



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Date: Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Time:

Location: Council Chambers, Market Street Balranald

**Kerry Jones
Acting General Manager**

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

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Our Vision

To create a better, more vibrant, more resilient and more engaged community, by capitalising upon its human, cultural, environmental and business assets and encouraging a strong sense of civic participation and pride.

Our Mission

"Committed to Balranald Shire, Providing for our People, Protecting our Heritage, and Planning for our Future."

Our Values

Honesty:	We will be transparent, frank and truthful to ourselves, each other and with other people we deal with.
Respect:	We will treat others as we want to be treated ourselves, we will be tolerant of each other and accept that people have different opinions.
Enjoyment:	We will create a pleasant and enjoyable working environment with satisfying jobs.
Teamwork:	We will cooperate and support each other to achieve common goals.
Openness:	We will collaborate openly and provide opportunities to communicate and network regularly with each other.
Leadership:	We will provide a clear strategy and direction and support all to achieve organisational and community goals.
Customer Focus:	We will constantly strive to be responsive to our customers' needs and preferences by providing high quality services.

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Market Street Balranald on:
Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Council's Charter

(Chapter 3. Section 8 (1) Local Government Act 1993)

(1) A Council has the following charter:

- To provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively;
- To exercise community leadership;
- To exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism;
- To promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children;
- To properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development;
- To have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions;
- To bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible;
- To facilitate the involvement of councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and co-ordination of local government;
- To raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants;
- To keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities;
- To ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected;
- To be a responsible employer.

(2) A council, in the exercise of its functions, must pursue its charter but nothing in the charter or this section gives rise to, or can be taken into account in, any civil cause of action.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Acknowledgement of Country

We pay our respect to the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we hold this meeting to Elders past, present and emerging.

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## 3 APOLOGIES

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2022**

**File Number:** D22.75280

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 October 2022 be received and noted.

**OCTOBER ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council held its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 18 October 2022 with the Minutes of that Meeting being attached for approval as being a true and correct copy.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 October 2022



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 18 October 2022**

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Nil

**MINUTES OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARKET STREET BALRANALD  
ON TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2022 AT 5PM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr Mike Colreavy, Administrator opened the meeting at 5pm via zoom as he was stranded in Bendigo because of road closures and floods.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

We pay our respect to the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we hold this meeting to Elders past, present and emerging.

**PRESENT:**

Administrator Mike Colreavy via zoom

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeff Sowiak (General Manager), Kerry Jones (Executive Manager of Engineering), Carol Holmes (Senior Executive Officer) and Glenn Wilcox (Finance Consultant) in person

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**RESOLUTION 2022/187**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 September 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 MINUTES OF THE HOSTEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**RESOLUTION 2022/188**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Bidgee Haven Hostel Section 355 Committee meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2022 be received and noted with the amendment to item 7 - that the Committee moves out of closed committee into open committee and receives the information reports.

**CARRIED**

**5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no Disclosure of Interests submitted to this meeting.

**6 ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE/REPORT**

There was no Administrator Minute submitted to this meeting

**7 COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION****7.1 BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON - 7 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**RESOLUTION 2022/189**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee (BBAC) meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 KYALITE PROGRESS & RECREATION RESERVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 20022**

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**RESOLUTION 2022/190**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Kyalite Progress & Recreation Reserve Association meeting held on 27 July 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 SPORT & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**RESOLUTION 2022/191**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 September 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)****PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION****8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS****8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PICNIC DAY****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To note that the General Manager has approved of the Union Picnic Day on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> and to endorse the consequential office, depot, library and Discovery Centre closure.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/192**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. That Council.
  - a. Notes the Local Government Picnic Day will be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and that, as a consequence, the offices, library, Visitor Information Centre and depot will be closed to the public on that day.
  - b. Notes that this closure will not affect operations of the Bidgee Haven Hostel.
  - c. Advertise the closures on its website and other media.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the proposed arrangements for Council offices and staff over Christmas and New Year period.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/193**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. That Council approves the closure of its office over the Christmas /New Year period commencing 12noon on Friday 23 December 2022 and re-opening on Tuesday 3 January 2023.
2. That adequate staffing be maintained for normal essential services and emergency call outs from Christmas to New Year, and throughout January.
3. The General Manager advertise Council's closure over the Christmas/New Year Period.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 LOAN POLICY AND PROCEDURES****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider and adopt a policy framework for the future consideration of loan funding.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/194**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council place the Draft Loan Policy and Procedures on public exhibition and invite public submissions for a period of up to 28 days.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To confirm the appointment of Mr David Webb as an independent member of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/195**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council endorses the appointment of Mr David Webb as an independent member of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 PLANT REPLACEMENT AND DISPOSAL 2022-2023****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To allow for the replacement of old or defective plant and to purchase new plant as listed in the attachment.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/196**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council endorses the recommended plant replacement and disposal schedule.

**CARRIED**

**PART B – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS****9.1 PLANNING ADMINISTRATION****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of activities in the Planning area

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**RESOLUTION 2022/197**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 ENGINEERING UPDATE AS OF 13 OCTOBER 2022****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an update on Engineering works currently in progress and in planning, updated to 13 October 2022.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/198**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That a works inspection concentrating on the Balranald Shire roads be scheduled for the Administrator, General Manager and Executive Manager of Engineering.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 REPORT ON AREAS OF COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise and report to council on the status of the following financial areas of operation-

- 1 Investments
  - 2 Bank Reconciliation
  - 3 Monthly Statement of Rates and Charges
  - 4 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Caravan Park
  - 5 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Bidgee Haven Hostel
  - 6 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Tourist Information Centre
  - 7 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Library
  - 8 Debtors
  - 9 Grants – See separate report
  - 10 Statement of Currency of Work within the Finance Function of Council
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**RESOLUTION 2022/199**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receives and notes the financial information for the period ending 30 September 2022.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 GRANT STATUS UPDATE****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an updated summary of the current and active grant funded projects across Council.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/200**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 TOURISM & DESTINATION MARKETING QUARTERLY REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an update on Tourism activity and provide the quarterly report on statistics and activities that took place in the Tourism, Communications and Events department during the reporting period.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/201**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To bring forward for information the Action Report with outstanding actions from previous meeting resolutions.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/202**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 CIRCULARS FROM OFFICE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CORRESPONDENCE OF INFORMATION****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with copies of the circulars received from Office Local Government and correspondence of interest received since the September Council Meeting.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/203**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receives and notes this report.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL MANAGER AND DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the meetings undertaken on behalf of Council by the Administrator, General Manager and Managers since September 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

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**RESOLUTION 2022/204**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**10 NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 5.59pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 29 November 2022.**

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**ADMINISTRATOR**

.....  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**



**6 ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE/REPORT****6.1 ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE - PASSING OF COUNCIL'S GENERAL MANAGER JEFFERY SOWIAK**

**File Number:** D22.75460

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Mike Colreavy, Administrator

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Administrator's Minute be noted.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE**

I ask all present to be upstanding.

It is with great sadness that I advise of the sudden passing on 16 November 2022 of Council's General Manager, Mr Jeffrey Sowiak.

Jeff only commenced his role with Council in April this year, having come from Brewarrina Shire Council, but he had already made his mark on the organisation. He had a long career in local government holding senior positions in councils in every Australian State, except South Australia. Right up until his passing, Jeff was playing an instrumental role in leading Council's flood preparations and supporting the SES and the Shire communities in combating the current emergency across Balranald Shire. Jeff will be greatly missed, especially for his personal warmth and his passion for local government and our community. He was a friend to all in every community where he has served. On behalf of Council and the wider community, I extend our deepest sympathy to Jeff's wife Jeanette and to the Sowiak family for their untimely loss.

Please remain standing and observe a minute's silence with me to mark Jeff's passing.

I have appointed Council's Executive Manager of Engineering, Mr Kerry Jones as Acting General Manager until further notice.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

## 7 COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ADOPTION

### 7.1 EUSTON PROGRESSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

**File Number:** D22.74710

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

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#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Euston Progressive Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022 be received and noted.

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Council of the Euston Progressive Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022.

#### REPORT

Euston Progressive Advisory Committee held its meeting on Monday 26 September and discussed the following;

- Some issues within Euston, seeking feedback from Council address from Carmel Deluca
- Use of consultants for grant applications
- New Netball Change Rooms, lighting etc
- Euston Salami Festival successful grant funding
- Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 5)
- Realignment of Euston Recreation Reserve fence.
- Netball Changerooms Plans
- Water and Sewerage being at maximum, upgrades in discussions
- Public Toilet in Murray Terrace
- Jan & Geoff Windmill relocating from Euston
- Australia Day allocation funds
- Maintenance on local Roads
- 24 hour service station at Euston
- Height of Guttering in front of Euston Post Office

#### Recommendations to Council

There were no recommendations submitted to Council from this meeting.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. **Minutes - Euston Progressive Advisory Committee Minutes - 26th September 2022 - EPAC 2022** [!\[\]\(c25df6c57dccd81095d14ed16c5e6013\_img.jpg\)](#) 

## Euston Progressive Advisory Committee

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Opening Meeting at 6.00pm

Acknowledgement of Country

**Present:** Guy Fielding, Jeff Sowiak, Glenn Stewart, Geoff Windmill, Jan Windmill, Lou Zaffina, Gray Woodhead

**Apologies:** Santina Zappia, Kerry Jones (flight delay)

Meeting suspended to allow Carmel Deluca (Euston Postmistress) to enable her to mention some issues and to get feedback from BSC on her letter she wrote regarding changing the style of parking in front of the Euston Post Office from curb parking to angle parking.

Carmel was concerned about a wattle tree in front of the Post Office as it may become a health issue when flowering re potential bee stings as people go into the Post Office and that it would restrict the view of the Post Office signage etc. Jeff Sowiak noted her concern and advised that BSC have a policy on tree removal, and he would discuss with his senior staff re the issues that she raised and get back to her about whether it was possible to move the tree or not.

Regarding the letter about angle parking in front of the Post Office Jeff Sowiak reported that BSC was giving consideration to the matter, but they needed to review the parking needs in that area re large vehicle parking (tourists with caravans etc) before making a final determination.

In addition, Carmel also expressed some concern re drive-way access which Jeff said the landowner could apply to council to upgrade access to that area.

Meeting was reconvened at 6:25 pm

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Geoff Windmill

Seconded: Jan Windmill

CARRIED

### Matters Arising:

- Lou sort clarification about BSC position on the use of consultants in grant applications which Jeffery was able to clarify that they could be used but any fee that was charged (if successful) would come out of the grant monies
- Jeffery reported to the meeting that BSC now had a signed contract for new netball change rooms, lighting etc of \$527,626 GST Exclusive
- Jeffery also reported that \$44,550 had been obtained for the Euston Salami Festival
- Jeffery reported that applications to the Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 5). There is two streams – BSC \$843,000 across the Shire and an application for \$383,000 has been submitted on behalf of the REFNC to upgrade the irrigation system and playing surface at the Euston Recreation Reserve Glenn spoke positively of the Euston Village IPLAN Project and its potential for future project funding and that it take a long term view of the town and its surrounds. Guy supported Glenn's comments
- Lou brought up about the realignment of the fence at the Euston Recreation Reserve

Moved: Lou Zaffina

Seconded: Geoff Windmill

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from BSC updating Euston Progressive requesting update on active membership
- Letter of resignation of membership of Euston Progressive from Bill Vandenberg

**General Business:**

- Jeffery reported that BSC would need to draw up plans for the netball change-rooms and asked for any existing drawings that may have been discussed or other plans/designs that might be obtainable such as the John James Oval change rooms that have been recently built by SHRCC
- Jeffery reported that with recent development in the Euston township that both the water plant and sewerage was now at its maximum and that both Euston and Balranald plant upgrades were being discussed with the NSW Government about “*possible*” solutions

**Items without notice:**

- Jan brought up about the state of the main toilet in Murray Terrace. Jeffery reported that he had inspected the toilets before the EPAC meeting and noted some improvements had been done by BSC staff, but other improvements could be upgrading lighting etc which he would investigate
- Jan and Geoff advised the meeting that they were relocating to Mildura and that this meeting might be their last
- Jeffery notified the meeting that BSC had allocated \$5000 to both the Euston and Balranald Australia Day celebrations
- Lou asked about council grants
- Lou asked Jeffery about priority of maintenance on local roads. Jeffery said the biggest cost was access to gravel, but roads were prioritised re safety etc and would be closed to minimise damage etc
- Lou was keen for council to support and application for a 24-hr service station if it was lodged
- Jan expressed her concern of the height of the gutter at the Euston Post Office
- Guy thanked them (just in case) for their work not only on the EPAC but with the many activities/networks that they had been involved in over a considerable number of years in Euston

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm

Next meeting Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October at the Euston Recreation Reserve

**7.2 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION (MDA) - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 AND MDA REGION 4 ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**File Number:** D22.74775

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Minutes of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Annual General Meeting held on 21 September and Region 4 Ordinary Meeting held on 29 September 2022 be received and noted.

**REPORT**

The Murray Darling Association is a membership-based peak representative organisation representing local government and communities across the Murray Darling Basin.

Established in 1944, the MDA has a strong history steeped in the traditions and achievements of local government. This ensures that communities affected by the decisions of state and federal government have a clear and articulate voice at the table, informing the direction and realising the impact of those decisions.

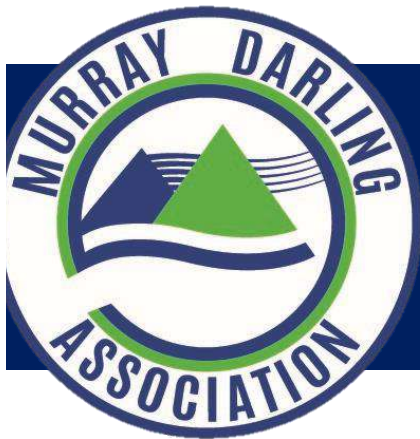
Murray Darling Association (MDA) held their 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 in Albury which is represented by 11 regions, with Balranald Shire Council being a financial member in Region 4. Minutes are attached of the AGM held in Albury.

MDA Region 4 held their ordinary meeting via Microsoft Teams and in person on 29 September 2022 to discuss various updates across the MDA region with member Councils, the Minutes are attached to this report.

Murray Darling Basin Association

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. MDA\_78th AGM\_Minutes - 21 Sept 2022  
2. MDA Region 4 Minutes 29 September 2022  



## 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting MINUTES

**Time: 3:30pm**

**Date: Wednesday, 21 September 2022**

**Location: Albury Entertainment Centre, 525 Swift Street, Albury NSW**

**Murray Darling Association Incorporated**  
ABN 64 636 490 493

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## 1. Welcome

### 1.1 Welcome Address

**Cr David Thurley, OAM**

*MDA National President*

## 2. Attendance

### 2.1 Present

| Delegate               | Council                                | Region            |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cr David Thurley       | AlburyCity Council                     | Region 1          |
| Cr Geoff Dobson        | Greater Shepparton City Council        | Region 2          |
| Cr Jason Modica        | Mildura Rural City Council             | Region 4          |
| Cr Andrew Kassebaum    | Berri-Barmera Council                  | Region 5          |
| Cr Melissa Rebbeck     | Alexandrina Council                    | Region 6          |
| Cr Andrew Tilley       | City of Mitcham                        | Region 7          |
| Cr Glen Andreazza      | Griffith City Council                  | Region 9          |
| Mayor Craig Davies     | Narromine Council                      | Region 10A        |
| Mayor Samantha O'Toole | Balonne Shire Council                  | Region 12         |
| Peter George           | M&S Group                              | Interim Treasurer |
| CEO Mark Lamb          | MDA                                    | Staff             |
| Tim Phillips           | MDA, Comms & Engagement Officer        | Staff             |
| Sharon Terry           | Greater Shepparton City Council        | Region 2          |
| Sally Hughes           | Federation Council                     | Region 2          |
| Cr Rachelle Henson     | Federation Council                     | Region 2          |
| Cr Peter Mansfield     | Moir Shire Council                     | Region 2          |
| Ron McCalman           | Murray Irrigation                      | Region 2          |
| Michael Pisasale       | Murray Irrigation                      | Region 2          |
| Gabrielle Cusack       | Murray Irrigation                      | Region 2          |
| Michael Colreavy       | Balranald Shire Council, Administrator | Region 4          |
| Mayor Tim Elstone      | Wentworth Shire Council                | Region 4          |
| Cr Daniel Linklater    | Wentworth Shire Council                | Region 4          |
| Emily Guerin           | Broken Hill Council                    | Region 4          |
| Cr Robert Stewart      | Central Darling Shire Council          | Region 4          |
| Cr Margaret Howie      | Renmark-Paringa Council                | Region 5          |
| Heather Barclay        | Rural City of Murray Bridge            | Region 6          |
| Stephen Packer         | Rural City of Murray Bridge            | Region 6          |
| Mayor Brenton Lewis    | Rural City of Murray Bridge            | Region 6          |
| Carol Muzyk            | Region Secretariat                     | Region 6          |
| Cr Airlie Keen         | Rural City of Murray Bridge            | Region 6          |



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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| CEO Bridget Mather    | Coorong District Council      | Region 6  |
| Cr Michael Scott      | Alexandrina Council           | Region 6  |
| CEO Nigel Morris      | Alexandrina Council           | Region 6  |
| Phillip Moore         | Life Member                   | Region 6  |
| Lynda Yates           | Individual Member             | Region 7  |
| Cr Robin Coleman      | City of Tea Tree Gully        | Region 7  |
| Peter Shepherd        | Individual Member             | Region 7  |
| CEO Brett Stonestreet | Griffith City Council         | Region 9  |
| Cr Jenny Clarke       | Narrandera Shire Council      | Region 9  |
| Cr Jackie Kruger      | Leeton Shire Council          | Region 9  |
| Cr George Weston      | Leeton Shire Council          | Region 9  |
| Paul Maytom           | Life Member                   | Region 9  |
| Cr Geoff Chapman      | Hay Shire Council             | Region 9  |
| Cr John Scarce        | Murrumbidgee Shire Council    | Region 9  |
| Bede Spannagle        | Riverina Water County Council | Region 9  |
| Cr Dennis Brady       | Lachlan Shire Council         | Region 10 |
| Cr Peter Wright       | Cowra Shire Council           | Region 10 |
| Richard Jane          | Forbes Shire Council          | Region 10 |
| Greg Sauer            | Tenterfield Shire Council     | Region 11 |
| Cr Robert Hoddle      | Gunnedah Shire Council        | Region 11 |
| Matthew Magin         | Balonne Shire Council         | Region 12 |

## 2.2 Apologies

| Delegate                   | Council                   | Region    |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Cr Aaron Nicholls          | Federation Council        | Region 2  |
| Director Thornton Harfield | City of Tea Tree Gully    | Region 7  |
| Bede Mecham                | Life Member               | Region 9  |
| Mayor Phyllis Miller       | Forbes Shire Council      | Region 10 |
| Mayor Jamie Chaffey        | Gunnedah Shire Council    | Region 11 |
| Tony Pasin MP              | Federal member for Barker |           |

## 2.3 Declarations of Interest

M Rebbeck declared a perceived Conflict of Interest with item 6.10, noted that they would not vote on this motion.

