



I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 30 April 2025
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Condobolin Council Chambers

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

30 April 2025



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Lachlan Shire Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional custodians of this land.

We recognise their strength and resilience and pay respect to Elders past, present, and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of the Lachlan Shire community.

Lachlan Shire –THE HEART OF NSW



Our Vision:

*For the Lachlan Shire to be a resilient community
providing economic and social growth, through
evolving, agricultural, business and mineral activities*

Mission:

*To engage the community, providing and delivering
progressive services whilst implementing a long term
strategic plan leading to the social and economic
benefit of the community*

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1 WEBCASTING

Please note that today's meeting, other than the confidential sessions, are being recorded and will be placed on Council's website. All in attendance should refrain from making defamatory statements. Council takes all care when maintaining privacy, however members of the public gallery and those addressing Council should be aware that you may be recorded.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ELDERS

3 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

254a circumstances in which annual fees may be withheld-

- (1) *Despite this Division, a council may resolve that an annual fee will not be paid to a councillor or that a councillor will be paid a reduced annual fee determined by the council—*
 - (a) *for any period of not more than 3 months for which the councillor is absent, with or without leave, from an ordinary meeting or ordinary meetings of the council, or*
 - (b) *in any other circumstances prescribed by the regulations.*
- (2) *Despite this division, if a councillor is absent, with or without leave of the council, from ordinary meetings of the council for any period of more than 3 months, the council must not pay any annual fee, or part of an annual fee, to that councillor that relates to the period of absence that is in excess of 3 months."*

Councillor	13/12/2024	26/02/2025	26/03/2025	23/04/2025	28/05/2025	25/06/2025	23/07/2025	27/08/2025	24/09/2025	22/10/2025	16/11/2025	10/12/2025
John Medcalf OAM	P	P	P									
Paul Phillips	P	P	P									
Megan Mortimer	P	P	P									
Melissa Blewitt	P	P	P									
Melissa Rees	P	P	P									
Peter Harris	P	P	P									
Dennis Brady	P	P	P									
Judith Bartholomew	P	P	P									
Robyn Turner	P	P	P									
Juanita Wighton	P	LoA	P									
P - Present												
A - Apology												
LoA - Leave of Absence												
NA - No Apology												

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting - 26 March 2025

**MINUTES OF LACHLAN SHIRE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CONDOBOLIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025 AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Medcalf OAM, Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer, Cr Paul Phillips, Cr Judith Bartholomew, Cr Juanita Wighton, Cr Peter Harris, Cr Melissa Blewitt, Cr Melissa Rees, Cr Dennis Brady, Cr Robyn Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Tory (General Manager), Karen Pegler (Director - Corporate and Community Services), Patrick Ruettjes (Director - Environment and Planning), Adrian Milne (Director - Infrastructure Services), Cherise Small (Executive Assistant).

The Meeting opened at 2:49pm.

1 WEBCASTING

The statement regarding the webcasting was read out by the **Mayor**.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ELDERS

The Acknowledgement of Country and Elders was made by **Cr Blewitt**.

3 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLUTION 2025/35

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Paul Phillips

That the request for Leave of Absence received from Cr Bartholomew for the April 2025 council meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2025/36

Moved: Cr Robyn Turner

Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 February 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL MINUTE**5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS****RESOLUTION 2025/37**

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Paul Phillips

That:

1. The Mayoral Minute No. R25/46 be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - REQUEST TO ENDORSE ALGA 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION FUNDING PRIORITIES**RESOLUTION 2025/38**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Judith Bartholomew

That:

1. Mayoral Minute No. R25/49 be received and noted.
2. Council supports the national federal election funding priorities identified by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA);
3. Council supports and participates in the Put Our Communities First federal election campaign; and
4. Writes to the local federal member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association expressing support for ALGA's federal election funding priorities.

CARRIED

5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCIL MEETING DATES APRIL AND JUNE 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/39**

Moved: Cr Juanita Wighton

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. Mayoral Minute No. R25/56 be received and noted.
2. The date of the April Council meeting be deferred to 30 April 2025.
3. An Extraordinary Council meeting be held on Monday 30 June 2025 at 9:00 am for the purpose of considering any public submissions on the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents followed by adoption of the documents as amended.

CARRIED

5.4 MAYORAL MINUTE - FERAL PIG BOUNTY TRIAL

RESOLUTION 2025/40

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Judith Bartholomew

That:

1. Mayoral Minute R25/65 be received and noted.
2. Council authorise Mayor John Medcalf OAM to submit a Notice of Motion to the next meeting of the Country Mayors Association of NSW on 28 March 2025, requesting the CMA support the establishment of a Feral Pig Bounty Scheme to supplement other existing feral pig control programs.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Patricia Hurley OAM

Sam Gunn

7 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Robyn Turner declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item No 17.2 water Assessment 1035542 – disputed meter reading as the owners of Thomas Farms, Michael and Kate Thomas, is her neighbours.

Cr Judith Bartholomew declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item No 17.2 water Assessment 1035542 – disputed meter reading as the owners of Thomas Farms, Michael and Kate Thomas, is her husband's family.

8 READ AND NOTE

8.1 ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2025/41

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

The recommendations included in the business paper to receive and note, the following items be adopted:

- 8.1 Active Resolutions;
- 8.2 Building Projects Monthly Update for February/March;
- 8.3 FY24/25 Roadwork Monthly Update for February;
- 8.4 Tourism and Promotions Update – February 2025;
- 8.5 Investments as at 28 February 2025.

CARRIED

8.6 FY24/25 UTILITIES MONTHLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY**RESOLUTION 2025/42**

Moved: Cr Robyn Turner

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R25/61 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.7 FY24/25 URBAN WORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY**RESOLUTION 2025/43**

Moved: Cr Paul Phillips

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R25/64 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 DECISION REPORTS**9.1 GENERAL MANAGER**

Nil

9.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**9.2.1 COMMUNITY DONATION AND EVENT SUPPORT PROGRAM****RESOLUTION 2025/44**

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Juanita Wighton

That:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report R25/53 be received and noted.
2. Council provide an in-kind support for the Burcher progress association, for hosting the Burcher Anzac Day Service estimated to be worth \$630. The in-kind support is to be funded from WO 1072 Anzac Day budget and is conditional on the event proceeding.
3. Council provide an in-kind support for the Condobolin RSL Subbranch, for hosting the Condobolin Anzac Day March and Service estimated to be worth \$2,380. The in-kind support is to be funded from the WO 1072 budget and is conditional on the event proceeding.
4. Council approve the request from the Lake Cargelligo RSL Sub Branch, to provide in kind support for hosting the Lake Cargelligo ANZAC Day Dawn and Mid-morning Service

estimated to be worth \$730. The in-kind support is to be funded from the WO 1072 Anzac Day budget and is conditional on the event proceeding.

5. Council approve the request from the Condobolin Camp Draft Association for a financial donation of \$500, and in-kind support estimated to be worth \$3,430. This contribution is to be funded from the general donations budget and Special Events budget. This is conditional on the event proceeding.

CARRIED

9.3 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

9.3.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DATA FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/45

Moved: Cr Paul Phillips

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Environment and Planning Report No. R25/57 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.4.1 ASSET AI

RESOLUTION 2025/46

Moved: Cr Juanita Wighton

Seconded: Cr Melissa Rees

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R25/60 be received and noted.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding be executed to enable Lachlan Shire Council to participate in the Asset AI program.

CARRIED

9.4.2 LACHLAN SHIRE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/47

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. Director Infrastructure Services Report No R25/71 be received and noted.

2. Council consider the recommendations from the Traffic Committee and resolve to:
 - (a) Endorse the proposal for EV parking spaces in Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham and the associated changes to parking spaces.
 - (b) Endorse Traffic Guidance Schemes for ANZAC Day events.

CARRIED

10 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MERC EXECUTIVE MEETING

RESOLUTION 2025/48

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. Notice of Motion Report No. R25/66 be received and noted.
2. Council writes to the Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW expressing Council's disappointment regarding the lack of communication and organisation of the Executive Officer's visit to Lachlan Shire Council on 11 February 2025.

CARRIED

12 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

13 DELEGATES REPORT

13.1 DELEGATES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/49

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Delegate's Report No. R25/50 regarding the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting on 27 February 2025, be received and noted.

CARRIED

13.2 DELEGATES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/50**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Juanita Wighton

That:

1. The Delegate's Report No. R25/62 be received and noted.

CARRIED**14 CORRESPONDENCE****14.1 CORRESPONDENCE****RESOLUTION 2025/51**

Moved: Cr Robyn Turner

Seconded: Cr Judith Bartholomew

That:

1. The Correspondence Report No. R25/38 be received and noted.

CARRIED

15 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

16 PETITIONS

Nil

17 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025/52

Moved: Cr Melissa Blewitt

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

17.1 Lachlan Shire Council Works Depot - Condobolin

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c and g of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

17.2 Water Assessment 1035542 - disputed meter reading

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)a and g of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

17.3 2024 Continuous Improvement Pathway Program results

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

17.4 Collection and disposal of used motor oil - Netwaste Regional Contract.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17.5 Smart Water Meters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.6 Proposal to install a monopole tower in Burcher

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c and di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to

conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.7 Proposed Land Acquisition - Jones Lane Condobolin

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c and g of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2025/53

Moved: Cr Robyn Turner

Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

17.1 LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL WORKS DEPOT - CONDOBOLIN

RESOLUTION 2025/54

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. R25/9 be received and noted.
2. The project be completed in accordance with the cost savings and modifications identified in this report with the budget shortfall being funded with a loan from the Plant Reserve and the reallocation of funds from the Unfinished Works Reserve as detailed in Option 1 of the report.
3. The Plant Reserve be repaid with proceeds from the future sale of land.
4. Appropriate legal and cost advice be obtained for a potential negligence claim regarding incorrect legal advice, as per Option 4 of this report, and a further report outlining the advice be submitted for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

Cr Robyn Turner declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item No 17.2 water Assessment 1035542 – disputed meter reading as the owners of Thomas Farms, Michael and Kate Thomas, is her neighbours.

Cr Judith Barthomomew declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item No 17.2 water Assessment 1035542 – disputed meter reading as the owners of Thomas Farms, Michael and Kate Thomas, is her her husband’s family.

17.2 WATER ASSESSMENT 1035542 - DISPUTED METER READING

RESOLUTION 2025/55

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Melissa Rees

That:

1. The General Manager’s Report R25/19 be received and noted.
2. Council decline the request from Commins Hendriks Lawyers on behalf of Thomas Farms to reimburse the interest and part payment of their overdue water account.
3. A letter be sent to Commins Hendriks Lawyers advising of Council’s decision and stating that the matter is now closed and no further action will be taken.

CARRIED

17.3 2024 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PATHWAY PROGRAM RESULTS

RESOLUTION 2025/56

Moved: Cr Paul Phillips

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The General Manager’s Report R24/361 be received and noted.

CARRIED

17.4 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF USED MOTOR OIL - NETWASTE REGIONAL CONTRACT.

RESOLUTION 2025/57

Moved: Cr Robyn Turner

Seconded: Cr Judith Bartholomew

That:

1. The Director Environment and Planning Report No. R25/58 be received and noted.
- 1.
2. Quotation F4287 for the Collection and Recycling of Used Motor Oil be awarded to Sam’s Waste Management for their submission price as set out in this report for the initial two (2) year term with the option of two (2) x 12-month available extensions.
3. As the existing contract expiry date (2024) has passed, a new contract start date for the two (2) year term will be advised by NetWaste upon endorsement from the NetWaste Steering

Committee, and then acceptance by Orange City Council, as the host Council, via a Council meeting.

4. The Mayor or General Manager be authorised to sign the contract documents and affix the Council seal if required.

CARRIED

17.5 SMART WATER METERS

RESOLUTION 2025/58

Moved: Cr Paul Phillips

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R25/59 be received and noted.
2. Further investigations take place regarding the viability of smart water metering in Lachlan Shire. A further report and business case be prepared for Council's consideration.
3. Council formally request a variation to the RNSW841 Tottenham Water Security funding Deed, to consider the installation of smart meters across the Tottenham, Albert and B-section water network.

CARRIED

17.6 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A MONOPOLE TOWER IN BURCHER

RESOLUTION 2025/59

Moved: Cr Juanita Wighton

Seconded: Cr Paul Phillips

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. R25/63 be received and noted.
2. Council agree to licence/lease a small portion of Lot 5 Section 2 DP 758191 (49 Bena Street) Burcher to Yless4U for the purpose of installing a Monopole tower to improve internet connectivity throughout the village of Burcher.
3. The lease/licence fee be set as per option 1 of the report.
4. All costs associated with the preparation and registration of the lease/licence are the responsibility of the applicant, Yless4U.
5. The General Manager be authorised to sign the lease/licence documents.

CARRIED

17.7 PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION - JONES LANE CONDOBOLIN

RESOLUTION 2025/60

Moved: Cr Judith Bartholomew

Seconded: Cr Robyn Turner

That:

1. The General Manager's report No. R25/72 be deferred to the April 2025 council meeting.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 4:44pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

TRIM Number: R25/82

Author: Executive Assistant

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Mayoral Minute No. R25/82 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide council with details of the meetings and functions attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in April 2025.

