



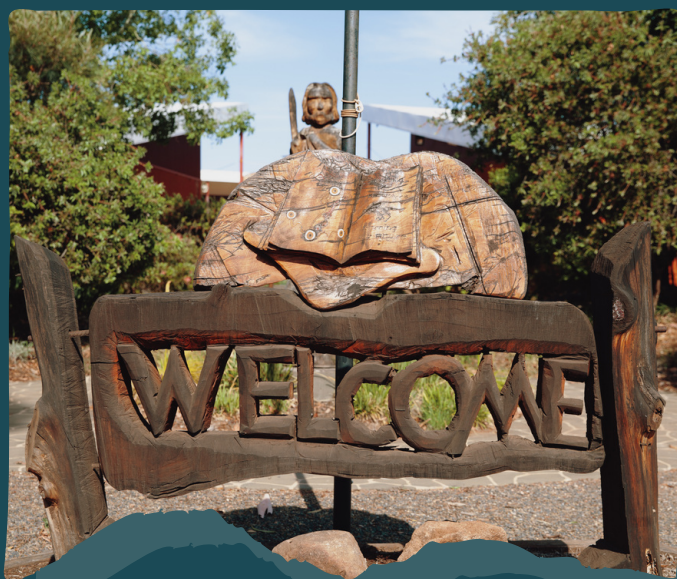
I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 23 May 2023
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Condobolin Council Chambers

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

23 May 2023



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

Clause 254A of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 state...

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	22/02/2023	22/03/2023	26/04/2023	24/05/2023	28/06/2023	26/07/2023	23/08/2023	27/09/2023	25/10/2023	22/11/2023	13/12/2023
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								
Dave Carter	A	P	P								
Dennis Brady	LoA	P	A								
Judith Bartholomew	P	P	P								
P - Present											
A - Apology											
LoA - Leave of Absence											

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting - 26 April 2023

**MINUTES OF LACHLAN SHIRE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CONDOBOLIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2023 AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Medcalf (OAM), Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips, Cr. Megan Mortimer, Cr. Melissa Blewitt, Cr. Melissa Rees, Cr. Peter Harris, Cr. Dave Carter, Cr. Judith Bartholomew.

IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Pegler (Acting General Manager), Jon Shillito (Director - Environment, Tourism and Economic Development), Adrian Milne (Director - Infrastructure Services), Cherise Small (Executive Assistant)

1 WEBCASTING

Statement regarding webcasting was read by the Mayor.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ELDERS

The acknowledgement of Country and Elders was made by Cr Blewitt

Cr. Megan Mortimer joined the meeting at 2:04pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLUTION 2023/65

Moved: Cr Dave Carter

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That the apology received from Cr Brady be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2023/66

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Dave Carter

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL MINUTE**5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL CHARITY BALL, PENRITH CITY COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 2023/67**

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Dave Carter

That:

1. Mayoral Minute Report No. R23/79 be received and noted.
2. The Mayor, on behalf of Lachlan Shire Council, donate an amount of \$800 towards The Haven – Nepean Women’s Shelter.
3. The donation be charge to Council’s General donations – Elected Members which has a balance of \$13,503.00.

CARRIED

5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS - APRIL**RESOLUTION 2023/68**

Moved: Cr Melissa Blewitt

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

That:

1. Mayoral Minute Report No. R23/80 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

7 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr. Blewitt declared a Non-Pecuniary Less Than Significant interest in item 8.3 Youth Services Update (page 39) as LWRS Treasurer Anne Coffey is her Managing Director at the Condobolin Argus.

8 READ AND NOTE**RESOLUTION 2023/69**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

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

- 8.1 Building Projects Monthly Update for March/April;
- 8.2 Investments as at 31 March 2023;
- 8.3 Youth Services Update to Council – July to December 2022 Youth Services Report and Financials to 31 December 2022;
- 8.4 FY22/2023 Utilities Monthly Update March;
- 8.5 Customer Requests – Month Ended 31 March 2023;
- 8.6 Development Data March 2023;
- 8.7 FY22/23 Urban Works Monthly Update for March.

CARRIED**8.8 FY22/23 ROADWORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR MARCH****RESOLUTION 2023/70**

Moved: Cr Dave Carter

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

- 1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No D23/89 be received and noted.

CARRIED**8.9 ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS - APRIL****RESOLUTION 2023/71**

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

That:

- 1. The General Manager's Report No. R23/99 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 DECISION REPORTS**9.1 GENERAL MANAGER**

Nil

9.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**9.2.1 LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL LIBRARIES EXCLUSION AND DIRECTION TO LEAVE POLICY****RESOLUTION 2023/72**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Dave Carter

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/42 be received and noted.
2. Lachlan Shire Council Libraries Exclusion and Direction to Leave Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2.2 DRAFT COMMUNITY DONATION AND EVENT SUPPORT POLICY, PROPOSED TO COMMENCE 1 JULY 2023, FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**RESOLUTION 2023/73**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Melissa Rees

That:

1. The Director of Corporate & Community Services Report R22/403 be received and noted.
2. Subject to any changes requested by Council, the draft Community Donation and Event Support Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, from 27 April 2023.
3. Following the completion of the public exhibition period the Director of Corporate and Community Services present a further report to the June 2023 ordinary Council meeting, summarising any submissions received during the public exhibition period, for the consideration of Council prior to final adoption of the Community Donation and Event Support Policy.

CARRIED

9.2.3 HOME DIALYSIS WATER CONSUMPTION REBATE POLICY**RESOLUTION 2023/74**

Moved: Cr Melissa Blewitt

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The Director of Corporate & Community Services Report R23/44 be received and noted.
2. Subject to any changes suggested by Council the Home Dialysis Water Consumption Rebate Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

9.2.4 DONATIONS

It was moved by **Cllrs Harris** and seconded by **Cllr Bartholomew** that:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/87 be received and noted.
2. Council decline the \$20,300 donation requested by the Anglican Parish of Lake Cargelligo as the Church is able to apply for funding from the Diocese.

An amendment was moved by **Cllr Blewitt** and second by **Cllrs. Bartholomew** that:

1. Council decline a donation in the amount of \$20,300 and donate an amount of \$1000 to the Anglican Parish of Lake Cargelligo.

The amendment was put to a vote and the vote was **LOST**.

The original recommendation became the motion and was **CARRIED**.

RESOLUTION 2023/75

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Judith Bartholomew

That:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/87 be received and noted.
2. Council decline the \$20,300 donation requested by the Anglican Parish of Lake Cargelligo as the Church is able to apply for funding from the Diocese.

Cllr. Blewitt requested that her name be noted as voted against the motion.

CARRIED

9.3 ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**9.3.1 TULLIBIGEAL MEMORIAL HALL - PROVISION OF AIR CONDITIONING - COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2022 - GRANT FUNDING****RESOLUTION 2023/76**

Moved: Cr Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/77 be received and noted.
2. Council agree to accept the grant from the NSW Government to provide air conditioning to the Tullibigeal Memorial Hall.
3. Council allocate \$16,392.00 from the Tullibigeal allocation of the Condobolin District Retirement Village (CDRV) Reserve towards the project.

CARRIED**9.3.2 GOANNA MANOR – LIONEL HUNT PARK, 125 BATHURST STREET, CONDOBOLIN****RESOLUTION 2023/77**

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That Council move discussion of this item into closed session:

9.3.2 GOANNA MANOR – LIONEL HUNT PARK, 125 BATHURST STREET, CONDOBOLIN

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) 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.

CARRIED

9.3.3 LOCAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM 2022/2023 - REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**RESOLUTION 2023/78**

Moved: Cr Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/100 be received and noted.
2. Council re-allocate the funding that was to be provided to the Tottenham and Albert Cemeteries as follows:
 - (a) \$500.00 for a total of \$7,500.00 for the works to All Saints Anglican Church, Condobolin;
 - (b) \$500.00 for a total of \$4,500.00 for the works to the Presbyterian Manse Building, Condobolin;
 - (c) \$250.00 for a total of \$1,750.00 the works to the Royal Hotel, Condobolin; and
 - (d) \$250.00 for a total of \$1,510.00 the works to the Weatherboard Cottage at 84 Orange Street, Condobolin.

CARRIED

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**9.4.1 LACHLAN SHIRE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/79**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Dave Carter

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No D23/102 be received and noted.
2. The status of outstanding and completed matters from previous Traffic Committee Meetings be noted.
3. Council support the following recommendations from Traffic Committee:
 - (a) The options for Jones Lane, Henry Parkes Way Intersections be noted and further comments will be made once the revised designs are provided.
 - (b) Retaining the existing bus zone. Consider a Kiss and Drop area with NO PARKING (symbolic) (Specified time) (Morning Only) same time as the morning time on the Bus Zone signs on the northern side of Conapaira Street, from the eastern side of side of the driveway to St Francis Xavier Primary school to 20m east of the driveway to St Francis Xavier Primary school.
 - (c) The traffic guidance scheme for the Condo 750 event be noted.
 - (d) The traffic guidance scheme for various ANZAC Day event be noted.

.CARRIED

10 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION**RESOLUTION 2023/80**

Moved: Cr Melissa Blewitt

Seconded: Cr Melissa Rees

That:

Council agree that the following Notice of Motions be deferred until the next meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on 23 May 2023;

1. Item nr. 11.1 Notice of Motion – Memorial to David Doyle and Neil Dunne.
2. Item nr. 11.2 Notice of Motion – Minister for Service N.S.W Media Blitz.
3. Item nr. 11.3 Notice of Motion – Rate Relief Request for All LGAS Affected by Flooding.

CARRIED

CLlr Phillips joined the meeting at 02:30pm.

11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - DAYLIGHT SAVING**RESOLUTION 2023/81**

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

That:

1. Notice of Motion Report No. R23/108 be received and noted.
2. Make a recommendation to the next Country Mayors Association meeting on the 26th of May 2023 that Day Light Saving be reduced to four months of the year. Starting on the first weekend in November and finishing in the last weekend in February. To be implemented no later than November 2023.

CARRIED

12 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

13 DELEGATES REPORT

Nil

14 CORRESPONDENCE**14.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/82**

Moved: Cr Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The Correspondence Report No.23/81 be received and noted.

CARRIED

The Mayor declared an urgent Mayoral Minute in response to the request from Central West Family Support Group Inc for permission to hold a flag raising ceremony for the independence day for the Phillipnes at the Council Chambers.

MOTION**RESOLUTION 2023/83**

Moved: Mayor John Medcalf

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

That:

1. Council supports the installation of two flag poles at Renown Park and that the money be taken from the donations budget.

CARRIED**15 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

16 PETITIONS

Nil

17 CLOSED SESSION**RESOLUTION 2023/84**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

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 Site Management Services for Council's Waste Facilities

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.

17.2 Tottenham Tennis Club Loan

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.

17.3 Tender Assessment - Demolition of Old Water Treatment Plant Lake Cargelligo

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.

17.4 Consideration of additional Rating Sub-Category

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.

17.5 Whitegates Road - SR 351

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.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2023/85

Moved: Cr Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

17.1 SITE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COUNCIL'S WASTE FACILITIES**RESOLUTION 2023/86**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Dave Carter

That:

1. The Director Environment Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/40 be received and noted.
2. Council exercise the option to extend the Contract with TG FB Ross dated 29 May 2018 for five (5) years and Zero (0) months, ending 2 July 2028.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Contract documents and affix the Council seal.

CARRIED

17.2 TOTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB LOAN**RESOLUTION 2023/87**

Moved: Cr Melissa Rees

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

1. The Director – Corporate and Community Services Report No R23/75 be received and noted.
2. Council approve the write-off of a loan balance to the Tottenham Tennis Club totalling \$4,007.50.

CARRIED

17.3 TENDER ASSESSMENT - DEMOLITION OF OLD WATER TREATMENT PLANT LAKE CARGELLIGO**RESOLUTION 2023/88**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/85 be received and noted.
2. Council resolve to accept the tender submitted by Byrne Demolition in response to T2023/04 – Old WTP demolition in Lake Cargelligo.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents and affix the Council seal.
4. Council resolve to allocate an additional \$60,000 from the Water Reserve to complete this project.

CARRIED

17.4 CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RATING SUB-CATEGORY**RESOLUTION 2023/89**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/91 be received and noted.
2. Council decline to introduce a rating sub-category for specific residential properties as requested by the ratepayer, and encourage the ratepayer to dispute their valuation with the NSW Valuer General.

CARRIED

17.5 WHITEGATES ROAD - SR 351**RESOLUTION 2023/90**

Moved: Cr Dave Carter

Seconded: Cr Megan Mortimer

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/98 be received and noted.
2. Council resolve to transfer the land identified as Lot 1 DP1287750 to Global Ag Properties II Australia PTY LTD for the value nominated in the report.
3. Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to execute the transfer of land documents and affix the Council seal.

CARRIED

9.3.2 GOANNA MANOR - LIONEL HUNT PARK, 125 BATHURST ST, CONDOBOLIN**RESOLUTION 2023/91**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/78 be received and noted.
2. Council direct that staff investigate possible options for subdividing and transferring ownership of the building to a third party and lodge an expression of interest for the site.
3. A further report outlining the options for transfer of ownership to third party be presented to Council for consideration.
4. Due to the current condition of the building it remain vacant until repairs are completed or the building is sold or gifted to a third party.

CARRIED

The Mayor declared an urgent Mayoral Minute to move the council meeting scheduled for the 24th of May 2023 to the 23rd of May 2023 at 02:00pm.

10. COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/92

Moved: Cr Megan Mortimer

Seconded: Cr Dave Carter

That:

1. The May Council Meeting be moved to the 23rd of May 2023 at 14:00pm.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3.26pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 May 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

5 MAYORAL MINUTE**5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - DAMAGING INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COSTS****TRIM Number: R23/118****Author: Executive Assitant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council writes to the Treasurer, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government and local State Member(s):
 - a. Expressing Council's strong opposition to the NSW Government's last-minute decision to impose an enormous Emergency Services Levy (ESL) cost increase on councils for 2023/24 by scrapping the ESL subsidy for councils well into the budget cycle
 - b. Noting that as a consequence of the unannounced 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18% increase in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget, Council's 3.7% rate increase to provide essential community services and infrastructure has been significantly eroded.
 - c. Advising that the Government's decision may lead to a reduction in important local services or the cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects;
 - d. Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:
 - i. restore the ESL subsidy in 2023/24
 - ii. urgently introduce legislation to decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
 - iii. develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services in consultation with local government.
2. Council writes to the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) advising that Council's forced emergency services contribution is manifestly disproportionate to the 2023/24 rate cap, which has resulted in additional financial stress.
3. Council writes to the President of LGNSW seeking the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

PURPOSE:

I am calling on Councillors to support representations to the NSW Government in response to the highly damaging increase in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) imposed on all councils without warning for the 2023/24 financial year.

The ESL is a cost imposed on councils and insurance policy holders to fund the emergency services budget in NSW. The majority is paid as part of insurance premiums, with a further 11.7 per cent funded by councils and 14.6% by the NSW Government. The ESL represents cost shifting at its worse, as it is imposed on councils without any mechanism for councils to recover costs.

The levy increase for the State's 128 councils in 2023/24 amounts to almost \$77 million, with the total cost imposed on the local government sector increasing from \$143 million in the current financial year to \$219 million next year. This represents a 53.1% increase, completely dwarfing the IPART baseline rate peg of 3.7% for 2023/24, and Council's rate increase of 3.7%.