## 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

(M Rebbeck / A Tilley)

That the minutes of 77<sup>th</sup> MDA Annual General Meeting held on 19 May 2021 be accepted as an accurate record.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. 2021 - 2022 Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Interim Treasurer provided the 2021 – 2022 Annual Reports and Financial Statements for review.

##### CONFIDENTIAL

P George indicated that the MDA had faced a difficult financial year, noting COVID-19, the conclusion of the Basin Communities Leadership Program (BCLP), and payout of the accrued leave of Emma Bradbury.

J Kruger queried whether there was a plan for the MDA to stay sustainable.

- D Thurley noted that the Board was aware of the situation the MDA was in, indicated that the MDA was continuously seeking funding from Federal and State Governments. Noted that one of the key goals following the National Conference was to build on the relationship established with Hon Tanya Plibersek MP. D Thurley indicated that the MDA had received funding from the CSIRO via the Circular Economy Market Analysis project but would continue to seek additional funding. D Thurley acknowledged the importance of funds gained through membership, noting that he would engage in a continued membership drive in Region 1.

R Coleman noted the losses identified in the Finance Reports, acknowledged, and commended the CEO M Lamb in his work and engagement with the CSIRO and funding. Queried whether E Bradbury received an increase in salary in her last year in tenure.

- P George confirmed that E Bradbury received a belated increase in salary from two years prior.

B Mather queried whether the MDA could afford the wages of M Lamb.

- P George noted that the auditors queried this too, requiring a cashflow budget. Noted that M Lamb had managed to chase down funding opportunities, which were identified many years ago as a requirement so that it does not solely rely on membership funds.
  - B Mather queried whether the auditors were happy with the cashflow budget.
    - P George confirmed that the auditors were satisfied with the MDA's cashflow budget.

(P George / A Tilley)

That the 2021 – 2022 Annual report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2022 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Life Member Nomination – Paul Maytom

D Thurley noted that P Maytom had been a member of Leeton Shire Council for 36 years and Mayor for 16 years. P Maytom took every opportunity to promote membership of the MDA and encouraged greater Water Literacy.

D Thurley noted that P Maytom was an accomplished diplomat, providing a lead voice when seated at a table with peak bodies and dignitaries.

That the Life Membership nomination for Paul Maytom, former Region 9 Chair be approved.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Motions on Notice

### Motion 6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT

C Davies noted that the theme had generally been to work together in the Basin, noted concern where the water was going to come from. Indicated that the Basin had a water sharing plan, that it was up to the government to decide this and that the MDA should leave it at that. C Davies noted that this motion would affect the Northern Basin more than the Southern Basin.

M Rebbeck noted that the extra water for the environmental account was something that Region 6 spoke of frequently. Noted that Region 6 had a southern lagoon that was still dead, even after additional funding sourced from the Government. M Rebbeck expressed that additional water was needed to ensure that the environment survived.

J Kruger noted a support for healthy rivers and a healthy Basin. Indicated that this motion needed additional background information before being able to support this motion, citing lack of information of flow-on effects on different regions. J Kruger noted that this motion needed more depth of information before it could be supported

*Mildura Rural City Council, Region 4*

**That the Murray Darling Association commend the Federal Government, the Basin States, and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to make a commitment based on science to increase the volume of water in the environmental account. With the intent of rejuvenating the health of waterways in Murray Darling Barka Basin in the driest and drought years. Considering system intake variability ephemerality and climate change.**

LOST

#### Objective:

To open discussion on the extraordinary growth of water reliant crops in the Murray Darling Barka Basin. To critique this growth following the intent of the Water Act of 2007 and its premise to protect, preserve, and rejuvenate the waterways in the Murray Darling Barka Basin.

An overall environmental and ecological benefit would initially occur. Community and amenity benefit with an overall goal of sustainable waterways coexisting with healthy working Rivers and sustainable horticulture and agriculture.

#### Key Arguments:

##### ***What is the current context/issue?***

From 1997 to 2018, the irrigable area in the Mallee catchment increased by 40,825 hectares, from 40,325 hectares to 81,150 hectares. The pace of development has continued to increase since this report was completed. **In 2000, Australia had approximately 3,546 hectares (ha) of almond tree plantations. By 2019, the rapid expansion of this industry had increased almond-growing land to 53,014 ha – a 900% rise in less than 20 years.**

The fact that much of this expansion has occurred in a short time, particularly within the highly compromised Murray–Darling Basin, invites questions about the water needs of permanent plantings and their role in the multiple pressures on inland water and the environment in Australia more widely.

The underlying need for a reliable supply of water sees permanent plantings along river systems facing increasing pressure from prolonged dry periods despite their substantial water requirements in a geographical area with severe and catastrophic water security issues.

The unbundling of land from water has generated an explosion of development in the River Systems and on flood plains. This has generated a Goldrush/Water rush mentality and has presented multiple

challenges. There has been an ongoing drain on this scarce resource which requires a commitment to find solutions based in science.

An example of the politicized nature of decisions made without scientific scrutiny in the Basin can be explored in the 2018 Northern Basin Review. The 2018 Amendment by Federal Government,

supported by the opposition reduced the water recovery target in the Northern Connected Basin from 390GL to 370GL. [Northern Disclosure - The Australia Institute](#).

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

With the Rivers full from a few wet years Developers and investors overlook the destruction the millennial drought and previous droughts delivered to the Basin. With investors stalking the water market for its huge returns the Water Sector must collectively assess the risks existing through accelerated developments and diminishing intakes. The Millennium drought is a stark reminder of the ephemerality of the River's in the Murray Darling Barka Basin.

**Motion 6.2 MORATORIUM ON AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS**

J Modica moved to remove the motion. Noted that the motion would be brought to the MDA Board for discussion.

*Mildura Rural City Council, Region 4*

**That the Murray Darling Association call on the Federal, State, and Municipal governments to introduce a moratorium on new greenfield irrigated agricultural and horticultural developments aligning with Victoria's moratorium policy.**

**And call to review all new greenfield irrigated agricultural and horticultural development in The Murray Darling Barka Basin. To protect the sustainability of existing horticulture and agriculture businesses and the environment in drought years. Acknowledging the reduction in system inflows and the historic boom and bust cycle within the Basin.**

**WITHDRAWN**

**Objective:**

This motion seeks to bring attention to the exponential growth in permanent and perennial developments in the Murray Darling Barka Basin and the system's ability to manage another millennium drought. It also deals with the volume of water needed to service all new development and developments which have not reached full production in dry and drought years.

**Key Arguments:**

There would be an overall environmental and ecological benefit initially, then community and amenity benefit with the overall goal of sustainable waterways coexisting with healthy working Rivers and sustainable horticulture and agriculture.

***What is the current context/issue?***

The rapid increase in horticulture and agriculture is putting direct pressure on water supply and system management. The scarcity of water and diminishing intakes through drought and climate change has put a drain on the security of access and allocation for Horticulture Agriculture and Environment requirements equally. An assessment based in science of these overlapping concerns would aid managing future droughts.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

Environment and ecological disaster and the reduction of farming in Australia. The desertion of towns and villages which rely on healthy connected Rivers with flow, connectivity, and people.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

A healthy sustainable Murray Darling Barka Basin with a return of natural ecological landscapes and sustainable farming practices

**Motion 6.3 MENINDEE LAKES – RAMSAR SITE**

J Modica acknowledged that his motion was raised during the 2021 AGM.

J Modica was queried whether a RAMSAR Site listing would inhibit the operations of the Menindee Lakes.

- J Modica indicated that this is not something he would be able to answer.

J Modica was queried whether associated bureaucratic problems associated with a RAMSAR Site listing had been considered.

- J Modica noted that he would be willing to lobby regarding this.

G Dobson noted that the Motion was not definitive, indicated that it was asking the MDA to write to Governments regarding the RAMSAR Site listing.

M Rebbeck requested that the MDA explore the effect downstream of the Menindee Lakes.

**Mildura Rural City Council, Region 4**

**That the Murray Darling Association:**

1. **Call on Basin Governments to support further exploration of the listing of the Menindee Lakes as a Ramsar site. The Menindee Lakes are a refuge for people, fish, frogs, flora, and fauna.**
2. **Write to the relevant Federal and State Ministers seeking support in prioritizing the Menindee Lakes as a Ramsar site.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:**

To preserve the environmental and ecological integrity of the Menindee Lakes system and the Lower Darling Barka for communities and First Peoples. To ensure there are unregulated lengths of wild river to enhance native fish breeding through floods big medium and small.

**Key Arguments:**

The benefit would be on many levels. To community, first peoples, the environment, removing the stress of dry Lakes and Lower Darling Barka Fish kills. To reverse system decline and address the decline in native fish numbers, less than 10% of native fish inhabit Basin rivers.

***What is the current context/issue?***

With Menindee Lakes full the positives are easily seen and recorded. Now is the time to ensure protection of this unique site and its central link between the Northern and Southern Connected Basins.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

There is a risk that after the wet period the pressure on the Menindee Lakes and Lower Darling Barka will return with even greater ecological damage.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

Benefit of this motion is to guarantee flow and connectivity along the Barwon/Darling Barka Rivers. To support First People and Communities.

**Motion 6.4 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING VOLUME CAP**

J Modica noted the issue on the Lower Darling as absolutely catastrophic. Indicated that this motion was trying to present the idea to enforce a cap without any ill intent.

J Modica was queried whether this cap would be for only the Northern Rivers, or all the rivers, with a comment, that if it was a cap for all rivers there would be little support.

D Thurley clarified that these motions were simply to put forth the view of the MDA, and not to cut across the State Governments

***Wentworth Shire Council, Mildura Rural City Council, Region 4***

**That the Murray Darling Association call on Basin Governments to legislate the volume of floodplain harvesting to the 1995 Cap for the protection and environmental integrity of Northern NSW, Southern Queensland Rivers, and Barwon Darling Barka Rivers.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:**

This motion is endeavouring to protect the environmental, ecological, social integrity of the lands and communities along the Rivers where unregulated floodplain harvesting has led to and exacerbated unprecedented low rivers and drought.

**Key Arguments:**

The communities' lands and first peoples along the River Systems in the Murray Darling Barka Basin would benefit from a healthy reliable access to water and its amenity.

***What is the current context/issue?***

There is a belief, matched by the unprecedented development since the Water Act was implemented in 2007, that ongoing growth and extraction is possible. This belief is bolstered through multiple wet years. A consideration of the risks already existing needs assessment because of the variability and ephemerality in Australian Rivers. A deeper engagement with outcomes of Climate Change is a necessary consideration if water intakes into the system become even more variable.

Recently the NSW ICAC called out the failure of water policy in NSW as being "unruly focused on the interests of the irrigation industry" over the rights of other users. Without intervention this unacceptable situation will continue.

Troy Grant Inspector General of Water Compliance Stated at the MDBA River Reflections forum in Mildura on the 2 of June this Year. NSW's level of accountability under the Basin Plan is not equal to that of other Basin states and the territory, each of which have accredited WRPs.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

The risks are that the water sector will again ignore multiple volumes of evidence proving mismanagement, single mindedness, and lack of engagement. The sector must intervene and not let an amoral market dictate what a finite connected system can endure through unprecedented growth and the looming reality of climate change.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

To ensure there is a balanced view within the Basin Rivers. Considering sustainable horticulture and agriculture, flow and connectivity within the system and a deeper engagement with climate change and climate mitigation.

**Motion 6.5 DRAFT WESTERN REGIONAL WATER STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

R Hoddle expressed that the 195GL was too low, would like to see it raised to 480GL.

C Davies queried where the water would come from if it were raised to 480GL.

- Indication was made that the 480GL would be sitting in the lakes.

***Broken Hill City Council, Central Darling Shire Council, Wentworth Shire Council, Region 4***

(R Hoddle / J Modica)

**That the Murray Darling Association:**

- Express the disappointment and dismay of its Region 4 members that public consultation of the Draft Western Regional Water Strategy failed to adequately consult the river communities of the Lower Darling-Barka; and that it has just recently been purported in media that Ministerial approval of the Draft Strategy has been given whilst public consultation was still ongoing and before the department had reported its findings.**
- Call for an amendment to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment's Western Regional Water Strategy to increase the critical dry conditions trigger for the Menindee Lakes System from 195GL of total storage across all Lakes - to 480GL of total storage in Lakes Wetherell and Pamamaroo only, which will guarantee an accessible 12 month quality water supply for critical environmental and human needs for river communities and First Nations lands of the Lower Darling-Barka.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:**

This motion to amend the Western Regional Water Strategy is endeavouring to protect the environmental, ecological, social integrity of First Nations lands and communities of the Lower Darling-Barka and the Menindee Lakes System during periods of drought to ensure an accessible quality water supply for critical environmental and human needs for townships whose only permanent water supply is provided by the Lakes; and to prevent a recurrence of the previous devastation caused by unregulated floodplain harvesting in the Upper Darling-Barka and its tributaries which exacerbated unprecedented low rivers, drought and destruction of the river's ecosystems in the Lower Darling-Barka and Menindee Lakes System.

The objective of this motion is also to provide connectivity of the Darling-Barka and Murray Rivers to ensure a healthy river system for all.

**Key Arguments:**

- A critical dry conditions trigger of 195 GL of total storage across all lakes at the Menindee Lakes System is inadequate and will not guarantee a 12-month water supply for the river communities of the Lower Darling-Barka or prevent a recurrence of the previous ecological disaster.

***What is the current context/issue?***

Support for the 640GL/480GL rule of the Murray Darling Basin Plan for management of the Menindee Lakes System, on the basis, when management returns to NSW control, the 480GL is held in Lakes Pamamaroo and Wetherell and excludes any dead water component, with the primary goal to ensure the connectivity of the Darling and Murray Rivers and to meet critical environmental and human needs.

Dead water and undeliverable water should not be accounted for in the equation, i.e., when storage recedes there remains approximately 30GL of dead storage in Lake Pamamaroo, and a lesser amount of dead storage in Lake Wetherell that cannot be accessed.

During the peak of the drought in 2017/2018, 480GL of water was stored across all Lakes- being approximately 170GL of water stored in Lakes Cawndilla and Menindee (that became dead storage as it



couldn't be accessed) and 310 in Lakes Pamamaroo and Wetherell (which also included a smaller amount of dead storage as mentioned above). This amount of water storage across all Lakes led to the destruction of the Lakes ecosystems.