MAYOR:**MARCH:**

03.04.2025	Central West Recovery & Resilience Package - Community Leader's Forum 11 – Parkes.
07.04.2025	Meeting with Member for Orange Philip Donato MP and Mayor for Parkes Neil Westcott– Lake Endeavour.
07.04.2025	Community Safety Precinct Meeting - Parkes.
08.04.2025	Community Reference Group for NSW Health's MPS Strategy – MS Teams.
09.04.2025	Opt in Advocacy Mayors meeting – MS Teams.
09.04.2025	Budget Workshop – Condobolin.
09.04.2025	Pre-Meeting Briefing – Condobolin.
23.04.2025	CMA NSW Rural Doctors Network Meeting – MS Teams.
23.04.2025	Meeting with MERC representatives – Condobolin.
23.04.2025	Meeting with Scott Barret MLC – Condobolin.
24.04.2025	CMA Executive Board Meeting – Zoom.
30.04.2025	Ordinary Council Meeting – Condobolin.

DEPUTY MAYOR**MARCH:**

09.04.2025	Budget Workshop – Condobolin.
09.04.2025	Pre-Meeting Briefing – Condobolin.
30.04.2025	Ordinary Council Meeting – Condobolin.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- 6 PUBLIC FORUM**
- 7 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

8 READ AND NOTE**8.1 BUILDING PROJECTS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR MARCH/APRIL****TRIM Number:** R25/73**Author:** Manager - Projects and Building**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director of Environment and Planning Report No. R25/73 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of projects currently being undertaken by the Lachlan Shire Council Environment and Planning Department. The execution and completion of work varies on resource availability, weather conditions, work priorities and unforeseen circumstances. Work priority will be allocated based on safety and risk.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil.

BACKGROUND

Council has adopted the 2024/25 budget and associated Delivery and Operational Plans. This report provides updates on the delivery of the capital and grant funded projects regarding buildings.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Est. Expend. To Date	Forecast Expend.	Comments
Condobolin Works Depot	\$7,246,707.60 (2021)	\$6,000,000 Loan, \$1,700,000 Depot replacement reserve, \$948,800 plant reserve, \$200,000 unfinished works reserve	\$6,699,014.54	\$8.8m	Construction Management Contract Issued. Trade & Suppliers panel has been created. Civil works re-commenced onsite on 9 September 2024.

Electronic Community Signs – Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	\$170,000	LRCI P4	\$65k	\$190,000. Additional \$20k from savings within other LRCI P4 projects	Initial site inspections undertaken. Consultation to be scheduled with relevant groups in Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham. Discussions held with Lakes Alive Representatives – 27 August 2024. Discussion held with Tottenham representatives 9 September 2024. RFQ prepared and sent out. PO's have been issued for Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham signs. Deposits paid.
Lake Museum renewal	\$65,000	Capital	\$27k	\$65,000	Scope of works finalised. Preliminary costing obtained. New security screen to northern awning completed. PO issued for new front door. Quotes received for carpet tiles, PO has been issued.
Condobolin Children Service – Soft fall & playground renewal	\$56,000	Capital	\$1.5k	\$56,000	Initial meeting held to discuss needs and options. Difficulty obtaining quotes for soft fall due to small quantity of works.
Condobolin SES Renewal	\$35,000	Capital	\$14.6k	\$35,000	Inspection undertaken. Project scope developed. Provision of new A/C units to replace old evaporative unit. Gaps in brickwork to be reviewed and gaps filled later in the year to allow

					for drainage work undertaken previously to reduce the moisture impact on the building. Works schedule to repair any remaining cracks.
CAP 24 -016 - Community Facilities/Public Amenities Flood Resilience & Betterment - SRA/Pony Club Grounds	\$1.77m (3yr project completion date June 2026)	CAP24	\$62k	\$1.77m	Stage 1 (Flood survey works, new cottage, earthworks, tender – cottage and amenity building) – project has commenced (November 2024). PO's have been issued for demolition and survey works. Survey works completed, cottage has been demolished and RFT - Cottage closed 28/3/25.

Condobolin Works Depot Budget Update

Original Budget	\$7,816,707.60
Expenditure to date	\$6,699,014.54
New Project Management Costs (est.)	\$350,000.00
Expenditure – since recommencement of project-April 2024	\$2,994,820.00
Remaining Initial Budget	\$1,217,514.00
Estimated Completion Costs	\$2,137,078.04

All figures include GST

The following local companies have been utilised to date for works on the project.

- Ross Bros Excavation Pty
- Seton Electrical Contracting
- Lachlan Ready Mix Pty Ltd
- Sparra's Grader Hire Pty Ltd
- Emmat Group Pty Ltd

- Robertson's Ready Mix
- Chris Nagle Electrical

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project management and financial controls are in place to manage financial expenditure and resource allocation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. All project materials and services have been procured in accordance with the requirements of the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* and Council's procurement policy. *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* provisions are being complied with regarding development approvals and planning controls.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Project management and financial controls are in place to manage time and budget risks. The projects have been assessed against relevant legislative requirements to minimise Council's exposure to risk.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council's newspaper column, Talking Tottenham and Mayoral Newsletters update the community on the major improvement works being undertaken around the local government area.

Community consultation has been undertaken in relation to the projects, either through the Community Strategic Plan, through requests for projects to receive grant funding and/or through reports to Council advising of the projects which are being put forward for progression.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

This report updates Council on the capital improvements/new work being undertaken by the Environment and Planning Department.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 1.7 Improved social outcomes for people with disability.
CSP 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council.
CSP 6.2 Upgrade community buildings.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.2 ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS

TRIM Number: R25/81

Author: Executive Assistant

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. R25/81 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on Active Resolutions as at April 2025.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Active Resolutions are attached.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Active Resolutions.

8.3 TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS UPDATE - MARCH 2025**TRIM Number:** R25/83**Author:** Tourism Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The General Manager's Report R25/83 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

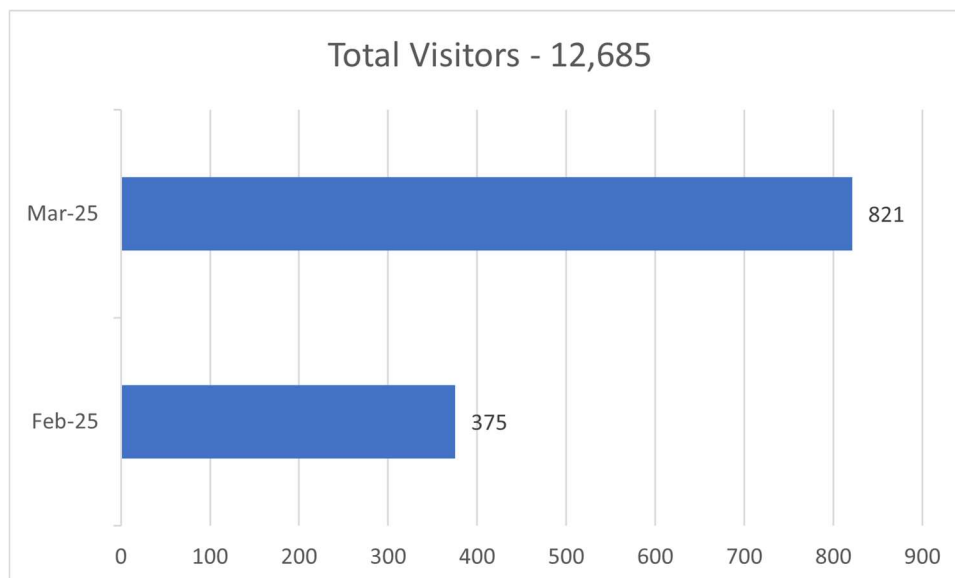
This report aims to update Council on the progress of tourism-related projects and initiatives for March 2025.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

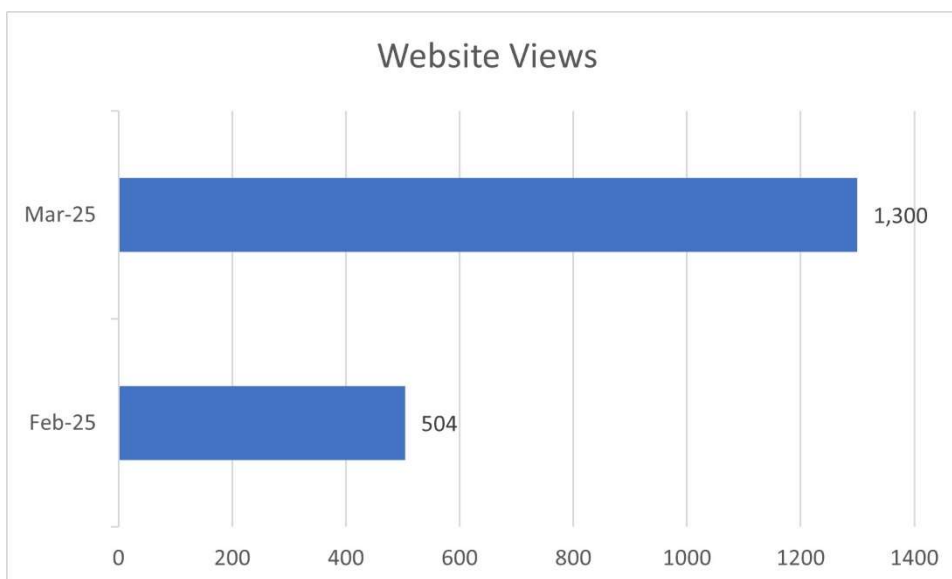
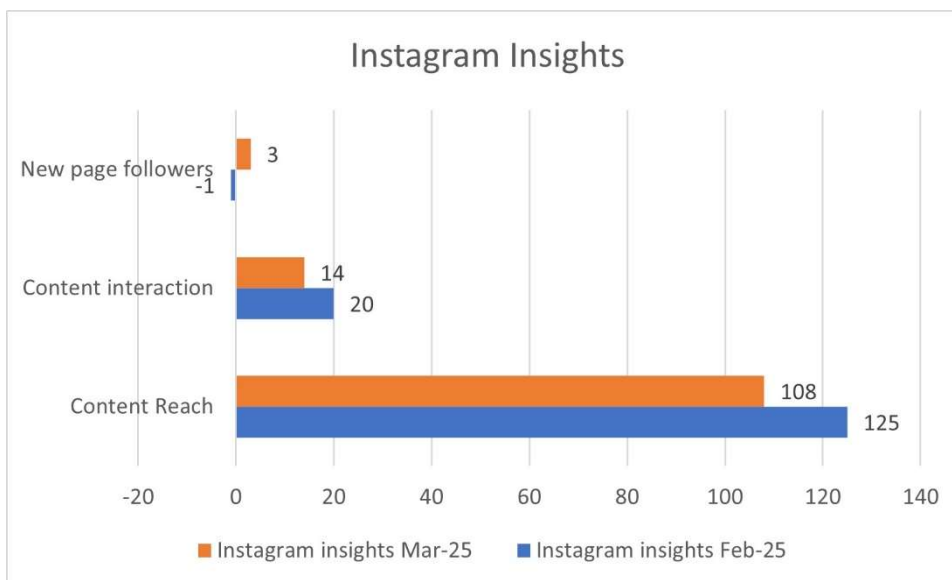
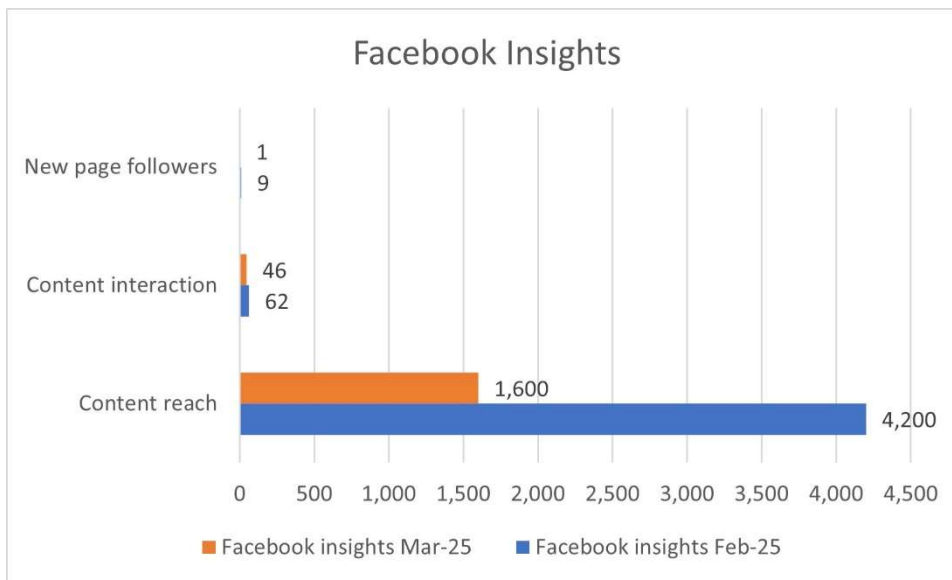
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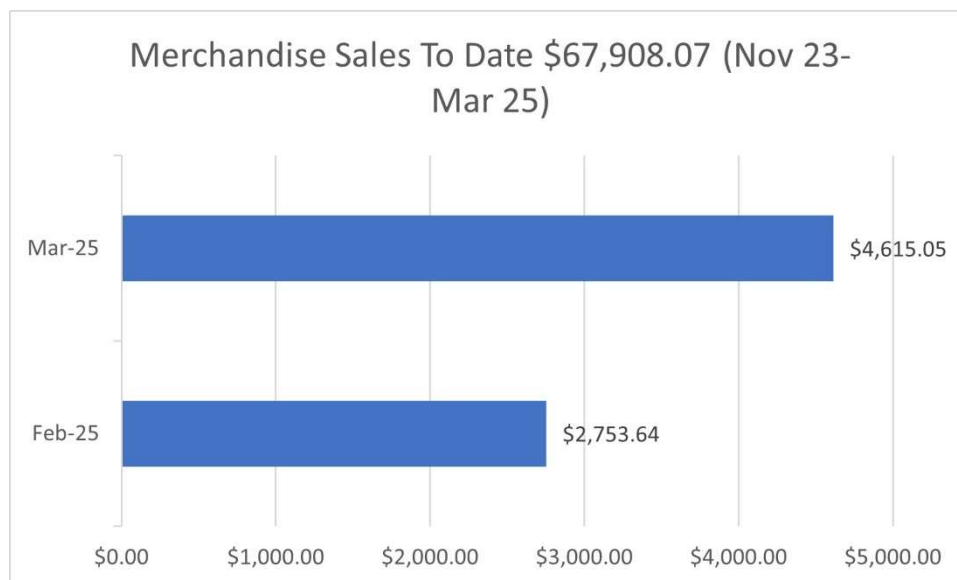
BACKGROUND

Council has adopted the 2024/2025 budget and the associated Delivery and Operational Plans. This report presents updates on the progress and implementation of tourism projects and activities.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

** Please note: the above statistics only relate to people visiting the visitor information centre and do not include café patronage. After a quieter February, there has been an increase in visitation during March, as predicted.






