUARIE BANK | 1.20 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| MACQUARIE BANK | 1.20 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| NAB | 1.05 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| NAB | 1.05 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| NAB | 0.48 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| NAB | 0.42 | 500,000.00 | 7.41 |
| T Corp | at call | 1,000,000.00 | 14.81 |
| | | 6,750,000.00 | 100.00 |
| | | | AMOUNT |
| General (PTD) | 1490-3000-0000 | | -395,297.93 |
| Combined Sewerage | 8490-3000-0000 | | 2,261,831.02 |
| Trust Fund | 9991-3000-0000 | | 31,665.02 |
| | | | 1,898,198.11 |
| | | | 1,898,198.11 |
| | TOTAL FUNDS HELD ARE: | | 8,648,198.11 |

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.


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- 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 May 2022, the average end of month balance of funds invested has been \$5.98 million and the average return on invested funds has been 0.33%. 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 the first Quarterly Budget Reviews to reflect reduction in income from this source.

A further adjustment was made for the third Quarterly Budget Review.

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

122/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Walker:

- a) That the 31 May 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. FEES PAYABLE TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

(GM: 22/6519)

Executive Summary

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (LGRT) issued an Annual Report and Determination on 20 April 2022. Fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors are required to be within the range set by the LGRT.

Report

Policy 1.1 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors provides that the Council shall, prior to 30 June each year, set by resolution the annual fees to be paid, monthly in arrears, to the mayor and councillors for the following year commencing 1 July, provided that such fee shall be within the range for the Council determined annually by the LGRT.

The LGRT is required to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year as to its determination of categories and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors.

Lockhart Shire Council has been categorised by the LGRT as "Non-metropolitan – Rural". This category comprises councils with a population of less than 20,000.

The LGRT has determined a two per cent (2%) per annum increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category.

The new maximum and minimum amounts payable to the mayors and councillors of "Non-metropolitan – Rural" councils, including Lockhart Shire Council, from 1 July 2022 are as follows:

| Annual Fee - Councillor | | Annual Fee - Mayor | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Minimum Fee | Maximum Fee | Minimum Fee | Maximum Fee |
| \$9,560 | \$12,650 | \$10,180 | \$27,600 |

The fees currently being paid for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 were determined by Council at its meeting held on 17 May 2021. The fees are currently \$10,885 per annum for Councillors and \$27,060 per annum for the Mayor after the Council resolved at that meeting to adopt the midpoint between the minimum and maximum allowable for councillors and the maximum amount allowable for the Mayor.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

- E1: Advocate and prepare for the long-term sustainability of our Shire.
- E1: Promote the increased participation of local people in local government and the community.
- E1: Meet all governance and regulatory requirements in the conduct of Council operations.

Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act provide that a council may fix the annual fee payable to the mayor and councillors and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the LGRT.

If a council does not fix the annual fee, it must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the LGRT.

Pursuant to section 448(k) of the Local Government Act Councillors are not required to disclose an interest relating to the payment of fees to councillors.

Budget & Financial Aspects

The fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 as resolved by Council will be incorporated into the 2022/23 Operational Plan Budget.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation: That Council determine the annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Moved by Cr Marston, seconded by Cr Rockliff that the councillor and mayoral fees be set at the maximum amount allowable for councillors of a "Non-metropolitan Rural" council for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

On being put to the vote the motion was LOST.

123/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Mathews and Walker that:

1. Council adopts the midpoint between the minimum and maximum allowable for councillors of a "Non-metropolitan Rural" council for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023; and
2. Fees for the Mayor for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 be set at the maximum allowable for a "Non-metropolitan Rural" council.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Marston

- i) **Welcome to Country:** Cr Marston suggested changes to the wording of Council's proposed Acknowledgement to Country.

Response – Mayor

This matter will be determined at the Extraordinary Meeting on 27 June 2022 when the draft Code of Meeting Practice, as publicly exhibited, will be tabled for adoption by Council.

Cr Day

- i) **Voluntary Purchase Scheme:** Cr Day advised that she has been approached by a ratepayer who has expressed concern at the amount of time the Voluntary Purchase Scheme (VPS) is taking and that rates continue to be levied on their property during this time.