If 480GL spread across all Lakes in 2017/2018 wasn't enough to prevent an ecological disaster, then how can 195GL spread across all Lakes be enough to prevent the same disaster happening again?

The use of Lake Pamamaroo and Lake Wetherell for storage being the preferred option, as opposed to all the Lakes, is due to these two lakes being the deepest lakes in the Menindee Lakes System thus providing the best chance to sustain the water quality during the summer months and ensuring the least amount of evaporation. The proposal of 195GL supported by Water NSW was modelled on all water being held in Lake Wetherell.

The critical environmental needs of the First Nations lands and the critical human needs of river communities whose only source of a permanent water supply comes from the Lower Darling-Barka and Menindee Lakes System, should be the principal consideration in all State Water Strategies and Water Sharing Plans in order that a quality water supply remains in the Menindee Lakes System during times of dry rivers and drought.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

If the critical dry conditions trigger of 195GL of total storage across all lakes in the Menindee Lakes System is not amended in the newly approved Western Regional Water Strategy, the quality of the water will deteriorate at a faster rate due to a larger surface volume of shallow water susceptible to a higher rate of evaporation, higher resultant salinity levels and algal blooms due to increased water temperatures during summer months. Shallow water across all the Lakes will also result in an increased amount of "dead water" unable to be accessed.

As a result, the river communities will experience a recurrence of the ecological disaster of 2017/2018 when management of the Lakes returned to NSW control, namely:

Economic loss to the region due to a decrease in tourism to the Menindee Lakes System and townships (the area has received significant visitation since the refilling of the Lakes, and this has provided a significant economic and social boost to the communities).

Indigenous communities were unable to continue cultural practices that have been a part of their lives for generations, due to a lack of cultural flows. This has severely impacted the mental health of many and not just our Aboriginal population in the community and has had dire consequences and anecdotally it is believed it has triggered suicide (water and the connection to it are an important part of Aboriginal cultural identity and quality of life).

A return of health conditions associated with poor water quality which was the cause of skin disease in children of the Central Darling and Wentworth Shires. Poor water quality activated a huge humanitarian effort in the donation and freight of bottled water to residents of the townships of Menindee and Wilcannia. These donations came from Broken Hill and South Australia.

Long-term changes to the Lakes natural ecology including erosion, changing water temperatures, removal of habitat for fish breeding, reduced supply of organic material and nutrients, a reduced water quality and a build-up of salt, has all contributed to outbreaks of blue-green algae and mass fish kills. The Barwon-Darling contains important environmental assets. For example, at least four resident fish species are listed under the NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994. The 'Lowland Darling River aquatic endangered ecological community' is also listed under the same NSW Act. Additionally, Murray cod and silver perch are listed on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature red list of threatened species, and also listed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Changes to environmental processes of the Menindee Lakes System has ultimately restructured the food supply, therefore either resulting in the death or migration of water birds and native animals leading to further changes to the natural ecological systems. The Barwon-Darling River is a "dryland river", which means it is naturally prone to periods of extensive low flow punctuated by periods of flooding. The presence of Murray Cod who are the sentinels of permanent waterholes tells us that deliverable water must be maintained in the Lakes to ensure that this species and others can survive the dry non-flow periods.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

To provide connectivity of the Darling-Barka and Murray Rivers to ensure the health of the whole river system, its eco-systems, its First Nations lands and river communities.

**Motion 6.6 EFFECTS OF SEA-LEVEL RISE**

M Rebbeck noted that the motion spoke for itself, noting sea-level rise would encroach upstream. M Rebbeck expressed the need for sea-level rise to be considered and reflected in upgrades in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

*Coorong District Council, Region 6*

**(M Rebbeck / A Tilley)**

**That the Murray Darling Association requests that the Murray Darling Basin Authority encompass the effects of sea-level rise on the lower Murray River, Lakes, and Coorong in their Climate Change research for inclusion in the 2026 Murray Darling Basin Review Report and the updated MDB Plan.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:**

Since the Millennium drought and the creation of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, many academic studies and reports have been published on the Basin, including the effects of Climate Change. The studies on the lower Murray River, its lakes, the Coorong and the Murray Mouth have referenced separate academic studies on climate change and the resultant sea-level rise. They also acknowledge the flooding of the barrier islands at the Murray Mouth with seawater that bypasses the present barrage system and permeates the lakes.

However, these reports have always been restricted by their Terms of Reference to being centric to their point of interest, generally environmental and RAMSAR. As such, although they recognise the likelihood of the Barrage system no-longer being effective in preventing seawater entering the lakes, the reports do not address the socio-economic effects on South Australia of seawater travelling upriver, as down river flows are reduced due to climate change.

Further unlimited research needs to be undertaken. It is crucial this is acknowledged, and all research is included in the next Outlook report because of its importance, particularly for the Lower Murray Communities.

The CSIRO acknowledged that by 2050-60, the average annual stream flows in the Basin could be reduced by 20 to 30% due to climate change. In fact, we are experiencing worse than this in recent drought years with record low inflows. Reduced rainfall, higher evaporation and plant transpiration are addressed; however, there appears to be no acknowledgment of the consequential effects of Sea-Level Rise as the river flow to the sea diminishes. If the rising sea level is encompassed by increasing drought the consequences for saline inflow into the basin are enormous.

This motion intends to get the MDBA and Governments to acknowledge the consequence of allowing seawater to penetrate the Murray River and the domino, socio-economic effects this would bring to riparian communities and communities of South Australia, reliant on waters below Blanchetown.

e.g., Domestic water for SA Mid-north and Yorke Peninsula (Figure 1)- Swan Reach pipeline; greater Adelaide dependent on the Mannum & Murray Bridge pipelines; SA Upper South-East, dependent on the Tailem Bend to Keith pipeline; the Wine Districts of the Barossa, Clare and Langhorne Creek.

**Who would benefit from this motion?**

All communities that are reliant upon the freshwaters of the Murray River below Blanchetown would be decimated by the inundation of seawater into the river system.

**Key Arguments:****What is the current context/issue?**

The MDBA collects data from a number of sources for inclusion in the Outlook Report and various other Reports. Sources of data include:

- river operators
- the science community
- independent advisors
- various reviews, which included significant community, First Nations, and other stakeholder input
- Australian Government and Basin state and territory governments.

The MDBA has built in several independent check points to validate results and ensure that the Evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of implementation progress and outcomes at the Basin scale. The Evaluation examines and publishes available environmental, social, and economic research to provide practical actions to guide the journey of continuous improvement

However there appears to be no scientific study available that specifically has addressed the socio-economic effects on the larger portion of South Australia's population caused by the lower River Murray being inundated by seawater.

The Government scientifically acknowledges climate Change and rising sea levels.

In 2016, the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility modelled that by 2050, sea-level rise at the Murray Mouth would reach 1.2 m above mean sea level or AHD. At this level, seawater will flood across the low-lying islands at the Murray Mouth, bypassing the barrage system unabated and entering the Lower Lakes and the River Murray. It is further predicted that this inundation would achieve 1.62 m AHD by 2100, not only threatening the local ecology in the Coorong and Lower Lakes, the salinity level of the river below Blanchetown and the consequential impact on those communities reliant upon that water supply but in some areas, isolating road access. Dr Chiew et.al. confirm similar rises by 2100 in his team's 2020 review of the Lower Lakes science.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

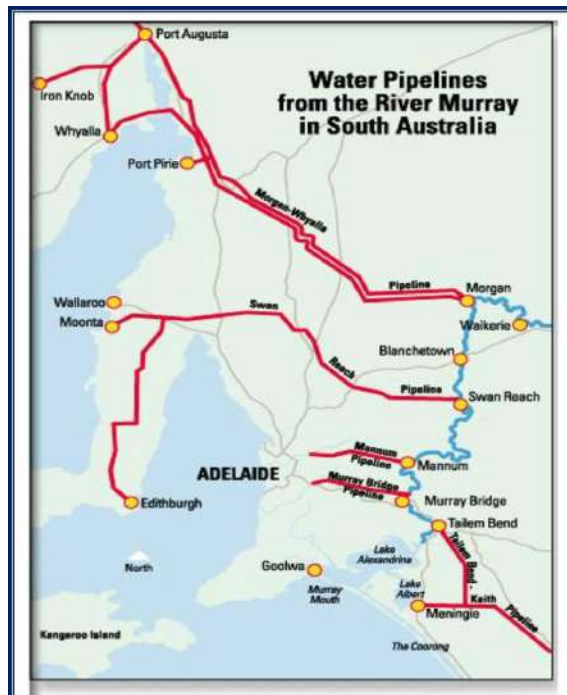
If the Government, its Basin States, and the Murray Darling Basin Authority do not acknowledge and work towards the mitigation of Sea-Level Rise by 2030 the pool level of saline water below Blanchetown, weir 1, could reach 1.62m by 2100 and continue to rise. The Blanchetown weir holds the river at a maximum of 3.3m AHD Pool height.

What are the ramifications to communities when the sea level exceeds river level?

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

The Federal Government needs to recognise and respond to the threats posed by rising sea levels v. reduced downriver flows (drought) due to climate change and mitigate those threats.

Figure 1. S.A. Murray River Pipelines. Source: Discover Murray River, 2014



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**Motion 6.7 GREATER FIRST NATIONS INVOLVEMENT**

M Rebbeck noted that this motion promoted changing placenames with translations to incorporate current and traditional names. Indicated that it was worth consideration for member councils to do the same. M Rebbeck noted hearing from the CSIRO and other speakers at the 78<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the importance of First Nations involvement in the Basin, expressed that the First Nations people were the greatest water stewards and could pass on this information.

G Dobson cautioned against this motion. Noted that the Greater Shepparton City Council had a First Nations Councillor and referenced protocols in withing with First Nations people. G Dobson queried whether this motion should go out for consultation, indicating that there are many different First Nations communities.

D Thurley noted that the motion called on members to consult with Traditional Owners, and only consider this. Noted that as Councillor of AlburyCity he would support this motion, as this motion does not compel its members, rather consider the motion. D Thurley noted the recent renaming of placenames to their First nations names with overwhelming approval.

**Region 6****(M Rebbeck / A Tilley)**

- a) That the MDA calls upon Member Councils of the Association to consider the assignment of Traditional names for dual-naming of locations within their district; and
- b) That all Member Councils, in consultation with Traditional Owners, consider the inclusion of local, Traditional place names as well as non-Aboriginal place names and translations on all replacement signs in their district.
- c) That the MDA calls upon the State Governments to ensure appropriate funding is allowed in each financial year for the inclusion of these names to replacement and new signs. d) The MDA calls upon the Federal and State Governments to ensure greater awareness of Traditional Culture is offered in regional school curriculum.

**CARRIED****Objective:*****What is this motion trying to achieve?***

Greater involvement by First Nations into the management of the MDB.

***Who would benefit from this motion?***

These actions would demonstrate reconciliation towards First nations across the MDB acknowledging their lands, waters, environment, and communities across the MDB.

**Key Arguments:*****What is the current context/issue?***

Indigenous cultures have over 60,000 years of connection to country and understanding of the importance of responsible water use.

Greater cultural integration will allow indigenous nations to teach the connection to country to all people, therefore supporting our nations to all be more responsible for water use.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

Less cultural integration and less responsible water use.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

Enhanced reconciliation and communities jointly working together for the benefit of our shared lands and waters.

This Motion is supported by the Naranjeri Regional Authority (NRA).

**Motion 6.8 PROGRESS REPORTING ON THE 450GL RECOVERY PROGRAM**

M Rebbeck noted that there was a desire for a clear understanding on the progress of the 450GL recovery program.

**Region 6**

**(M Rebbeck / A Kassebaum)**

**That the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) or the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water publishes clear, simple, timely, and accurate reporting to show progress on the delivery of the 450 GL Recovery Programs.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:*****What is this motion trying to achieve?***

To provide current, accurate, clear, precise, and simple to follow, updates from all jurisdictions to show the progress in Water Efficiency Measures projects.

**Background**

The Basin Plan includes a provision for up to 450 GL/y additional water recovery separate from the gap-bridging target. This is for enhanced environmental outcomes on the condition that there are neutral or positive socio-economic impacts from the water recovery.

According to the former Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment website, 426.1 GL/y remains to be found, with no reporting or certainty on achieving when, where or how this water.

***Who would benefit from this motion?***

Basin Communities and the Environment. Upfront and verified data on the progress of these projects gives all Regions confidence in the Basin Plan, the regional and State Plans and the ability to meet the targets set.

**Key Arguments:*****What is the current context/issue?***

This motion intends to find and report on the progress of the Water Efficiency Measures projects to meet the target of 450 GL/y.

Apart from the publication of the Second Review of the Water for the Environment Special Account: December 2021 for the Commonwealth Minister for Water Resources, no other timely or current reporting on this issue is available.

There are numerous pages on both websites describing efficiency measures generally, with no links to state plans and the efficiency projects and how much water is planned to be recovered or recovered to date. Both sites refer to each other for more information as well as to State Government websites, which also do not provide detailed plans or results. A comprehensive report is, however, available on the completion of the savings from South Australia.

The lack of progress in meeting the 450 GL/y is compounded by the limited information available about the plans and progress.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

That reporting and progress will continue to be poor.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

Increased confidence in the reporting mechanism of the Murray Darling Basin Authority and Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to deliver on the Basin Plan.

### Motion 6.9 NSW WATER RESOURCE PLANS

M Rebbeck referenced discussions with the MDBA at the 78<sup>th</sup> National Conference, acknowledged the progress of the NSW Water Plans.

P Shepherd noted that if you want the NSW Water Plans done properly and thoroughly, you don't want the quality to be compromised.

- D Thurley noted that Water Resource Plans need to meet the requirements, that there cannot be any compromises.

P Wright spoke against the motion, noting that there could be external effects causing the delay of the Water Resource Plans approval. Referenced comments by the MDBA CEO Andrew McConville that it took 13 weeks to approve a plan, and that they could only approve four (4) plans at once.

**Region 6**

**(M Rebbeck / A Kassebaum)**

**That the MDA call on the Australian Water Minister to set final submission dates and apply Section 68 of the Water Act 2007 for the Murray Darling Basin Authority to prepare and approve the New South Wales Water Resource Plans as required by the Murray Darling Basin Plan, in line with all other Basin States and Territories.**

**CARRIED**

#### Objective:

##### *What is this motion trying to achieve?*

For the Water Minister to request the MDBA to prepare all outstanding NSW Water Resource Plans for approval by the Minister to deliver the outcomes of the MDBP. This will ensure that the environment, human needs, industrial, agricultural, cultural, native title, town water supply and stock and domestic needs of riparian landowners along the length of the river are provided for, as a priority, during extended dry periods.

#### Background:

NSW is three years behind the second deadline set by the Australian Government for the completion and approval of the Water Resource Plans required to deliver the agreed outcomes of the Murray Darling Basin Plan. Without these plans, the promised water cannot be delivered and the industrial, human and environmental components of the MDB will suffer further. These plans are legislated to be implemented by 2024.

The Australian Government Water Minister is empowered within the Water Act 2007, Section 68[1] to request the MDBA to prepare Water Resource Plans upon meeting particular conditions, such as where no current or temporary Water Resource Plan exists.

##### *Who would benefit from this motion?*

All Basin Communities and the Environment.

#### Key Arguments:

Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory completed their Water Recovery Plans according to the timeline established in the Murray Darling Basin Plan, however, NSW is progressing very slowly, putting the MDB Plan in jeopardy.

##### *What is the current context/issue?*

No WRP's are in place across NSW since legislated to be completed 10 years ago. Every state, and the territory, had seven years to build these plans. They were due to start in 2019 and already, they are three years overdue from being finalised.

The Basin Plan requires a WRP to set out the method for determining the maximum quantity of water permitted to be taken for consumptive use in each accounting period. The WRP also establishes the method for determining the annual actual take.

Accredited WRPs are required to enable compliance and enforcement, and those plans also ensure the following:

- i. The limits on how much water can be taken from the system and that water takes are maintained
- ii. That water will be made available to the environment
- iii. Consideration for cultural values and uses; and finally,
- iv. Water quality targets are managed.[2]

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

That the MDB Plan will fail to provide water to all communities, particularly in drought years and increasing threats under the influence of Climate Change. That by failing to produce the required plans, NSW cannot be audited or can be taking more water than entitled without consequences.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

Fairness and equity across the Basin, an equal playing field between states and territories, more water for all, and a resilient River system.



**Motion 6.10 CIRCULAR ECONOMIC PROJECT FUNDING**

M Rebbeck noted that the MDA had heard from a number of speakers regarding the Circular Economy at the 78<sup>th</sup> National Conference, referenced the MDA's recent work with the CSIRO on the Circular Economy Market Analysis.