INITIATIVE	PROGRESS
Shire-wide	
Easter Visitation	<p>The Lachlan Shire Visitor Information Centre experienced a steady flow of visitors over the Easter period. Recorded visitation figures were as follows (people who came into the centre):</p> <p>Thursday 17 April – 38 visitors</p> <p>Friday 18 April – Centre closed</p> <p>Saturday 19 April – 39 visitors</p> <p>Sunday 20 April – 92 visitors</p> <p>Monday 21 April – 41 visitors</p> <p>Total: 210</p> <p>The significant spike on Easter Sunday reflects increased tourism activity, supported by a noticeable influx of campers across the Shire and day trippers. This trend reinforces the region's popularity as a destination. The cafe was closed over the Easter break.</p>
Marketing	<p>The Mayor was recently interviewed on ABC Radio NSW's <i>Sunday Mornings with Nas Campanella – Weekend Getaway</i> program. During the ten-minute, armchair-style chat, the Mayor showcased highlights of the region including Sculpture Down the Lachlan, Lake Cargelligo, the Wiradjuri Centre, Utes in the Paddock, the annual agricultural shows, and the beauty of Autumn in the Lachlan. Click the link below to hear the interview –</p> <p>https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/sydney-weekendmornings/weekend-mornings/105148826</p>

Lachlan Shire promotional material has been developed for campaigns in the following publications: The Wanderer (Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia – CMCA) and Caravanning Australia.



A regional campaign was rolled out over the Easter and School holiday period. Print advertising appeared in local and regional publications, supported by an online campaign to maximise reach. This initiative aimed to encourage day trips and overnight stays.



	
Arts Out West Annual General Meeting and Gathering - Condobolin	Tourism staff continue to work with Arts Out West on planning for the Annual General Meeting and Gathering to be held in Condobolin on Sunday, 22 June 2025, at the Community Centre. Lachlan Arts Council is coordinating a local exhibition to coincide with the event.
Lachlan Shire Destination Guide	The new Destination Guide has been finalised and serves as a snapshot of the Shire. It is the primary marketing resource to attract visitors and encourage extended stays. The guide has been produced in print and digital formats to maximise reach and accessibility.
Retail Revamp	Due to flooding in northern NSW, Carol B from Retail Revamp's will now visit Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham Visitor Information Centres from 5 May to 7 May 2025 to assist with completing the refurbishments. Carol will also visit the Condobolin Centre.
Lachlan Shire Town map project	Quotes are currently being sought. These maps are distributed through the Lachlan Shire Visitor Information Centres and local businesses.
Central West Map Pads	Central West Joint Organisation of Councils initiative – project completed, and maps are being disseminated.
Lachlan Shire Website	Updates to the tourism website are in progress to align the site with the look and feel of the new destination guide.
ATWD Listings	Updating of the business and event listings is now in progress.
Condobolin	
Merchandise	The sale of local produce and products, and Utes in the Paddock branded merchandise continues to be popular with visitors and residents.
Sculpture Down the Lachlan Brochure	Awaiting approval from the Forbes Art Society.
Utes in the Paddock Book	Design concepts and cost estimates are being explored for a <i>Utes in the Paddock</i> coffee table book. Once completed, the book will be available for purchase, through the Visitor

	Information Centre, providing a unique souvenir and an additional revenue stream.
Lake Cargelligo	
Visitor Information Centre Displays	New information display concepts will be discussed at the May Tourism Committee meeting.
Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Walkway Signage	A local supplier has outsourced the manufacturing component due to the specialised finish required to ensure durability and longevity. Installation is expected in mid to late May 2025. Council extends its thanks to Ian and Annette McFayden, Gus Blacker and Anne and Chris Chambers for their valuable contributions in reviewing content, sourcing imagery, proofing materials, and painting the signage framework.
Water Tower Mural Signage	Draft sign prepared and awaiting feedback/approval from the committee.
Tottenham	
Visitor Information Centre Displays	New information display concepts will be discussed at the May Tourism Committee meeting.
Water Tower Mural signage	A site meeting is scheduled for 7 May 2025 to finalise the location, with installation to be completed by the end of May 2025.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project management and financial controls are in place to manage financial expenditure and resource allocation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Project management and financial controls have been established to manage budget and reputational risks.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Consultation is undertaken with the Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham visitor information centre volunteers, government agencies, Destination NSW and Destination Central West, Condobolin Chamber of Commerce, Museum Committees, and other key stakeholders regularly.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

This report provides an update to Council on tourism-related initiatives and projects being undertaken by the tourism team.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1.1 Increase community participation in arts and cultural activities.

2.1 A vibrant tourism industry.

2.3 Encourage business activity.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.4 FY24/25 URBAN WORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR MARCH**TRIM Number:** R25/87**Author:** Manager Urban Works**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R25/87 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of the capital improvements in the Urban Works section. The items listed are for works undertaken in March, in progress for the month of April and forecast for the month of May 2025.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil.

BACKGROUND

Council has adopted the 2024/2025 budget and associated Delivery and Operational Plans and Quarterly Budget Reviews. This report provides updates on the delivery of the Urban Works program, with some overlap with roads, utilities, tourism and buildings where required.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Project delivery has focused on grant funded projects with funding deadlines and capital works.

Overall, most of the Urban Works projects are progressing well with contractors and staff focusing on project priorities and delivery deadlines.

Works Completed in March

Whiley Street Footpath renewal	Renewal of Whiley street footpath was complete and is now operational.
Condobolin Rodeo and Pony Club Facility	Dressage Arena is complete, minor works remain where needed throughout the facility.
Condobolin Cemetery Carpark and footpath	Carpark was sealed and access path constructed, minor defects, tidy up and installation of seats to continue.
Mount Tilga Walking Track	Remediation to the gravel access track was completed.
Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Restoration	All works have been complete besides minor defects and tidy ups. The footpath is now operational.
Lake Cargelligo Liberty Park Master Plan works	Earthworks and concreting were complete, fountain, electrical, lighting and landscaping to continue.
Lake Cargelligo Foster Street Festoon Lights	Removal of the existing Festoon lights to be complete when possible. Prices obtained for the festoon lights, with consultation of colours to be confirmed with stakeholders for Liberty Park.
Lake Cargelligo Second Sporting Field option	Contractors have been engaged and materials purchased, field works to commence in May.
Tottenham Skate Park and Multi-use facility	Detailed designs have been complete and approved.
Tullibigeal Netball Court Refurbishment	Council staff sealed the recurring cracks with Sikaflex to minimise further damage to the courts.
Tullibigeal Tennis Court Refurbishment	Contractors have been engaged and scheduled to start works in May.
Fifield Park Shelter refurbishment	Contractors have been engaged and materials purchased, works have commenced.
Update of the Active Transport Plan	Draft document has been complete and is currently being reviewed by Transport and LSC before public exhibition.
Regional Drought Resilience Plan	Projects confirmed from the Project Control Group (PCG) and implementation grant funding application was submitted and approved.

Works Underway in April

Whiley Street footpath renewal	Project complete.
Condobolin Cemetery Carpark and footpath	Seating to be installed, with minor defects and tidy up to be complete.
Mount Tilga Walking Track	Directional and information signage to be confirmed. Steps and carpark bollards material purchased.
Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Restoration	Project to be complete.
Lake Cargelligo Liberty Park Master Plan works	Installation of festoon lights and fountain works to have commenced.
Lake Cargelligo Second Sporting Field option	Materials to be delivered
Tottenham Skate Park and Multi-use facility	Contractors to commence works.
Tullibigeal Tennis court refurbishment	Work to commence in May.
Fifield Park Shelter refurbishment	Shelter has been refurbished, installation of seating and bins to be complete in May.
Update to the Active Transport Plan	Awaiting comments from Transport prior to public exhibition.
Regional Drought Resilience Plan	Implementation projects have been approved and PCG is working on scope of works to send out to consultants.
LRCI Project variations and additional projects	Lake Rec ground Lighting and score board upgrade is awaiting funding bodies approval.

Works Scheduled for May

Condobolin Cemetery Carpark and footpath	Project to be complete.
Mount Tilga Walking Track	Directional signage to be ordered and stair works to have commenced.
Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Restoration	Project to be complete.
Lake Cargelligo Liberty Park Master plan project	Festoon lights, fountain and landscaping to continue, project expected to be complete in June.
Lake Cargelligo Second Sporting Field option	Contractors to commence onsite with the installation of pumps, storage tank and pipework.
Tottenham Skate Park and Multi-use facility	Contractors to continue concreting works.
Tullibigeal Tennis court refurbishment	Contractors to commence onsite.
Fifield Park Shelter refurbishment	Seating to be installed and project to be complete.
Update to the Active Transport Plan	Pending comments from Transport, draft plan to be put on Public exhibition if approved by Council.
Regional Drought Resilience Plan	Scope of works to be complete and procurement underway.
Lake Rec Ground lighting and scoreboard upgrade	Pending funding bodies approval, contractors to be engaged and materials purchased.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
Footpath renewals	\$21k	Footpaths	\$20k	\$21k	Budget on Track
Condobolin Rodeo and Pony Club Facility	\$125k	LRCI 4	\$83k	\$125k	Budget on Track
Condobolin Cemetery Carpark and footpath	\$90k	LRCI 4	\$52k	\$90k	Budget on Track
Mount Tilga	\$150k	LRCI 4	\$23k	\$150k	Budget on track
Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Refurbishment	\$250k	CAP24	\$249k	\$250k	Budget on track
Liberty Park Master Plan	\$250k	LRCI 4	\$130k	\$250k	No cost to date
Tottenham Skate Park	\$300k	LRCI 4	\$25k	\$270k	Budget on track
Tulli Tennis Court refurbishment	\$150k	LRCI 4	\$0k	\$150k	No cost to date
Active Transport Plan	\$100k	Get Active	\$0k	\$100k	Budget on track

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Priority will be given to grant funded works. Meetings held with Finance staff to confirm project completions and project funding roll over for incomplete works.

Inflation continues to present concerns with budgets together with the supply of goods and materials.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Staff are engaging with specific stakeholders on each project, in accordance with Council's community consultation policy. Meetings have been held with the Lake Cargelligo Sporting Clubs, Tullibigeal Tennis Club, Tottenham Community, Tullibigeal Central School.

OPTIONS

1. Council continue to implement urban works capital improvements as programmed, as resources permit, i.e. as funds, staff and contractors are available.
2. Council amend the capital improvements program and budget.

CONCLUSION

This report updates Council on the capital improvements undertaken by the Urban Works team in March, underway in April and forecast for May.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 4.2 Strong, Effective and Responsive Council.
- 4.4 Strategic Management of Villages and Crown Reserves.
- 6.1 Increase recreational use of the lakes and rivers.
- 6.3 New and visually appealing streetscapes.
- 6.4 Improved Parks, Gardens and Sporting Ovals.
- 6.5 Provision of neat, accessible and respectful cemeteries.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.5 FY24/25 UTILITIES MONTHLY UPDATE FOR MARCH**TRIM Number: R25/88****Author: Manager - Utilities****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R25/88 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the existing and future works and projects associated with the provision of water and sewerage services across Lachlan Shire. Items listed are works undertaken for March, in progress for the month of April and forecast for the month of May.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil.

BACKGROUND

Lachlan Shire Council is responsible for a suite of capital and operational works associated with the provision of water and sewerage services. This report provides status updates on projects and programmes of significance and interest to Council and stakeholders.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS**Condobolin**

Project	Progress
SSWP401 Condobolin Water Treatment Works – Concept Design Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concept design is progressing.• REF reports on the new WTP site, new pipeline and Goobang Creek raw water pump station is being undertaken.• LiDAR survey on the new WTP site is currently underway.
SSWP402 Condobolin Sewage Treatment Works – Concept Design Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upon further discussion with DCCEEW, the following additional works have been identified to complete the concept design report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pipeline design from the new STP to the effluent irrigation sites.○ Pipeline design for effluent discharge to the river.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revising the REF accordingly.
RNSW 755 Condobolin Bore Fields II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical design and Process and Instrumentation Diagrams are currently being reviewed. • The Building for the new chlorination system has been procured.
DWS072 Condobolin Drought Water Security Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) submissions were received for the bore fit-out and power supply tender. Tender assessment report is expected to be presented to the May Council meeting. • The pumps for the new venturi aeration system have been placed and works to install the pipework will start at the beginning of May 2025.
Lachlan St Sewer Pump Station – civil constructions upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the three (3) construction joints have been successfully sealed but a minor leak is still persisting at the bottom construction joint. • Attempts will be made to apply a different product to seal this leak.