Lachlan Shire Council has endured enormous rises in the Emergency Services Levy, in particular since the 2019 financial year. In the 2019 financial year, Council paid \$312,339 and is expected to pay \$546,635 for the 2024 financial year. This represents a 75% increase. During this same period, IPART has approved ordinary rates rises of 12.8% in total. Clearly this is unsustainable for any business.

Council acknowledges that there have been subsidies paid in the years 2020 to 2023, however these assisted with the payment of the increase for the one year only. There was no ongoing annual subsidy to cover the cumulative increases.

IPART-approved rate rises are intended to compensate for the impacts of inflation and increases in council costs. Instead, the rate increase of \$262,983 will have to be entirely diverted to the ESL payment of \$546,635 this year. NSW councils will have no option other than to make cuts to infrastructure and services expenditure.

Reporting suggests that the increase in costs this year reflects a 73% increase in the State Emergency Service budget and an 18.5% funding increase to Fire and Rescue NSW. The impact of these large increases on councils' finances will be particularly severe in 2023/24 as a result of the NSW Government deciding to scrap the subsidy for council ESL payments.

For many councils, the unexpected cost hit will absorb almost all of their IPART-approved rate rise for this year and in some cases absorb more than 100%. This is placing local government budgets under enormous pressure as they struggle from the combined impact of the pandemic, extreme weather events, high inflation and wage increases.

The timing of this development is particularly challenging for councils as it comes so late in the local government budgeting cycle, well after IPART's rate determination for the coming financial year.

All councils strongly support a well-funded emergency services sector and the critical contribution of emergency services workers and volunteers (many of whom are councillors and council staff). However, it is essential that these services be supported through an equitable, transparent and sustainable funding model.

Local Government NSW has raised the serious concerns of the local government sector with the NSW Government and is seeking the support of councils across NSW in amplifying this advocacy.

This Mayoral Minute recommends that Council call on the NSW Government to take immediate action to:

- a. restore the ESL subsidy,
- b. decouple the ESL from the rate peg to enable councils to recover the full cost
- c. develop a fairer, more transparent and financially sustainable method of funding critically important emergency services.

The Mayoral Minute also recommends that Council write to IPART advising of the financial sustainability impacts of the ESL.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Template letter - Ministers - ESL - May 2023**
- 2. Template letter - IPART - ESL - May 2023**

5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS MAY**TRIM Number: R23/123****Author: Executive Assitant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Mayoral Minute No. R23/123 be received and noted

PURPOSE:

To provide council with details of the meetings and functions attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the month of May.

MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**APRIL:**

28.04.2023 CNSWJO Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting

MAY:

05.05.2023 Mayoral Charity Ball – Penrith City Council.
07.05.2023 Radio Interview – ABC Weekend Mornings.
10.05.2023 Strategic Briefing – Condobolin.
15.05.2023 Country Mayors Association Executive Meeting.
16.05.2023 Tottenham Water Tower Mural Meeting – Tottenham.
17.05.2023 BFMC Meeting – Forbes.
17.05.2023 Lachlan Valley Overarching Working Group - Collaborative Care Meeting.
17.05.2023 Community Visit/Listening Meetings – Lake Cargelligo.
18.05.2023 Community Visit/Listening Meetings – Tottenham.
23.05.2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council – Condobolin.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - RURAL PHARMACY IMPACT - 60 DAY DISPENSING**TRIM Number: R23/134****Author: General Manager****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Mayoral Minute No. R23/134 be received and noted.
2. Council write to The Hon Mark Butler MP Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care to provide a copy of Mr Rees's email and express Council's support for his concerns.

PURPOSE:

1. The proprietor of Shortis and Timmins Pharmacy, Mr David Rees has contacted me regarding his concerns about the Federal Government's proposed 60 Day Dispensing Policy. Mr Rees is concerned about the impact of the policy on the viability of rural pharmacies and the care they provide for their patients.
2. Mr Rees has asked that I raise his concerns with the Central NSW Joint Organisation and the Country Mayors Association so they might lobby the Federal Government to consult with the Pharmacy Guild. He has also shared his email with the Mayor of Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, so he can raise the matter with the Alliance of Western Councils.
3. I propose that Lachlan Shire Council can assist by writing a letter to the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, The Hon Mark Butler MP, expressing Council's support for Mr Rees' concerns.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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

8 READ AND NOTE**8.1 INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2023****TRIM Number:** R23/113**Author:** Manager - Finance**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/113 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 at 30 April 2023 is \$3,609,299. Investments held at 30 April 2023 totalling \$65,665,336 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 30 April 2023, and that investments have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act, Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.

Karen Pegler

Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As at the end of April 2023, Council's portfolio is compliant across its counterparty and credit quality limits. Over the past 12 months, the portfolio, excluding on call cash, returned +2.38% p.a., outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index (bank bills) by 0.01% p.a. Aggressive interest rate rises have been reducing Council's performance against the AusBond Bank Bill Index.

The RBA increased the cash rate by 25 basis points to 3.85% on 2 May 2023. Governor Lowe's Media Release stated "Inflation in Australia has passed its peak, but at 7 per cent is still too high and it will be some time yet before it is back in the target range. Given the importance of returning inflation to the target range, within a reasonable timeframe, the Board judged that a further increase in interest rates was warranted."

Investment returns around 4.50% p.a. now appear likely if Council can place the majority of its surplus funds for terms of 12 months to 3 years.

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. Investment Report as at 30 April 2023

8.2 DEVELOPMENT DATA APRIL 2023**TRIM Number: R23/117****Author: Manager- Town Planning****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/117 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

This report is to provide Council with information in relation to development activity occurring within the Shire during April 2023.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council's Development Data.

BACKGROUND

During the month of April 2023 there were five (5) applications lodged with a value totalling \$792,320. Three (3) approvals were issued within this time.

Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Approved in April 2023.

Approval Number	Development Description	Location	Value	Delegated Authority/Council
DA 2023/07	Change of Use to Community Facility	21 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo	\$5,000	Delegated Authority
DA 2023/10	Construction of Dwelling	14 Randall Place, Condobolin	\$486,555	Delegated Authority
CDC 2023/01	Construction of Outbuilding (Shed)	14 Moulder Street, Condobolin	\$25,000	Delegated Authority
TOTAL No. OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENTS	3		\$516,555	

Comparison to Previous Year: Applications Approved April 2022Total **Number** of Applications **approved in April 2022**: 5Total **Value** of Applications **approved for April 2022**: \$1,174,865***Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Received in April 2023***

Development Identifier	Development Description	Location	Value
DA 2023/11	Installation of Manufactured Dwelling	1215 Vermont Hill Road, Condobolin	\$335,000
DA 2023/12	Construction of Outbuilding	8 Lake Street South, Lake Cargelligo	\$15,000
DA 2023/13	Extractive Industry - Quarry	341 Bobadah Road, Tottenham	\$12,320
DA 2023/14	Construction of Dwelling	80 Walker Street, Lake Cargelligo	\$350,000
CDC 2023/2	Construction of Secondary Dwelling	32 Goodwill Street, Condobolin	\$80,000
TOTAL	5		\$792,320

Comparison to Previous Year: Applications Received April 2022Total Number of Applications **received in April 2022**: 1Total Value of Applications **received for April 2022**: \$14,080**ISSUES AND COMMENTS**

A total of forty-one (41) approvals have been issued this financial year at an average of 35 days, which is within the legislative timeframe for approvals and well below the average net days taken to determine a DA across all NSW Councils.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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.

OPTIONS

1. Receive and note the report.

CONCLUSION

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate approved data reveals a total development value of \$8,913,418 for applications approved in the 2022/2023 financial year.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Build Civic Leadership and Pride

Community Strategic Plan - 4.2 Strong Effective Responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.3 FY22/23 URBAN WORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR APRIL**TRIM Number: R23/125****Author: Manager Urban Works****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/125 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 April 2023, in progress for the month of May 2023 and forecast for the month of June 2023.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

Council has adopted the 2022/23 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.

Supply chains for materials, contractors and manufactured goods have been affected by the past flooding event and staff continue to liaise with stakeholders and grant bodies regarding impacts.

The majority of projects have re-commenced as the contractors and supplies have returned.

Works Completed in April

Tourism Precinct – stage 3. BBRF	The irrigation Contractors continued works installing the irrigation lines, sprinklers and river pumps throughout the precinct. The dog park fencing has been delivered and feature fencing manufactured. Landscape continued levelling and cleaning up the site when required.
Scott Street Subdivision	Contract Documents and other Quality Assurance Documentation have been returned to Council. Possession of site was granted to the contractor on 13 April. Site works are expected to commence in May.
Footpaths	Contractor continued to be delayed.
SRA power upgrade	Site meeting was held with contractor to plan program requirements and site works. Agreed works to commence after holidays.
SRA Ground LED Lighting upgrade	Contractors were waiting for the concrete footings to cure before proceeding with the installation of the lighting poles.
SRA Ground Changeroom upgrade	Greenwich Build continued contract works with detailed excavation and plumbing rough in.
Apex Park Pontoon	Clean up and installation of Gabion basket will commence when water levels are reduced by Water NSW.
Lake Cargelligo Cricket Nets	Synthetic Grass was delivered to the Condobolin depot and waiting on installation.
Lake Cargelligo Cricket club toilet	Delivery of the toilet block is expected to be delivered in June this year.
Tullibigeal Netball Court Refurbishment	The refurbishment of the netball courts is complete. Project underspent. Additional works to be confirmed.
Tottenham Swimming pool Solar Heating	Platform for the solar panels was complete and the Heliocol system was installed.

Works Underway in May

Tourism Precinct – stage 3. BBRF	Irrigation works have been completed excluding final finishes. Turf and dog park fencing to be installed. Landscaping works to continue.
Scott Street Subdivision	Site works to commence
Footpath Construction	Contractor has re-commenced works on Frog's Hollow and Bathurst Street with the River Walk and Gum Bend Lake to follow.
SRA power upgrade	Site works to commence with trenching and installation of conduits and cabling.
SRA Ground LED Lighting upgrade	Contractor installed the lighting poles and commissioned works.
SRA Ground Changeroom upgrade	Concrete slab has been poured and finished. Brickwork has commenced and is continuing. Roof truss are being manufactured Roofing System to be installed.
SRA Ground fencing upgrade	PO has been issued for the supply of the fencing.
Lake Cargelligo Cricket Nets	Synthetic has been delivered and the contractor will install and complete works late May – early June.
Lake Cargelligo Cricket club toilet	Toilet building is being manufactured off site. Site works to commence in June. Expected Delivery of toilet block in June.
Tottenham Swimming Pool Solar Heating	Fencing supply to be delivered. Installation of the fencing to commence in June.
Tullibigeal Netball court resurfacing	Additional scope to be confirmed.
Condobolin Swimming Pool Leak remediation	Leak detections specialists have investigated and confirmed leaks. Contractors have been notified of the works. PO to be issued.
Burcher Tennis Court upgrades	Confirmed scope of works and quotations received.

Works Scheduled in June

1. Tourism Precinct – stage 3. BBRF	2. Continuation of the Landscaping works including the installation of the feature fencing, dog park and soft scaping.
3. Scott Street Subdivision	4. Earthworks underway. 5. Material deliveries for Stormwater, sewer and water.
6. Footpath Construction	7. Contractor to complete Frogs Hollow, Bathurst Street 8. River walk to be commenced. 9. Gum Bend Lake, Officers Parade and Busby Street to follow.
10. SRA Power upgrade	11. Site works to continue. 12. Expected to complete all site works.
13. SRA Lighting upgrade	14. Light towers to be fully operational and project complete.
15. SRA Ground Changeroom upgrade	16. Construction of the changerooms to continue. 17. Internal fit out to commence including water proofing and tiling.
18. SRA Ground fencing upgrade	19. Removal of the existing galvanised pipe fencing and Installation of the new fencing to commence.
20. Lake Cargelligo Cricket club toilet	21. Main services installation to commence as the toilet building is being manufactured.
22. Lake Cargelligo Cricket Nets	23. Cricket pitch complete and operational.
24. Tullibigeal Netball court resurfacing	25. Additional works to be confirmed and works to commence.
26. Tottenham Swimming Pool Solar Heating	27. Installation of the solar heating to be complete and fencing works to commence.
28. Condobolin Swimming Pool Leak Remediation	29. PO issued and contractors to commence works on site.
30. Burcher Tennis Court Upgrades	31. POs to be issued and works scheduled to commence.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
Tourism Precinct Stage 3	\$600K	BBRF 4 SCCF2	\$412K	\$600K	Budget is on track
7 footpath locations	\$1,221k	FLR, LRCI3, General Rev	\$106k	\$1,221k	Budget on track
SRA Power Upgrade	\$267k	Showground Stimulus	\$112k	\$267k	Budget on track
SRA LED lighting Upgrade	\$460k	MSCFF & Council	\$460k	\$460k	Budget on track
SRA Changeroom Upgrade	\$890k	MSCFF & Council	\$246k	\$890k	Budget on track
SRA Fencing upgrade	\$150k	MSCFF & Council	\$0k	\$150k	Budget on track
Apex Park pontoon	\$200K	Boating now	\$130K	\$200K	Budget is on track
Tottenham Recreation Security fencing	\$50k	SCCFR4	\$16k	\$50k	Budget underspent
Tullibigeal Net Ball Courts	\$135k	SCCF4	\$65k	\$70k	Budget underspent
Lake Cargelligo Cricket Nets	\$40k	Cricket NSW	\$31k	\$40k	Budget on track
Lake Cargelligo Cricket club Toilet	\$65k	SCCF4	\$15k	\$65k	Budget on track
Condobolin Swimming Pool leak remediation	\$500k	LRCI3	\$0k	\$500k	On Budget
Tottenham Swimming Pool Solar Heating	\$115k	SCCR5	\$99k	\$115k	On Budget

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 is causing some concern with budgets and supply of goods and materials.

The floods and the flood recovery have delayed a number of projects, council staff are monitoring closely and will inform the relevant stakeholders and funding bodies of delays or issues.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Staff are seeking to engage with specific stakeholders on each project, in accordance with Council's community consultation policy. Meetings have been held with Tullibigeal Netball committee and Lake Cargelligo Junior & Senior Cricket Association, Condobolin Rugby, Junior League, Junior Cricket and Show society.

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 April 2023, in progress for May 2023 and forecast work for June 2023.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 3.3 Upgrade Street Lighting
- 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

8.4 FY22/23 UTILITIES MONTHLY UPDATE APRIL**TRIM Number: R23/133****Author: Manager - Utilities****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/133 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 April, in progress for the month of May and forecast for the month of June 2023.

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
RNSW 1879 Condobolin Water Supply Upgrade Scoping Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments from DPE Water have been received and forwarded to Hunter H2O.• Recommending the removal of the reverse osmosis treatment process from the design.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Positive – Reduced Capital cost. reduced O&M cost. Minimal brine disposal.○ Negative – TDS will remain in bore water. Slight Salty taste. <p>Further investigation recommended for aeration and Chloromination. This will reduce the risk of brominated THMs forming and permit shandyng of the river and bore water.</p> <p>Comments to be included in Options report, and further testing required in the next phase of the WTP design process.</p>

RNSW 1880 Condobolin Sewerage Scheme Scoping Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently waiting for a proposal from Hunter H2O to address DPE Water's comments to allow the scoping study to be finalised. Finalisation report has been submitted. Once approved, the final claim can be submitted as well.
RNSW 755 Condobolin Bore Fields II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Deed of Agreement is still being finalised with the landowner. Based on the cost-benefit analysis, it has been decided to upgrade the existing chlorine system in the Condobolin WTP to allow for pre-chlorination dosing process when the bore water is used. The new aeration system is proposed to be installed permanently in the transfer pump station site. This will allow the system to be used once the new Condobolin WTP is built.
DWS072 Condobolin Drought Water Security Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract 1: Pipeline – the final concrete surrounds for the valves have been certified by NSW Public Works and final payment has been released. Contract 4: Under bore – the certification document has been submitted and final payment has been released. Contract 5: Transfer Pump Station – the mechanical and civil works inside the pump shed have started. One of the pumps has been installed.
Lachlan St Sewer Pump Station – Concept and Detail Design Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft detailed design has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by Council officers.