**Region 6**

**(M Rebbeck / C Davies)**

**That the MDA advocate to basin governments for funding for circular economic projects that include drawing down carbon, and mitigating and adapting to climate change.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:*****What is this motion trying to achieve?***

Supporting regional local governments to have access to information and technology that will allow circular economic projects that encompass waste to energy, increased economic improvement in towns, carbon drawdown, renewable energy, and water savings and hence enhanced economic viability to the region.

At the national MDA conference in 2022, several circular economic projects that encompass water savings are being presented.

***Who would benefit from this motion?***

Some projects may invariably improve soil water holding capacity an opportunity that could be considered by governments in water-saving plans.

Regional communities may also be able to claim carbon credits if they are doing projects that draw down carbon.

Regional communities will benefit economically from implementing these projects in regional towns.

**Key Arguments:*****What is the current context/issue?***

The MDA is currently working with the CSIRO on the opportunities and barriers to circular economic projects in regional towns. There are many opportunities for circular economic projects in regional towns.

Regional towns need education on the benefits of the circular economic project. Elected members and administration of councils should be briefed on their potential and implement resources to research possible projects for each MDB council region.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

That towns along the MDB will not have the opportunity to benefit economically and also less opportunity for drought and climate change mitigation.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

The projects will benefit the economic viability of towns and may include strategies that support drought resilience, and adaptation and mitigation of climate change.

**Motion 6.11 CLARIFICATION OF ANNUAL WATER ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY****Region 9****(G Andreazza / C Davies)**

That the Murray Darling Association write to the NSW Minister for Water seeking clarification as to the methodologies used to determine annual water allocations IN EACH OF THE REGULATED RIVERS in NSW and variations to these allocations during the year. The timing of these water allocation decisions and adjustments are not currently aligned with critical business investment decisions made by the diverse agricultural sector.

**CARRIED****Objective:*****What is this motion trying to achieve?***

To achieve transparency and an understanding in water allocations and gauge some surety for agricultural investment decisions.

***Who would benefit from this motion?***

The whole region including the triple bottom line framework of economic, social, and environmental considerations.

**Key Arguments:**

At the MDA Region 9 Meeting on Thursday 8 September, the following Resolution was carried following a Motion by Mayor Ruth McRae, Murrumbidgee Council and Seconded by Cr Geoff Chapman, Hay Shire Council.

***What is the current context/issue?***

Concerned local government areas that rely on water allocations.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

There will continue to be a lack of transparency in terms of water allocation decisions and perpetuate negative impacts on communities.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

Clarification in the methodology would bring about an understanding of water allocation decision making.

**Motion 6.12 “BENEFIT COST RATIO” REQUIREMENTS**

R Hoddle noted that this motion was submitted as there were a number of projects put forth in the Northern Basin that were knocked back, noted that the Hume and Dartmouth dams would not have been constructed if held up to the Cost to Benefit ratio requirements.

J Modica noted support for the motion, though noted that the removal of the Cost to Benefit Ratio could introduce risk.

P Shepherd noted support for the motion. Expressed that Cost to Benefit Ratios must be addressed as there were a number of things that did not stack up.

L Yates noted support for the Cost to Benefit Ratio Requirements, indicated that if you could not show the benefit to cost ratio, the project should be left alone.

P Wright expressed that what went into the Cost to Benefit Ratios was fickle at times.

M Howie noted support, indicated that with Cost to Benefit Ratio Requirements, the social benefits of a project are often missed.

**Region 11****(R Hoddle / A Tilley)**

**That the MDA call on the Commonwealth Government and the basin State Governments to remove the requirements for a “Benefit Cost Ratio” (BCR) greater than one to be applied to funding applications for water storage projects such, as but not limited to; New dam construction and raising the height of existing dam walls.**

**CARRIED****Objective:**

That the MDA call on the Commonwealth Government and the basin State Governments to remove the requirements for a “Benefit Cost Ratio” (BCR) greater than one to be applied to funding applications for water storage projects such, as but not limited to; New dam construction and raising the height of existing dam walls.

### **Motion 6.13 OWNERSHIP AND ACCESS TO WATER FOR CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES FOR THE BASIN'S INDIGENOUS NATIONS**

M Rebbeck noted that this motion had been highly consulted with the NRA and MILDRN, noted that this motion was about MDA support for cultural water.

**Region 6**

**(M Rebbeck / A Tilley)**

**That the MDA support the provision of water for cultural and economic purposes for Indigenous Nations of the Murray Darling Basin (MDB).**

**The MDA support the Commonwealth and all Basin jurisdictions (including their relevant statutory authorities and/or agencies) to:**

- (1) Work collaboratively with Nations to waive annual entitlement holding and use fees for groundwater and surface water shares and,**
- (2) Commit to appropriately resourcing the Basin's indigenous Nations (either directly or via a Nation's preferred body) to enable relevant First Nations led research including, but not limited to, legislative and policy reform to achieve cultural flows Nations within the MDB.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Objective:**

##### ***What is this motion trying to achieve?***

Restorative water justice for Indigenous Nations within the Basin via the provision of cultural flows, first articulated in the Echuca Declaration (2007). Cultural flows are water entitlements that are legally and beneficially owned by First Nations.

##### ***Who would benefit from this motion?***

Indigenous Nations across the MDB as well as the environment and communities across the MDB. Recreation, Indigenous-agriculture, and tourism-related sectors are likely to grow as a result of this proposed initiative. Australia would also be upholding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)(endorsed in 2009).

MILDRN and NRA are in support of this Motion.

#### **Key Arguments:**

##### ***What is the current context/issue?***

Since colonisation, First Nations across the MDB have endured multiple waves of water dispossession. More recently, dispossession has been exacerbated by the separation of land and water and the subsequent creation of tradable water rights. Put simply, First Nations are at a profound disadvantage in a market-based system that requires considerable capital to purchase even a modest quantity of water.

First Nations own 0.022% of available groundwater resources across the MDB and 0.2% of available surface water in the NSW part of the Basin. Commitments by the Australian and Basin State governments to progress First Nations' objectives for water are supported by international declarations and conventions. Australia has endorsed UNDRIP and is a signatory to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

The UNDRIP states that First Nations people have rights to own, use and develop waters that they traditionally owned. Australia currently has 66 Wetlands of International Importance listed under the Ramsar Convention, and 16 of these are in the Murray-Darling Basin. The Ramsar Convention has long promoted the recognition and strengthening of First Nations peoples as key participants in conservation and integrated wetland management (see Target 10 of Goal 3: Wisely Using All Wetlands, of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024).

##### ***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

Maintenance of the status quo i.e., Indigenous Nations within the Basin without cultural flows. Ongoing criticism of Federal and State governments in failing to deliver water (justice) to indigenous Nations. Damage to Australia's good international standing in consideration of UNDRIP.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

Resolution of a long-standing social, political and economic injustice and, as a result of empowered Basin Indigenous Nations. This would be a watershed moment in realizing significantly improved environmental, economic and social outcome

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**Motion 6.14 EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL FOR MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE**

A Tilley noted that this motion had been spoke about during the 78<sup>th</sup> National Conference, that the motion had been written by the CSIRO after the recent Inter-Regional Meeting. A Tilley referenced progress on this application of water storage in the United States.

*Region 7*

(A Tilley / R Coleman)

**MDA support and advocate for exploring the potential for managed aquifer recharge (MAR) to contribute to efficient water management and increase regional water security throughout the Basin.**

**CARRIED**

**Objective:**

1. Quantify the savings through efficiencies and increases to water security that could be realised through strategic MAR for drought resilience.
2. Develop appropriate policy, accounting and regulatory frameworks that enable MAR to be implemented fairly and transparently.
3. Establish well documented demonstration MAR sites in the MDB.

**Key Arguments:*****What is the current context/issue?***

Managed aquifer recharge, or MAR, refers to the intentional recharge of water to aquifers for subsequent use or environmental benefit.

Managed aquifer recharge is an internationally proven, low-cost solution that could improve drought resilience across the Murray Darling Basin. While significant potential for managed aquifer recharge (MAR) and conjunctive use of surface and groundwater resources has been identified in the Murray Darlin Basin, there is a need to improve the quantification of benefits and establish clear policy and institutional foundations to incentivise uptake. Harmonised approaches between jurisdictions may promote confidence and uptake however different frameworks require further consultation and testing in the context of different water resources and regulatory systems. The current Basin Plan supports MAR and would be complementary with objectives and outcomes sought by future Basin Plans. Existing water accounting systems would need to accommodate this new capacity. Institutional arrangements and financial structures of water banking in the USA provide guidance for Australia. Demonstration sites would enable concurrent policy development and institutional set-up and provide critical experience to serve as models for wider adoption as part of future Murray Darling Basin plans.

***What are the risks of this motion doesn't get up?***

A failure of this motion to be supported would result in a missed opportunity to raise the profile and priority of a technology that offers the potential to make tangible differences to water management in Australia. Support is needed at all levels of government for the full potential benefits of MAR to be realised.

***What is the broader benefit to Basin communities if this motion is successful?***

MAR plays an important role in integrating the management of surface and groundwater resources for security of water supply while ensuring public health and environmental protection. Water storage is essential to improve the sustainability and resilience of water supply, both of which contribute to town water security, supporting agriculture and reducing pressure on the environment. In addition, natural treatment in the aquifer offers a low-cost, low-energy water treatment option.

**Motion 6.15****THE JOHN KELL PROPOSAL**

A Tilley noted the motion addressed a version of the Bradfield Scheme, referencing a history of different versions of the Bradfield scheme. Noted that this scheme looked at the Foxton Dam and was organised by John Kell. A Tilley noted that the proposed location had a similar topography to the Dartmouth Dam, and that the height of the proposed dam would allow for a gravity feed of the water across the ranges. Noted that the gravity Feed would allow for a potentially cheaper means of moving water than previous Bradfield Scheme versions. A Tilley indicated that the motion asked whether this could be done, expressing that the benefit of this would be much greater than the cost.

J Modica spoke against the motion, noting interest but outlining issues and difficulties from existing dams and infrastructure. J Modica indicated that the proposed Bradfield Scheme version was interesting and should be investigated, but that there were many other things the Basin could do instead. J Modica expressed that there must be limitations to what the Basin can do with water.

R Coleman spoke in support of the motion, noted that the Jhn Kell proposal could be an incredible project that could service four (4) states. Expressed that all of Australia must work together to improve the Basin.

B Lewis spoke in support of the motion, noting a reduction in rainfall and an increase in temperatures in the Basin, B Lewis provided an open question of where the Basin should get its water from.

**Region 7****(A Tilley / C Davies)**

**That the CEO of the MDA write to the Federal Minister for the Environment and to the relevant Ministers in NSW and Queensland seeking an update and the latest information on proposed new dams and changes to existing dams including, but not limited to, the modified Bradfield Scheme (the John Kell proposal) and the Wyangala Dam.**

**CARRIED****Objective:**

That the CEO of the MDA write to the Federal Minister for the Environment and to the relevant Ministers in NSW and Queensland seeking an update and the latest information on proposed new dams and changes to existing dams including, but not limited to, the modified Bradfield Scheme (the John Kell proposal) and the Wyangala Dam.

This Motion was brought before the MDA Board for review and discussion on 18 July 2022. Following refinement, the Motion was submitted for the 2022 AGM.

**7. Meeting Close**

The Chair to declare the meeting closed at 4:45pm.



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### Region 4 Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 29 September 2022 – 12:30pm AEST

Venue: Mildura Rural City Council, 108 Madden Avenue, Mildura VIC 3500 or  
Via Video Conference (Microsoft Teams link - included in calendar invitation)

### MINUTES

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### Meeting Opened at 12:30pm

|                                                                              |                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cr Jason Modica (Mildura Rural City Council)<br><i>Chair of MDA Region 4</i> | Cr Daniel Linklater (Wentworth Shire Council)                             |
| Mark Lamb (MDA CEO)                                                          | Cr Steve Heywood (Wentworth Shire Council)                                |
| Tim Phillips (MDA)                                                           | Cr Tim Elstone (Wentworth Shire Council)                                  |
| Cr Marion Browne (Broken Hill City Council)                                  | Greg Hill (Central Darling Shire Council)                                 |
| Mike Colreavy (Balranald Shire Council)                                      | Penny Robinson (Mildura Rural City Council)<br><i>Secretariat Support</i> |
| Jeffery Sowiak (Balranald Shire Council)                                     |                                                                           |
| <b>Guest Attendees:</b>                                                      |                                                                           |
| Andrew Kremor (Murray–Darling Basin Authority)<br>Regional Manager           | Sionnie Kelly (Murray–Darling Basin Authority)<br>Communications Officer  |

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Jay Nankivell (Broken Hill City Council)

#### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### Motion

*That the minutes of the:*

- MDA Region 4 AGM - 31 May 2022;
- MDA Region 4 Ordinary Meeting - 31 May 2022; and
- MDA Region 4 Special Meeting - 10 August 2021

*be accepted as circulated.*

Moved: Cr Steve Heywood

Seconded: Cr Jason Modica

*Vote Carried*

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil



## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Address from Murray–Darling Basin Authority, Mildura Area Regional Manager, Andrew Kremor

Andrew introduced himself and provided some information on his background at the MDBA. Andrew advised that there are currently 20 staff working from the Mildura Office from across all branches of the MDBA.

Andrew is currently acting as the Executive Director for Basin Strategy and Knowledge – his substantive position relates to Integrated River Management Modelling Uplift Project which is a \$56M Commonwealth funded project to get all 24 river models onto one platform and create a single modeling output. It will take approximately 4 years to complete this project work.

Andrew shared a presentation and acknowledged the Traditional Owners and their Nations of the Murray-Darling Basin. A copy of the presentation will be provided to all members.

Andrew invited question from the group:

Cr Elstone raised concerns regarding how the Murray will be managed given 9 gates are open to stop the water level going over/flooding when it catches up. Cr Modica added that this is a unique situation given the la niña period that has impacted the system and, how this transfers into delivery and monitoring of the systems.

Andrew discussed inflows and spoke to the information in his presentation. Inflows show that it has been a particularly wet August for both Dartmouth and Hume Catchments. All dams on the eastern side including Menindee are under flood management at this time.

Andrew also discussed rainfall outlook is another important factor. BOM forecast 85% chance of above average rainfall. Snow melting will also be another additional factor with additional rain. Depending on where the rainfall falls will depend on the impact. Andrew advised that the MDBA has been in full flood operations from September 2021 with only a short period that was not. Inflows are exceeding demand and has gone beyond the MDBA agreement for dam levels.

Dams need to be at 99% capacity at the end of a rain event under standard operations with only 30GL of airspace normally allowed unless operating under flood spill operations. Hume is currently releasing at 48,000ML/day. Projection is all dependent on the rainfall and where it lands. Dartmouth is spilling approximately 3,500ML/4,000ML per day and this is likely to continue and increase. The river is rising approximately 5cm per day, this is also depending on what comes out of the Murrumbidgee River. Plan to increase releases down the Darling/Wentworth.

Wentworth to be impacted by multiple inflows - water flow to develop over the next 6 weeks. In 2016, the dams were not full and still had airspace. The year 2022 already has a higher storage level already compared to 2016 flood.

MDBA continue looking at the rainfall outlook over the next few weeks.

Andrew commented on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and Report Card – it is noted that some sustainable diversion limit adjustments are behind on their outcomes. Discussion on Minister Plibersek's 450GL modeling target and its benefits as part of the plan. Benefits are the continuity of flows through the river system. Cr Modica commented on the MDA motion relating to this.

Basin Plan review to be conducted in 2026.

Andrew advised that a report will be available in 2023 with a 2050 outlook. There will be a MDBA Mildura forum for consultation and MDA Region 4 members will be invited. In 2024 there will be an evaluation looking at the current basin plan and will inform the Basin Plan Review.

Cr Elstone discussed Menindee as part of this review and what has been learned in respect to Menindee Lakes water management. It was noted that this needs to be addressed as the rules/current agreement is wrong. Andrew advised that the agreement needs to be reviewed and

this matter addressed. Andrew encouraged all MDA members to take the opportunity to consult with MDBA as part of this review process.

Cr Elstone raised dams and the water release has been substantial over the past 18 months. Can dams be created for environmental water storage and where dams can be placed. Andrew advised that this is impacted by lower inflows and cost of storage however he will look into this further.

Cr Modica also noted that Sunraysia grape growers will struggle this year and queried what is the natural capacity in the lowest average years that does not impact growers. Andrew commented that benefits have come from the current plan however this may not be seen as a direct local impact. Discussion that consideration of future and specific environmental reserves is needed.

Cr Modica queried have any specific dams been reviewed - Andrew advised several studies have been done regarding dams. Andrew offered to have someone from the MDBA with expert knowledge to come to an MDA Region 4 meeting to answer these questions and for further discussion.