Lake Cargelligo

Project	Progress
Lake Cargelligo STP – Screen Extractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final commissioning to occur by the end of May 2025.
Lake Cargelligo STP – Sewer Lagoons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dried sludge samples were collected and sent away for analysis on Tuesday 1 April 2025. • Effluent has been diverted to the old sludge pond due to the leak in the bank between the large evaporation pond and final sludge pond. • IWCM Technical Review workshop has been booked by the end of April 2025 in Sydney. This will formally review the remediation options report. • Sampling continues.
Lake Cargelligo WTP – Chemical Storage Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of the tender documentation continues.
Lake Cargelligo WTP – GAC Filter Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still awaiting a cost estimate report to repair/replace the existing GAC Filter.

Tottenham

Project	Progress
RNSW 841 Tottenham Water Supply – New Albert Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAE drawings have been submitted. • Project has been completed.
RNSW 841 Tottenham Water Supply – Telemetry upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factory Acceptance Testing for the new telemetry system was held remotely and witnessed by Council on 31 March 2025. • Some of the civil works to replace old instrumentations have started. Aging instrumentations are required to be replaced before the telemetry is upgraded.

Shire Wide

Project	Progress
RNSW 842 Sewage Effluent Reuse Management System (Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin & Tottenham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory pre-tender meeting was held on 25 March 2025 and attended by representatives from 12 different companies. • Closing date has been extended to 16 April 2025.
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical review meeting with the relevant stakeholders is scheduled to be held on 28 April 2025.
Sewer Rehabilitation and Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main contractor has notified that they are unable to proceed with the contract. Options are currently being explored to terminate the Contract and continue the works by utilising the CNSWJO rehabilitation Contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Spend to Date	Forecast Spend	Comments
SSWP401 Condobolin Water Treatment Works – Concept Design Stage	\$900K	SSWP	\$282K	\$790k	Budget is on track
SSWP402 Condobolin Sewage Treatment Works – Concept Design Stage	\$675K	SSWP	\$392K	\$413K	Budget is on track
RNSW 755 Condobolin Bore Fields II	\$3.9M	Restart NSW	\$2.61M	\$3.9M	Budget is on track, but final tenders still have to be awarded.
DWS072 Contract 5: Transfer Pump Station	\$2.57M	SSWP	\$2.63M	\$2.83M	Revised budget is on track
Lachlan St Sewer Pump Station – Construction	\$1.2M	Sewer Fund	\$1.11M	\$1.4M	Variation for leaks have increased costs. This will be funded through reducing sewer relining.
Lake Cargelligo STP – Screen Extractor	\$66K	Sewer Fund	\$84K	\$91K	Budget overspent is to be funded through existing sewer budget.
Lake Cargelligo STP – Sewer Lagoons investigations	\$150K	Sewer Fund	\$26K	\$150K	Budget is on track
Lake Cargelligo WTP – Chemical Storage Upgrade	\$210K	Water Fund	\$110K	\$210K	Revised budget on track
Lake Cargelligo WTP – GAC Filter Upgrade	\$57K	Water Fund	\$12K	\$57K	Final investigations underway. Budget is on track
RNSW 841 Tottenham Water Supply	\$4.6M	Restart NSW	\$3.66M	\$4.6M	Budgets are on track
RNSW 842 Sewage Effluent Reuse Management System	\$2.56M	Restart NSW	\$649K	\$2.56M	Project scope under review
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy	\$324K	Safe & Secure	\$157K	\$330K	Budget is on track
Sewer Rehabilitation and Investigation	\$1.3M	Sewer Fund	\$169K	\$1.3M	Contractual options are being explored for the delivery.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In the Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Tottenham and Albert water supply schemes, sufficient high-quality drinking water, which meets the standards prescribed in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG), is being supplied to the community. The day to day operation of Council's water supply system is governed by DCCEEW and the backwash discharge from the water treatment plant is administered by the EPA. Non-potable water continues to be supplied to Tullibigeal, Fifield and Burcher. Lachlan Shire Council is providing sewerage services to communities across the shire.

The day to day operation of the sewerage services is governed by DCCEEW and the effluent discharge from the sewerage treatment plant is administered by the EPA.

There are significant risks should Council fail to achieve satisfactory outcomes in the following areas:

- Water quality
- Water quantity
- Effluent discharge quality
- Workplace Health & Safety
- Environmental Impacts

Council has systems in place to mitigate all risks in the form of trained personnel, documented work systems and routine audits and reports to various NSW Government Departments. Water and effluent quality are checked regularly to identify any deviation from the current guidelines and standards.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk associated with the engagement of NSW Public Works to assist with project delivery is mitigated by the formation of a project steering committee with INSW, DCCEEW, NSW Public Works and Council staff representation.

Council senior staff regularly attend NSW Government agency meetings to keep updated on issues affecting water supply to the Lower Lachlan River System. This includes the River Operations Stakeholder Consultation Committee (Roscco), Lachlan Airspace Reference Panel, NSW Govt Critical Water Advisory Panel (CWAP) and Central West Joint Organisation Water Utilities Alliance (CWUA).

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

DCCEEW, Infrastructure NSW, NSW Public Works, the EPA, NSW Public Health Unit representatives and relevant Council staff have been consulted in relation to capital works & operational projects and compliance issues. Residents impacted by planned temporary disruption of services are provided reasonable notice where possible using a combination of letter box drops, public notices and media releases. Stakeholders for the Lake Cargelligo STP issues are being updated by fortnightly status updates and meetings are required.

OPTIONS

1. Council continue to implement the water and sewer capital, operational and maintenance programs as resources permit, i.e. as funds, staff and contractors are available.
2. Council amend the water and sewer capital, operational and maintenance program.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided to update Council on activities in the Utilities section in March, underway for April and planned for May.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 7.1 Water, sewer and energy utilities meet best practice standards with up to date technology.

CSP 7.2 Water Security for All Towns and Villages.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DATA FOR MARCH 2025

TRIM Number: R25/90

Author: Manager Town Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director Environment and Planning Report No. R25/90 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

This report is to provide Council with information about development activity occurring within the Lachlan Shire Council area during March 2025.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council’s Development Data.

BACKGROUND

Development application data provides an indication of upcoming construction activity and economic value that is anticipated in the local government area. This report provides data on the past month’s data and a comparison with the previous year.

During the month of March 2025, there was 1 development application determined, with a combined value of \$0.00. During the month of March 2025, there were 2 applications lodged.

The following tables itemise the determinations and the lodged development applications, together with a comparison to the previous year.

1. Applications determined

Development applications determined in March 2025

Approval Number	Development Description	Location	Value	Delegated Authority/Council
DA2024/43	Shipping Containers	4 DOYLE STREET CONDOBOLIN 2877	\$0.00	Delegated Authority
Total (determined)	1	-	\$0.00	-

Comparison to previous year: Development applications determined in March 2024

Total number of development applications ***determined in March 2024:*** 5

Total development value of applications **determined for March 2024**: \$ 670,000

2. Applications lodged

Development applications lodged in March 2025

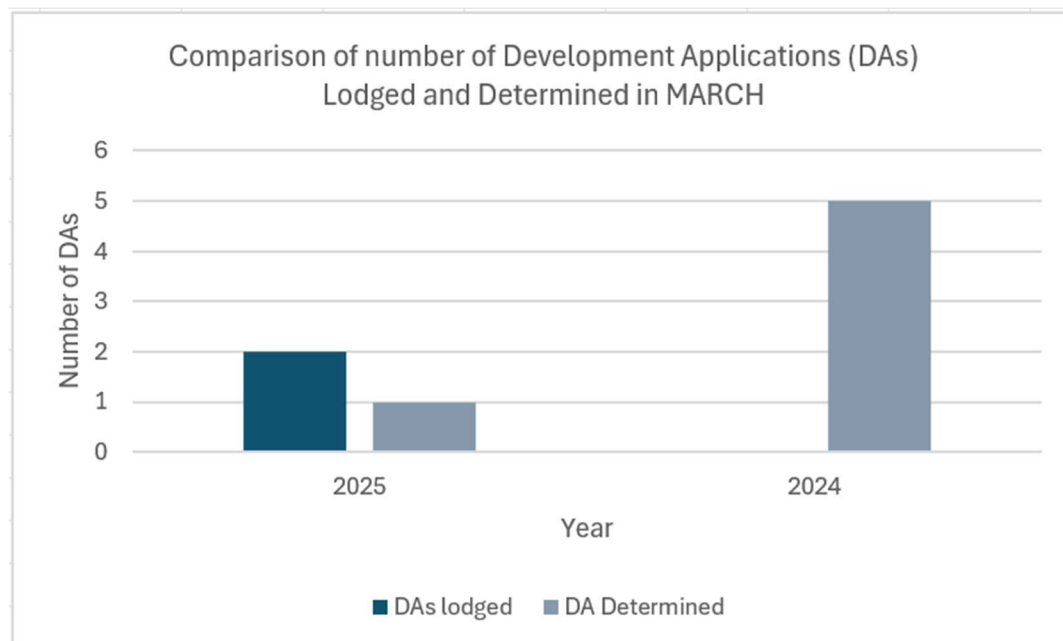
Development Identifier	Development Description	Location	Value
DA2025/09	Change of Use - from Industrial Storage Facility to Light Industry	10 WIRADJURI WAY CONDOBOLIN 2877	\$ 45,000.00
DA2025/06	Telecommunications Facility	1966 Lake Cargelligo Road LAKE CARGELLIGO 2672	\$ 90,000.00
TOTAL	2	-	\$135,000.00

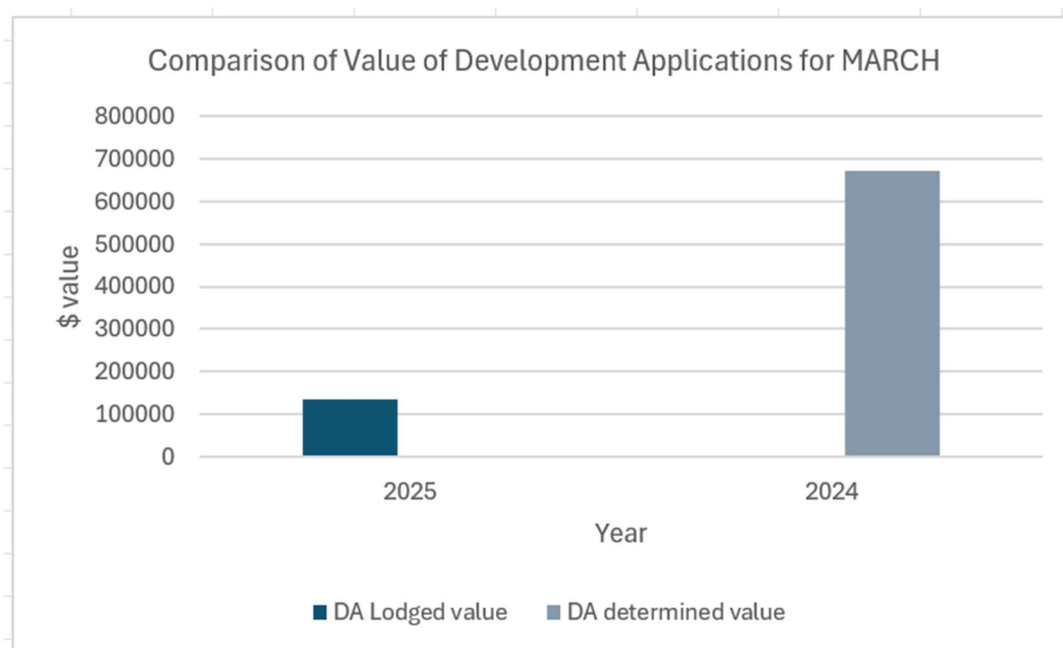
Comparison to previous year: Development applications lodged in March 2024

Total number of development applications **lodged in March 2024**: 0

Total development value of applications **lodged in March 2024**: \$0

3. Summary graphs of the comparisons





ISSUES AND COMMENTS

A total of 23 development applications have been determined this financial year at an average of 42 days, which is inside the legislative timeframe for approvals of 40 – 60 days, and below the average net days taken to determine a DA across all NSW Councils. Council's average number of days reflect the data obtained via Council's Development software which varies from the NSW Planning Portal Council league table as the Planning Portal has yet to accurately collect and calculate data.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The assessment and determination of development applications is a statutory requirement under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. It is resourced through Council's budget. Council collects development application fees in accordance with Schedule 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

All applications are assessed in accordance with relevant legislation including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council has assessed all applications against relevant legislation to minimise Council's exposure to risk.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Regular consultation and engagement with applicants of Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates occurs during the pre-lodgement, assessment and approval stages of each application in line with legislation and Council's planning instruments. Council also often engages with the community and adjoining owners in respect of applications. Council has a robust and extensive Community Participation Plan in place with the latest version dating from April 2020.

CONCLUSION

Development application determination data reveals a total development value of **\$1,475,045.70** for applications determined in the 2024/2025 financial year.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP No 4.2 - Strong Effective Responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.7 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**TRIM Number: R25/95****Author: Accountant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R25/95 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* section 212 specifies that Council's Responsible Accounting Officer must provide elected members with a monthly written report detailing the funds invested by Council. The report must include information up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

The Responsible Accounting Officer must also provide a certificate stating whether the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council's general bank account reconciled balance as at 31 March 2025 is \$2,428,234. Investments held at 31 March 2025 totalling \$68,572,168 are set out in Attachment 1.

Responsible Accounting Officer Certificate

I certify that the investments have been reconciled with the Council's general ledger as at 31 March 2025, and that investments have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

Karen Pegler

Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As at the end of March 2025, Council is compliant across all counterparty limits except for ING (A) and Police CU. ING (A) is over its maximum limit of 20% by 0.42%, Police CU (unrated) is over its maximum limit of 5% by .10%. These will be rectified over the coming months by deploying funds to alternate banks.