Lake Cargelligo

Project	Progress
Lake Cargelligo STP – Screen Extractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil progress due to other work commitments.
Lake Cargelligo STP – Sewer Lagoons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works have been started by clearing of the external banks and clearing of the cumbungi weed inside the lagoons.
Lake Cargelligo Reservoir No.1 (4ML) and 16 Mile Reservoir Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council staff are still awaiting the 16 mile reservoir condition assessment report to be submitted.

Tottenham

Project	Progress
RNSW 841 Tottenham Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on the draft concept design and tender documents for the replacement of the Albert Reservoir have been provided to NSW Public Works.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tender is expected to be released by the end of May or early June 23.
Tottenham WTP Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials are arriving in the last week of May 23 with the works plan to start by early June 23.

Shire Wide

Project	Progress
RNSW 842 Sewage Effluent Reuse Management System (Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin & Tottenham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft revised design for the new holding dam on the south eastern side of the racetrack has been provided to staff for comment. The proposed location for the solar panels, inverter and battery storage have been provided to the committee for their comments.
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final draft of the IWCM Issues Paper is still anticipated to be received by the end of May 23.
Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) – metering requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The replacement of the flowmeters at the Condobolin WTP have been completed. The new flow meters at the Merri Abba bores failed the validation and commissioning tests. The failure requires the upgrade of valves and pipework.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
RNSW 1879 Condobolin Water Supply Upgrade Scoping Study	\$110K	Restart NSW	\$64K	\$110K	Budget is on track
RNSW 1880 Condobolin Sewerage Scheme Scoping Study	\$80K	Restart NSW	\$39K	\$80K	Budget is on track
RNSW 755 Condobolin Bore Fields II	\$3.9M	Restart NSW	\$2.35M	\$3.9M	Power supply and Bore works remain. Budget is on track
DWS072 Contract 1: Pipeline	\$7.43M	Safe & Secure	\$7.43M	\$7.43M	Project completed

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expenditure to Date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
DWS072 Contract 4: Underbore	\$1.76M	Safe & Secure	\$1.76M	\$1.76M	Project completed
DWS072 Contract 5: Transfer Pump Station	\$2.68M	Safe & Secure	\$1.39M	\$2.68M	Budget is on track
Lachlan St Sewer Pump Station – Concept and Detail Design Upgrade	\$150K	Sewer Fund	\$88K	\$150K	Budget is on track
Lake Cargelligo STP – Screen Extractor	\$66K	Sewer Fund	\$48K	\$66K	Budget is on track
Lake Cargelligo STP – Sewer Lagoons	\$150K	Sewer Fund	\$8K	\$150K	Budget is on track
Lake Cargelligo Reservoir No.1 (4ML) and 16 Mile Reservoir Remediation	\$180K	Water Fund	\$25K	\$180K	Budget is on track
RNSW 841 Tottenham Water Supply	\$4.6M	Restart NSW	\$493K	\$4.6M	Budget is on track
Tottenham WTP Upgrade	\$270K	Water Fund	\$191K	\$270K	Budget is on track
Relocation of Albert Water Main Offtake	\$100K	Water Fund	\$218K	\$218K	Project completed (budget variation is submitted in QBR3)
RNSW 842 Sewage Effluent Reuse Management System	\$2.556M	Restart NSW	\$422K	\$2.556M	Budget is on track
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy	\$491K	Safe & Secure Water Program	\$104K	\$491K	Budget is on track
Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) – metering requirements	\$102K	Water Fund	\$82K	\$105K	Budget overspent (budget variation is submitted in QBR3)

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 DPE Water 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 DPE 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 PWA to assist with project delivery is mitigated by the formation of a project steering committee with INSW, DPE Water, PWA 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

DPE Water, Infrastructure NSW, NSW Public Works Advisory, 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.

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 April, underway for May and planned for June 2023.

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

8.5 BUILDING PROJECTS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR APRIL/MAY**TRIM Number:** R23/138**Author:** Manager - Projects and Building**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R23/138 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of projects currently being undertaken by the Environment, Tourism and Economic Development 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 2022/23 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

Please note that all projects were heavily impacted by the October/November/December flooding events. No work was undertaken in November/December. The majority of the projects recommenced in mid-January.

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expend. To Date	Forecast Expend.	Comments
Condobolin and District Historical Museum - Extension to Museum and Display Enhancements	\$77,765	SCCF R3	\$34.5K	\$77,765	The main structure has now been completed. Rear fence and gate have been installed. Awaiting advice from Committee in regard to expenditure of remaining funds.

Condobolin Works Depot	\$7,246,707.60	\$6,000,000 Loan and remaining \$1.25m from Council reserves	\$2,953,289.97	\$7,246,707.60	Contracts signed. Works commenced 8 March 2021. Ongoing issue with alleged subsoil moisture which is the subject of a formal dispute raised by the contractor. In accordance with Interim Arbitration Award, Council has undertaken further site investigations and testing. Final report has been received. The contractor has ceased works on-site whilst the dispute remains unresolved. The Arbitrator has advised that his final determination will not be available until mid-June.
Lachlan Shire Visitor Information Centre	\$4,403,973.00 above includes contingency of \$347,836.03	Growing Local Economies Fund	\$3,359,961.65	\$4,403,973.00	PWA engaged to provide Project Management Services. PCG established to oversee project delivery. Contract has been issued to Patterson Building Group (PBG) to construct the VIC. PBG commenced works. PBG had to leave the site due to flooding. Works recommenced in the middle of January 2023. Significant progress has been made since works recommenced. Works on the

					building are expected to be completed by early June.
Lake Cargelligo Hall Upgrade	\$50,000	SCCF R4	\$46.7k	\$50,000	Project now largely completed – minor works to be undertaken to complete
Willow Bend Sport Centre – Roof Repair	\$75,000	SCCF R4	\$73.7k	\$75,000	All items purchased. Internal windows have been installed. One of the vents has been installed. Awaiting installation of other nine vents to complete the project which is expected to happen by the end of June.
Willow Bend Sports Centre Renewal	\$300,000	LRCI P3	\$46k	\$300,000	A meeting has been held with the manager of the sports centre to discuss potential impacts of works as well as options. Meeting held onsite with builders in regard to the amenities renewal. Initial quote received. Scope has been reviewed. Discussions held with local builder and awaiting a quote for revised scope. New fans have arrived, awaiting installation. New A/C has been installed. Awaiting another quote from a contractor that visited the site in late March.

Companion Animal Surrender Cages - Lake Cargelligo	\$50,000	LRCI P3	\$1.7k	\$50,000	Preferred site has been identified. Plans have been finalised, quote has been received and purchase order has been issued to local builder. Project was delayed due to the flooding. Onsite meeting held with contractor to commence works.
Administration Centre Upgrade	\$320,000	LRCI P3	\$217k	\$320,000	Works have commenced. New A/C system has been installed, new lighting throughout. PO issued for Carpet, Electrical, IT equipment, partition wall. Above works were scheduled to commence in late November. However the space was required as the Emergency Operations Centre for the flooding event. The works commenced in late January and are now well underway. The main internal works have been completed, with some minor internal works remaining. External painting to commence late May early June.
Tottenham Caravan Park Enhancement	\$190,000	LRCI P3 \$190k & Council funds \$35k	\$82k	\$190,000	Schedule of works being finalised. Quotes are being obtained and PO's to be issued for various items. Solar

					lighting has been installed throughout the park and on the footpath towards town. Works have been completed on the new office, patio slab and renewal of several rooms. Internal roads upgraded, drive thru sites have been provided.
Sign Replacement – Lake Cargelligo Foreshore walk	\$50,000	SCCF R3	Nil	\$50,000	Audit undertaken. Meeting was held with relevant parties on Monday 20 June 2022. Sign details are now being prepared with the stakeholders but have been delayed due to the flooding events. A funding variation has been sought until November 2023.
Fire Appliance Display - Tullibigeal	\$125,000	SCCFR5	Nil	\$125,000	Initial meeting held with community members on 16 January 2023. Discussion was held in regard to obtaining some local history of the appliance, photographs, fire stories and interest in community members fixing up the appliance locally. Further meetings and discussions are being scheduled to progress the project, possibly in late May/early June. Additional \$40,000 allocated

					directly to the committee.
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Condobolin Works Depot Budget Update

Please note there has been no change to these figures due to suspension of the work by the contractor.

Budget	\$7,816,707.60
Contract Value	\$7,246,707.60*
Other Works and Project Management Costs	\$570,000.00
Contingency (included in Contract Value)	\$400,000.00
Approved Variations	\$262,978.32
Remaining contingency	\$51,708.80
Current Expenditure	\$2,953,289.97

All figures include GST

** Figure includes Contingency*

A saving of \$69,679.03 was achieved for the electrical substation, which has been reflected in the above approved variation figure.

Visitor Information Centre Budget Update

Budget	\$4,403,973.00
Contract Value	\$3,709,490.63
Other Works and Project Management Costs	\$341,058.56
Contingency	\$353,423.81
Approved Variations	\$96,469.80*
Remaining contingency	\$50,000 approx.
Current Expenditure	\$3,359,961.65

All figures include GST

**additional variations yet to be approved.*

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 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.

Risks surrounding project delivery are being managed through the use of external project managers such as Public Works Advisory to assist with the delivery of building projects.

The cost of the formal arbitration process associated with the resolution of the contractual dispute with the Works Depot construction contractor possess a financial risk to this project that cannot be quantified at this time.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council's fortnightly news column, Talking Tottenham and Mayoral Newsletters update the community on the major improvement works being undertaken around the Shire.

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, Tourism and Economic Development Department.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9 DECISION REPORTS

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER**9.1.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL 2023****TRIM Number: R23/120****Author: General Manager****RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. The General Manager's Report No. R23/120 be received and noted.
2. Council note advice regarding the 2023/2024 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal relating to the annual fees for the Mayor and Councillors.
3. Council determine the annual fees for 2023/2024 to be:
 - (a) Mayor Additional Fee - \$28,430
 - (b) Councillors - \$13,030
 - (c) Deputy Mayor - \$3,099 (from the Mayoral Additional fee)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the determination of annual fees for Mayors and Councillors, made under Section 239 & Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on its determination of categories of councils, and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors.

Under the categories determined by the Tribunal, Lachlan Shire is designated as a Non-Metropolitan Rural Council. Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a residential population less than 10,000.

The categorisation determines the minimum and maximum annual fees that are payable to Councillors and the Mayor in accordance with Section 23 of the Local Government Act 1993.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 3.0% for Councillor and Mayor annual fees, effective from 1 July 2023. The minimum and maximum fees as prescribed by the Tribunal for 2023-24 are as follows:

	2022-23 Permissible Annual Fee		Current Annual Fees	2023-24 Permissible Annual Fee		Recommended Annual Fee	Recommended Increase: based on the maximum fee	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum		%	\$
Councillor	\$ 9,560	\$ 12,650	\$ 12,650	\$ 9,850	\$ 13,030	\$ 13,030	3%	\$ 380
Additional Mayor Fee	\$ 10,180	\$ 27,600	\$ 27,600	\$ 10,490	\$ 28,430	\$ 28,430	3%	\$ 830

There is no provision in the *Local Government Act 1993* to empower the Tribunal to determine a separate fee or fee increase for the Deputy Mayor. However, Section 249 (5) of the Act provides a council may pay the Deputy Mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the Deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the Mayor's additional annual fee.

In 2022-23 Council resolved to pay the Deputy Mayor an allowance of \$3,009 per annum in accordance with this section of the Act. A 3% increase to fee paid to the Deputy Mayor would be \$3,099.

Since the 2013-14 financial year Council has resolved to pay the maximum allowable annual fee.

Councillors who have opted to take up superannuation should note that from 1 July 2023, the superannuation rate is 11%.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has adequately budgeted for the maximum amount of remuneration and a superannuation contribution in its 2023-24 Operational Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Report and determination made under sections 239 and 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the new annual fees are to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors effective from 1 July 2023. If Council does not set a fee the minimum recommended must be paid.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant risk implications.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council has not undertaken any direct engagement on this matter. Determination of annual fees for Councillors and the Mayor form part of the normal business of Council.

OPTIONS

Council has the option of setting the fees within the boundaries mentioned above in the Issues and Comments section.

CONCLUSION

Council must now determine the annual fees and charges payable to Councillors and the Mayor for 2023-24. In addition, Council must determine if it wishes to continue to pay an annual fee to the Deputy Mayor, such amount to be deducted from the fee payable to the Mayor.

It is recommended Council adopt the maximum allowable annual fees and pay the Deputy Mayor an annual fee of \$3,099 deducted from the additional fee payable to the Mayor.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP No. 4.2 - Strong Effective Council.

ATTACHMENTS**1. Councillor Remuneration Report**

9.1.2 ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS - MAY 2023

TRIM Number: R23/137

Author: Executive Assitant

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. R23/137 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on Active Resolutions as at May 2023.

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

9.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.2.1 DRAFT INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING DOCUMENTS 2023.2024

TRIM Number: R23/16

Author: Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report R23/16 be received and noted.
2. The draft Operational Plan 2023/24, Delivery Program, Resourcing Strategy and 10 year Long Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 25 May to 22 June 2023.
3. Following the completion of the public exhibition period the Director of Corporate and Community Services present a further report, summarising any submissions received during the public exhibition period, for the consideration of Council prior to final adoption of the Operational Plan (OP) 2023/24, Delivery Program Resourcing Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is two-fold:

To provide Council with draft copies of the Operational Plan (OP) 2023/24, Delivery Program, Resourcing Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). The draft Budget, Revenue Policy, and Fees and Charges are incorporated within the Operational Plan.

To seek Council's approval to place the documents on public exhibition for 28 days.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The above mentioned documents will be provided under separate cover due to their size.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1993* and associated regulations set out the requirements for Integrated Planning and Reporting.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council's documents comply with the Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework as required by the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. The Framework requires councils to ensure their plans are integrated and subsequently provide streamlined service delivery to their community through the optimal use of resources and economies of scale throughout their operations.