Andrew advised that there is the local MDBA office and encouraged the MDA members to approach the office as a conduit. Andrew advised that the MDBA will be keen to work with the MDA members regarding this upcoming consultation and review.

Cr Elstone queried if there is a forecast indication for the rain and estimated flows within the next week. Andrew advised that variability in forecasts swings. The next weeks forecast is 25-50mls in the catchments so this will not see a dramatic change in the next week however will change quickly with localised/heavy falls and will impact the flow rates.

Cr Modica thanked Andrew and Sionnie for attending.

*A copy of the MDBA presentation from today's meeting will be provided to MDA Region 4 members. Sionnie took a few photos of the members (attending in person) for the MDBA internal newsletter.*

## **5.2 Chair of MDA Region 4, Cr Jason Modica to provide a verbal report/update regarding his attendance at the recent MDA 2022 National Conference and AGM.**

Cr Modica spoke to the recent MDA 2022 National Conference and AGM that he recently attended - he was very impressed and it was well put together. Cr Modica commented that there is so much involved with piecing together the environmental needs, existing horticulture and agriculture and the financial outcomes. The MDA event brings everyone together for these discussion in a special event. He is looking forward to the next one.

Cr Modica spoke to the motions presented and debated and advised that he withdrew a MDA motion submitted. Cr Modica commented to the suggestions from Cr Linklater in regarding submitting motions to the CEO of the MDA - CEO MDA has provided further information to Cr Modica on this. Discussion of the RAMSAR motion and what is the actual response. Cr Modica believes that the Water Act guarantee some protection to rivers to the water level of the RAMSAR site. Cr Modica will have further conversation regarding this motion with CEO MDA.

Discussion on membership drive for the MDA – there are currently 65 members. This means that the MDA is sitting at approximately half of its potential membership capacity. MDA CEO advised that the Murray-Darling Basin area has approximately 170 potential members and that the MDA will be doing a significant membership push over the next few months.

Cr Modica mentioned the financial report presented to the MDA conference and commented that Council's will be monitoring this and are understanding that there was a difficult handover period.

MDA CEO commented that the MDA is turning a corner in regards to their financial reports and are looking at other avenues for funding.

Cr Modica requested that MDA CEO email the goals to Region 4 that acknowledge the 30% reduction.

Cr Modica advised members that he will invite the author of "Sold Down the River" Stuart Kells, to come along to a future meeting to discuss markets.

Cr Modica is interested in how Region 4 can broaden its knowledge for what the market is, how it operates, how transparent it is, for the benefit of smaller farmers purchasing water.

### **5.3 Council Reports – each Council to provide a verbal update of activities from their region**

#### Mildura Rural City Council:

Nothing further to add to report provided at item 5.2.

#### Broken Hill City Council:

Cr Browne attended the recent MDA Conference and expressed that she enjoyed attending.

Cr Browne discussed the MDA Region 4 combined councils Motion that went through without dissent. Cr Browne would now like to approach the NSW Water Minister for feedback and capitalise on this position – would like to seek feedback from the government as soon as possible.

MDA CEO commented that he agrees with Cr Browne and MDA have already commenced with action to several motions. MDA CEO advised that the Hon. Kevin John Anderson, MP - Minister for Lands and Water was invited to speak at the Conference/AGM several times however did not attend. It was noted that 19 out of 20 water papers not passed at this time for NSW and it was disappointing that the Minister did not attend.

MDA CEO will adopt a bipartisan approach to invitation/communications relating to this.

Cr Modica mentioned that Victoria and SA will also need to be included as impacts them as well.

Cr Elstone mentioned the recent disallowance of Water Management (General) Amendment (Floodplain Harvesting Access Licences) Regulation 2022 and advised that this is to be reviewed.

Cr Modica advised that a motion is required for the MDA Region 4 to approach the NSW Water Minister as suggested by Cr Browne. The following motion is proposed:

#### **Motion**

*That MDA Region 4 contact the NSW Victorian and SA Water Ministers to ask for a response to Motion 6.5 of the MDA AGM.*

Moved: Cr Marion Browne

Seconded: Greg Hill

*Vote Carried*

#### Wentworth Shire Council:

Cr Elstone spoke to the concerns for the management around Menindee and the 195GL storage is concerns across the three lakes. Council will continue to advocate on this concern.

#### Central Darling Shire Council:

Greg Hill advised that he was unable to attend the MDA Conference and their Administrator attended on his behalf. Feedback was that it was worthwhile and they agree with the sentiment of what was being discussed.

Concerns with the Darling River - LEMC's are activated and will continue to be activated until Christmas. Greg met yesterday with Water NSW and SES regarding high flows – looking at a peak that will reach Wilcannia by mid-October with approximately 10.1m in November.

This will put the Victory Caravan Park underwater by 200/300ml - the caravan park will be closed mid-October.

Some road access to Tilpa is being reviewed – some road areas need to be raised, particularly the Tonga Road to allow access to Tilpa. Several roads currently closed around the shire – Menindee/Wilcannia east side and Wilcannia/Tipla east side. These roads will remain closed until Christmas.

SES presence remains in Menindee on a daily basis due to water release and concerns for river level - will reach 9.1m and possibly more. SES are gaining an understanding on what is happening on a day-by-day basis with the levels.

Balranald Shire Council:

Mike Colreavy advised that he attended the MDA AGM (not the conference) and that he is learning in this space.

Jeff Sowiak spoke to emergency management and advise that there is a minor flood from the Murrumbidgee River and also flooding from the Lachlan River - this is impacting on some local roads. Most of the local unsealed roads are closed at this time due to the rainfall and there is existing damage on roads. The embankment and levee around the local caravan park should protect the caravan park.

Concern with still water attracting mosquitoes/Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV). LEMC on standby with sandbags ready as needed.

**5.4 Water Meetings Attended**

Nil

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mark Lamb, CEO MDA :

Mark thanked those members that attended the recent AGM and Conference either in person or virtual.

Mark also acknowledged and congratulated Cr Elstone (WSC) on his recent achievement of Life Membership announced at the recent MDA Gala Dinner.

Mark looks forward to seeing members next year at Murray Bridge.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday 8 December 2022

9am to 11am (AEDT)

108 Madden Avenue, Mildura VIC 3500 or via Microsoft TEAMS

Date noted by members - no disputes to this proposed meeting date.

**8. CLOSE – 1:45pm**

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks  
Mildura Rural City Council for their support in  
hosting this meeting of Region 4.*

**7.3 BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON - 5 OCTOBER 2022**

**File Number:** D22.74708

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Minutes of the Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee (BBAC) meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2022 be received and noted.

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Council of the BBAC meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2022.

### REPORT

BBAC held its meeting in Council Chambers on Wednesday 5 October 2022 and discussed the following;

- Sprinkler System at Games Corner and Roses in Market Street
- Council Update
- Windmill Project
- Priority List.
- Telstra Yard – River Street, Balranald
- Resignation of Jill Bath and Mary Grisdale
- Election of Office bearers – Chairperson Lea Lawrie, Deputy Chairperson Lynne Carter  
Secretary Karen Norfolk

The top priority for Balranald Beautification was noted to complete the plants and trees that have been discussed at a few meetings, then progress through the list below as recorded in the September Minutes.

The Committee discussed with Rachael Williams regarding BBAC Priorities which are listed below;

| Priority                                       | Rating       |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mannings Corner – trees                        | ??           |
| Roses in Main Street                           | 1            |
| Watering System – Main Street and Moa Street   | 2            |
| Discovery Centre Upgrade – Gas Bottles         | 4            |
| Windmill Project                               | Given        |
| Footpath Strategy                              | DIAP in Hand |
| Discovery Centre Tables/Chairs                 | 6            |
| Rotunda at Theatre                             | 4            |
| Entrance Signage                               | Given        |
| Frog Sculptures – tour trail/ frogville hollow | 5            |
| Public Arts/Silos/Poster-tours                 | 2            |
| Splash Park                                    | 3            |

There were no Recommendations to Council from this meeting.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes - BBAC - October 2022 Balranald Beautification Committee  

**Balranald Shire Council Beautification Advisory Committee - Balranald  
Minutes of Meeting held at the Balranald Shire Council Chambers.  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



**Meeting Opened with Acknowledge of Country recited by Toni Tyrer – Chairperson of the Balranald Shire Council Beautification Advisory Committee – at 17:15hrs.**

**Present:** Toni Tyrer – Chairperson, Lea Lawrie, Lynne Carter, Sue Morton and Karen Norfolk – Secretary.

**Shire Representatives:** Connie Mallet – BSC Tourism, Communications and Events Coordinator and Jeff Sowiak – BSC General Manager.

**Apologies:** Val Bradbury, Penny Jolliffe, Gaye Renfrey and Mike Colreavy – BSC Administrator.

**Minutes Read and Accepted:** Moved by Lea Lawrie and Seconded by Sue Morton.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- Sue Morton will speak to Bronwyn Brougham about turning on the sprinkler system at Games Corner, when needed, as we now know that the system works. It was suggested that Jade Nelson could turn on the sprinkler when he is working at the Newsagency with Penny Jolliffe. Lynne Carter will speak to Penny about Jade doing this task.
- Sue Morton suggested that we should replace the missing Roses with Native Plant as they will take less watering.
- Jeff Sowiak will chase up to who looks after the Roses at FoodWorks.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- Email from Rachael Williams – re Thank You.
- Email from Sue Morton – re Minutes of September Meeting.
- Email from Lea Lawrie – re Minutes of September Meeting.
- Email from Sue Morton – re Meeting Agenda.
- Email from Carol Holmes – Resignation of Mary Grisdale and Jill Bath.
- Resignation Letter from Mary Grisdale and Jill Bath.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

- Email to BBAC Group – Minutes of September Meeting.
- Email to Rachael Williams – Thank You.
- Email to BBAC Group – Meeting Agenda.
- Email to BBAC Group – Amended Agenda.

**Moved by Karen Norfolk and Seconded by Lynne Carter.**

**BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

- No updated Financial Report was given. Karen Norfolk to request an updated Financial Report for November's Meeting.

**Balranald Shire Council Update:**

- The Moa Street Irrigation System is working. The Shire Parks and Garden Staff will turn them on and off when watering needs to be done.
- The trees in the Main Street (Market Street) are not gum trees. An arborist is going to trim them up for the Shire.
- Jeff Sowiak still to look into a screen for the gas bottles near the Discovery Café and table and chairs for the Discovery Centre.

**WINDMILL PROJECT UPDATE:**

- Connie Mallet has spoken to David Eastburn about the Signage for the Windmill. David had heard through the grapevine that he was going to be asked about the sign, but has told Connie no to doing the sign. David did however ask Connie a couple of questions about the Windmill – What is the relevance of the windmill to the town? What is the history of the windmill? What is the safety of the windmill, especially if traffic is heavy around the windmill?
- Gate Renfrey has obtained the History of the Windmill from Adrian Gorman. Sue Morton will type it up for us to read.
- Errol Bradbury has been paid for his work on the Windmill.
- Will need to look into the Safety Issues of the Windmill and address each Issue for a solution and an outcome.
- Connie Mallet will look into quotes for Windmill Signage.
- The Shire hasn't yet looked at a new site for the Windmill at the Discovery Centre.

**COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:**

- Our top priority is to finish off the plants and trees that have been discussed at quite a few of our past meetings and then follow through the list that we created with Rachael Williams (list recorded in the September Minutes).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- NIL

**ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE:**

- Karen Norfolk to send Jill Bath and Mary Grisdale a Thank You Letter from the BBAC.
- Need to find out what duties Mary Grisdale and Jill Bath did while attending the Rose Garden at the Cemetery and the Garden near the Front Entrance Gates leading into Greenham Park Hall. Once we know what these are, we can then put a call out on Facebook for a Volunteer Gardener to look after these Gardens on behalf of the BBAC and the BSC.
- La Lawrie asked if the Shire could speak to someone about the Telstra Yard in River Street.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

**Chairperson:** Lea Lawrie nominated **TONI TYER**, seconded by Sue Morton. Accepted. Declared.

**Deputy Chairperson:** Lynne Carter nominated **LEA LAWRIE**, seconded by Sue Morton. Accepted. Declared.

**Secretary:** Sue Morton nominated **KAREN NORFOLK**, seconded by Lea Lawrie. Accepted. Declared.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 5:00pm at the BSC Chambers

**Meeting Closed:** 18:10hrs

**7.4 EUSTON PROGRESSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2022**

**File Number:** D22.75489

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Minutes of the Euston Progressive Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be received and noted.
2. Modifications of plans be made and provided to the Euston Progressive Committee Meeting.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Council of the Euston Progressive Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 24 October 2022.

**REPORT**

Euston Progressive Advisory Committee held its meeting on Monday 24 October and discussed the following;

- Plans for the Euston Netball Changing Rooms and Public Toilets and suggested modifications be made;
- Floods, Robinvale SES presented to the meeting
- Priority List
- Salami Festival
- Projects and timelines, Road construction being under contracts
- Administration – Elections will be held in September 2024
- Proposal of Caravan Park, Motel, IGA at Fruit Fly corner – Kerry looking into it.
- Local Roads, are these being assessed? Are there plans for walkway through the Euston Co-op Corner
- Park area in Bates Estate
- Bookings for Club Rooms

**Recommendations to Council**

Modifications be made to the Netball Changing Room and Public Toilet plans and the new design be presented at the Euston Progressive November Meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**7.5 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACCESS INCLUSION AND WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2022**

**File Number:** D22.74776

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Strengthening Community Access Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SCAIW) meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2022 be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Council of the SCAIW meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2022.

**REPORT**

Strengthening Community Access Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee held a meeting in Council Chambers on Thursday 27 October 2022 and discussed the following;

- Reports from Council gave a flood update regarding Balranald Shire, Mosquito issues and the availability of JEV Vaccinations for our community members.
- Election of Chairperson and Secretary for the Committee
- Emergency Accommodation
- White Ribbon Event
- SCAIW Action Planning
- Out of School Hours Care for school aged children

There were no recommendations for Council from this meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Minutes - SCAIW Advisory Committee Meeting - 27 October 2022  

**Meeting AGENDA**  
**Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing**  
**Advisory Committee, Thursday 27 October 2022**



**Location:** Balranald Shire Council Chambers, Market St

**Start Time:** 4.00-5:30 pm

Or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85273315790?pwd=Q20yMVBpdCtVTEo5bTZ0RlVTeFZLUt09>

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Acknowledgement of Country  
*We pay our respect to the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we hold this meeting and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.*
3. Apologies: Michelle White, Mandy Haley, Trish Simpson  
Present: Emma Moore, Sue Balshaw, Lyn Flanagan, Lea Lawrie, Mike Colreavy, Jeff Sowiak, Rachael Williams  
Present via zoom: Natalie Lay
4. Previous Minutes (August 2022) – Moved: Lea Lawrie, Seconded: Lyn Flanagan, CARRIED
5. Disclosures of Interest – NIL
6. Reports from Council / Chair -

Jeff reported on current and anticipated flooding

- Flood levels – Murrumbidgee is considered moderate flood level, 6.9m, will not breach levee at Caravan Park, but we expect that level to stay for a long time.
- Lachlan River has impacted roads, closed Balranald to Ivanhoe and other roads. Water across the plains is significant
- Euston not expected to get above minor level. Concrete levee will be put in place.
- Around Balranald, inspecting levees, all OK for Southern Levee
- Levee around airport needs to be rebuilt, had been cut to allow access to the MotoX track. Two farms along that road will be isolated. Earth works happening there now, will reinstate the levee at above the standard it is now. Works to levee = \$200,000 of emergency money that we hope to be able to recover from the State.
- Endeavour Drive levee is an old structure but we are not expecting houses to be impacted.
- SES is the agency in charge of flooding NOT Council, the SES must be notified and then the funding comes through them.
- Group noted there are only two local SES members. Next level of support comes from Deniliquin / Wagga, but also from the Victorian teams. Balranald is now in the Western SES District.
- SES responsibility is to protect Life #1, and property #2.
- Zoom meetings being held 2 x per week by Police re the flooding etc
- Balranald Shire Council are observing, participating in the meetings with the Police,
- Balranald Shire Council has made the recommendation for disaster declaration

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### Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee, Thursday 27 October 2022



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- Services Australia will help individuals
  - Mosquito issues – lobbied for JEV clinic – Japanese Encephalitis Virus, Balranald will have pop up clinics
  - Ministry of Health is sending out mosquito spray to community

#### 2.5.2 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & SECRETARY

In line with the Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees Rachael stepped aside and Jeff Sowiak chaired the AGM.

Rachael noted elections could be held off until more members were present. Quorum +1 are present and elections proceeded.

Rachael was nominated and accepted the nomination of chairperson. All were in favour.

Rachael will continue in the role as secretary too.

#### 7. Correspondence / Connections of note

It was noted that all electronic communications into and between the Advisory Committee are circulated immediately.