Over the past 12 months the portfolio, excluding on call cash, returned 4.96% p.a. outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index (bank bills) by 0.50% p.a.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Investments are made in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and the Community Strategic Plan/Delivery Program Item 4.2.1, which aims to ensure that "Council is financially sustainable and provides services at a level expected by the community".

CONCLUSION

Investments will continue to be managed so Council can meet its cash commitments as and when they fall due.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **March 2025**

9 DECISION REPORTS

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

9.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.2.1 DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2025-2029

TRIM Number: R24/304

Author: Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services report R24/304 be noted, and
2. The Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2025-2029, subject to any alterations requested by council, be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, and adopted subject to no significant issues being received.

PURPOSE

To provide to Council a draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2025-2029 for public exhibition for 28 days, and for adoption subject to no significant issues being received.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

As attached.

BACKGROUND

The NSW *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* requires councils to develop a Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) to ensure that people with a disability have equity of access and inclusion to facilities, services and information provided by Council.

The Act requires the DIAP to have four focus areas

- Attitudes and Behaviours
- Liveable Communities
- Meaningful Employment
- Systems and Processes

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The previous Lachlan Shire Council DIAP was adopted in 2022. The revised DIAP 2025-2029 will support the objectives of Council by providing practical ways that will enable Council to further enhance accessibility and inclusivity.

The Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Lachlan Shire Workforce Plan all include references to the DIAP.

Reporting on the plan will take place through the Lachlan Shire Council Annual Report which is made publicly available. Annual reporting on outcomes of the plan will be provided to Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services as required.

The plan will be reviewed and amended accordingly in 2029.

During the public consultation process, Council staff will seek to obtain local images to be included in the adopted plan, where written consent is provided.

Review process

Preliminary: Seek information/guidelines, reports, legislative changes

Current relevant community issues: Source feedback via Community Survey, targeted stakeholder meetings, 2023 Micromex Community Survey, Active Transport Plan survey, one on one meeting.

Review actions achieved in the current DIAP to date to inform actions to be proposed in the draft plan.

View other recently adopted 4-year plans by other Councils (Forbes, Orange, Maitland)

Consultation

Internal staff consultation from across the organisation.

External

Micromex Survey 2023 – 200 people called. There were several questions around disability.

One on one interview

DIAP Community Survey 2024 - 18 responses

- 5 people with a disability
- 8 people who are carers for someone with a disability
- 5 other

Responses came from

- Condobolin 15
- Lake Cargelligo 1
- Tottenham 1
- Tullibigeal 1

HACC stakeholders meeting – 14 members & Community Care worker in attendance

Active Transport Plan community survey

Feedback received

- Supporting infrastructure is needed e.g. parking spots, drop off areas, signage, pedestrian crossings, shaded seating.
- Improved footpaths, walkways, kerb and guttering.
- Community Transport is an issue.
- Council buildings such as Condobolin customer service are not inclusive.
- Health, medical and aged care services are still a priority.
- More engagement between Councillors and community.
- Continue to improve communication between Council and community
- DIAP document – formatting improvements, local images to be included, spell out acronyms.

Focus areas for future DIAP

Continue to support and promote services that support people living with a disability and their carers (HACC, Library, Youth services).

Continue to improve accessible paths of travel to key areas across the shire (Active Transport Plan).

Council to update and improve infrastructure when identified e.g. signage, more seating, drop off areas, pedestrian crossings.

Council continues to provide inclusive and accessible events for everyone and communicates these events across a wide variety of platforms.

Engagement opportunities between Council and community.

Council continue to advocate for improved health care across Shire.

Continual improvement of Council website and other media.

Provide staff training on formatting accessible documents.

Continue to provide staff training on working for and with people with all abilities.

Advocate opportunities for the disabled.

Consider updating the community Transport vehicles in Tottenham & Condobolin to include wheelchair access

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nothing in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan proposes an increase in cost to Council. The majority of actions are similar to previous plans and refer to initiatives that are included in Councils Long Term Financial Plan and draft Delivery Program.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under the Disability Inclusion Act (NSW) 2014, all NSW Councils are required to develop a Disability Inclusion Plan (DIAP) to demonstrate their commitment to improving access, employment and facilities for people with a disability.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Legislative risk if Council is not compliant with all requirements under the Act.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Micromex Survey

Lachlan Shire Youth Strategy (2021 – 2030)

Survey Monkey – DIAP Community Survey

Active Transport Plan community survey.

Stakeholders Meeting (HACC)

One on one meeting

Staff consultation

OPTIONS

The Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2025-2029, subject to any alterations requested by council, be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, and adopted subject to no significant issues being received.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2025-2029 be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, and adopted subject to no significant issues being received.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcome 1.7 Improved Social Outcomes for those with disabilities

Outcome 1.8 Wellbeing of Youth

Outcome 3.2.2 Implement the Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Outcome 4.2 Strong Effective & Responsive Council

Outcome 4.2.1 Council is financially sustainable and provides services at a level expected by the community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2025 for public exhibition**

9.2.2 COMMUNITY DONATION AND EVENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**TRIM Number: R25/70****Author: Administration Officer - Corporate & Community Services****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report R25/70 be received and noted.
2. Council provide financial support of \$1,000.00 to Tottenham Tennis Club for the Winter Coaching program. This contribution is to be funded from the Elected members general donations budget and is conditional on the program proceeding.
3. Council decline to provide a donation to RSL Life Care William Beech Gardens.
4. Council support the Cancer Council via a direct final donation of \$100.00. This contribution is to be funded from the Elected members general donations budget.

PURPOSE

Council is asked to consider requests for monetary and in-kind support for community events to be held in the 2024/2025 financial year. For the purpose of this policy 'Donation' also means financial contribution, event in kind support, and Fee and Charge concessions, unless specified otherwise.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A copy of the requests is attached.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the Community Event and Donations Policy v2 in May 2024. As requests are submitted, they will be assessed against this policy. Where possible, approval under delegated authority will be utilised. Where delegated authority or another Council Policy does not apply, a request will be submitted to a Council meeting for determination.

As community groups' transition to funding rounds, there will be a further period where requests will continue to be submitted to Council for a decision.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS**TOTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB – FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST**

The Tottenham Tennis Club has requested financial support of \$1,000 for the Winter Coaching program to start from 14th July to 15th July 2025.

The Tottenham Tennis Club successfully applied for a funding grant in 2024 for the first time, securing a donation of \$1,000.

It is recommended that a financial donation of \$1,000 be made from the Elected members general donations.

RSL LIFECARE - FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST

The RSL LifeCare has requested either goods or a financial donation, without specifying an amount to host the biggest High Tea Lunch on Wednesday 21st May 2025. It is recommended based on council's direction from the 2023FY that council decline the donation to RSL Lifecare.

Instead it is recommended to provide a direct financial donation to the Cancer Council of \$100 from the Elected members general budget. Council staff are encouraged to contribute to this donation, if they wish to, by organising an office morning tea to support the Cancer Council. This was done in the 23FY and was a success.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONSCommunity Events Program

This budget totals \$37,470, refer to General Ledger number 3820.0460.0622.

The remaining budget available for utilisation is \$24,627.

Included in the budget as a separate line item and will not come to Council for decision

The abovementioned budget includes \$2,400. for Welcome to Community events (\$600 each for Tullibigeal, Tottenham, Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin). Refer to Council Resolution 2023/50 March 2023. The \$600 for events will only be paid upon written application to Council.

Elected Members general donations

This budget totals \$28,000. Refer to General Ledger number 3020.0405.0622.

The remaining budget available for utilisation is \$22,850.

Included in the budget as a separate line item and will not come to Council for decision

The abovementioned budget includes \$100 per school for end of year school events. Refer to Council Resolution 2022/312 November 2022. The \$100 for events will only be paid upon written application to Council.

In kind contributions

This budget totals \$121,237. Refer to General Ledger number 3230.0509.

The remaining budget available for utilisation is \$26,554.

Quarterly report to Council - Community Donations & Event Support approved under delegation

As requested, a quarterly report will be provided to Council showing all approvals made under delegated authority. Jointly the Mayor and General Manager must approve or decline any applications made under delegated authority. Delegated authority approvals only apply to the following:

- (a) In kind Support \$1,000 or less;
- (b) Fee or Charge Concession \$500 or less;
- (c) Financial donation of \$500 or less

The next report will be provided to the June 2025 Council meeting.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council can provide financial assistance through an annual donation program in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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.

Donation requests made by organisations or individuals who act for personal gain will be subject to Section 356 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

“A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days’ public notice of the council’s proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given.”

Fee concessions are permissible in accordance with section 610E and 610F of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is reputational risk for Council when making decisions to approve or not to approve requests.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council at the April 2025 Pre Briefing.

OPTIONS

1. Provide the full amount of the requested donations.
2. Decline the full amount of the requested donations.
3. Vary the amount of the donations.

CONCLUSION

Council is asked to consider and make a resolution on the amount of any donation it wishes to provide.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2.1 Council is financially sustainable and provides services at a level expected by the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **D25/3617 - Tottenham Tennis Club - Funding Application**
2. **D25/3880 - RSL Life Care - Funding application**
3. **Donations as at 170425**

9.2.3 LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE POLICY**TRIM Number:** R25/84**Author:** Governance and Risk Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report R25/84 be received and noted, and
2. The Draft Legislative Compliance Policy v2 be adopted as presented.

PURPOSE

To provide council with a Draft Legislative Compliance Policy for review and adoption.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

As attached.

BACKGROUND

The last policy document council has on its website is dated 2015.

The Audit Office Interim Management Letter of May 2024 identified a requirement for an updated Legislative Compliance Policy to be completed. The ARIC also raised the issue in a recent meeting.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The purpose of this policy is to set in place Council's commitment to a culture of compliance with relevant legislative and statutory requirements, Council policies and procedures, and the principles of the Australian Standards AS ISO 37301:2023 Compliance Management Systems – Guidelines.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Ensuring compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements facilitates effective management and protection of Council resources.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Ensuring legislative and regulatory compliance.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

A systematic approach facilitates risk management and protection of Council's reputation.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The draft policy was provided to OMT and ELT on 1 April 2025, and to an ARIC independent member on 26 March 2025, for review.

OPTIONS

To adopt the policy as presented.

CONCLUSION

The Draft Legislative Compliance Policy be adopted as presented.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP Governance and Financial Control

4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Draft Legislative Compliance Policy v2**

9.2.4 BUSH BURSARY PROGRAM 2025-26**TRIM Number: R25/85****Author: Administration Officer - Corporate & Community Services****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report No. R25/85 be received and noted.
2. Council declines to provide support for the Bush Bursary Program 2025-26.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's direction on support for the Bush Bursary Program 2025-26.

BACKGROUND

Lachlan Shire Council initiated this scholarship in 1996. In some years Council has supported the NSW Rural Doctors Network with their Bush Bursary Scholarship program by hosting medical students to gain rural experience during their university training. In some previous years, the council participated in this program. However, in May 2023 and again in May 2024, Council declined the invitation to provide support.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

A request has again been received from the NSW Rural Doctors Network to host students for the 2025-26 Bush Bursary Scholarship program.

Prior to 2023, Council supported the Bush Bursary program, and received positive feedback from students, health facilities and the community. The medical students will have the opportunity to visit the Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham medical facilities.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council's draft 2026FY Budget does not include support for this program however, funding is available if council wishes to support the program.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications identified.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

NSW Rural Doctors Network.

OPTIONS

1. Council support the Bush Bursary 2025-26 program.
2. Council decline to support the Bush Bursary 2025-26 program and provide written advice to the NSW Rural Doctors Network.

CONCLUSION

The NSW Rural Doctors Network's Bush Bursary program is an opportunity to showcase our area to medical students.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

1.6.1 Support programs to attract and retain medical and allied health professionals

ATTACHMENTS

1. Formal Invitation
2. Bush Bursary Program Guidelines
3. Bush Bursary Case Study

9.3 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

9.3.1 SOLAR INSTALLATIONS - COUNCIL DWELLINGS

TRIM Number: R25/97

Author: Environment & Waste Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director of Environment and Planning Report No. R25/97 be received and noted.
2. Endorse the installation of rooftop solar at 38 McGregor Street, Condobolin, and 51 Officers Parade, Condobolin.
3. Continue with installation of solar/renewable energy projects when budgets are available, and suitable sites have been identified.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to outline options to install solar panels on Council owned buildings, including commercial and residential, as part of Council's Energy Sustainability Plan 2024.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council Energy Sustainability Plan 2024 (ESP).

Emissions Calculations & Exploring Abatement Pathways, CSNW JO, Lachlan Shire Council.

BACKGROUND

Council's 2024/25 Capital Budget introduced funding for residential solar projects totalling \$15,000.00 annually to underpin actions from Council's ESP. It is estimated that two 6-7kw rooftop solar installations (projects) can be installed for this budget.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council's ESP outlines new targets which these projects will contribute towards, being:

- Reduce electricity emissions by 80% by 2027.
- Reduce grid consumptions by 60% by 2027.
- 75% renewable energy proportions by 2027.
- Carbon Neutral by 2050 (all sectors).

Two Council owned dwellings have been nominated for rooftop solar, 38 McGregor Street, Condobolin, and 51 Officers Parade, Condobolin. Both are occupied as staff housing.

These buildings form part of Council's upstream and downstream activities as leased assets.

Upstream and downstream activities are emissions or energy use that occur outside of Council operations, but support Council operations as outlined on Page 3 of the Emissions Calculations & Exploring Abatement Pathways document.