Items of note included in the draft budget for the year commencing 1 July 2023

1. Council has been very successful in obtaining grants for our community. The budget estimates \$21m of grants will be received.
2. Capital works program – over \$16m in capital works to be delivered.
3. Purpose built Visitor Information Centre to be operational in the 2023/24 year.
4. Modest operational surplus across the life of the Long Term Financial Plan, demonstrating Council's financial sustainability.
5. A CPI increase was factored into the budget, unless the cost increases were otherwise known. Council faces steeply increasing costs, like households across the shire. Keeping our community in mind, the June 2022 CPI of 6% was utilised, rather than the higher December 2022 CPI increase of 8%.
6. IPART determined rates peg increase of 3.7%.
7. Loss of subsidy for Emergency Services Levy increase: The new NSW State Government has advised they will not continue to subsidise any increase. For the previous financial year, this subsidy was around \$150,000.
8. Potential employee wage increases under the next Local Government State Award: the new award is not yet registered however wages increases of 4.5% from 1 July 2023; 3.5% from 1 July 2024 and 3% from 1 July 2025 are expected.
9. Councillor Remuneration increase 3% with a separate report to Council for this meeting.
10. The Superannuation Guarantee will increase by 0.5% to 11%.
11. Potential Work Cover increase: iCare NSW has advised StateCover they are requesting an 8% increase in premiums for the 2023/24, 2024/25 & 2025/26 years. It is unknown how much of this increase will be passed onto councils.
12. Financial Assistance Grant. The timing of the payment may impact operating results from one year to the next if the government was to cease making advance payments. Historically advance payments have been made of 50-75% of the expected grant. This would not be expected to present a cash flow risk to the council.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The LTFP shows a surplus including capital income across the life of the plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The *Local Government Act 1993 NSW* requires:

403 Resourcing Strategy

A council must have a long-term strategy (called its resourcing strategy) for the provision of the resources required to perform its functions (including implementing the strategies set out in the community strategic plan).

404 Delivery Program

(1) A council must have a program (called its delivery program) detailing the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to perform its functions (including implementing the strategies set out in the community strategic plan) within the resources available under the resourcing strategy.

(2) The council must establish a new delivery program after each ordinary election of councillors to cover the principal activities of the council for the 4-year period commencing on 1 July following the election.

405 Operational Plan

A council must have a plan (called its operational plan) that is adopted before the beginning of each year and details the activities to be engaged in by the council during the year as part of the delivery program covering that year.

Section 610F Public notice of fees

Council must not determine the amount of a fee until it has given public notice of the fee and has considered any written submissions made to it during the period of public notice. The council must give public notice (in accordance with section 705) for at least 28 days of the fee proposed.

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* requires

196A Integrated planning and reporting guidelines—the Act, s 406

A council must comply with the integrated planning and reporting guidelines in the document entitled Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for Local Government in NSW, published on the website of the Department, as in force from time to time.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are a number of risks to Council in relation to the timing and amount of revenue to be received as well as the ability to collect rates in a timely manner. In particular, changes to valuations and decisions around rating and rating categories are subject to risk.

There are financial risks related to ensuing actual expenditure is in line with budgeted amounts.

It should be noted that all financial figures are unaudited and subject to change.

Forecasts are subject to change as they are reviewed as part of the respective year's annual budget and through amendments during the 2023/24 financial year through the Quarterly Budget review processes.

Councillors are subject to political risk when making decisions about revenue options and the funding of particular programs.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

These documents have been developed after extensive public consultation with Councillors, staff and the community.

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

The draft documents will go on public exhibition on 25 May 2023 for 28 days.

As it is a publicly available document, Councillors may receive questions from the community.

Any proposed changes, received in writing, during the public exhibition period will be provided to Council for consideration and where necessary incorporated into the draft documents. These final documents will be presented to Council at the 28 June 2023 Ordinary meeting.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC 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

Nil

9.2.2 REVIEW OF ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY V4**TRIM Number: R23/86****Author: Manager - Finance****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No R23/86 be received and noted.
2. The revised Asset Accounting Policy V4 be adopted as presented.

PURPOSE

To review the Asset Accounting Policy, which was most recently adopted by Council in March 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Asset Accounting Policy as attached.

BACKGROUND

This Policy sets out the financial asset accounting requirements necessary to ensure compliance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and the Australian Accounting Standards. It also outlines Council's position on accounting for assets within these Standards.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

This policy provides a structured framework for the financial aspects of asset management in relation to Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment.

The main changes to the policy are set out below:

1. incorporating relevant indices to be used in non-revaluation years for infrastructure assets;
2. including a statement with regards to Rural Fire Service assets that "Council has determined that only land and buildings (as identified in Council's asset register) meet the control criteria";
3. providing examples of what makes up an Asset Type; and
4. updating componentisation information for buildings.

Other minor changes have been made to reflect name changes in Government bodies; update policy references, and to improve presentation.

The changes have been made to provide guidance, clarity and consistency for financial asset accounting.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Adopting the reviewed Asset Accounting Policy ensures Council's compliance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council is required to comply with all relevant legislation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No risks have been identified.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Relevant Council staff have been consulted.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the amended Asset Accounting Policy as presented.
2. Adopt the reviewed Asset Accounting Policy after further amendment.

CONCLUSION

Council's Asset Accounting Policy is submitted for consideration and adoption by Council.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Delivery Plan 4.2.2 - Council's decision making is equitable and ethical.

Operational Plan Action - Schedule policy reviews throughout Council term or within legislative requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Asset Accounting Policy v4**

9.2.3 DONATIONS**TRIM Number: R23/90****Author: Revenue/Finance Support Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R23/90 be received and noted.
2. Council approve the \$1,000 donation requested by the Fifield Community.
3. Council approve a donation of \$1,000 for the Lake Cargelligo Tigers Football and Netball Club.
4. Council approve a donation of \$1,000 for the Lake Cargelligo Arts and Crafts Society Inc., Blue Water Arts & Crafts event.

PURPOSE

Council is asked to consider requests for monetary and in-kind support for community events to be held in the 2022/2023 financial year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A copy of the requests for donation are included as an attachment.

BACKGROUND

Throughout the year Council receives requests from individuals, community groups and sporting clubs for financial and in-kind support. This support may promote the liveability of the shire or enable residents to undertake representation in their chosen sport or activities outside of the shire.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council received an allocation of \$239,651 in the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Grants program. In July 2022, Council received an 80% upfront payment of \$191,720.80. Councillors will see transactions in the donation spreadsheet that are noted as such. These donations are not being presented to Council on a monthly basis.

Back to Fifield

The Fifield community has requested a donation of \$1,000 for their event. The multi day event will be held from 29 September 2023. Council's records show the organisation has not received a donation in the past.

Lake Cargelligo Tigers Football and Netball Club

Lake Cargelligo Tigers and Netball Club has requested a donation of \$3,000 from Lachlan Shire Council for their Black & Gold Community Ball on 27 May 2023. This particular organisation has not received a donation from Council in the past. However, the Lake Cargelligo Australian Rules Football (which has the same mailing address) received a \$3,550 community grant for a scoreboard in 2014.

Lake Cargelligo Arts and Crafts Society Inc.

This organisation has requested a donation of \$5,000 from Council for their Blue Water Arts & Craft Exhibition on 9th of June 2023.

This organisation has received funding of \$1,000 in 2022, 2020 and 2018.

Awaiting ResponseTess Cross Memorial Team Penning

Council is waiting for a response from the Tess Cross Memorial Team Penning Organisation. A donation was approved at the December 2022 meeting and staff were in contact with the organisation on 15 December 2022 to obtain the organisation's bank account details. A follow up email was sent on 25 January 2023. Without these details, the donation cannot be paid.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A provision was made in the FY2022/2023 budget to provide cash and in-kind support for Community events and general donations. There is \$11,803 available in the elected member's general donations budget. The balance available includes an allowance for the \$800 donation to the Haven – Nepean Women's Shelter, which was paid on credit card, and has yet to be processed through Council's financial system.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993 NSW Section 356 Can a council financially assist others?

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.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

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

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

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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. Donation-Fifield Community
2. Lake Tigers Football and Netball Club
3. Lake Cargelligo Arts and Crafts Society Inc
4. Donations Spreadsheet 05/04/2023

9.2.4 BUSH BURSARY PROGRAM 2023**TRIM Number: R23/106****Author: Administration Officer - Corporate & Community Service****RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report No. R23/106 be received and noted
2. Council provide in principle support for the Bush Bursary program via:
 - (a) A financial contribution of \$3,300 for the 2023/24 financial year; and
 - (b) In kind support to facilitate the local placements.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's direction on continuing support for the 2023.24FY Bush Bursary Scholarship Program.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Attached is a case study prepared by the students who attended the program in December 2022.

BACKGROUND

Lachlan Shire Council initiated this scholarship in 1996. In previous 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.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

A request has been received from the NSW Rural Doctors Network to host students for the 2024 Bush Bursary Scholarship program.

Council has supported the Bush Bursary program in previous years, and received only positive feedback from students, health facilities and the community. The medical students have the opportunity to visit the Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham medical facilities.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has budgeted \$3,300 for this program in the current financial year. The same amount has been included in the draft 2023.24 FY budget, pending Council approval.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications identified.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council – May 2023 Strategic Briefing

NSW Rural Doctors Network

OPTIONS

1. Council continue to support the Bush Bursary program.
2. Council discontinue support for the Bush Bursary program and provide written advice to the NSW Rural Doctors Network.

CONCLUSION

The NSW Rural Doctors Network's Bush Bursary program is important 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. Invitation to participate
2. Program Guidelines
3. Lachlan Shire Bush Bursary Case Study - December 2022

9.2.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 3 2023 FY**TRIM Number: R23/127****Author: Manager - Finance****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Service Report No. R23/127 be received and noted.
2. The Quarterly Budget adjustments including reserve movements be adopted as presented.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a quarterly review of the Operational Plan budget as at 31 March 2023, as required by the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A copy of Council's projected results and proposed reserve balances are included as attachments.

In addition, as previously requested by Council, CDRV reserve movements and the unallocated balance of each location is provided in this report.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* requires the Council to prepare and consider a budget review statement each quarter (aside from June), which shows:

- Estimates of Income and Expenditure
- Any relevant revisions of these estimates

This review is completed in consultation with the responsible Director or Manager of the relevant department.

The statement must comply with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and be considered by the Council no later than 2 months past the conclusion of the quarter.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

A review of the 2022-2023 budget has been completed to identify:

- Budget variations;
- Council resolutions impacting on budget; and
- Information that has become available since the adoption of the current year's budget which is not currently reflected in the 2022-2023 Operational Budget.

The actual year to date operating result as at 31 March 2023 shows an operating gain of \$8.8M before capital income.

Overall, actual operating income and expenses are within acceptable ranges as at 31 March 2023 at 70.7% and 61.6% respectively, with 75% of the financial year elapsed.

Significant budget variances have been summarised below:

- *Operating Income* – Investment interest has been reviewed with the interest rates rising. User Fees have increased with Condobolin Caravan Park and Tottenham Caravan Park fees being higher than anticipated.
- *Operating grants* – Increased by \$8.43M with the payment of the Pothole Repair Grant \$1.34M and the Fixing Local Roads Local and Regional Roads Repair Grant \$7.1M, both from Transport for NSW
- *Capital Grants* - \$4M has been recognised for the Condobolin Tourist Information Centre.
- *Operating Expenditure* – Materials and services have increased by \$2.9M mainly attributable to the allocation of the road grants \$2.6M.
- *Capital Expenditure* - \$1.36M brought in for the Condobolin Tourist Information Centre. This is in addition to the \$2.57M previously budgeted for.

Council's expected net financial position as at 30 June 2023, after the proposed budget amendments, is reflected in **Attachment 1**, along with the actual financial results for the period ended 31 March 2023. This quarterly review adjustments show an operating budget improvement of \$10.6M, increasing the overall expected operating gain (including capital income) to \$20.7M. The overall operating gain before capital income has also increased.

This significant improvement in the operating result for both actual and budget, is directly attributable to the two maintenance road grants received in December 2022 and February 2023. Although works will continue into the next financial year, the accounting standards require the income to be recognised in 2023 financial year. This means that Council will benefit from the revenue this financial year however next year, when the bulk of the works will be completed, there will be a substantial negative impact on the operating result in the financial statements.

REPORT BY RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:

Council's projected financial position as reflected in QBR3 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil to this report

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are financial risks with projecting budgeted income and expenditure as unexpected variances can occur. These can be mitigated by careful management of costs. As these figures are unaudited, they are subject to change.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council officers with budgetary responsibilities have been consulted in identifying these budget variations.

OPTIONS

That Council approve the budget variations as listed in the Quarterly Budget Review (2) adjustment documents.

CONCLUSION

Council's financial position remains reasonable.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP: 4.2 - Strong effective and Responsive Council

Delivery Program Action 4.2.1 - Council is financially sustainable and provides services at a level expected by the community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Operational Plan Budget and results as at 31 March 2023**
- 2. Reserve Balances as at 31 March 2023**
- 3. CDRV Reserve Balances as at 31 March 2023**

9.3 ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**9.4.1 WATER METER POLICY UPDATE****TRIM Number: R23/104****Author: Manager - Utilities****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R23/104 be received and noted.
2. The Water Meter Policy be adopted as presented.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council's Water Meter Policy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

See attachment – revised Water Meter Policy

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the previous Policy in August 2017 and it is now due for review.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The revised Policy document has been updated and reviewed with some amendments and additional information added from the previously adopted version of the policy.

The amendments include the following: -

- Grammatical changes.
- Domestic dwellings are to be serviced by one size water meter only (20mm).
- Properties that request new service connection must have a water main adjacent to the property boundary (directly or parallel across the street). The new water service will be installed at a 90 degree angle from the water main.
- If a water meter cannot be accessed because of locked gates, fences, dogs or other obstructions, Council may estimate the consumption based on the average consumption of the previous three (3) billing periods or equivalent seasonal billing periods.
- If a water meter is found to be faulty by registering greater than +4% accuracy, the Meter Test Fee will be refunded. The water account will also be adjusted due to the account being overcharged (please refer to Council's Undetected Water Leak and Faulty Water Meter Policy).

- If a water meter is found to be slow or under-registering by greater than -4% accuracy, the Meter Test Fee will not be refunded as the customer has already received a benefit through unmetered water consumption. The water account will not be back-charged for the additional water used.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The revised Policy is not expected to have any additional impact on Council's financials and resources.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The revised Policy is in accordance with the following:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Water Act 2000
- AZ/NZS 3500.1:2021 Plumbing and Drainage Water Services
- AS 3500.1.2:1998 National Plumbing and Drainage
- AS 3565.4-2007 Meters for Water Supply

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The proposed amendments to the policy seek to further clarify actions which are already being implemented by Council staff. The proposed amendments are not believed to be significant. This updated policy will provide clear communication to stakeholders of what they should expect when applying for a water meter installation, and what is required for the maintenance and management of the water meters.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

1. Council adopt the updated Water Meter Policy
2. Council further amend and adopt the updated Water Meter Policy
3. Council decline the updated Water Meter Policy and review further.

CONCLUSION

The revised Policy outlines the responsibilities that Lachlan Shire Council (Council) and Property Owners have for the installation, maintenance and management of water meters.

It is intended that the revised Policy supports and improves the operational and maintenance of water meters around the shire.

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

1. Draft Revised Water Meter Policy

9.4.2 FY22/23 ROADWORKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL**TRIM Number: R23/122****Author: Manager - Roads****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services report No R23/122 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 April, works in progress in the month of May and works scheduled for the month of June. The execution and completion of works varies depending on resource availability, weather conditions, work priorities and unforeseen circumstances.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

April and early May has seen significant progress made on a number of construction projects with approximately \$1.5 million of works undertaken on sealing. Several projects have reached practical completion status and almost 30 km of resealing is being completed.

UPDATE

Four of Council's graders are undertaking construction projects or grade, water, roll projects. The other six graders are continuing to complete flood damage restoration and routine maintenance grading on the unsealed road network with the assistance of contract graders when they are available. Contractor maintenance graders, water carts, rollers and gravel trucks are supplementing Council's fleet as necessary.