No further correspondence had been received

Letters of support re the funding opportunity for the Emergency Accommodation (78 Market St) development have been requested and have started coming in

Discussion regarding Balranald Emergency Accommodation Model (BEAM) ensued. Key points as follows:

- Lyn Flanagan will continue to chase Peter Murphy re quote (Peter has walked through the property) – must have pre Monday
- Sue will chase letter of support from Kellie (Vinnies)
- Jeff noted the property will require a change of use under the development consent and a different fire rating
- Use is permissible and fence may require a DA consent
- Emma noted Maari Ma will be a co-investor
- Sue noted Vinnies will be a co-investor - providing linen, toys, books, cooking equipment etc as well basic emergency food items for the pantry and freezer
- An application to the Office of Responsible Gambling's Community Development Fund Grant is underway and closes Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Application meets all key criteria and possibility appears positive.

#### 8. Action Planning – see final page

#### 9. Other Business:

Maari Ma White Ribbon planning and support from SCAIW Advisory Committee

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Emma noted:

- White Ribbon Day is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Maari Ma are planning ladies pamper day 11am-2pm @ MaariMa followed by a march from Maari Ma to MPS Aboriginal Gardens 5:30pm that evening
- Emma requested Balranald Shire Council donate use of the black tables and chairs, Jeff agreed to donation, Council staff will deliver to Maari Ma in time for the event
- Emma requested Key Speaker suggestions – Tegan and Thomas from Euston Police, Paul Ebsworth (Deni Police), other ideas welcomed
- Lyn will advertise at the Club
- Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee to access prizes for the free raffle – Em to send through the list of businesses who made donations in 2021 and RW to circulate to the group

Out Of School Hours (OOSH) model for Balranald

- It was noted that BELC no longer provides afterschool care for school aged children (12 years and under)
- Emma asked if schools will step into this service provision gap
- Natalie reported that BELC, St Joseph's and Balranald Central School have all circulated a survey designed by CAMPS (an OOSH provider based in Melbourne)
- Nat is waiting to hear from CAMPS as to whether there was enough local interest to support delivery of OOSH via the schools into the Balranald community.
- Nat will inform the group as soon as she knows more

**10. Next Meeting (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov)**

Mandy Haley has invited Jenene House, Transport NSW. TBC

Discussion re Piper TS bus transport

Nat Lay noted that whilst she had some families who had expressed an interest, none of the necessary paperwork was returned.

Suggestion that the model be trialled for T1 2023 to determine need / success

Lea Lawrie noted she would be an apology for the November 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Meeting AGENDA**  
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**IDENTIFICATION OF KEY SCAIW ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION AREAS FOR 2023**

Together those present noted the following key action areas, events and advocacy priorities for 2023:

**SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY**

- Emergency Accommodation – tasks include: management proposal finalised and signed-off, Committee of Management established, co-investors secured, policies and procedures of operation finalised, grant funding secured, renovation and refurbishment completed, launch of facility completed and movement into full operation
- Mental Health First Aid - tasks include: funding confirmed / contracts exchanged, model developed, trainers recruited and trained, delivery of MHFA commences (note this model may include a small local employment role to minimise workload to the SCAIW Advisory Committee)

**EVENTS**

- Annual Services EXPO – tasks include: set, promote, deliver (suggested date of early May 2023)
- White Ribbon annual November event – tasks include: support to Maari Ma in community awareness raising and event delivery

**LAUNCHES/PROMOTIONS**

- Health and Wellbeing Directory - tasks include: finalise, order key community promotion resources, launch locally, circulate resources and ongoing promotion
- Health & Wellbeing LGA Profile – tasks include: finalise, launch locally and review / strategize as a planning advocacy tool

**ADVOCACY AROUND SERVICE GAPS**

- Advocacy to Transport NSW - tasks include: research and finalise requirements / needs around local bus transport including (a) supported, safe bus transport to Swan Hill for school students, and (b) Piper St Balranald bus route
- Increased planning and community awareness regarding NDIS supports available across the LGA
- IPTAS – advocacy to reform issues with programs ease of use, promotion of program availability across LGA, advocacy to Western NSW PHN to encourage health service providers to support and enable ease of use of IPTAS funding streams for clients
- Out of School Hours (OOSH) – continue to monitor OOSH service provision into the Balranald community.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)****PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION****8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS****8.1 DELEGATION OF ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

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| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75496</b>                                                                               |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                     |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 1: Our People – A community that is proactive, engaged, inclusive and connected.</b> |

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council provide Mr Kerry Jones, Executive Manager of Engineering delegations under Section 378 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as contained in this report; and
2. That these delegations remain in force whilst Mr Jones is in the position of Acting General Manager or until the Council amends the delegation by resolution.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To undertake the business of Council, delegations are required to be issued to the Acting General Manager.

**REPORT**

On Monday 14 November Mr Kerry Jones, Executive Manager of Engineering was appointed Acting General Manager.

In accordance with Section 378 of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council needs to delegate the powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council to Mr Jones to enable him to perform in the role of Acting General Manager efficiently.

Attached to this report are the delegations set for Acting General Manager, and these delegations will remain in place whilst Mr Jones is in this position or Council amends the delegations by resolution.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Budgeted

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

*Section 378 - Local Government Act 1993*

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **AGM - Kerry Jones - Delegation 2022** [↓](#) 



## DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

### ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

#### Resolution No:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council hereby delegates to the General Manager, Mr Kerry Jones delegated authority to exercise or perform on behalf of Council the following powers, authorities, duties and functions:-

| A.    | Council Meeting and Operations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| GMM01 | <p>To determine matters which are included in the Business Papers of Council and its Committees, subject to the inclusion of the following items when they arise, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reports on matters which cannot be determined under delegated authority;</li><li>• reports required to be submitted under any Act or Regulation;</li><li>• matters requiring a determination of Policy;</li><li>• reports directed by the Council to be submitted;</li><li>• matters essential for the Council's information;</li><li>• matters requested by the Administrator/Mayor.</li></ul> |
| GMM02 | To invite a group or individual to address any Council Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| GMM03 | To lay information, to make application for search warrants, to make complaints, to initiate and carry on any proceedings and to represent Council in any Court on any matter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| GMM04     | To affix the Council's Common Seal to documents provided that an attestation is still provided with each affixation of the Seal by the signatures of at least one (1) member of the Council's staff and the Administrator/Mayor or Deputy Mayor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| GMM05     | To respond to media publicity on Council matters and to issue media releases and make statements to the media on behalf of Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>General Administration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| GMA01     | To approve recommendations of the Consultative Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| GMA02     | To disclose Council records in line with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) Balranald Shire Council Publication Guide in consultation with Council's Public Officer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| GMA03     | To enter into Pipeline Agreements with the State Government Authorities or their successor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| GMA04     | <p>To exercise the power of entry and to authorise other employees of Council to have that power of entry under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 Section 191, 191A, 192 and 193.</li> <li>• The provisions of Section 119E of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.</li> <li>• The provisions of Section 28 of the Swimming Pools Act, 1992.</li> <li>• The provisions of Section 66 of the Rural Fires Act, 1997 (in line with Service Level Agreement).</li> <li>• The provisions of Section 37 of the Food Act, 2003.</li> <li>• The provisions of Sections 47 and 72 of the Public Health Act, 1991.</li> <li>• The provisions of Section 164 of the Roads Act, 1993.</li> <li>• The provisions of Section 42 of the Impounding Act, 1993.</li> <li>• The provisions of Sections 111 and 196 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997</li> <li>• The provisions of Sections 43, 44 and 50 of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1993.</li> <li>• The provisions of the Companion Animals Act, 1998.</li> </ul> |



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| GMA05     | <p>To exercise the powers of an authorised officer/person and appoint such persons under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Government Act, 1993;</li> <li>• The Impounding Act, 1993;</li> <li>• The Roads Act, 1993;</li> <li>• The Food Act, 2003;</li> <li>• The provisions of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997</li> <li>• The Swimming Pools Act, 1992;</li> <li>• The Public Health Act, 1991;</li> <li>• The Rural Fires Act, 1997 (in line with Service Level Agreement);</li> <li>• The Noxious Weeds Act, 1993;</li> <li>• The Mines Inspection Act, 1901;</li> <li>• The provisions of the Companion Animals Act, 1998;</li> <li>• The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.</li> </ul> |
| GMA06     | To give approval to "approved forms" as defined by the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| GMA07     | To issue references under Council letterhead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| GMA08     | To authorise and undertake any necessary arrangements for the attendance of practical, technical and professional staff at any relevant course, seminar, congress meeting and conference but such approved attendance must be within budget limitations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| GMA09     | To approve annual, sick, long service, special leave and leave without pay for Council employees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>Finance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| GMF1      | To designate an employee of Council as the responsible accounting officer in accordance with Part 9 of the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| GMF2      | <p>To declare each parcel of rateable land in the Balranald Shire Council area to be within one or other of the following categories:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• farm land</li> <li>• residential</li> <li>• mining</li> <li>• business</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| GMF3  | To accept payment of rates and charges due and payable by a person in accordance with an agreement made with the person and to write off or reduce interest accrued on rates or charges if the person complies with the agreement.                   |
| GMF4  | To write off accrued interest on rates or charges payable by a person if the person is unable to pay the accrued interest for reasons beyond the person's control or where payment of the accrued interest would cause that person extreme hardship. |
| GMF5  | To invest money in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| GMF6  | To approve reimbursement for shortages in the Cashier's tray up to \$50 in any one case.                                                                                                                                                             |
| GMF7  | To approve the submission of tenders, quotations and estimates for private works.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| GMF8  | To authorise the refund of fees in total or in part in respect of applications either refused by Council or withdrawn by the applicant.                                                                                                              |
| GMF9  | To authorise the release of any bond or bank guarantee where the required works or services have been completed in accordance with approvals granted by Council                                                                                      |
| GMF10 | To require the lodgement of a cleaning deposit for the hiring of Council's parks, ovals, sporting facilities or buildings.                                                                                                                           |
| GMF11 | To prepare and lodge applications for the payment of a Library Subsidy in accordance with Section 13 of the Library Act, 1939.                                                                                                                       |
| GMF12 | To authorise expenditure of Council for works and services required in accordance with the adopted annual budget of Council up to a maximum of \$250,000.                                                                                            |
| GMF13 | To initiate, negotiate and authorise royalty agreements on Council's behalf with local landholders for the acquisition of resources in the performance of Council's works program.                                                                   |
| GMF14 | To engage (or dismiss) contractors on an hourly, daily, weekly or monthly basis for works in accordance with Council's Work Program.                                                                                                                 |
| GMF15 | To authorise the hire of Council's plant and resources for private works at comprehensive hire rates or at suitably negotiated rates.                                                                                                                |
| GMF16 | To write off accrued interest on rates and charges payable by a ratepayer who is paying by instalments in accordance with the provisions relating to the annual rate levy, Council's policy.                                                         |

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| GMF17     | To destroy Council records in accordance with the provisions of the State Records Act 1998 (NSW).                                                                                                                                                                    |
| GMF18     | To expend Council's maintenance votes in accordance with, and subject to the limits as adopted by Council in the annual budget.                                                                                                                                      |
| GMF19     | To write off Rates and Charges and other debts owed to Council as per its policies as per <i>Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 213 of Local Government Regulations</i> .                                                                      |
| <b>D.</b> | <b>Roads</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| GMR1      | To close roads and bridges temporarily or impose load limits subject to the provisions of the Roads Act, 1993, for repair or construction when necessary.                                                                                                            |
| GMR2      | To approve applications for permission to open streets, subject to the proviso that applications received from private individuals (other than from State and Commonwealth authorities) shall not be approved until the cost of reinstatement has been paid in full. |
| GMR3      | To deal with all matters relating to the alteration or deletion of easements or restrictions as to use pursuant to Section 88 (B) of the Conveyancing Act.                                                                                                           |
| GMR4      | To issue approvals for structures on footways pursuant to Sections 125 and 126 of the Roads Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                                               |
| GMR5      | To give direction to remove obstructions or encroachments on public road pursuant to Section 107 of the Roads Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                             |
| GMR6      | To approve ramp and gate installations in accordance with Council policy.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| GMR7      | To approve the movement of stock, machinery or any other materials along or across any Council controlled road or through any built up area of the Shire, subject to any provisions of the Roads Act, 1993.                                                          |
| <b>E.</b> | <b>Town Planning / Building Control</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| GMPB1     | To determine the amount of any bond required to be lodged by developers as security for completion of works.                                                                                                                                                         |
| GMPB2     | To exercise Council's power under the Environmental Planning Assessment Act to commence the preparation of a draft Local Environmental Plan and a Draft Development Control Plan.                                                                                    |

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| GMPB3  | To issue or serve approvals and orders under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and regulations thereunder including the extension, renewal, modification and revocation of any approval granted. |
| GMPB4  | To implement Regulation 157c of the Construction Safety Act relating to Amusement Devices.                                                                                                                                   |
| GMPB5  | To implement the provisions of the Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Trust Act, 1990 as an authorised delegate under such Act.                                                                                    |
| GMPB6  | To consider and determine objections and seek the concurrence of the Director-General of the Division of Local Government in relation to such objections under Section 82 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                 |
| GMPB7  | To approve the re-location and re-positioning of buildings.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| GMPB8  | To approve the classification or re-classification of buildings under the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulations, 2005 and the issue of appropriate certificates and statements.                           |
| GMPB9  | To approve or refuse the issue of Building Certificates pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 as amended.                                                                                          |
| GMPB10 | To authorise the service of orders on owners, builders or other persons to correct any breach of any approval or defects in buildings and structures.                                                                        |
| GMPB11 | To approve unconditionally or subject to conditions or refuse applications received in respect to the construction of fences, advertising signs and street banners.                                                          |
| GMPB12 | To approve, subject to the payment of fees fixed by Council from time to time and pursuant to Section 68 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the erection of hoardings on footpaths.                                           |
| GMPB13 | To consider the applications and to issue unconditionally or subject to conditions or refuse applications for the occupation of caravans or other temporary accommodation on building sites.                                 |
| GMPB14 | To grant or refuse the extension/renewal of building approvals issued by Council.                                                                                                                                            |
| GMPB15 | To approve the variation of building lines where such variation is of a minor significance.                                                                                                                                  |
| GMPB16 | To accept or reject certifications submitted under Section 93 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                             |

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| GMPB17    | To approve Development Applications for all developments/classes of buildings where no substantial community objection is registered.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| GMPB18    | To refuse Development Applications that do not comply with legislation, Council's LEP or DCP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| GMPB19    | To authorise, where appropriate, the determination of Land and Environment Court matters by an Assessor of the Court.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| GMPB20    | To grant a departure from a development standard pursuant to the various Development Control Plans where that provision is available and where such departure is considered to be in accordance with the overall aims and objectives of the relevant plan.                                                           |
| GMPB21    | To serve any notices or orders or intention of any notice or order under the provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations, Environmental Offences and Penalties Act and Regulations, Public Health Act and Regulations, Food Act and Regulations, Protection of the Environment Act, 1997 and regulations. |
| GMPB22    | Pursuant to any delegation from the Director-General of the Department of Health to issue clean up notices under Section 51 of the Food Act, 1989.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| GMPB23    | Pursuant to any delegation from the Director-General of the Department of Health to serve Orders for Closure under Section 52 of the Food Act, 1989.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| GMPB24    | To approve or refuse applications for the installation of waste treatment devices and human waste storage facilities under Section 68 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                             |
| GMPB25    | To issue Undertaker and Mortuary approvals pursuant to Section 68 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| GMPB26    | To authorise the carrying out of work by Council pursuant to Section 678 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| GMPB27    | To reject applications for approval pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>F.</b> | <b>Bushfire / Emergency Services</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| GMBE1     | To authorise the release of Council plant and other resources to assist firefighting and emergency work.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| GMBE2     | To authorise the use of Council resources to support the Balranald Local Emergency Management Committee, Balranald Local Emergency Operations Controller or Balranald State Emergency Service Local Controller.                                                                                                      |

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| <b>GMBE3</b> | To authorise the use of Council's resources and exercise the powers conferred under Section 36 of the Environmentally Hazardous Chemicals Act, 1985.                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>GMBE4</b> | To make Council appointments to the Balranald Local Emergency Management Committee pursuant to the State Emergency Rescue and Management Act, 1989.                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>G.</b>    | <b>Impounding / Stock Control/Saleyards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>GMI1</b>  | To appoint Impounding Officers and authorised persons to impound and/or destroy certain animals and articles pursuant to the Impounding Act, 1993.                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>GMI2</b>  | To implement the provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1999 and regulations and serve any notice for breaches of the subject Act and Regulations.                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>GMI3</b>  | To issue any temporary grazing permits for public roads or for any Council controlled lands in accordance with Council's policy on this matter, or any other appropriate State or Federal legislation or any reasonable conditions of approval as determined by the General Manager. |
| <b>H.</b>    | <b>Miscellaneous Operational Matters</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>GMMM1</b> | To determine applications for use of public roads for walkathons, charitable collections, motorcar trials, bicycle races and the like where the involvement of the Balranald Local Traffic Committee is not specifically required.                                                   |
| <b>GMMM2</b> | To determine the conditions of use of Council's parks gardens and reserves and other places in accordance with section 632 of the Local Government Act, 1993.                                                                                                                        |
| <b>GMMM3</b> | To vary the dates of opening and closing of the Balranald Pool Complex.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>GMMM4</b> | To impose and enforce any necessary restrictions to the water supplies of Balranald and Euston.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>GMMM5</b> | To issue pavement concessions for aircraft wishing to use the Balranald Aerodrome in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Transport.                                                                                                                           |
| <b>GMMM6</b> | In consultation with the Administrator/Mayor the authority to approve or refuse applications for mineral explorations throughout the Shire unconditionally or subject to any appropriate conditions.                                                                                 |

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| GMMM7 | To approve the free utilisation of Council plant and equipment to charitable, service, voluntary and community organisations within the Shire in accordance with Council's policy. |
| GMMM8 | To issue NOTAMS advices to the CASA in accordance with appropriate legislative requirements.                                                                                       |

**8.2 PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

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| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.74180</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the report on the Balranald Shire's Annual Financial Statements and associated Auditor Reports and the presentation of the Statements to the Public for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present Council with the Balranald Shire Council's Annual Financial Statements as audited by the NSW Audit Office through Nexia, Auditors appointed by the NSW Audit Office and to present the Statements to the Public pursuant to Section 419 of the Local Government Act (1993) as advised and reported in the Meeting of Council on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and advertised on Council's website.