Installing rooftop solar at these premises will result in a reduction in a grid consumption of approximately 9 MWh or 4.5 MWh for each site. Further sites are proposed to be identified annually, with 106 Orange Street being a good candidate as it was acquired last year for staff housing.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A budget of \$15,000.00 is available in the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program. Council will call for quotation in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None Identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

If funding is not provided for solar projects and similar initiatives, there is a risk that Council's ESP targets of reducing energy consumption and implementing renewable energy solutions will be more difficult to be achieved.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

No stakeholder consultation identified at this stage; however, the two projects will be incorporated into Council's ESP projects to track renewable energy uptake and grid energy reduction. Staff members occupying the staff housing have indicated to be very supportive of the tracking of energy use and emission reduction.

OPTIONS

The following options are available to Council:

1. Endorse the installation of rooftop solar at 38 McGregor Street, Condobolin, and 51 Officers Parade, Condobolin.
2. Review the Energy Sustainability Plan 2024 and select other sites listed on Page 21. If other sites are selected, additional funding will be required, except for 5 Melrose Street, Condobolin.
3. Decide not to proceed with the installation of rooftop solar at 38 McGregor Street, Condobolin, and 51 Officers Parade, Condobolin.

CONCLUSION

38 McGregor Street, Condobolin, and 51 Officers Parade, Condobolin, being staff housing, are good candidates for rooftop solar that will contribute to Council's renewable energy portfolio, grid consumption reduction in upstream and downstream activities and contribute towards the Council's ESP targets.

In addition to the abovementioned benefits, the projects are relatively simple to install and can be projected managed internally.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4.2 Strong, effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Lachlan Shire Council Energy Sustainability Plan 2024.**
- 2. Emissions Calculations & Exploring Abatement Pathways.**

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.4.1 FY24/25 ROADWORK MONTHLY FOR MARCH

TRIM Number: R25/78

Author: Manager - Roads

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R25/78 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of road works undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department completed in March 2025, works in progress in the month of April and works scheduled for the month of May. The execution and completion of works varies depending on resource availability, weather conditions, work priorities and unforeseen circumstances.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

Final Documentation for Council's Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works claim for AGRN 1034 (NSW flooding from 14 September 2022 Natural Disaster) is still being received from TfNSW. The flood damage claim was assessed as 14 packages of work, all the 14 signed form 306 have been received, but there are still two 'Total Upper Limit Grant' letters not yet received.

Stabilised Pavements Australia (SPA) have completed their contract for flood damage repairs on sealed roads south of Condobolin. Line marking is programmed for early May.

Countrywide Asphalt (Condobolin north) and Stabilcorp (Tottenham area) are both in progress with their flood damage repair contracts. Good progress is being made on the following roads' SR 60 Springvale Road, MR 57N Fifield Road, MR57NN The Bogan Way, SR 3 Tabratong Crossing Road and SR 5 Lansdale Road. Stabilcorp have resourced the work with two crews in an attempt to catch up with the slight delay they had in commencing work.

One construction grader crew is working on seal widen projects on SR 185 Yelkin Road. The other construction grader crew is shoulder grading on MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road and is programmed to commence at the new Council depot after Easter. Five graders are continuing to undertake heavy maintenance grading/gravel re-sheeting, flood damage repairs and maintenance grading, with two graders stood down due to lack of operators.

UPDATE**Works undertaken in March**

- **Heavy patching, re-sheeting and grade water and roll (gwr) undertaken on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 7514 Nyngan Road – gwr with approx. 4 km of gravel re-sheeting and 42 flood damage sites
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 43 Back Tullamore Road – gwr/gravel re-sheeting 1 km
 - SR 1151 Kadungle Road – gwr/gravel re-sheeting 0.5 km
- **Road and culvert reconstruction undertaken on the following roads**
 - Regional Roads
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – RERRF – 8 km of seal widening
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – RERRF – 6 km of seal widening
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 45 Boona Road – culvert replacement
- **Road reseals/sealing**
 - Regional Roads
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – RERRF – 8 km of seal widening and 6 km reseal
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – RERRF – 6 km of seal widening
 - Shire Roads
 - nil
- **Maintenance grading/sucker removal/storm damage repairs undertaken on the following unsealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 41 Red Heart Road – maintenance grading/drainage clearing
 - SR 49 Myamley Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 50 Vermont Hill Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 109 Ungarie Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 120 Merrihogie Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 121 Camp Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 123 Stidwells Lane – maintenance grading
 - SR124 Crown Camp Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 170 Tomlinsons Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 250 Hadleigh Downs Road – maintenance grading
 - SR 413 Keronga Road – maintenance grading
- **Shoulder grading/slashing/vegetation control/patching and flood damage undertaken on the following sealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 57N Fifiel Road – pothole patching, slashing
 - MR 57NN The Bogan Way -pothole patching, slashing

- MR 57S The Gipps Way – vegetation control
- MR 423 Lachlan Valley Way (aka Euabalong Road)– heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
- MR 231 Wyalong Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)/slashing
- MR 377 Lachlan Valley Way (aka South Forbes Road) – slashing
- MR 461 Henry Parkes Way – pothole patching
- MR 501 Lachlan Valley Way (aka Hillston Road) – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
- MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)/pothole patching
- MR 7521 Kiacatoo Road – pothole patching, vegetation control
- Shire Roads
 - SR 3 Tabratong Crossing Road – pothole patching
 - SR 10 Meadowview Road – slashing
 - SR 64 Platina Road – pothole patching
 - SR 231 Curlew Road – pothole patching
 - SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road – shoulder grading
 - SR 1169 Bobadah Road – shoulder grading
 - SR 1187 Palesthan Road - slashing

Works in progress or planned for April

- **Heavy patching, re-sheeting and grade water and roll in progress on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 57N Fifield Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - MR 57NN The Bogan Way – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - MR 7514 Nyngan Road – gwr with approx. 4 km of gravel re-sheeting and 42 flood damage sites
 - MR 461 Henry Parkes Way – gwr and 60 flood damage sites
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 223 Blackers Road – 0.5 km of gravel re-sheeting
- **Road and culvert reconstruction in progress on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 185 Yelkin Road – RTR – 2 km of widening and reconstruction
- **Road reseals/sealing**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – RERRF – 8 km of seal widen and reseal
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – RERRF – 6 km of seal widen and reseal
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 231 Curlew Road – RERRF/RTR – approx. 1.5 km reseal to complement flood damage repair work
 - SR 340 Silos Road – FAG roads – approx. 06 km reseal to complement flood damage repair work
 - Town Streets

- Wiradjuri Way, Condobolin – 0.5 km reseal
- Galari Circuit, Condobolin – 0.7 km reseal
- **Maintenance grading/sucker removal/storm damage repairs in progress on the following unsealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 3 Tabratong Crossing Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 5 Lansdale Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR73 Reynella Road – flood damage repairs
 - SR 74 Derriwong Road – flood damage repairs
 - SR 75 Ridglands Road – flood damage repairs
 - SR 1169 Bobadah Road – flood damage repairs (contractor)
- **Shoulder grading/slashing/vegetation control and patching in progress on the following sealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 57NN The Bogan Way – slashing
 - MR 371 Rankin Springs Road – shoulder grading
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 3 Tabratong Crossing Road – slashing
 - SR 5 Lansdale Road - slashing

Works planned for May

- **Heavy patching, re-sheeting and grade water and roll(gwr) to be undertaken on the following roads**
 - Regional Roads
 - MR 461 Henry Parkes Way – gwr and 60 flood damage sites
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 6 Billandry Road – 0.5 km of gravel re-sheeting
 - SR 11 Moira Vale Road – 1.0 km of gravel re-sheeting
 - SR 44 Melrose Plains Road – 1.5 km of gravel re-sheeting
 - SR 10 Meadowview Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 11 Moira Vale Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 25 Kerriwah Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 37 Yamora Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 60 Springvale Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 64 Platina Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 71 Condobolin Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 74 Derriwong Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 170 Tomlinsons Road – 1.0 km of gravel re-sheeting
 - SR 214 Nilssons Lane – 1.0 km of gravel re-sheeting
 - SR 257 Racecourse Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 341 Jones Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - SR 345 Forest Lane – 1.0 km of gravel re-sheeting
 - SR 408 Deacons Lane – 2.0 km of gravel re-sheeting

- SR 1169 Bobadah Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
- SR 1187 Palesthan Road – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
- SR 1347 Albert Road – 1.5 km of gravel re-sheeting
- Stuart Drive, Curlew Waters – 1.0 km of gravel re-sheeting

- **Road resealing/sealing**
 - All Roads
 - SR 85 Yelkin Road – RTR – 2 km of two coat seal

- **Road and culvert reconstruction to be undertaken on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 85 Yelkin Road – RTR – 2 km of widening and reconstruction

- **Maintenance grading/sucker removal/storm damage repairs undertaken on the following roads**
 - Regional Roads
 - MR 461 Henry Parkes Way – heavy patching flood damage repair (contractor)
 - Local Roads
 - As required

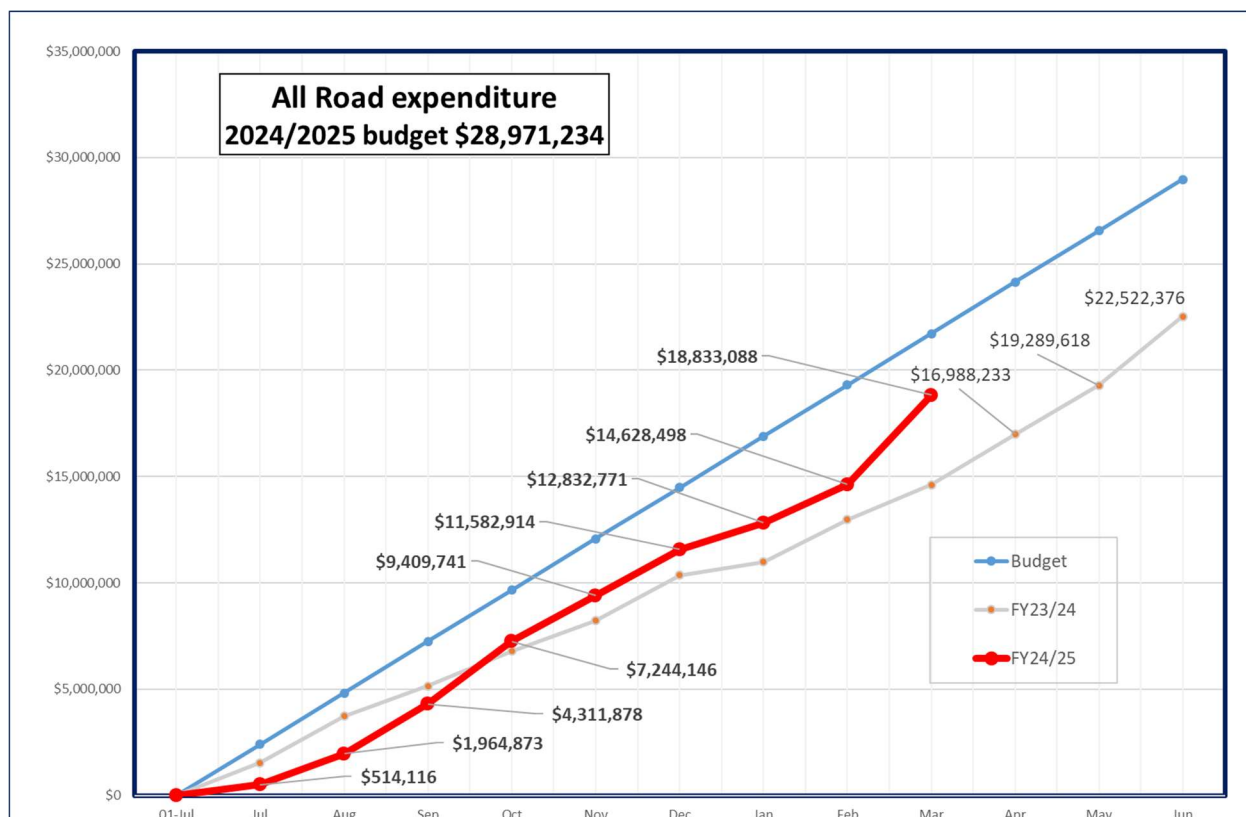
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 - All Roads
 - As required