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised that he is familiar with the matter as he has previously received similar representations.

With respect to the time taken to purchase the properties eligible under the VPS, the General Manager noted that there are 20 Lockhart properties included in the VPS which have been independently ranked according to flood risk. He further noted that Council receives government funding in three-year terms and based on the funding received to date, nine of the 20 properties have been purchased so far. Provided government funding continues to be made available it will still be some years before the lowest ranked properties can be purchased.

In relation to the rates levied, the General Manager advised that following the 2010/2012 floods Council provided flood-affected property owners rates relief for a period of time to enable residents to repair and restore their homes, process insurance claims etc before reinstating the annual rates levy. He also informed the meeting that these matters were the subject of an investigation by the NSW Ombudsman's office which concluded that these decisions were within Council's discretion to make and were reasonable in the circumstances.

Cr Mathews

- i) **Statement – Local Break-ins:** Cr Mathews gave some history of break-ins at Lockhart IGA and stated that, in country towns, properties are vulnerable to break-ins and owners need to do what they can to secure their properties.
- ii) **Statement – Potential Property Sales:** Cr Mathews advised he is aware of several properties which may become available to purchase in the future.
- iii) **Shop-front Property, Green Street –** Cr Mathews advised that an owner has expressed a wish to sell a shop-front property which is currently being utilised as a residence. Is there anything Council can do to prevent it being used as a residence?

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised Council has incorporated provisions in its Development Control Plan to provide grounds for refusing a development application (DA) that seeks to use a shop front for residential purposes however these provisions could only be applied in circumstances where a DA is required to be lodged.

- iv) **Opportunities for South Lockhart:** Cr Mathews referred to the rapidly increasing value of land sales in Lockhart and the potential for the development of land in South Lockhart with the provision of sewer and other infrastructure.

Cr Sharp

- i) **Osborne Pleasant Hills Road:** Cr Sharp 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.
- ii) **Jim Willis Lane:** Cr Sharp 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.

Cr Hunter

- i) **Yerong Creek Bowling Club:** Cr Hunter advised that the Yerong Creek Bowling Club are still awaiting their final occupation certificate for the construction of the community hall section of their premises.

Response – Director of Corporate & Community Services

The Director advised that he would follow this matter up with the Building and Planning Section.

Cr Walker

- i) **Jetpatcher:** Cr Walker noted that many sealed roads in the Shire are becoming quite badly affected by potholes and asked if the Jetpatcher was in full time use.

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised Council's Workshop Supervisor is having trouble getting parts for the Jetpatcher and a number of other plant items due to pandemic-related supply chain issues.

The General Manager also advised that the supply chain issues are also impacting on the delivery of the pump ordered to assist with flooding issues at The Rock which has still not been received and the new delivery estimate is July.

- ii) **Electricity Bills, The Rock Showground:** Cr Walker referred to the electricity bill recently received by The Rock Showground Management Committee and asked if the Committee could have some assistance to work out how to split the usage. Cr Walker also advised the bill has doubled and asked if the new Observatory is contributing to the increase.

Response – Director of Corporate & Community Services

The Director advised he would investigate the matter and provide a response.

Cr Rockliff

Nil.

Cr Verdon

- i) **The Kings Own Hotel:** Cr Verdon advised he is receiving continual complaints regarding the stalled works at this property. Cr Verdon 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.
- ii) **Street Tree – John St, The Rock:** Cr Verdon 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.

Response – General Manager

The General Manager advised the matter would be investigated and any remedial works programmed.

- iii) **Thanks to Council Staff:** Cr Verdon thanked the General Manager and staff for the arrangements made for the Citizenship Ceremony and Awards Presentation.
- iv) **Workshop, 27 June 2022:** Cr Verdon reminded councillors about the workshop to be held on 27 June 2022 at 4pm to discuss LRCI funding, prior to the Extraordinary Meeting.
- v) **Photos – 18 July Council Meeting:** Cr Verdon advised photographs of the new Council will be taken at the July meeting of Council and asked all councillors to make themselves available on that date.

CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20 June 2022, were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 July 2022, at which time the signature was hereunto subscribed.



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