**REPORT**

Section 419 of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 requires Council to present the Annual Financial Statements with the Auditor's reports to the public as follows:

Presentation of council's financial reports  
419 Presentation of council's financial reports

- (1) A council must present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, at a meeting of the council held on the date fixed for the meeting.
- (2) The council's auditor may attend the meeting at which the financial reports are presented.
- (3) A council's auditor who carries out the functions of the auditor under an appointment by the Auditor-General must attend the meeting at which the financial reports are presented if the council gives not less than 7 days' notice in writing that it requires the auditor to do so."

The NSW Audit Office and Council's Auditor from Nexia will be linking into the Meeting from Sydney and will be commenting on the Statements.

The Draft Annual Financial Statements were presented to the ARIC on 8<sup>th</sup> September and subsequently to the Council at the September 2022 Meeting of Council for audit purposes. Following the meeting, there were a small number of amendments these included the reporting of revaluation changes for assets which had been highlighted in September and this related mainly to roads and infrastructure, corresponding adjustments for revaluation increments and decrements in infrastructure assets (Schedule C1-7) and also a reduction in Work In progress to reflect capital expenditure being recognised as completed assets. The value of non-current assets increased \$73m from \$150m to \$223m with the adjustment flowing through the revaluations reserve.

The main difference in operating result was due to the writeback of software purchases in 2022 which was originally capitalised as Intangible Assets (\$74K additional expense) as well as the decision to write off the previous balance of software Intangible Assets, from previous years due



to change in the Accounting Standards (additional write off \$25k) – total additional reduction in operating result \$99K combined with other minor changes resulted in a decrease in net operating result of \$108k.

There was also the recognition that \$2m of cash on deposit needed to be moved from current investments to long term investments, however this had no overall impact on the level of cash and investments at year end.

A desktop review of the Rural Fire Service fleet was also undertaken as it was not possible to physically inspect the vehicles or conduct valuation or appraisal of same. After analysis it was determined that the likely net value of the vehicles was not material. The Auditor General has noted that the review had been undertaken and agreed with the finding that the value was not material.

Accordingly, the audit has now been finalised with an Unqualified Opinion on the General-Purpose Financial Statements, the Special Purpose Financial Statements for Council's Declared Business Activities, and the Special Schedule 'Permissible income for general rates. The Auditors found that the Financial Statements were fairly and appropriately presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

A copy of the Final Audited Annual Accounts together with the Auditors reports are attached.

The following information regarding the General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS) is provided from the Auditors report.

### **Legislative compliance**

The NSW Audit Office stated that the audit procedures did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements or a material deficiency in the Council's accounting records or financial statements.

The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form that facilitated the preparation and the effective audit of the general-purpose financial statements
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

### **SUMMARY**

The General Purpose Financial Statements, the Specific Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Schedules have been audited by the NSW Audit Office and were submitted to the Office of Local Government on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 in compliance with the regulations.

The Audit report and Financial Statements were advertised as required under Sect 420 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the public were invited to make written submissions with respect to the audited financial statements. No submissions have been received.

The Auditor has been invited to make a presentation to Council at this meeting.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Auditors' fees as per budget.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Sec. 419 & 420 of the Local Government Act 1993

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Nil

**RISK RATING**

Moderate

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Balranald Financial Statement and audit report 2021-2022 [↓](#) 

# Balranald Shire Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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# Balranald Shire Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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## Balranald Shire Council

### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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#### Overview

Balranald Shire Council is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

70 Market Street  
Balranald NSW 2715

Council's guiding principles are detailed in Chapter 3 of the LGA and includes:

- principles applying to the exercise of functions generally by council,
- principles to be applied when making decisions,
- principles of community participation,
- principles of sound financial management, and
- principles for strategic planning relating to the development of an integrated planning and reporting framework.

A description of the nature of Council's operations and its principal activities are provided in Note B1-2.

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our reporting is timely, complete and available at minimum cost. All press releases, financial statements and other information are publicly available on our website: [www.balranald.nsw.gov.au](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au).

## Balranald Shire Council

### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

### Understanding Council's Financial Statements

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#### Introduction

Each year NSW local governments are required to present audited financial statements to their council and community.

#### What you will find in the Statements

The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting and reporting requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the Office of Local Government.

#### About the Councillor/Management Statement

The financial statements must be certified by senior staff as 'presenting fairly' the Council's financial results for the year and are required to be adopted by Council – ensuring both responsibility for and ownership of the financial statements.

#### About the Primary Financial Statements

The financial statements incorporate five "primary" financial statements:

##### 1. The Income Statement

Summarises Council's financial performance for the year, listing all income and expenses. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

##### 2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income

Primarily records changes in the fair value of Council's Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

##### 3. The Statement of Financial Position

A 30 June snapshot of Council's financial position indicating its assets, liabilities and "net wealth".

##### 4. The Statement of Changes in Equity

The overall change for the year (in dollars) of Council's "net wealth".

##### 5. The Statement of Cash Flows

Indicates where Council's cash came from and where it was spent. This statement also displays Council's original adopted budget to provide a comparison between what was projected and what actually occurred.

#### About the Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide greater detail and additional information on the five primary financial statements.

#### About the Auditor's Reports

Council's financial statements are required to be audited by the NSW Audit Office.

In NSW the auditor provides 2 audit reports:

1. an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the Council's financial performance and position, and
2. their observations on the conduct of the audit, including commentary on the Council's financial performance and financial position.

#### Who uses the Financial Statements?

The financial statements are publicly available documents and must be presented at a Council meeting between seven days and five weeks after the date of the audit report.

The public can make submissions to Council up to seven days subsequent to the public presentation of the financial statements.

Council is required to forward an audited set of financial statements to the Office of Local Government.

**Balranald Shire Council****General Purpose Financial Statements**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Statement by Administrator and Management**

Statement by Administrator and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 20 September 2022.

  
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Michael Colreavy  
Administrator  
20 September 2022  
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Jeff Sowiak  
General Manager/Responsible Accounting  
Officer  
20 September 2022

Balranald Shire Council | Income Statement | for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Balranald Shire Council

## Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2022

| Original<br>unaudited<br>budget<br>2022<br>\$ '000 |                                                                                                        | Notes | Actual<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Income from continuing operations</b>           |                                                                                                        |       |                           |                           |
| 4,727                                              | Rates and annual charges                                                                               | B2-1  | 4,557                     | 4,129                     |
| 2,900                                              | User charges and fees                                                                                  | B2-2  | 2,191                     | 1,980                     |
| 526                                                | Other revenues                                                                                         | B2-3  | 361                       | 339                       |
| 10,058                                             | Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes                                               | B2-4  | 9,612                     | 8,791                     |
| 8,088                                              | Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes                                                 | B2-4  | 3,740                     | 3,685                     |
| 71                                                 | Interest and investment income                                                                         | B2-5  | 119                       | 74                        |
| 162                                                | Other income                                                                                           | B2-6  | 108                       | 115                       |
| 26,532                                             | <b>Total income from continuing operations</b>                                                         |       | <b>20,688</b>             | <b>19,113</b>             |
| <b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>         |                                                                                                        |       |                           |                           |
| 5,387                                              | Employee benefits and on-costs                                                                         | B3-1  | 5,432                     | 5,777                     |
| 5,508                                              | Materials and services                                                                                 | B3-2  | 3,681                     | 2,814                     |
| 114                                                | Borrowing costs                                                                                        | B3-3  | 119                       | 125                       |
| 4,966                                              | Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets                                      | B3-4  | 5,373                     | 5,214                     |
| 368                                                | Other expenses                                                                                         | B3-5  | 416                       | 518                       |
| —                                                  | Net loss from the disposal of assets                                                                   | B4-1  | 71                        | —                         |
| —                                                  | Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method                        | D2    | 200                       | 227                       |
| 16,343                                             | <b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>                                                       |       | <b>15,292</b>             | <b>14,675</b>             |
| 10,189                                             | <b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>                                                     |       | <b>5,396</b>              | <b>4,438</b>              |
| 10,189                                             | <b>Net operating result for the year attributable to Council</b>                                       |       | <b>5,396</b>              | <b>4,438</b>              |
| 2,101                                              | <b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b> |       | <b>1,656</b>              | <b>753</b>                |

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Balranald Shire Council | Statement of Comprehensive Income | for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Balranald Shire Council****Statement of Comprehensive Income**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

|                                                                                        | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement</b>                       |       | <b>5,396</b>    | <b>4,438</b>    |
| <b>Other comprehensive income:</b>                                                     |       |                 |                 |
| Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result            |       |                 |                 |
| Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment            | C1-7  | 72,764          | 175             |
| <b>Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result</b> |       | <b>72,764</b>   | <b>175</b>      |
| <b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>                                   |       | <b>72,764</b>   | <b>175</b>      |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council</b>                 |       | <b>78,160</b>   | <b>4,613</b>    |

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balranald Shire Council | Statement of Financial Position | for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Balranald Shire Council

## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

|                                                      | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                        |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                |       |                 |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                            | C1-1  | 4,523           | 7,292           |
| Investments                                          | C1-2  | 18,000          | 10,750          |
| Receivables                                          | C1-4  | 2,338           | 2,290           |
| Inventories                                          | C1-5  | 258             | 240             |
| Other                                                | C1-9  | 26              | 14              |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                          |       | <b>25,145</b>   | <b>20,586</b>   |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                            |       |                 |                 |
| Receivables                                          | C1-4  | 54              | 64              |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE) | C1-7  | 221,493         | 146,933         |
| Intangible assets                                    | C1-8  | 300             | 350             |
| Investments accounted for using the equity method    | D2-1  | 932             | 1,132           |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>                      |       | <b>222,779</b>  | <b>148,479</b>  |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                  |       | <b>247,924</b>  | <b>169,065</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                   |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                           |       |                 |                 |
| Payables                                             | C3-1  | 4,397           | 3,560           |
| Contract liabilities                                 | C3-2  | 3,212           | 3,067           |
| Borrowings                                           | C3-3  | 203             | 182             |
| Employee benefit provisions                          | C3-4  | 736             | 804             |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                     |       | <b>8,548</b>    | <b>7,613</b>    |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                       |       |                 |                 |
| Borrowings                                           | C3-3  | 1,643           | 1,854           |
| Employee benefit provisions                          | C3-4  | 94              | 119             |
| Provisions                                           | C3-5  | 170             | 170             |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>                 |       | <b>1,907</b>    | <b>2,143</b>    |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                             |       | <b>10,455</b>   | <b>9,756</b>    |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                    |       | <b>237,469</b>  | <b>159,309</b>  |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                        |       |                 |                 |
| Accumulated surplus                                  | C4-1  | 64,275          | 58,879          |
| IPPE revaluation reserve                             | C4-1  | 173,194         | 100,430         |
| <b>Council equity interest</b>                       |       | <b>237,469</b>  | <b>159,309</b>  |
| <b>Total equity</b>                                  |       | <b>237,469</b>  | <b>159,309</b>  |

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balranald Shire Council | Statement of Changes in Equity | for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Balranald Shire Council

Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

|                                                                             | Notes | 2022                              |                                           |                            | 2021                              |                                           |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                                             |       | Accumulated<br>surplus<br>\$ '000 | IPPE<br>revaluation<br>reserve<br>\$ '000 | Total<br>equity<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated<br>surplus<br>\$ '000 | IPPE<br>revaluation<br>reserve<br>\$ '000 | Total<br>equity<br>\$ '000 |
| Opening balance at 1 July                                                   |       | 58,879                            | 100,430                                   | 159,309                    | 54,441                            | 100,255                                   | 154,696                    |
| Net operating result for the year                                           |       | 5,396                             | –                                         | 5,396                      | 4,438                             | –                                         | 4,438                      |
| <b>Net operating result for the period</b>                                  |       | <b>5,396</b>                      | <b>–</b>                                  | <b>5,396</b>               | <b>4,438</b>                      | <b>–</b>                                  | <b>4,438</b>               |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>                                           |       |                                   |                                           |                            |                                   |                                           |                            |
| Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment | C1-7  | –                                 | 72,764                                    | 72,764                     | –                                 | 175                                       | 175                        |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>                                           |       | <b>–</b>                          | <b>72,764</b>                             | <b>72,764</b>              | <b>–</b>                          | <b>175</b>                                | <b>175</b>                 |
| <b>Total comprehensive income</b>                                           |       | <b>5,396</b>                      | <b>72,764</b>                             | <b>78,160</b>              | <b>4,438</b>                      | <b>175</b>                                | <b>4,613</b>               |
| <b>Closing balance at 30 June</b>                                           |       | <b>64,275</b>                     | <b>173,194</b>                            | <b>237,469</b>             | <b>58,879</b>                     | <b>100,430</b>                            | <b>159,309</b>             |

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balranald Shire Council | Statement of Cash Flows | for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Balranald Shire Council

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022

| Original<br>unaudited<br>budget<br>2022<br>\$ '000 |                                                     | Notes | Actual<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>        |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| <b>Receipts:</b>                                   |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| 4,727                                              | Rates and annual charges                            |       | 4,668                     | 4,258                     |
| 2,900                                              | User charges and fees                               |       | 2,770                     | 1,981                     |
| 71                                                 | Interest received                                   |       | 80                        | 85                        |
| 18,146                                             | Grants and contributions                            |       | 14,296                    | 15,233                    |
| –                                                  | Bonds, deposits and retentions received             |       | 1,080                     | 480                       |
| 526                                                | Other                                               |       | 235                       | 1,164                     |
| <b>Payments:</b>                                   |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| (5,387)                                            | Payments to employees                               |       | (5,493)                   | (5,800)                   |
| (5,508)                                            | Payments for materials and services                 |       | (3,117)                   | (3,318)                   |
| (141)                                              | Borrowing costs                                     |       | (115)                     | (126)                     |
| –                                                  | Bonds, deposits and retentions refunded             |       | (471)                     | (336)                     |
| (368)                                              | Other                                               |       | (1,575)                   | (720)                     |
| 14,966                                             | <b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>     | G1-1  | <b>12,358</b>             | <b>12,901</b>             |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>        |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| <b>Receipts:</b>                                   |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| 22,300                                             | Sale of investments                                 |       | 10,000                    | 9,000                     |
| –                                                  | Proceeds from sale of IPPE                          |       | 43                        | –                         |
| <b>Payments:</b>                                   |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| –                                                  | Purchase of investments                             |       | (17,250)                  | (14,500)                  |
| (14,765)                                           | Payments for IPPE                                   |       | (7,730)                   | (6,386)                   |
| 7,535                                              | <b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>     |       | <b>(14,937)</b>           | <b>(11,886)</b>           |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>        |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| <b>Payments:</b>                                   |                                                     |       |                           |                           |
| (190)                                              | Repayment of borrowings                             |       | (190)                     | (257)                     |
| (190)                                              | <b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>     |       | <b>(190)</b>              | <b>(257)</b>              |
| 22,311                                             | <b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>      |       | <b>(2,769)</b>            | <b>758</b>                |
| –                                                  | Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year      |       | 7,292                     | 6,534                     |
| 22,311                                             | <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>     | C1-1  | <b>4,523</b>              | <b>7,292</b>              |
| –                                                  | plus: Investments on hand at end of year            | C1-2  | 18,000                    | 10,750                    |
| 22,311                                             | <b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b> |       | <b>22,523</b>             | <b>18,042</b>             |

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Balranald Shire Council

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## A About Council and these financial statements

### A1-1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by Council on 20 September 2022. Council has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs Council to amend the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Regulation), and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Council is a not for-profit entity.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### **Historical cost convention**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain infrastructure, property, plant and equipment and investment property.