Shepherd Services have completed inspections and recording of Council's road network for the collection of flood damage evidence and preparation of a Natural Disaster Funding claim. Schedules of work required are currently being prepared. An 'urgent' work schedule consisting of mainly Regional Roads will be submitted to TfNSW by mid-May requesting approval to proceed to procurement as 'Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works', i.e. final permanent restoration work.

Works undertaken in April

- **Heavy patching, re-sheeting and grade water and roll undertaken on the following unsealed roads**

- Main Roads
 - MR 57NN The Bogan Way – heavy patching/flood damage
- Shire Roads
 - SR 44 Melrose Plains Road – gwr/flood damage
 - SR 230 Lachlan Valley Way – gwr/flood damage
 - SR 1347 Albert Road – gwr/flood damage
- **Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing undertaken on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 57S Lachlan Valley Way/The Gipps Way – Regional NSW/Block grant – Stabilising of the Smythes culvert and approaches was completed in April with final trimming prior to sealing being completed in early May.
 - MR 57S The Gipps Way – FCR/Block grant – Nerathong Bridge replacement, the first two spans of the old bridge have been demolished and the piles for the abutments have been driven.
 - MR 57 NN The Bogan Way – 500m heavy patching double coat seal completed
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – REPAIR program – The final 2 km of the 8 km long shoulder widening project was sealed in April. 3 km of project was resealed in April. Weather delayed the full length reseal.
 - Town Streets
 - Officers Parade – FLR/RTR – installation of stormwater system was completed in April
 - Busby Street/Harding Ave – FLR – Replacement of water main on Busby Street was completed. The final commissioning will occur once compliance testing results are returned.
 - Foster Street – Tourism Activation – Replacement kerb and gutter at the Lorne and Foster Street intersection completed. Footpath paving is continuing.
- **Road reseals/sealing**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 7521 Kiacatoo Road – 5 km of reseal was completed
 - Shire Roads
 - nil
- **Maintenance grading/sucker removal/storm damage repairs undertaken on the following unsealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 11 Moira Vale Road – maintenance grade/flood damage - contractor
 - SR 15 Belmore Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 35 Larkings Road – maintenance grade/flood damage - contractor
 - SR 45 Boona Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 46 Carawatha Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 50 Vermont Hill Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 75 Ridglands Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 87 Hubbards Road – maintenance grade/flood damage

- SR 101 Corinella Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 128 Roberts Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 129 Bahrs Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 130 West Milby Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 131 Hodges Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 133 Whymarks Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 139 Borapine Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 140 Singh Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 414 Fyfes Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
 - SR 1144 Welah Road – maintenance grade/flood damage
- **Shoulder grading/slashing/vegetation control/patching and flood damage undertaken on the following sealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 5 Lansdale Road – slashing
 - SR 10 Meadowview Road – slashing
 - SR 11 Moira Vale Road – slashing
 - SR 25 Kerriwah Road – slashing
 - SR 60 Springvale Road – vegetation control
 - SR 90 Grassmere Road – vegetation control
 - SR 341 Jones Lane – slashing
 - SR 342 Worthington Lane – slashing
 - SR 344 Browns lane – slashing
 - SR 347 Gum bend Road - slashing
 - SR 1169 Bobadah Road – slashing
 - Pothole repair on several roads

Works in progress May

- **Heavy patching, re-sheeting and grade water and roll in progress on the following unsealed roads**
 - All Roads
 - SR 44 Melrose Plains Road – gwr/flood damage
 - SR 250 Hadleigh Downs Road – gwr/flood damage
 - SR 381 Verona Road – gwr/flood damage
- **Road and culvert reconstruction in progress on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 57S Lachlan Valley Way/The Gipps Way – Regional NSW/Block grant – Final sealing of intersection and pavement over culverts and on approaches was completed in early May.
 - MR 57S The Gipps Way – FCR/Block grant – Nerathong bridge replacement, construction of new bridge is continuing.

- MR 57S Lachlan Valley Way/The Gipps Way – Regional NSW/Block grant – Linemarking of new seal will be undertaken and contractor programmed to be on site to install guardrail on Smythes culvert
- MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – REPAIR program – Final 5km of sealing completed early May
- Shire Roads
 - SR 343 Willis Lane – RTR – Preparation of road pavement will commence
- Town Streets
 - Officers Parade – FLR/RTR – Installation of kerb and gutter, footpath and road reconstruction programmed for commencement in May
 - Busby Street/Harding Ave – FLR – water main replacement has been completed and stormwater pits on Harding Ave/Busby Street intersection have been upgraded. Final preparation of pavement for sealing will be completed in May
 - Foster Street – Tourism Activation - Kerb and gutter, footpath works and road reconstruction to continue on Lorne Street intersection. Irrigation pipes to be replaced. Work on Canada Street intersection kerb and gutter and footpath to commence in early May.

Road reseals/sealing

- Main Roads
 - MR 57S Lachlan Valley Way/The Gipps Way intersection – double coat seal completed
 - MR 501 Lachlan Valley Way (aka Hillston Road) – 10km reseal completed
 - MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – 5 km reseal completed
 - MR 7521 Kiacatoo Road – 7 km reseal completed
- Shire Roads
 - SR 25 Kerriwah Road – RTR – 4.6 km reseal completed
 - SR 90 Grassmere Road – RTR – 2.6 km reseal completed
 - SR 120 Merribogie Road – FLR/RTR – road widening 4 km. Final sealing completed
 - SR 230 Lachlan Valley Way – FLR/RTR – 4 km of 10 km seal extension completed
- Town Streets
 - Busby St/Harding Ave – 400m double coat seal programmed for late May
 - Maitland Street – 200m reseal completed
 - McDonnell/Molong Street – 400m reseal completed.
- **Maintenance grading/sucker removal/storm damage repairs in progress on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 5 Lansdale Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 6 Billandry Road – maintenance grade

- SR 42 Gobondary Road – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 43 Back Tullamore Road – part length – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 44 Melrose Plains Road – part length – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 58 Mowabla Road – flood damage repairs
 - SR 78 The Troffs Road – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 79 Halls Road – part length – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 106 Fitzgerald Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 107 Deans Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 108 Fosters Lane – maintenance grade
 - SR 142 Yarren Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 190 Wilgadale Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 254 Native Dog Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 261 Glenoma Lane – maintenance grade
 - SR 270 Cadara Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 306 Kirks Road – maintenance grade
 - SR 361 Shanklin Lane – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 380 Cincinnati Lane – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 382 Bloomfield Road – part length – maintenance grade (contractor)
 - SR 1006 Brotherony Road – maintenance grade
- **Shoulder grading/slashing/vegetation control and patching in progress on the following sealed roads**
 - All Roads
 - As required

Works planned for June

- **Heavy patching, re-sheeting and grade water and roll to be undertaken on the following unsealed roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 45 Boona Road – gwr/gravel re-sheet and culvert installation
- **Road resealing/sealing**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - SR 230 Lachlan Valley Way – FLR/RTR – sealing of last 6 km of seal extension
 - Town Streets
 - Officers Parade – FLR/RTR – finalise footpath construction. Complete road reconstruction and two coat seal
- **Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing to be undertaken on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - MR 57S The Gipps Way – FCR/Block grant – Nerathong bridge replacement. Contractor continuing on site.
 - MR 57NN The Bogan Way – FCR/Block grant – Jumble Plains Road intersection reconstruction and widening

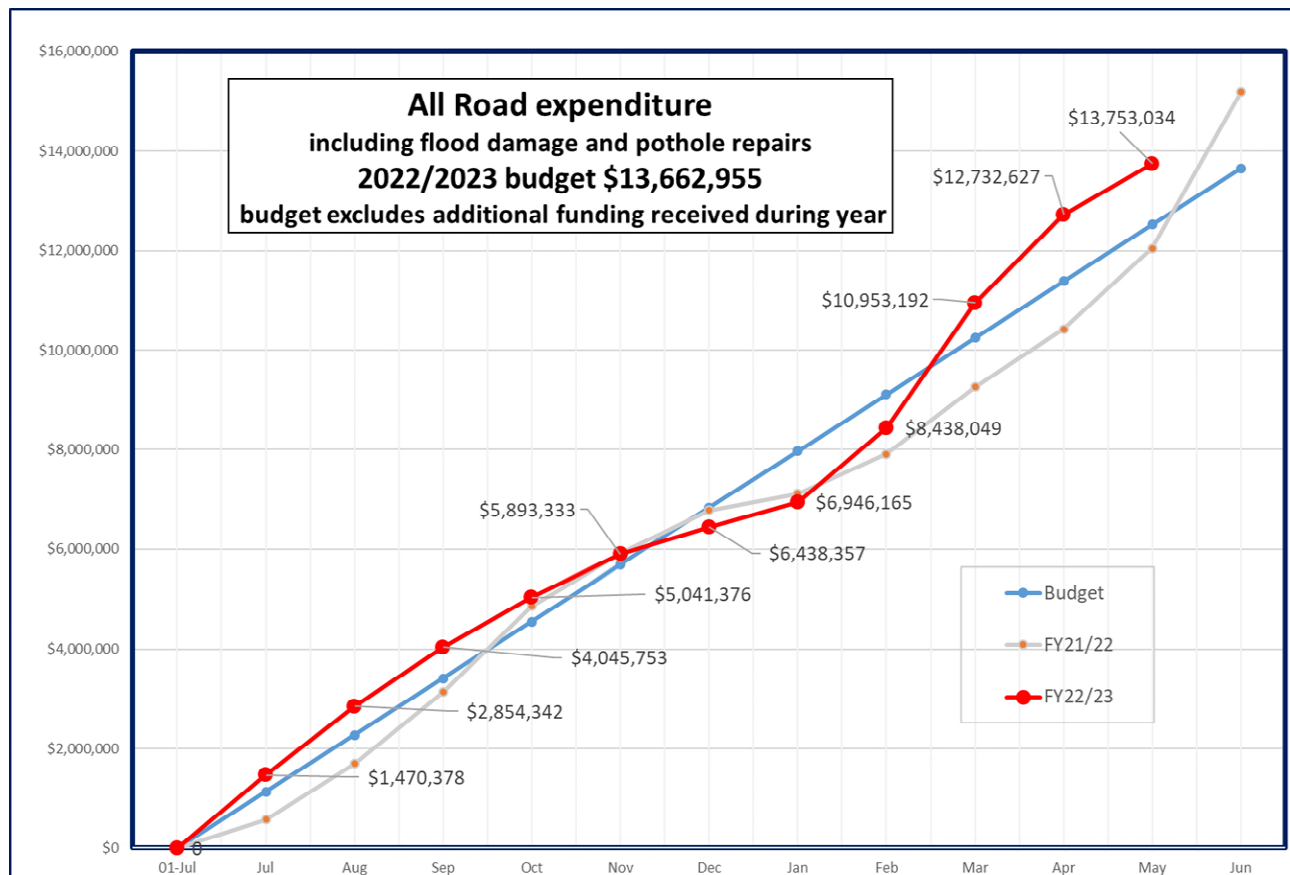
- Shire Roads
 - SR 343 Willis Lane – RTR – Construction of pavement for 2 km seal extension
- Town Streets
 - Visitor information centre – Regional NSW – completion of carpark construction
 - Officers Parade – FLR/RTR – kerb and gutter, footpath installation and road reconstruction will continue
 - Foster Street – Kerb and gutter, footpath paving, tree planting will be nearing completion. Road pavement reconstruction will be underway.
- **Maintenance grading/sucker removal/storm damage repairs undertaken on the following roads**
 - Main Roads
 - nil
 - Shire Roads
 - Roads not completed in May
- **Shoulder grading/slashing/vegetation control and patching undertaken on the following sealed roads**
 - All Roads
 - Ongoing pothole patching