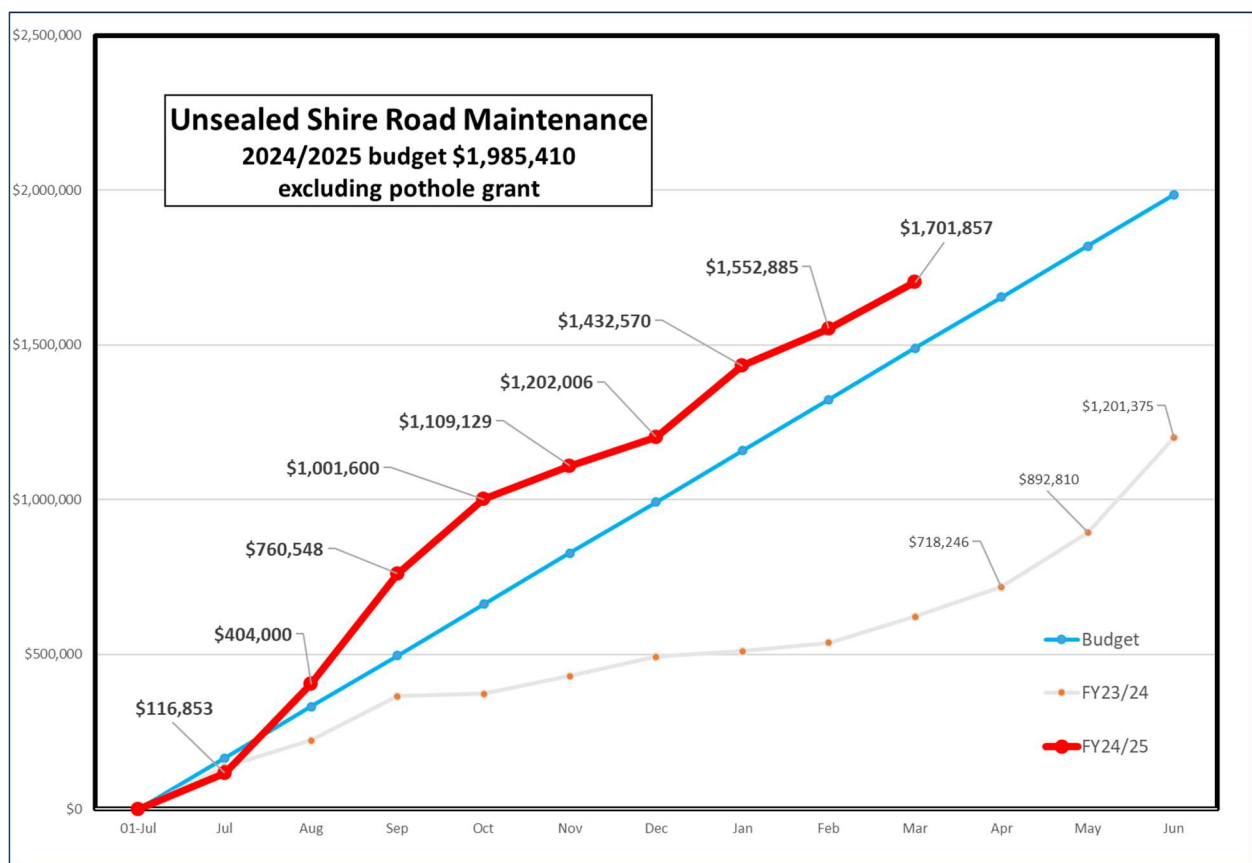
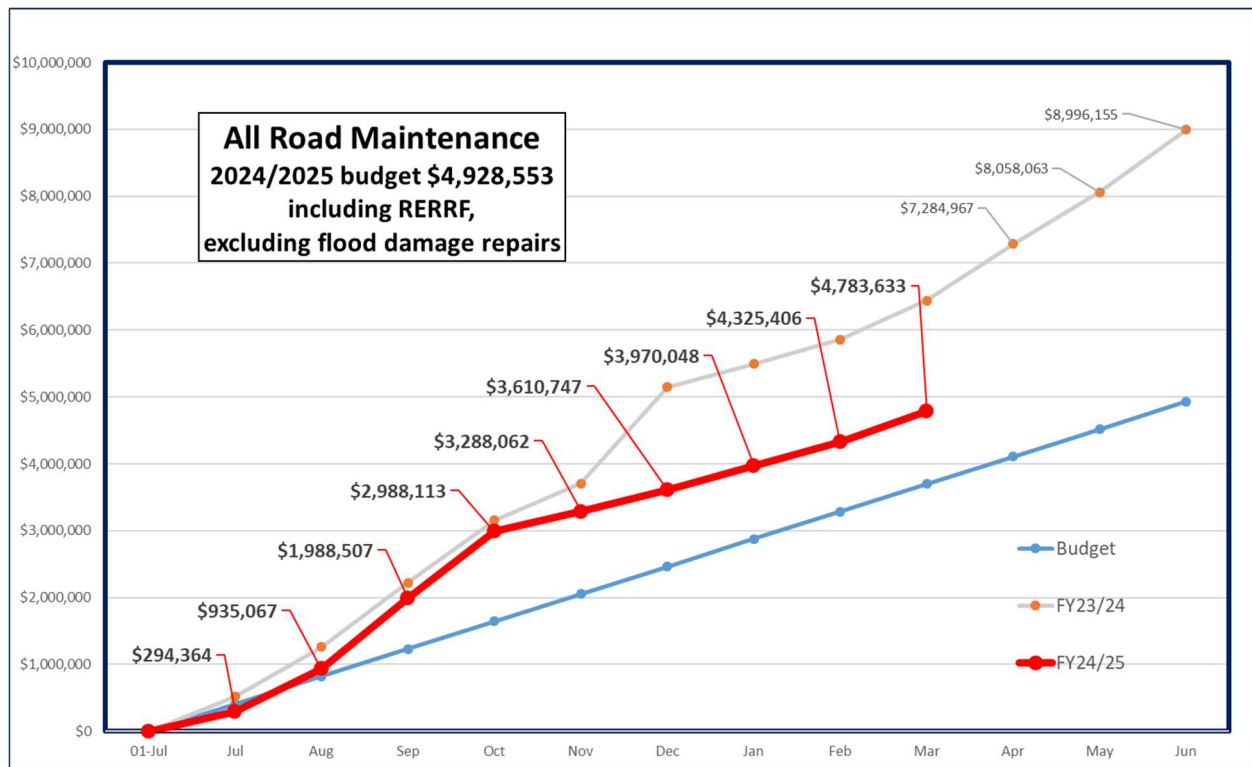
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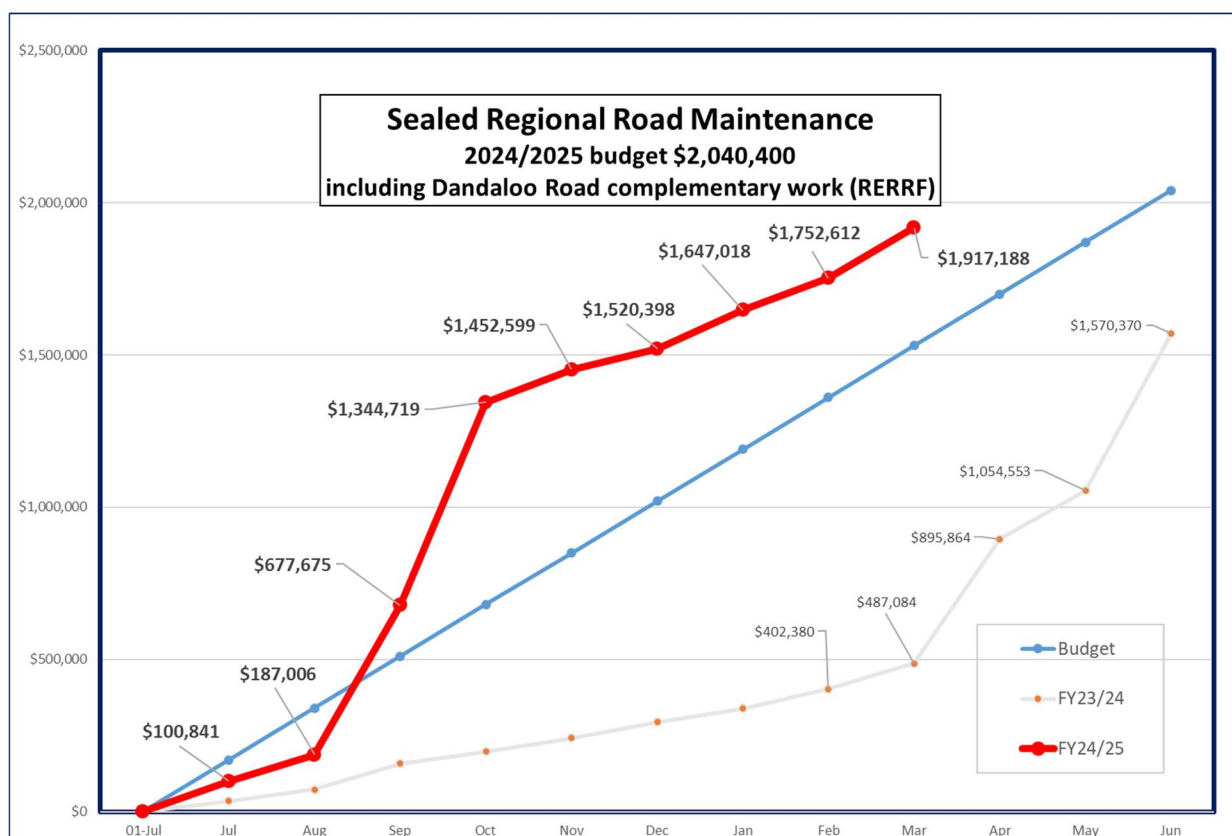
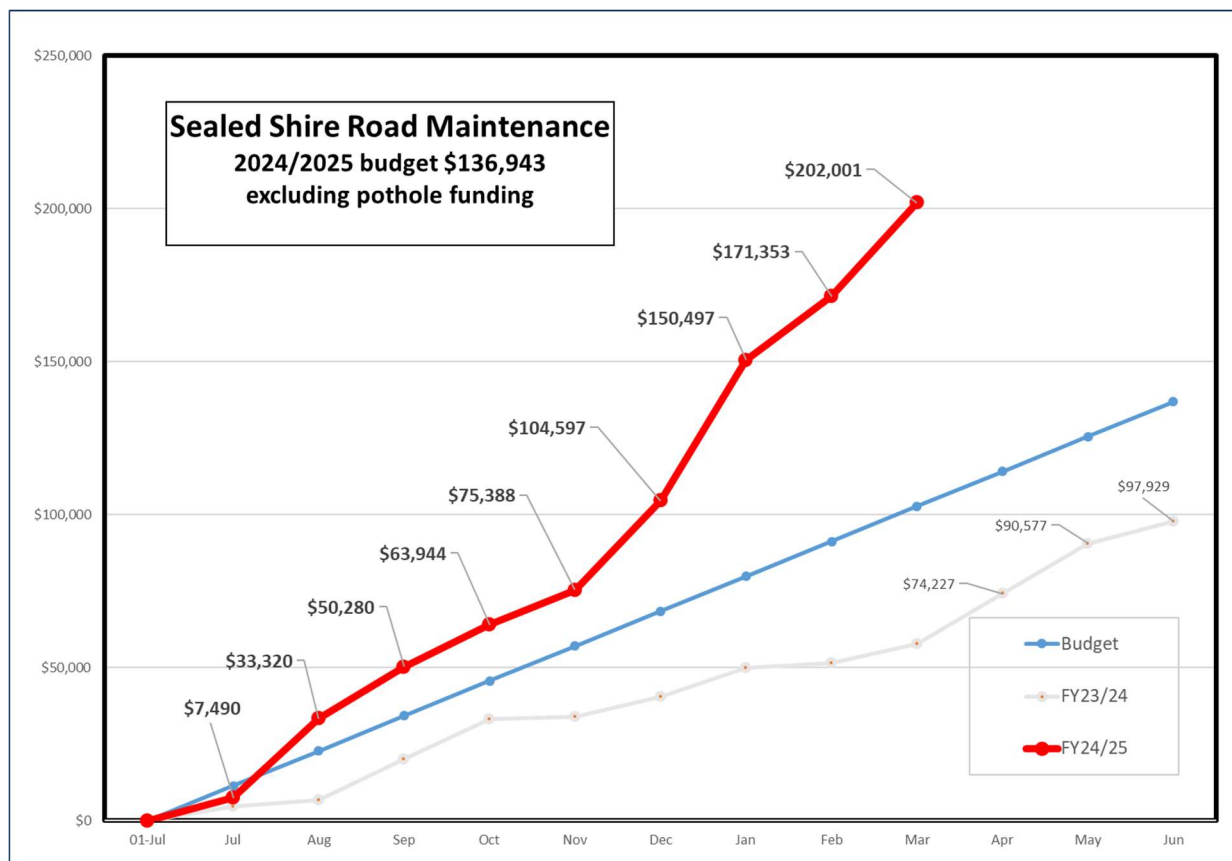
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Local Roads					
Project	Budget	Funding source	Expend to date	Forecast Expend	Comments
Local road reseals					
SR 231 Curlew Road 10 km	\$435k	FAG Roads \$140k, RTR \$450k, RERRF \$435k	\$405k	\$405k	Complete
SR 231 Curlew Road 1.5 km	\$135k		\$0k	\$135k	Reseal following completion of flood damage work
SR 45 Boona Road 9 km	\$400k		\$400k	\$400k	Complete
SR 340 Silos Road 0.6 km	\$55k		\$0	\$55k	Reseal following completion of flood damage work
Total	\$1,025m		\$805k	\$1,025m	
Local roads gravel re-sheets					
SR 34 Wiltmatha Road 2 km	\$77k	Special Rate Variation \$200k, RERRF \$500k, RTR \$484k	\$107k	\$107k	Complete
SR 60 Springvale Road 3 km	\$115k		\$91k	\$91k	Complete
SR 95 Ilgindrie Road 2 km	\$77k		\$89k	\$89k	Complete
SR 97 Driftway Road 4 km	\$154k		\$150k	\$150k	Complete
SR 118 Bolo Road 2 km	\$77k		\$150k	\$150k	Complete
SR 6 Billandry Road 0.5 km	\$30k		\$0k	\$30k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 11 Moira Vale Road 1.0 km	\$50k		\$0k	\$50k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 43 Back Tullamore Road 1.0 km	\$45k		\$14k	\$45k	Complete
SR 1151 Kadungle Road 0.5 km	\$22k		\$10k	\$22k	Complete
SR 170 Tomlinsons Road 1 km	\$50k		\$0k	\$50k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 214 Nilssons Lane 1 km	\$50k		\$0k	\$50k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 223 Blackers Road 0.5 km	\$30k		\$3k	\$30k	In progress
SR 345 Forest Lane 1 km	\$50k		\$0k	\$50k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 44 Melrose Plains Road 1.5 km	\$67k		\$0k	\$67k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 408 Deacons Lane 2 km	\$86k		\$0k	\$86k	Work to commence in Q4
Stuart Drive, Curlew Waters 1 km	\$50k		\$0k	\$50k	Work to commence in Q4
SR 1347 Albert Road 1.5 km	\$67k		\$0k	\$67k	Work to commence in Q4
Total	\$1,184m		\$600k	\$1,184m	
SR 5 Lansdale Road 2 km seal widening	\$287k	Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund (RERRF)	\$370k	\$370k	Complete additional cost to be funded from RERRF
SR 11 Moira Vale Road 1 km seal widening	\$146k	RERRF	\$220k	\$220k	Complete additional cost to be funded from RERRF
SR 45 Boona Road 18 km seal widening	\$3.3 m	Fixing Local Roads \$2.97m, RTR \$330k	\$1.551m pre 1 July 2024, \$1,829m in FY24/25 Total \$3,379m	\$3.4m	Complete additional cost to be funded from RTR
SR 185 Yelkin Road 2 km seal widening	\$350k	RTR	\$24k	\$350k	In progress
SR 194 North Uabba Road 2 km seal widening	\$350k	RTR	\$435k	\$450k	Complete , gravel not yet costed to project, additional cost to be funded from RTR
SR 1169 Bobadah Road 2 km seal widening Racecourse Road to Moira Vale Road and 2 km start of narrow seal	\$642k	RTR/RERRF	\$475k	\$642k	Complete , gravel not yet costed to project
Officers Parade, Condobolin 350 metres road reconstruction	\$166k	RTR	\$166k	\$166k	Complete
McDonnell St, Condobolin Bathurst St to Lachlan St reconstruction	\$240k	RERRF \$140k, FAG Roads \$100k	\$0k	\$0k	Postponed until FY25/26 as repairs to sewer pump station are not complete