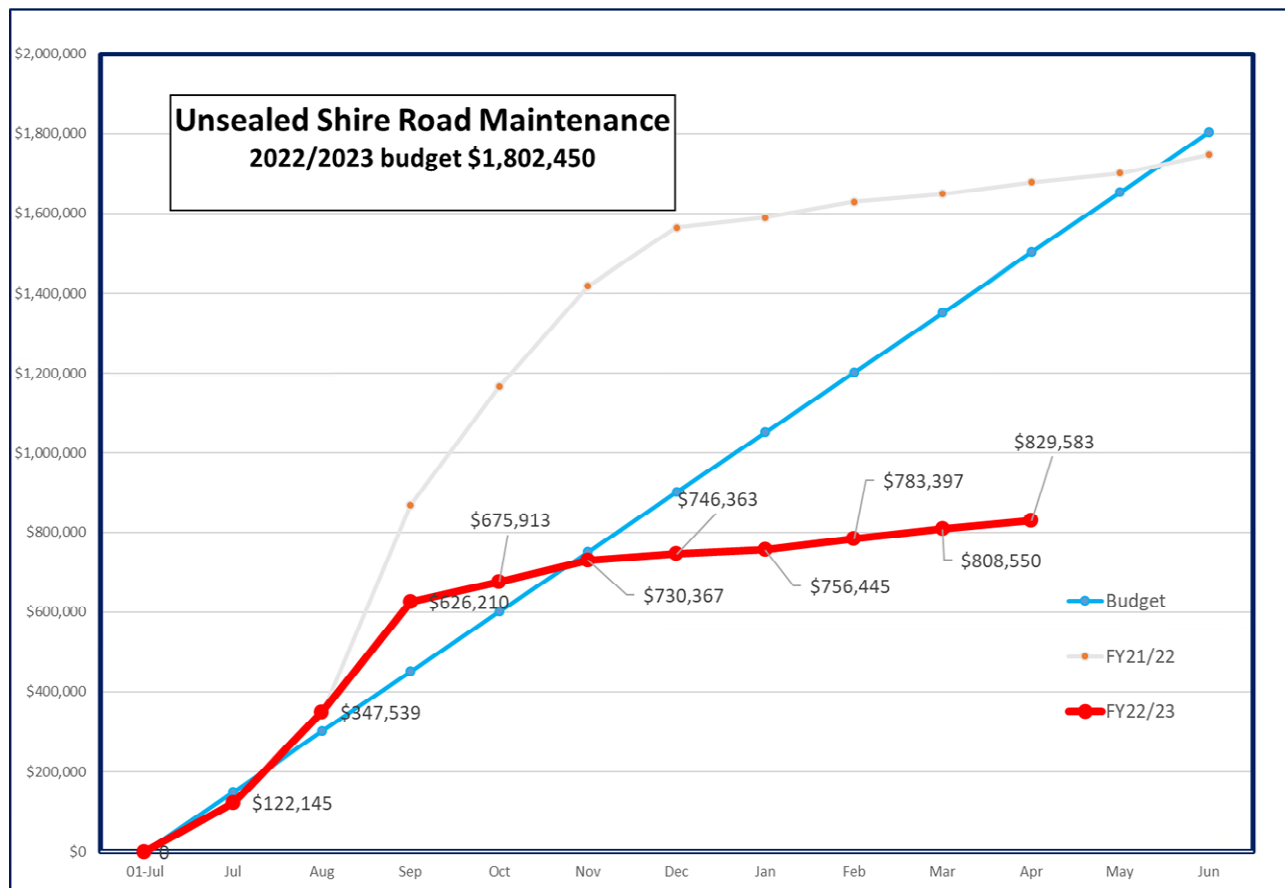
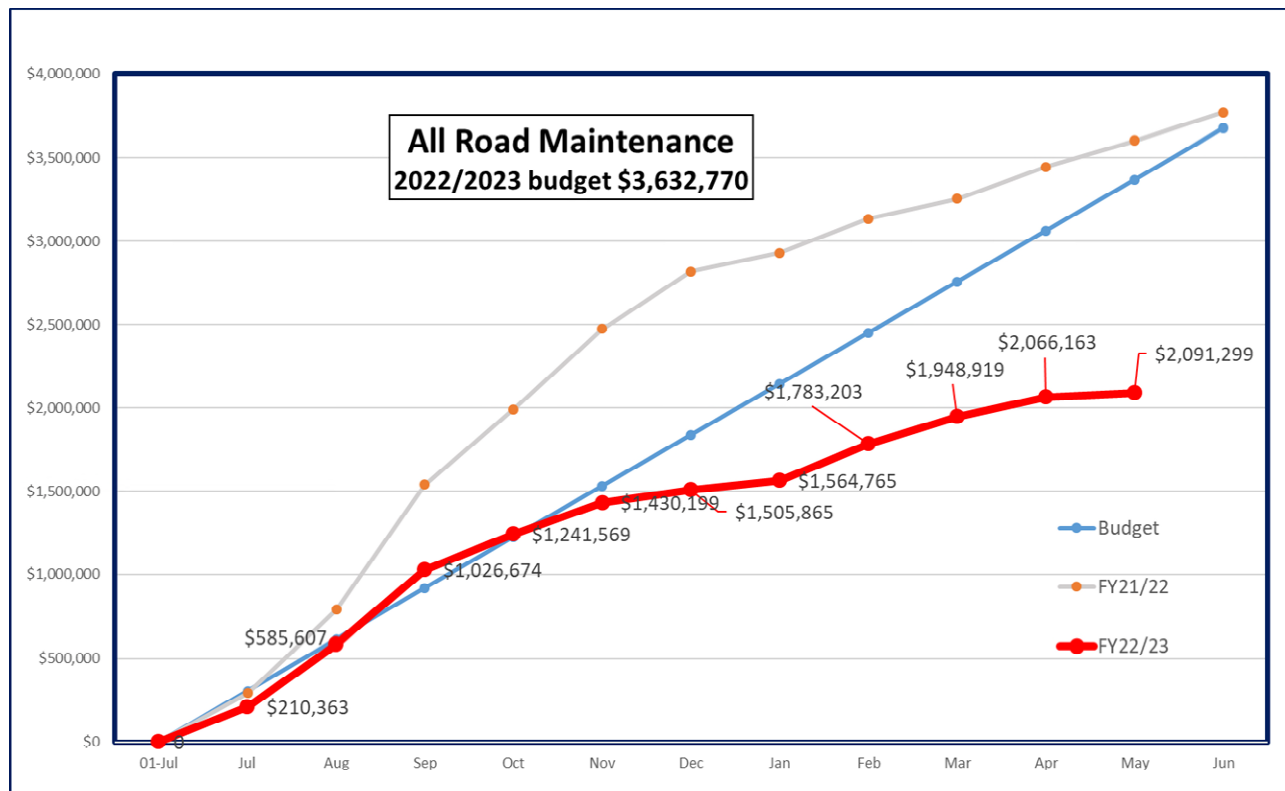
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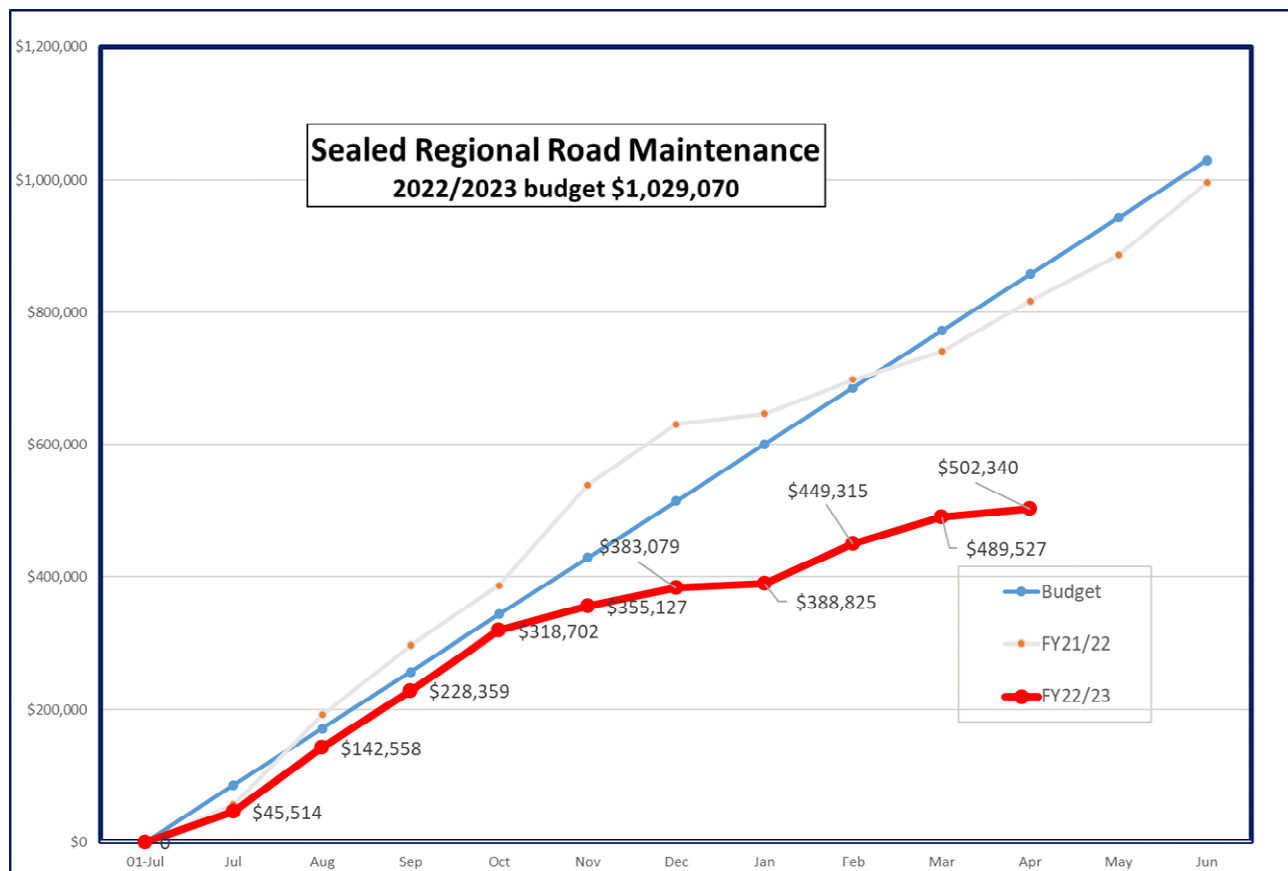
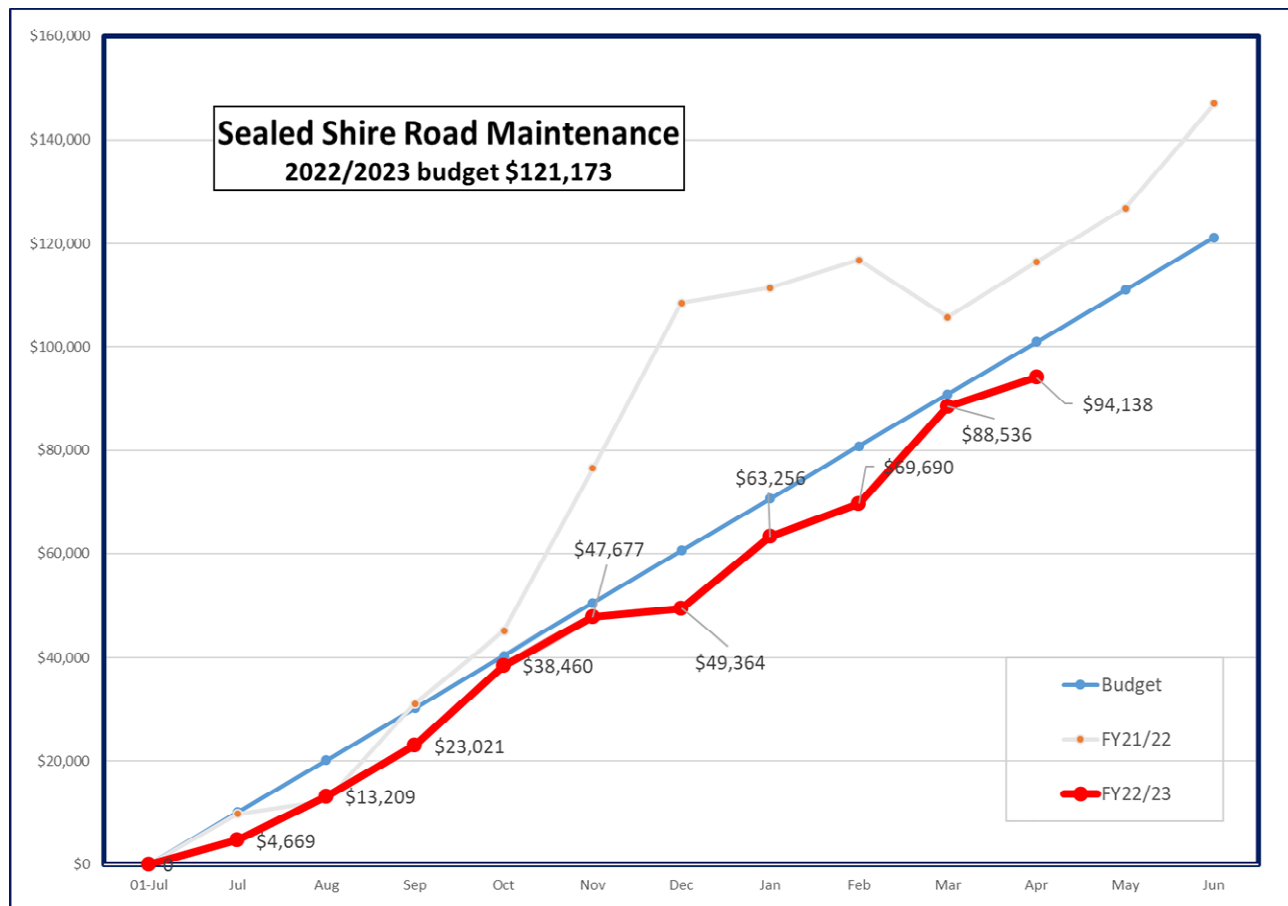
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Regional Roads					
Project	Budget	Funding source	Expend to date	Forecast Expend	Comments
Regional Roads, reseals					
MR 501 Lachlan Valley Way (aka Hillston Road)	440k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$440k	10 km sealed in early May
RR 7521 Kiacatoo Road	\$308k		\$206k	\$308k	7 km sealed in April/May
Total	\$748k		\$206k	\$748k	Programmed for Q4
Regional Roads, heavy patching	\$50k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$0k	Completed as Flood Damage project
Regional Roads, culvert renewal	\$60k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$60k	Programmed for Q4
MR 461 William St / MR 57S Lachlan St intersection reconstruction	\$274k	TfNSW Block Grant \$0k, RTR \$274k	\$0k	\$0k	Design still be finalized. Block grant funding to be determined Project will not commence until FY23/24
MR 371 Foster St, Lake Cargelligo, Lake St to Lorne St reconstruction	\$3.6m	RTR \$500k, State Government funding \$2,800k, LRCI \$300k	\$480k in FY21/22 \$1.381m in FY 22/23 Total \$1.861m	\$3.6m	Construction in Progress
MR 57N The Bogan Way, widening 28 km	\$3.5m	FCR \$2.686m, TfNSW Block Grant \$814k	\$965k in FY20/21, \$2.103k in FY21/22, \$65k in FY22/23 Total \$3.133m	\$3.5m	Jumble Plains Road intersection reconstruction will commence in Q4
MR 57S The Gipps Way, Nerathong Bridge replacement	\$2.808m	FCR \$2.387m, TfNSW Block Grant \$421k	\$89k in FY20/21, \$358k in FY21/22, \$217K in FY22/23 Total \$664k	\$2.808m	Traffic using side track. Demolition of existing bridge is in progress
MR 57S, MR 377, Condobolin Freight Betterment and Visitor Centre road works	\$8.448m	Regional NSW funding \$5,599k, TfNSW Block grant \$2,149k, TfNSW Repair \$400k, RTR \$300k	\$1.235m pre 1 July 2021, \$2.41m in FY21/22, \$2.974m in FY22/23 Total \$6.619m	\$8.448m	Road construction over Smythes culvert is at final level
MR 461 Henry Parkes Way intersection upgrades, MR 7521 Kiacatoo Road and SR 340 Silos Road	\$516k	HVSPP \$258k, TFNSW Block Grant \$208k, Graincorp \$50k	\$102k in FY21/22, \$463k in FY22/23 Total \$565k	\$570k	Complete. Additional cost will be funded from Block grant
RR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road seal widening 8 km	\$800k	Repair \$400k, Block \$400k	\$708k	\$900k	Reseal completed in May. Additional cost will be funded from Block grant

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Local Roads					
Project	Budget	Funding source	Expend to date	Forecast Expend	Comments
Local road reseals					
SR 60 Springvale Road	\$130k	FAG Roads \$140k, RTR \$450k	\$0k	\$130k	Delayed to FY23/24
SR 90 Grassmere Road	\$85k		\$1k	\$85k	Resealed in May
SR 10 Meadowview Road	\$60k		\$0k	\$60k	Delayed to FY23/24
SR 25 Kerriwah Road	\$178k		\$150K	\$178k	Complete
SR 3 Tabratong Crossing Road	\$37 k		\$36.8k	\$37K	Complete
Total	\$490k			\$187.8k	\$490k
Local roads gravel re-sheets					
SR 1187 Palesthan Road	\$200k	Special Rate Variation \$200k, RTR \$504k	\$165k	\$200k	Complete
SR 45 Boona Road	\$160k		\$45k	\$160k	Work in progress
SR 186 Booth Road	\$120k		\$159k	\$160k	Complete
Total	\$480k		\$369k	\$520k	
Maitland Street HV upgrade	\$1.51m	FRC \$765k, RTR \$745k	\$1,465k pre July 2022, \$50k in FY22/23, Total \$1.51m	\$1.51m	Complete
SR 120 Merriboogie Road widen and reseal	\$1.4m	Fixing Local Roads \$1,260k, RTR 140k	\$649k in FY21/22, \$226k in FY22/23, Total \$875k	\$1.4m	Final sealing in progress
SR 230 Lachlan Valley Way, 10 km seal extension	\$1.3m FY21/22, \$700k FY22/23	Fixing Local Roads \$1.9m, RTR \$100k	\$862k in FY21/22, \$432k in FY22/23 Total \$1.294m	\$2.0m	Sealing of 6 km in progress
Busby St/Harding Ave reconstruction	\$800k	Fixing Local Roads	\$23k in FY21/22, \$536k in FY22/23 Total \$559k	\$800k	Road pavement reconstruction in progress
Condobolin School Precinct	\$1.68m	Fixing Local Roads \$1,360k, RTR \$280k, FAG Roads \$40k	\$678k in FY21/22, \$775k in FY22/23 Total \$1,453m	\$1.68m	Final seal completed in May
Officers Parade upgrade	\$1.0m	Fixing Local Roads \$600k, RTR \$400k	\$195k in FY21/22, \$503k in FY22/23 Total \$698k	\$1.0m	Stormwater complete. Excavation for kerb and gutter to commence in May
Lansdale Road widening and upgrade	\$400k	Roads to Recovery	\$0k	\$400k	Programmed for Q4
Willis Lane seal extension	\$400k	Roads to Recovery	\$53k	\$400k	Vegetation clearing is continuing

FUNDING SOURCES					
Funding Source	Amount	Contribution	% spent	Used by	Comments
Roads to Recovery	\$2.748m including revote	100% Federal grant	47%	30-Jun	Year 4 of five program.
TfNSW Block and Supplementary Grants	\$3.132m	100% TfNSW	72%	30-Jun	To be spent by 30 June 2023
TfNSW Traffic Facilities	\$148k	100% TfNSW	75%	30-Jun	
TfNSW repair	\$400k	100% TfNSW	80%	30-Jun	
FAG Roads	\$3.28m	100% Federal grant	49%		To reserve if not used by 30 June.







Note: In addition to the above expenditure \$1.415m has been spent on Regional Road flood damage and \$1.768m has been spent on Local Road flood damage, total \$3.183 million and \$168k has been spent of pothole repairs.

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.

CONCLUSION

Good progress on restoring the unsealed road network is being made, however the availability of contractors and Council resources continues to slow that progress. Excellent progress has been made during April and early May on construction projects to ensure council's commitments to funding bodies are met.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.4.3 NATURE STRIPS: MOWING, PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING POLICY**TRIM Number: R23/126****Author: Engineering Assistant - Recreation****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R23/126 be received and noted.
2. The Draft Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28days
3. Following the completion of the public exhibition period a further report be presented to Council summarising any submissions and feedback received from the public throughout the exhibition period.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a copy of the draft Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy for consultation and advice.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Attachment 1- Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy

BACKGROUND

Nature strips are public land and not part of residential property, however it is well recognised that a shared maintenance approach between Council and the community provides the maximum opportunity for individual and town wide benefits.

Where this relationship exists, the nature strip can perform its essential role as a conduit of services and footpaths and make a highly valuable contribution to the street character. Nature strips can reduce the heat bank effect, which in turn can lead to higher individual property value and sustainability benefits.

While many aspects of nature strip maintenance are Council's responsibility, it is generally accepted that the assistance of adjacent residents is required for some maintenance to ensuring that any landscaping development is safe and appropriate.

For example, a landholder is expected to ensure that trees and shrubs growing on private land do not impede access to the nature strip or the footpath. Likewise, residents who wish to landscape their nature strip may do so but only in a way that does not impede safe access and use by the public.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

This policy has been developed due to the increasing number of requests from landholders and residents for Council to mow and maintain the nature strip adjacent to their properties. A draft policy and application form are included in the attachments to this report.

The policy will provide a clear and transparent guideline for nature strip maintenance and responsibility, while the Nature Strip Mowing Service form will still provide a much-needed service for those people who meet the criteria.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There will be limited change to budget or resources as a lot of the nature strips that fall under the proposed mowing service eligibility criteria are already maintained.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NSW Civil Liability Act 2002

Roads Act 1993

Local Government Act 1993

RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that the most equitable and transparent method of assisting members of the public who require assistance to maintain the nature strip adjacent to their property is through the adoption of a Nature Strip Policy. This will provide a framework and minimise the risk of disputes and potential liability claims.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council outdoor staff and administration

OPTIONS

1. Council resolve to place the Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
2. Council adopt the Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy as written.
3. Council amends the Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy.

CONCLUSION

The Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy will provide clarity around expectations and requirements for maintaining nature strips within the Lachlan Shire LGA as well as providing an option for eligible residents to access mowing services.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

3.2: Improved pedestrian and cycle paths.

6.3: New and visually appealing streetscapes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Nature Strips: Mowing, Planting and Landscaping Policy**

9.4.4 ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACT - MR 61 HENRY PARKES WAY**TRIM Number: R23/128****Author: Manager - Roads****RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. The Director of Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/128 be received and noted.
2. Council enter into a Road Maintenance Council Contract with Transport for New South Wales and authorise the General Manager to sign the relevant contract documents

PURPOSE

To consider Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) offer to Lachlan Shire Council of the renewal of the Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) for MR 61 Henry Parkes Way with effect from 1 July 2023.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

TfNSW renewed their RMCC contracts in 2020 for three years. Their proposed new contract is similar to the existing contract with only a few minor changes. Under the contract Lachlan Shire would be responsible for the routine services, and subject to R2 prequalification detailed below, ordered works for approximately 28 km of MR61 Henry Parkes Way from the Lachlan/Forbes local government boundary to the intersection of Denison and Bathurst Streets in Condobolin.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS**RMCC Contract**

The fundamental principle of the proposed contract is that it is a 'Not for Profit' contract and the Council will be remunerated on an actual cost basis plus a nominal amount for administration costs, currently charged at 12%, for routine services. Ordered Works shall be in accordance with the Contract, however, in the long term the Service Provider's (Councils) revenue for the Contract should equal its costs.

Councils are required under the existing and proposed contract to achieve and maintain prequalification in the R2 category of the National Prequalification System for Civil (Road and Bridge) Construction to undertake Ordered Works. Lachlan Shire is not prequalified and TfNSW have engaged other contractors, mainly Forbes Shire, to undertake the Ordered Works. Over the last two years this has not been an issue as Council's resources have been fully committed to work on its own roads and have not had sufficient resources to undertake anything more than Routine Work on MR 61 Henry Parkes Way.

The proposed contract requires Councils to achieve and maintain prequalification in the R1 category of the National Prequalification System for Civil (Road and Bridge) Construction within 12 months of the contract commencing to undertake Routine Work. An audit was undertaken of Lachlan's documents for the RMCC by TfNSW last year and the auditor commented that the documents were very close to what was required for R2 prequalification so obtaining R1 prequalification should not be an issue.

Regional Road review

In February 2019, the NSW Liberal/National Government announced the transfer of up to 15,000 kilometres of Regional Roads to the State as part of a broader package of support for local councils to better manage and maintain the rural road network. Lachlan Shire has 636.8 km of regional roads for which it receives approx. \$3.3m from TfNSW as a block grant.

The Regional Road review has been completed but the final report was not released by the NSW Liberal/National Government prior to the recent State election. The new NSW Labour Government has given no indication on how it will proceed on this issue. If it does proceed as previously proposed and Regional Roads are transferred back to the State Government, the matter of who undertakes maintenance and construction work will need to be determined.

One possibility is that these roads will be added to the RMCC contract and therefore if Council was to continue to undertake work on these roads it would need to have an RMCC contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Continuing with the RMCC contract has no significant implication for Council's current finances or resources. The value of routine services is approximately \$120,000 per year and Ordered Works can range from \$30,000 to \$500,000 per year depending on required works.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Roads Act 1993 and Roads Regulations 2008.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The proposed contract does transfer some of the risk for failure of work from TfNSW to Council however, this is mainly in terms of Ordered Works. The greater risk is that if Council does not participate in the RMCC and a significant length of regional road is transferred back to the State Government. This could result in a significant volume of maintenance and construction work being undertaken by another service provider which would affect both Council's labour and plant resources.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Transport for New South Wales

OPTIONS

1. Council sign the RMCC contract and continue to undertake work on MR 61 Henry Parkes Way.
2. Council reject the contract and have another contractor or Council undertake the work on MR 61 Henry Parkes Way

CONCLUSION

Considering the implication of possible changes to the responsibility for the regional road network, Council would be prudent to continue with the RMCC contract at this stage. This does not preclude Council withdrawing from the contract in the future if the situation changes.

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

9.4.5 DRAFT TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY**TRIM Number: R23/129****Author: Manager Urban Works****RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R23/129 be received and noted.
2. The Draft Tree Management Policy & Guidelines be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28days
3. Following the completion of the public exhibition period a further report be presented to Council summarising any submissions and feedback received from the public throughout the exhibition period.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a copy of the draft Tree Management Policy and Guidelines for consultation and advice.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

See attachment – Draft Tree Management Policy

See attachment – Draft Tree Management Guidelines

Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham Priority Maps can be provided on request

Lachlan Shire Tree selections can be provided on request

BACKGROUND

Council has not had an adopted Tree Management Policy and Guidelines to help provide a clear and transparent direction regarding urban street trees throughout the Shire. In March this year Council staff engaged an Urban Forest Consultant to help provide input in the development of this policy, guidelines, recommended species and the Shires overall street tree conditions and recommendations.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

This policy and the guidelines will provide staff and the public with a clear direction with matters relating to all public trees that occur on Council managed land within townships, streets and parks.

The Tree Planting Priority Maps will also provide a direction and consistency on township focus areas for high and medium infill planting from partial to full renewal planting. This will help to maximise the benefit urban street trees can have to complement each township.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The policy and guidelines are not expected to have any additional impact on Council's resources or finances.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993, Roads Act 1993,

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Electricity Supply Act 1995

Rural Fires Act 1997

Local Land Services Act 2013

Biosecurity Act 2015

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2017

NSW Civil Liability Act 2002.

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The most appropriate and consistent method of informing the public and staff on the management of urban trees is for the adoption of a tree management policy. The policy will provide a clear framework to minimise the risk of potential liability claims and disputes.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Consultant – Urban Forest Consulting

Consultant – Tree Logic

Lachlan Shire Outdoor and Administration Staff and Management

OPTIONS

1. Council resolve to place the Street Tree Management Policy & Guidelines on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
2. Council adopt the Street Tree Management Policy & Guidelines as written.
3. Council amend the Street Tree Management Policy & Guidelines.

CONCLUSION

The policy and guidelines will ensure Council and the public are provided with clear and transparent direction regarding the management of all trees that are the responsibility of Council.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

2.5 Improve the appearance of each town

4.4 Strategic management of villages and Crown Reserves

6.4 Improved parks, gardens and sporting ovals.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Draft Tree Management Policy**
- 2. Draft Tree Management Guidelines**

9.4.6 LOCAL ROAD AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE - PHASE 3 PROJECT LIST AMMENDMENT**TRIM Number: R23/131****Author: Director Infrastructure Services****RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/131 be received and noted
2. Council make the necessary amendments to the Local Road and Community Infrastructure phase 3 program to include the SRA fencings and associated works project.

PURPOSE

Confirm the source of Council's final co-contribution for the SRA Upgrade works.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

September 2022 - R22/303 – Tender Assessment – SRA Lighting Upgrade

February 2023 – R23/36 – Tender Assessment – SRA Change Room Upgrade.

February 2023 – R23/4 – Amended Section 7.12 Contribution Plan

March 2023 – R23/53 – Condobolin Pool Leak Sealing

BACKGROUND

In June 2022, Council received notification of the successful grant application for \$1,000,000 in funding to undertake the SRA Upgrade from the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund. This project will deliver SRA Lighting Upgrade, Knock-down and construction of a new Amenities block, new picket fencing and associated works such as levelling off carparking area. Council is required to provide a \$500,000 co-contribution towards the project.

To date, Council has allocated: -

- \$193,098 from LRCI 2 for the SRA lighting project and
- \$100,000 from the Amended Section 7.12 Contribution Plan.

There remains \$206,902 of contributions from Council that are still to be confirmed.

An application for this project was submitted to the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 - however, the grant application was unsuccessful.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Phase 3 of the LRCI grant program allocated \$4,257,016. Council submitted applications for 11 projects around the Shire that were approved by the funding body (see attachment 1).

Due to the successful completion of three LRCI 3 projects under budget, there is currently \$236,176 of underspent funding available for allocation to a project. LRCI phase 3 projects are required to be completed by 30 June 2024.

There is a desire to complete all the SRA upgrade works by early August, so it is completed before for the Annual Condobolin Show.

The solution being put before Council today is to reallocate the funding from the underspend on LRCI 3 projects to make up the additional co-contribution required to complete the SRA Upgrade Project – specifically the fencing and associated works (carpark) components of the SRA project.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The required co-contribution value of \$206,902, will be adequate to complete the fencing and associated works (carpark) components of the SRA project.

Quotes for the supply of the fencing materials have been received. The preferred supplier of the fencing materials can provide the materials within a few weeks.

Quotes for the removal of existing fence and installation of the new fence have been received. The installation of the fencing is planned to be completed by a local contractor in July, with the associated works also occurring in July and August after the completion of the Building works.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Not completing the fencing component of the project before August would present a reputational risk to Council, as there is a stakeholder expectation to complete this project before the Annual Show.

This LRCI program amendment should be progressed as quickly as possible, as the material supply and installation are required to be completed within a little over 2 months if the project is to be completed before the show in August. This is not the preferred method of allocating project funding and may appear rushed. However, Council has been aware of the need to provide the co-contribution for this project since June 2022 and have explored a range of alternative funding options which have not been successful. Given the limited timeframe to complete these works, this appears to be the most appropriate solution.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

A variety of user groups have assisted Council in recent years with letters of support for grant applications. This includes Junior Rugby League, Rugby Union, Touch Football, Senior and Junior Cricket and the Condobolin Show Society. These user groups have been advised of the proposed works and their schedule – the expectation is that the project will be completed by the Show in August.

The Multi-Sport Community Facility Funding Deed requires the project to be completed by the end of October 2023.

OPTIONS

- 1) Council resolve to modify the LRCI phase 3 project list to include the SRA fencing and associated works.

- 2) Council direct that another funding stream be identified to provide the necessary co-contribution for the SRA Upgrade Project.

CONCLUSION

Council has been presented with a solution to provide the necessary co-contribution to the SRA Upgrade Project.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 6.4 Improved Parks, gardens and sporting ovals.

ATTACHMENTS

1. LRCI 3 proposed ammended project list

9.4.7 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS - TRANSPORT, WATER AND SEWER, BUILDINGS AND PARKS & RESERVES**TRIM Number: R23/132****Author: Director Infrastructure Services****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R23/132 be received and noted
2. Council note the feedback received from the public during the exhibition period.
3. The amended Asset Management Plans be adopted.