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Regional Roads					
Project	Budget	Funding source	Expend to date	Forecast Expend	Comments
Regional Roads, reseals					
MR 57S The Gipps Way	\$424k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$424k	\$424k	Complete
Balance	\$26k		\$0k	\$0k	Remaining Block grant funds allocated to complementary works with Flood Damage contracts
Total	\$450k		\$424k	\$424k	
MR 7513 Nyngan Road 4 km gravel re-sheeting	\$200k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$76k	\$200k	Work in progress
Regional Roads, heavy patching	\$50k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$50k	Complementary works being undertaken with Flood Damage repair contract
Regional Roads, culvert renewal	\$60k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$60k	\$60k	Complete Culverts replaced on MR 57S The Gipps Way
MR 231 Wyalong Road seal widening 5 km	\$580k	Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund (RERRF)	\$696k	\$696k	Complete Over expenditure to be funded from Block grant
MR 347 Dandaloo Road complementary works with Flood Damage contract	\$900k	RERRF	\$1.0m	\$1.0m	Complete Over expenditure to be funded from Block grant
MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road seal widening 8 km	\$900k	RERRF	\$922k	\$950k	Complete Over expenditure to be funded from Block grant
MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road seal widening 6 km	\$720k	RERRF	\$556k	\$720k	Sealing complete in April
MR 57NN The Bogan Way/MR 347 Dandaloo Road intersection reconstruction	\$200k	RERRF	\$138k	\$138k	Complete
MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road raise road 3 km east of Lake Cargelligo	\$900k	NSW Severe Weather & Flood grant	\$30k	\$900k	Project planning in progress
MR 347 Dandaloo Road/ MR 377 Lachlan Valley Way flood warning signage	\$60k	NSW Severe Weather & Flood grant	\$0k	\$60k	Programmed to commence in Q4
MR 57S William/Lachlan/Busby Sts intersection design	\$500k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$500k	Programmed to commence in Q4

2022 Flood Damage Permanent Restoration Work					
Expenditure to date					
Contract	Contractor	Contract value including variations	Approved flood damage work	Complementary work	Comments
C2024-03 Kiacatoo Road	Countrywide Asphalt Pty Ltd	\$1.102m	\$867k	\$235k	Contract complete North River Road included as contract variation
C2024-08 Dandaloo Road	Countrywide Asphalt Pty Ltd	\$2.649m	\$1,630K	\$1,019k	Contract complete Lachlan Valley Way (aka Hillston Road) included as contract variation
C2024-14 Unsealed roads Lake Cargelligo area	Ross Bros Excavations	\$625k	\$625k	N/A	Contract complete
C2024-15 Sealed Roads south	Stabilised Pavements of Australia	\$2.575m	\$1.535m	\$336k	Contract complete final claim to be approved
Council workforce, Contractors unsealed roads	Council staff and sub-contractors	N/A	\$718k	N/A	Work in progress
Sealed Roads Condobolin	Countrywide Asphalt Pty Ltd	\$1.926m	\$0k	N/A	Work in progress, no claim received
Sealed Roads north	Stabilcorp Pty Ltd	\$2.230m	\$0k	N/A	Work in progress, no claim received
Total		\$11.107m	\$5.375m	\$1.590m	







CONCLUSION

Road works activity throughout over the next three months will concentrate on flood damage restoration and gravel re-sheeting projects. Maintenance grading will be reduced to ensure the minimise any over-expenditure in the combined sealed and unsealed local road budget.

It should be noted that last year's actual expenditure does not include local road maintenance funded by the RERRF program.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP No. 3.1 - Efficient transport networks that meet community and business needs.
Transport Asset Management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.4.2 MAINTENANCE OF VERMONT HILL ROAD**TRIM Number:** R25/96**Author:** Manager - Roads**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R25/96 be received and noted.
2. The Council decline the request to maintain Vermont Hill Road between the last property entrance and the shire boundary.
3. The Council begin the process of undertaking a road closure of Vermont Hill Road between the last property entrance and the shire boundary.

PURPOSE

To seek a Council Resolution on a request for Council to undertake maintenance on Vermont Hill Road.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

Vermont Hill Road is approximately 41.5 km long in Lachlan Shire and runs from Henry Parkes Way (MR461) to the Shire Boundary. A further 4.6 km of the road is in Bogan Shire when it then intersects with Fords Road. For several years Lachlan Shire maintenance on the road has stopped at approx. the last property entrance ("Sunset") on the road. The road between this property entrance and boundary the shire boundary (approx. 2 km) has not been maintained. This section of road does not provide primary access to any property, however, provides secondary access and has the potential to act as a thoroughfare. This section of the road appears to depart from the road reserve and transverse the adjacent Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) and private land. A full survey would be required to confirm this.

The road also climbs steeply over the last 2 km and has several locations where large boulders are exposed. There are two water courses crossing in the 2 km section of the road. An attempt was made in about 2020 to grade the road but the grader could not make significant progress due to the exposed boulders and adverse weather conditions. The section of the road in Bogan Shire has also not been maintained for several years and is mainly adjacent to State Forest. The other property owner adjacent to Vermont Hill Road in Bogan Shire also has land adjacent to Fords Road and generally only uses Vermont Hill Road as internal farm access. Bogan Shire are considering their options on what to do and are eagerly awaiting Lachlan Shire's decision.

At Council's ordinary meeting on 26 March 2025 Patricia Hurley OAM and Sam Gunn addressed the Council public forum requesting Council undertake maintenance on the last 2 km of Vermont Hill Road.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Issues raised at the public forum included;

- Reduced travel distance to Dubbo
- Rural fire control
- Postal Service
- People being lost/stuck on the road

Reduction in travel distance

The difference in travel distance from the last property entrance on Vermont Hill Road to Dubbo is significantly different which ever route is used. The route north through Bogan Shire (Fords Road, Bobadah Road, The Bogan Way to Albert then onto Dubbo is 231km. The route south via Vermont Hill Road, Henry Parkes Way, Albert Road to Albert then onto Dubbo is 238 km, only 7 km longer (10 mins). There is a more significant increase in the distance to Tottenham and/or to Cobar Shire but it is still less than the 100 km than was claimed at the public forum.

Rural fire control

Advice from Rural Fire Service Superintendent Michael Robinson, District Manager for the Mid-Lachlan Valley, is that Vermont Hill Road is not known as an essential road from their Registered Fire Trail Network and their vehicles are equipped to travel on various road surfaces including unmanaged road, track and trails with speed adjusted according to the surface condition.

Postal Service

Although the designated route is north on Vermont Hill Road, Fords Road, Henry Parkes Way the route has been modified to travel east on Vermont Hill Road, north on Henry Parkes Way then return south on Henry Parkes Way. Although this does increase the length of their route it is more cost effective as they incur less vehicle damage. The effected property owners on the north section of Vermont Hill Road could be serviced by placing mail boxes on the corner of Vermont Hill Road and Eremeran Road. This is a common solution in many locations where the postal service does not travel along roads.

People being lost/stuck on the road

This issue is unfortunately not that uncommon or isolated to Vermont Hill Road as more people rely on GPS to navigate from location to location. There have been several instances throughout Australia where people have got lost and stranded because they have followed a navigation device. Council's generally cannot afford to maintain roads on the chance that someone may incorrectly travel off a maintained route onto an unmaintained route.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A rough estimate to re-shape, re-align and reconstruct the road is of the order of \$150,000. This work would require use of a dozer, excavator and a grader, water roll crew. Ongoing maintenance would also be higher per kilometre than other roads because of the steep nature of the road.

Existing Capital and Maintenance budgets have been allocated to roads that benefit the majority of road users.

This last 2km of Vermont Hill Road has not been maintained due to the significant cost required to construct the road to a standard that the road meet the land holders request, and the limited number of users along this part of Vermont Hill Road.

If Council wish to undertake works on this road, then suitable allowance should be reallocated from an existing budget item.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

Roads Act 1993 – A “Road” in its legal sense applies to all types of public thoroughfares. A road can be simply for the free rite of passage of the public on foot, in a vehicle, or otherwise, (together with the right to drive stock or other animals along its length). The *Roads Act 1993* does not specify any minimum standard that a road needs to meet. The Road legislation allows Council’s discretion to prioritise road works based on available funding, strategic importance, usage and safety.

A TSR exists parallel to Vermont Hill Road. Local Land Services manages this land. This TSR is classified as a Category 2, which is used for “travelling stock, emergency management or biosecurity purposes, but they are also important and used for other reasons, e.g. biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage or recreational purposes”. The TSR is mapped and identified as having “high” Conservation value. This TSR also has an Aboriginal Land Claim lodged over the land - the claim is yet to be determined.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Due to the steepness of the road it is likely that the next significant rain event would undo much or all of any work undertaken to upgrade the road. Council would then need to re-invest a similar amount to again restore the road.

There is also a risk that Lachlan may upgrade the road and Bogan Shire may decide not to undertake any maintenance which would result in Lachlan having a road that does not lead anywhere.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Phone discussions have been had between Council staff the adjoining property owners. Discussions have also been held with the representatives of the Rural Fire Service and Australia Post

OPTIONS

1. Council agree to maintain Vermont Hill Road beyond the last property entrance to the shire boundary. Council reallocate funding from an existing budget.
2. All parties accept the status quo. Land remains a “public road”, but it is accepted that the road is not maintained, and the condition remains “Poor”. Google maps and others be updated to reflect poor road conditions.
3. Council begin the process of formally closing the last 2 km of Vermont Hill Road, with a view to transferring the ownership of the road to the private landowner who can undertake the required works for access they see as necessary.

CONCLUSION

The cost of undertaking the required maintenance on Vermont Hill Road is significantly more than any benefits gained. Therefore, the option of formally closing the road is recommended. This closure of this section of Vermont Hill road is not seen as Council neglecting its responsibility, rather it is utilising the limit budgets available to prioritise the majority of rate payers on the higher use

roads. Closing of the road would give the property owners the opportunity to acquire the land and provide their own private access along it if required.

However, it should be noted that the presence of the Travelling Stock Reserve adjacent to road may complicate road closure and/or future land purchase.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP No 3.1 – Efficient transport networks that meet community and business needs.

Transport Asset management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 DEPUTATIONS

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

13 DELEGATES REPORT**13.1 DELEGATES REPORT****TRIM Number: R25/92****Author: Executive Assistant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Delegate's Report No. R25/92 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the outcomes of the of the Country Mayors Association of NSW - General Meeting, held at the Theatre in NSW Parliament House, Sydney on Friday 28 March 2025 which was attended by the Mayor John Medcalf OAM.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The communique as received from the Country Mayors Association of NSW General Meeting are attached.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CMA - Communique - General meeting 28 March 2025.

13.2 MERC ORDINARY MEETING**TRIM Number: R25/98****Author: Executive Assistant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Delegate's Report No. R25/98 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the outcomes of the Mining and Energy Related Councils Association Ordinary Meeting held at the Theatre in NSW Parliament House, Sydney on Thursday 27 March 2025 which was attended by Cr Dennis Brady via MS Teams.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The draft minutes as received from the Mining and Energy Related Councils Association Ordinary Meeting are attached.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mining and Energy Related Councils Association - Ordinary Meeting Draft Minutes.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 CORRESPONDENCE

TRIM Number: R25/80

Author: Executive Assistant

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Correspondence Report No. R25/38 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with details of correspondence received in April 2025.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Country Mayors Association of NSW Inc – Annual General Meeting Minutes.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Country Mayors Association of NSW Inc – Annual General Meeting Minutes.

15 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

16 PETITIONS

Nil

17 CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

17.1 Tender Assessment - SRA Cottage Replacement

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c and di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.2 Internal Auditor contract - extension for 1 year

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.3 Riverview and Lakeview Caravan Park Options

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)dii of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

17.4 Lease - Part of Condobolin Aerodrome: known as part lot 12 DP 1077845 and Lot 3 DP 530410.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

17.5 Water Leak Allowance Application - Assesment 1049999

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)b of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

17.6 Disputed Water Use application - Assessment 1027751

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

17.7 Supply and delivery of one new Motor Grader

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

17.8 Proposed Land Acquisition - 66 Jones Lane, Condobolin.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)c and di of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.