PURPOSE

To present to Council the feedback received from the Community during the public exhibition period for the Asset Management Plans for Transport, Water and Sewer, Buildings and Parks & Reserves.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

June 2022 - Resolution 2022/157 – Adoption of Asset Management Strategy and Policy

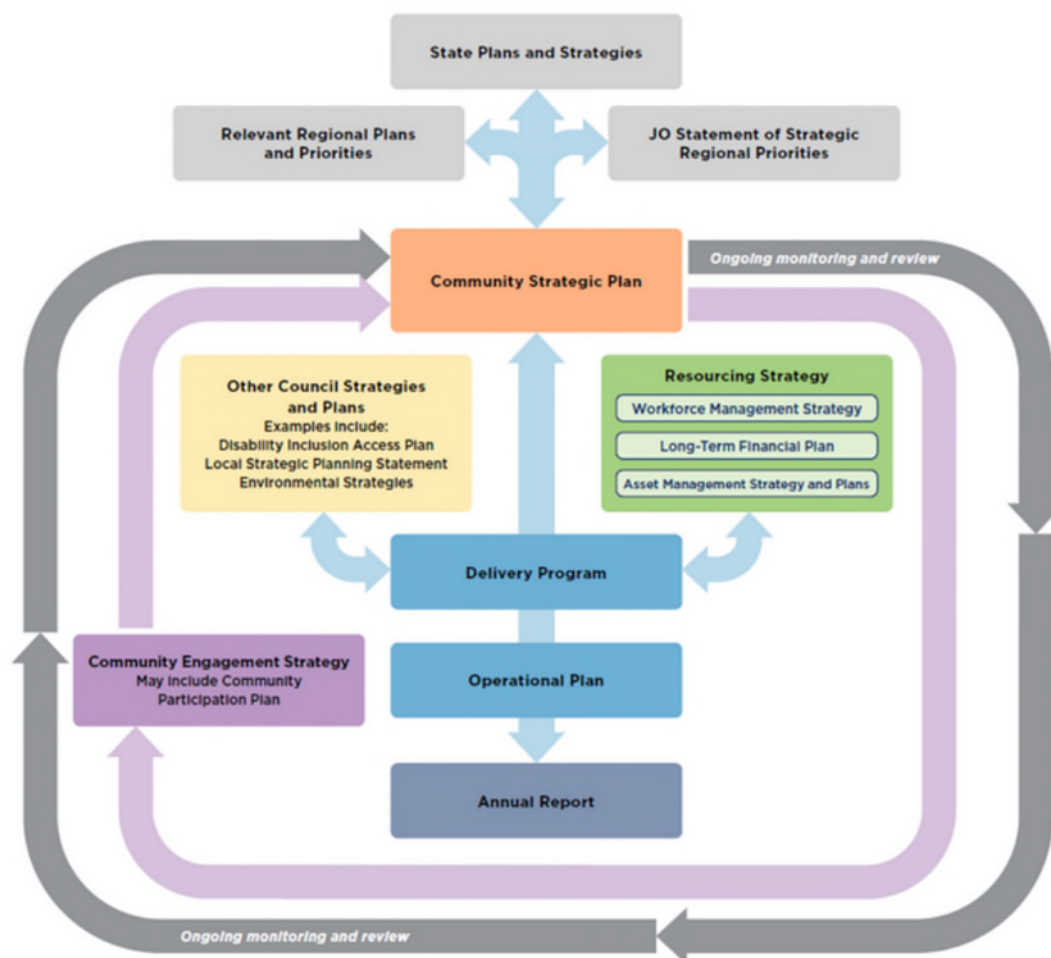
July 2022 – Resolution 2022/191 – Draft Asset Management Plans - Transport, Water and Sewer, Buildings and Parks & Reserves.

Attachment 1, 2 and 3 – Survey Results

BACKGROUND

Council is custodian of assets with a residual value of approximately \$540M which support the delivery of services to the community. This includes assets such as roads and bridges, water and sewer services, parks and gardens, buildings, plant and equipment, stormwater drainage and IT and office equipment. The Asset Management Strategy and Policy documents were adopted at the June 2022 Council meeting. These documents are a requirement of the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework and form part of the Resourcing Strategy document suite, which provide the strategic framework to ensure that Council's Assets are managed in a financially sustainable manner.

The Policy and Strategy have provided guidance for the preparation of Asset Management Plans for transport, water and sewer services, parks and reserves and buildings asset classes. The Asset Management Plans have been prepared using Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) Asset Management templates. In July 2022 Council resolved to place these documents on public exhibition. This has been delayed until now due to limited staffing resources, natural disaster response and recovery and the need to prioritise work tasks.



The exhibition of these documents was undertaken with a community survey. This survey was designed with the intention to gauge the feeling within the community towards the level of service they are receiving. Below is the wording used to preface the survey.

Council manages a network of infrastructure assets that service the community. The majority of these assets relate to roads, footpaths/cycleways, stormwater drainage, open spaces and recreation assets and community-use buildings.



To support the effective management of these assets, Council has developed a set of draft Asset Management Plans.

The goal of asset management is to meet a required level of service in the most cost-effective manner, through the management of assets for present and future users.

While everyone would like to have better roads, cheaper water and sewer, greater attractions and higher quality sports grounds – the question is, how do we pay for this infrastructure?

This public consultation process offers the community an opportunity to "Have your Say" on the level of service that Council is able to provide.

The Survey questions were as follows

1. Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services and facilities in your local area, how satisfied are you with the quality of these assets?

	Not at all satisfied 1	2	3	4	Very Satisfied 5
Roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water and Sewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Sporting Grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Thinking of the quality of infrastructure, services, and facilities in your local area, how supportive would you be to pay more via rates and charges to receive better services?

	Not at all supportive 1	2	3	4	Very supportive 5
Roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water and Sewer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Sporting Grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What would you propose is the best method to reduce the funding shortfall? e.g. do nothing, reduce services, rely on government grants, continue to lobby the government for an increase in federal revenue

4. Additional comments:

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The public feedback and survey results of these draft Asset Management Plans provides valuable insight into how the community views the management, operation, maintenance and construction of the physical and financial assets that Council controls. These surveys were anonymous and the complete unedited survey results are in Attachment 1. These are current at the writing of this reports, as at 16 May 2023. The paper based survey results collected from the various locations around the Shire and those electronic surveys submitted on 17 May will be presented to Council in paper form at the Council meeting.

A statistical breakdown of the responses to the questions is shown in Attachment 2 and 3.

Naturally, everyone wants better services from Local Government. This survey provided opportunities for the community to have a say in how these improved services are funded. There was plenty of suggestions of where services need to improve, unfortunately, there was not a lot of positive feedback on how to fund these improvements.

Key repeated feedback that was received through the surveys

- 46 % of responses were not at all satisfied from the level of service of the Roads – that is, a score of 1, with everyone scoring 3 or lower.
- The average response for water and sewer was 2.7, with 2 and 3 equally being the most chosen score.
- The average response for public Buildings was 2.7, with 3 receiving nearly 40% of the responses.
- Parks and Sporting facilities received an average score of 2.6 – however the score of 1 received the majority of the responses, with 26%

The results would suggest that the respondents are most dissatisfied with the standard of roads, which is to be expected as the region is still responding to the largest flooding event in history. The results would also suggest that there are sections of the community which are less satisfied than others with the sporting facilities, while others are satisfied. The free text sections of the survey go on to support this inference, with 13 out of the 61 respondents expressing an opinion that Lake Cargelligo does not receive the same services as Condobolin, especially with sporting facilities.

Another clear message from the results is that the respondents are not willing to pay more in order to receive a better quality of assets. It was obvious that there is limited appetite for increase rates in order to maintain the existing assets and bridge the funding shortfall.

There was multiple comments and suggestions that savings should be made in Council operations and improved efficiencies.

There was a strong suggestion that increased external funding sources should be lobbied and applied for (e.g. grants) to bridge the funding shortfall.

There was also a number of responses which were happy to complete the tick box section of the survey, however provided nil written feedback.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The integration of Council's Asset Management Plans with Council's Long-term Financial Plan, Community Strategic Plan, 4 year Delivery Program and Operational Plan will assist Council's financial sustainability and identify areas of financial or asset risk.

Each of these AM Plans highlight different areas and quantity of funding shortfall to maintain existing asset conditions and levels of service. Each asset class has differing opportunities for additional or external funding to bridge possible funding shortfalls. Survey results were very vocal in their responses to say that the level of service needs to improve. However, it seems apparent that the majority of the respondents did not comprehend the fact that the existing funding levels are not even sufficient to maintain the roads and the water and sewer services at their current conditions.

Whilst the feedback received from this survey is valuable in gauging community sentiment on a range of topics – the feedback strongly suggests that Government grants and external funding should be the funding source. The implication being that if external funding is not achieved, then the upgrades cannot occur.

Furthermore, if external grants are unable to be secured, the result will be a steady decline in asset condition.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993 S 8B; Principles of sound financial management

Local Government Act 1993 S402-406 Strategic Planning

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The AM Plans identify risks with each asset class and how Council manages these risks through prioritising asset renewal projects and maintenance intervention levels. If these assets continue to be underfunded and this results in an unacceptable risk, specific actions will be taken to reduce the risk to an acceptable level (e.g. emergency repairs) which may result in budget overspends. The ideal outcome would be for the funding to be at a sufficient level to permit the degraded assets to be repaired or renewed to a new standard, rather than continued temporary repairs.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The feedback received through this public consultation will provide a valuable tool to assist Council's future asset planning and allocation of resources. This will play a part in future grant applications and financial planning. As Council's Asset Management capability matures in future revisions of these AM Plans, and as improved data is collected, it will be important for Council to continue to continually update these AMPs and where necessary further engage with the community on priorities between the assets and specific projects.

OPTIONS

- 1) Council adopt the amended Asset Management Plans for Transport, Water and Sewer, Buildings and Parks & Reserves.
- 2) Council further amend the Asset management Plans prior to their adoption.

CONCLUSION

This report has presented Council with the community survey results for the draft Asset Management Plans. These plans have been updated where possible from the feedback received. It is recommended that Council adopt the amended Asset Management Plans, and commit to update the plans continuously, as Council continues working towards improved maturity, integration and further implementation of Asset Management Plans and Strategic Plans to align with the Long Term Financial Plan.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 3.1 Efficient transport networks that meet community and business needs.

CSP 3.2 Improved Pedestrian and Cycle paths

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

CSP 4.4 Strategic management of Villages and Crown reserves

CSP 6.2 Upgrade Community Buildings

CSP 6.3 New and visually appealing streetscapes

CSP 6.4 Improved Parks, Gardens and sporting ovals.

CSP 6.5 Provision of neat, accessible and respectful cemeteries.

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

CSP 7.2 Ensure water security for all towns and villages.

CSP 7.3 Adequate town drainage

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Survey Responses - All comments**
- 2. Question 1 graphs**
- 3. Question 2 graphs**

10 DEPUTATIONS

11 NOTICES OF MOTION**11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - RATE RELIEF REQUEST FOR ALL LGAS AFFECTED BY FLOODING****TRIM Number: R23/114**

I, Councillor Dennis Brady, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 23 May 2023, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That:

1. Notice of Motion Report No. R23/114 be received and noted.
2. Council make a representation to the new Premier and Minister for Local Government asking for a rate relief period of twelve months for Local Government Areas that have been directly impacted by flooding.
3. The relief be extended not just to the agricultural communities but to everyone associated and who have suffered a loss of income as a result of the flooding.

The following provides an outline for the proposal and reasons for this request:

The scale and impact of the recent flooding was disastrous. Many families have not only suffered damage to their properties but also suffered loss of income. As a result of the financial effect on the flood victims it is proposed that Council make representations to the new Premier and Minister for Local Government asking for rate relief for all residents in Local Government Areas directly impacted by the flooding.

The major loss of income effect was not only felt by the agricultural sector but also by families, individuals and the community as a whole. A twelve month rate relief will provide solace in a time of distress.

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MEMORIAL TO DAVID DOYLE AND NEIL DUNNE**TRIM Number: R23/115**

I, Councillor Dennis Brady, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 23 May 2023, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That:

1. Notice of Motion Report No. R23/115 be received and noted.
2. Council investigate and liaise with the families of the late David Doyle & Neil Dunne of D&D Technologies in honouring them for the life saving device they developed which has saved countless children's lives world-wide.
3. Council communicate with the Doyle and Dunne families and D&D Technologies to see what type of memorial they would prefer and determine if they will finance the memorial and support Council with this proposed project.

The following provides an outline for the proposal and reasons for this request:

Neil Dunne was one of the original D's in D&D Technologies along with co-founder David Doyle. Both of them came from Condobolin, with David Doyle the son of a local farmer and Neil Dunne the son of a respected builder. It was many years ago in a quiet Condobolin hotel that David invited Neil to "come to Sydney and build a fencing business with me".

By inventing the MagnaLatch Magnetic Gate Safety Latch 35 years ago they literally saved countless children's lives around swimming pools and childcare centres. The MagnaLatch and D&D Technologies has possibly won more design awards and accolades than any other Australian company.

11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - MINISTER FOR SERVICE NSW MEDIA BLITZ**TRIM Number: R23/116**

I, Councillor Dennis Brady, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 23 May 2023, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That:

1. Notice of Motion Report No. R23/116 be received and noted.
2. Council make written submissions to the Minister for Service NSW seeking the Minister to do a campaign of intense coverage in the media on the assistance available for people who have been impacted by the flood events during the course of 2022.
3. A follow up be done through field officers contacting as many people as possible to follow up with help and assistance which might be available for them.
4. Council communicate to the Minister that this media blitz should be available on all media platforms.

The following provides an outline for the proposal and reasons for this request:

During the course of 2022 countless individuals and families were severely impacted by the flood events that occurred, many of whom are still traumatized from what has happened to their property and livelihood. Although the damage physically has been huge, the emotional scars are pretty deep as well.

Most of the impacted community do not know what kind of help and assistances are available to provide some relief. It would be of great assistance if the Minister for Service NSW can do a media campaign enlightening the available flood relief services.

Flood victims are still struggling to recover months after disaster and the most important thing that people need to know is that they haven't been forgotten.

12 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

13 DELEGATES REPORT**13.1 DELEGATES REPORT****TRIM Number: R23/143****Author: Executive Assitant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Councillor Megan Mortimer's Delegates Report No. R23/143 be received and noted

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE/VISIT/MEETING

On the 5th of May 2023 my partner and I, together with Cllr John Medcalf OAM and the General Manager with his partner, attended the Mayoral Charity Ball Penrith 2023. The 2023 Mayoral Ball was organised with the goal of raising funds for The Haven, a shelter for women and children located in the Hawkesbury area. The event successfully raised \$60,000, which came from ticket sales, donations from local businesses and community members, as well as a silent auction. These funds were intended to help with the daily operations of the Haven. David Campbell served as the MC for the night and generously donated his time to support the cause.

KEY MESSAGES/HIGHLIGHTS OF RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL

The Haven has supported over 330 women from the local area since it opened in 2018, providing more than 18,000 safe bed nights. Its mission is to empower and inspire women to rebuild their lives with dignity in a safe and inclusive environment. The centre offers a safe haven for women and their children escaping domestic violence, providing knowledge and support with a focus on strengths. They work in partnership with women to build their confidence and help them regain control of their lives. The Haven provides services that encourage the strength needed to rebuild an independent life free from violence. Their aim is to establish a sense of community, connection, and safety to enhance overall well-being.

BENEFITS TO LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

The benefit of attending the Ball is the opportunity to strengthen relationships with Penrith. By consistently meeting with the Mayor and staff, we can look for ways to invite them to the Lachlan Shire and strengthen our connection. This will ultimately bring positive learnings and benefits for Council.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION

The opening of the visitor center and other significant events in the shire are happening. It would be fantastic if the Lachlan Shire could extend more invitations to Penrith City Council.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2.3 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14 CORRESPONDENCE**14.1 CORRESPONDENCE****TRIM Number: R23/121****Author: Executive Assitant****RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Correspondence Report No. R23/121 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with details of correspondence received in May.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP – Phase 4 Funding Allocation (LRCI Program) – Letter received.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP – Letter received.

Financial support for flood affected individuals, families, businesses and primary producers – Letter received.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP – Phase 4 Funding Allocation (LRCI Program).
2. Minister for Regional Transport and Roads The Hon Jenny Aitchison.
3. Financial support for flood affected individuals, families, businesses and primary producers.

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 Request for Water Account Adjustment - 1018215

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).

17.2 Request for Water Account Adjustment - 1016255

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).

17.3 Request for Water Account Adjustment - 1005848

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).

17.4 Tender T2023/03 - Murie Creek Culvert Installation

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 Tender Assessment - Operation of the Condobolin Swimming Pool

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.

17.6 Considerations in the future delivery of waste services for Burcher residents.

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.

17.7 Tender Assessment - Operation of the Tottenham Swimming Pool

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.

17.8 Tender Assessment - Operation of the Lake Cargelligo Swimming Pool

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.

17.9 Kerbside Waste Collection - Extension to Contract 2016/6.

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.