#### **Significant accounting estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Council's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Council and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

- (i) estimated fair values of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment – refer Note C1-7
- (ii) estimated tip remediation provisions – refer Note C3-5
- (iii) employee benefit provisions – refer Note C3-4

## A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

### ***Significant judgements in applying the Council's accounting policies***

#### (i) Impairment of receivables

Council has made a significant judgement about the impairment of a number of its receivables – refer Note C1-4.

### **Monies and other assets received by Council**

#### **The Consolidated Fund**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 409(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), all money and property received by Council is held in the Council's Consolidated Fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's Trust Fund.

Cash and other assets of the following entities have been included as part of the Consolidated Fund:

- General purpose operations
- Balranald water supply
- Euston water supply
- Balranald sewerage service
- Euston sewerage service

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

### **Volunteer services**

Council has not recognised volunteer services in the income statement as they are neither material nor able to be reliably measured.

### **New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective**

#### **New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations (ie. pronouncements) have been published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2021 reporting period.

Council has elected not to apply any of these pronouncements in these financial statements before their operative dates.

Council's assessment of these new standards and interpretations (where they have been deemed as having a material impact on Council's future financial performance, financial position and cash flows) are set out below:

#### **AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current**

#### **AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date**

This Standard amends AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the statement of financial position as current or non-current.

For example the amendments clarify that a liability is classified as non-current if an entity has the right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The meaning of settlement of a liability is also clarified.

#### **Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendments and to its classification of liabilities as current or non-current.**

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2024 reporting period.



## A1-1 Basis of preparation (continued)

### **AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018 -2020 and Other Amendments**

This Standard amends a number of standards as follows:

- AASB 1 to simplify the application of AASB 1 by a subsidiary that becomes a first-time adopter after its parent in relation to the measurement of cumulative translation differences,
- AASB 3 to update a reference to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting without changing the accounting requirements for business combinations,
- AASB 9 to clarify the fees an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability,
- AASB 116 to require an entity to recognise the sales proceeds from selling items produced while preparing property, plant and equipment for its intended use and the related cost in profit or loss, instead of deducting the amounts received from the cost of the asset,
- AASB 137 to specify the costs that an entity includes when assessing whether a contract will be loss-making and
- AASB 141 to remove the requirement to exclude cash flows from taxation when measuring fair value, thereby aligning the fair value measurement requirements in AASB 141 with those in other Australian Accounting Standards.

**Council does not expect any material impact from the above amendments.**

This standard has an effective date for the 30 June 2023 reporting period.

Apart from the standards listed above there are no other released standards and interpretations (with future effective dates) that are expected to have a material impact on Council.

Council has elected not to apply any of these pronouncements in these financial statements before their operative dates.

### **New accounting standards adopted during the year**

During the year Council adopted all accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective from the first time at 30 June 2022.

## B Financial Performance

### B1 Functions or activities

#### B1-1 Functions or activities – income, expenses and assets

Income, expenses and assets have been directly attributed to the following functions or activities. Details of those functions or activities are provided in Note B1-2.

|                                        | Income          |                 | Expenses        |                 | Operating result |                 | Grants and contributions |                 | Carrying amount of assets |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
|                                        | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000  | 2021<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000          | 2021<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000           | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
| <b>Functions or activities</b>         |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |                          |                 |                           |                 |
| Governance                             | 31              | 288             | 314             | 387             | (283)            | (99)            | –                        | –               | 767                       | 403             |
| Administration                         | 380             | 272             | 3,072           | 4,734           | (2,692)          | (4,462)         | 117                      | –               | 26,326                    | 13,862          |
| Public order and safety                | 107             | 231             | 381             | 506             | (274)            | (275)           | 208                      | 225             | 829                       | 562             |
| Health                                 | 9               | 9               | 58              | 62              | (49)             | (53)            | –                        | –               | 94                        | 105             |
| Environment                            | 435             | 416             | 410             | 342             | 25               | 74              | 48                       | 27              | 8,312                     | 4,883           |
| Community services and education       | 1,388           | 1,542           | 1,375           | 1,368           | 13               | 174             | 986                      | 1,206           | 1,458                     | 1,957           |
| Housing and community amenities        | 188             | 228             | 644             | 618             | (456)            | (390)           | 46                       | 215             | 6,455                     | 6,044           |
| Water supplies                         | 1,588           | 1,491           | 837             | 751             | 751              | 740             | –                        | 77              | 13,199                    | 13,161          |
| Sewerage services                      | 711             | 643             | 371             | 369             | 340              | 274             | 1,218                    | –               | 10,954                    | 10,602          |
| Recreation and culture                 | 1,234           | 291             | 1,026           | 1,021           | 208              | (730)           | –                        | 605             | 6,695                     | 10,861          |
| Mining, manufacturing and construction | 6               | 5               | 84              | 64              | (78)             | (59)            | –                        | –               | 268                       | 25              |
| Transport and communication            | 4,574           | 6,090           | 5,674           | 3,265           | (1,100)          | 2,825           | 4,442                    | 5,692           | 170,514                   | 104,427         |
| Economic affairs                       | 819             | 599             | 846             | 961             | (27)             | (362)           | 119                      | –               | 1,121                     | 1,041           |
| General Purpose Income                 | 9,218           | 7,008           | –               | –               | 9,218            | 7,008           | 6,168                    | 4,429           | –                         | –               |
| FSWJO                                  | –               | –               | 200             | 227             | (200)            | (227)           | –                        | –               | 932                       | 1,132           |
| <b>Total functions and activities</b>  | <b>20,688</b>   | <b>19,113</b>   | <b>15,292</b>   | <b>14,675</b>   | <b>5,396</b>     | <b>4,438</b>    | <b>13,352</b>            | <b>12,476</b>   | <b>247,924</b>            | <b>169,065</b>  |

## B1-2 Components of functions or activities

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Details relating to the Council's functions or activities as reported in B1-1 are as follows:

### Governance

Includes costs relating to Council's role as a component of democratic government, including elections, members' fees and expenses, subscriptions to local authority associations, meetings of Council and policymaking committees, public disclosure (e.g. GIPA), and legislative compliance.

### Administration

Includes corporate support and other support services, engineering works, and any Council policy compliance.

### Public order and safety

Includes Council's fire and emergency services levy, fire protection, emergency services, beach control, enforcement of regulations and animal control.

### Health

Includes immunisation, food control, health centres etc.

### Environment

Includes noxious plants and insect/vermin control; other environmental protection; solid waste management, including domestic waste; other waste management; other sanitation; and garbage, street cleaning, drainage and stormwater management.

### Community services and education

Includes administration and education; social protection (welfare); migrant, Aboriginal and other community services and administration (excluding accommodation – as it is covered under 'housing and community amenities'); youth services; aged and disabled persons services; children's services, including family day care; child care; and other family and children services.

### Housing and community amenities

Includes public cemeteries; public conveniences; street lighting; town planning; other community amenities, including housing development and accommodation for families and children, aged persons, disabled persons, migrants and Indigenous persons.

### Water supplies

Includes management of water schemes, costs of reticulation, treatment and supply, and management of water infrastructure.

### Sewerage services

Includes management of sewerage schemes, costs of reticulation and treatment, and management of sewer infrastructure.

### Recreation and culture

Includes public libraries; museums; art galleries; community centres and halls, including public halls and performing arts venues; sporting grounds and venues; swimming pools; parks; gardens; lakes; and other sporting, recreational and cultural services.

### Mining, manufacturing and construction

Includes building control, quarries and pits, mineral resources, and abattoirs.

### Transport and communication

Urban local, urban regional, includes sealed and unsealed roads, bridges, footpaths, parking areas, and aerodromes.

### Economic affairs

Includes camping areas and caravan parks; tourism and area promotion; industrial development promotion; sale yards and markets; real estate development; commercial nurseries; and other business undertakings.

## B1-2 Components of functions or activities (continued)

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### General Purpose Income

This includes financial assistance grant funding which has no specific function allocation and is expended in areas of council.

**B2 Sources of income****B2-1 Rates and annual charges**

|                                                                   | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Ordinary rates</b>                                             |                 |                 |
| Residential                                                       | 400             | 342             |
| Farmland                                                          | 1,423           | 1,280           |
| Business                                                          | 1,022           | 936             |
| Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)                               | (19)            | (19)            |
| <b>Rates levied to ratepayers</b>                                 | <b>2,826</b>    | <b>2,539</b>    |
| Pensioner rate subsidies received                                 | 11              | 10              |
| <b>Total ordinary rates</b>                                       | <b>2,837</b>    | <b>2,549</b>    |
| <b>Annual charges</b>                                             |                 |                 |
| (pursuant to s.496, s.496A, s.496B, s.501 & s.611)                |                 |                 |
| Domestic waste management services                                | 321             | 306             |
| Water supply services                                             | 733             | 676             |
| Sewerage services                                                 | 609             | 539             |
| Waste management services (non-domestic)                          | 55              | 58              |
| Stormwater Charges                                                | 19              | 19              |
| Less: pensioner rebates (mandatory)                               | (39)            | (39)            |
| <b>Annual charges levied</b>                                      | <b>1,698</b>    | <b>1,559</b>    |
| Pensioner subsidies received:                                     |                 |                 |
| – Water                                                           | 7               | 6               |
| – Sewerage                                                        | 6               | 6               |
| – Domestic waste management                                       | 9               | 9               |
| <b>Total annual charges</b>                                       | <b>1,720</b>    | <b>1,580</b>    |
| <b>Total rates and annual charges</b>                             | <b>4,557</b>    | <b>4,129</b>    |
| <b>Timing of revenue recognition for rates and annual charges</b> |                 |                 |
| Rates and annual charges recognised over time (1)                 | 4,524           | 4,098           |
| Rates and annual charges recognised at a point in time (2)        | 33              | 31              |
| <b>Total rates and annual charges</b>                             | <b>4,557</b>    | <b>4,129</b>    |

Council has used 2019 year valuations provided by the NSW Valuer General in calculating its rates.

**Accounting policy**

Rates and annual charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

Pensioner rebates relate to reductions in rates and certain annual charges for eligible pensioners' place of residence in the local government council area that are not subsidised by the NSW Government.

Pensioner rate subsidies are received from the NSW Government to provide a contribution towards the pensioner rebates and are recognised within the underlying revenue item based on their substance.

## B2-2 User charges and fees

|                                                                               | Timing | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Specific user charges</b>                                                  |        |                 |                 |
| (per s.502 - specific 'actual use' charges)                                   |        |                 |                 |
| Sewerage services                                                             | 2      | 73              | 77              |
| Sewerage services contract aboriginal mission                                 | 2      | 26              | 24              |
| Water service contract aboriginal mission                                     | 2      | 51              | 49              |
| Water supply services                                                         | 2      | 767             | 644             |
| <b>Total specific user charges</b>                                            |        | <b>917</b>      | <b>794</b>      |
| <b>Other user charges and fees</b>                                            |        |                 |                 |
| <b>(i) Fees and charges – statutory and regulatory functions (per s.608)</b>  |        |                 |                 |
| Building services – other                                                     |        | 7               | –               |
| Private works – section 67                                                    | 2      | 149             | 58              |
| Registration fees                                                             | 2      | 1               | 1               |
| Section 603 certificates                                                      | 2      | 6               | 6               |
| Town planning                                                                 | 2      | 43              | 56              |
| Other                                                                         |        | 4               | –               |
| Building services                                                             | 2      | 23              | 30              |
| <b>Total fees and charges – statutory/regulatory</b>                          |        | <b>233</b>      | <b>151</b>      |
| <b>(ii) Fees and charges – other (incl. general user charges (per s.608))</b> |        |                 |                 |
| Aged care                                                                     | 2      | 389             | 371             |
| Caravan park                                                                  | 2      | 480             | 438             |
| Cemeteries                                                                    | 2      | 29              | 29              |
| Lease rentals                                                                 |        | 7               | –               |
| Refuse and effluent disposal                                                  |        | –               | 2               |
| Transport for NSW works (state roads not controlled by Council)               | 2      | 108             | 160             |
| Waste disposal tipping fees                                                   | 2      | 2               | 3               |
| Water connection fees                                                         | 2      | 2               | 7               |
| Other                                                                         | 2      | 24              | 25              |
| <b>Total fees and charges – other</b>                                         |        | <b>1,041</b>    | <b>1,035</b>    |
| <b>Total other user charges and fees</b>                                      |        | <b>1,274</b>    | <b>1,186</b>    |
| <b>Total user charges and fees</b>                                            |        | <b>2,191</b>    | <b>1,980</b>    |
| <b>Timing of revenue recognition for user charges and fees</b>                |        |                 |                 |
| User charges and fees recognised over time (1)                                |        | –               | –               |
| User charges and fees recognised at a point in time (2)                       |        | 2,191           | 1,980           |
| <b>Total user charges and fees</b>                                            |        | <b>2,191</b>    | <b>1,980</b>    |

**Accounting policy**

Revenue arising from user charges and fees is recognised when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service or in some cases such as caravan parks, the customer is required to pay on arrival or a deposit in advance. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Where an upfront fee is charged such as joining fees for the leisure centre the fee is recognised on a straight-line basis over the expected life of the membership.

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than over the term of the licence.

**B2-3 Other revenues**

|                                  | Timing | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Commissions and agency fees      | 2      | 77              | 79              |
| Diesel rebate                    | 1      | 24              | 39              |
| Insurance claims recoveries      | 1      | 7               | —               |
| Motor vehicle contributions      | 2      | 14              | 32              |
| Raw water standpipe sales        | 2      | 20              | 32              |
| Rebates                          | 2      | 34              | 34              |
| Sales – miscellaneous            | 2      | 32              | 4               |
| Tourist information centre sales | 2      | 52              | 75              |
| Other                            | 2      | 101             | 44              |
| <b>Total other revenue</b>       |        | <b>361</b>      | <b>339</b>      |

**Timing of revenue recognition for other revenue**

|                                                 |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Other revenue recognised over time (1)          | 330        | 40         |
| Other revenue recognised at a point in time (2) | 31         | 299        |
| <b>Total other revenue</b>                      | <b>361</b> | <b>339</b> |

**Accounting policy for other revenue**

Where the revenue is earned for the provision of specified goods / services under an enforceable contract, revenue is recognised when or as the obligations are satisfied.

Statutory fees and fines are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received or when the penalty has been applied, whichever occurs first.

Other revenue is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

## B2-4 Grants and contributions

|                                                                            | Timing | Operating<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Operating<br>2021<br>\$ '000 | Capital<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Capital<br>2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>General purpose grants and non-developer contributions (untied)</b>     |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| <b>General purpose (untied)</b>                                            |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| <b>Current year allocation</b>                                             |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| Financial assistance                                                       | 1      | 2,431                        | 2,138                        | –                          | –                          |
| <b>Payment in advance - future year allocation</b>                         |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| Financial assistance                                                       | 1      | 3,738                        | 2,291                        | –                          | –                          |
| <b>Amount recognised as income during current year</b>                     |        | <b>6,169</b>                 | <b>4,429</b>                 | <b>–</b>                   | <b>–</b>                   |
| <b>Special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)</b>       |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| <b>Cash contributions</b>                                                  |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| <b>Previously specific grants:</b>                                         |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| <b>Pensioners' rates subsidies:</b>                                        |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| Water supplies                                                             | 2      | –                            | –                            | –                          | 77                         |
| Aged care                                                                  | 2      | 978                          | 943                          | 5                          | 261                        |
| Bushfire and emergency services                                            | 1      | 207                          | 225                          | –                          | –                          |
| Employment and training programs                                           |        | 7                            | –                            | –                          | –                          |
| Environmental programs                                                     | 2      | 17                           | –                            | –                          | –                          |
| Library – per capita                                                       | 1      | 47                           | 48                           | –                          | –                          |
| Library – special projects                                                 | 2      | –                            | –                            | 15                         | 13                         |
| Noxious weeds                                                              | 1      | 27                           | 27                           | –                          | –                          |
| Recreation and culture                                                     | 2      | 5                            | –                            | 1,094                      | 545                        |
| Drainage                                                                   | 2      | –                            | –                            | 5                          | –                          |
| Crown Land Management                                                      | 2      | –                            | –                            | –                          | 88                         |
| Youth week                                                                 | 1      | 3                            | 2                            | –                          | –                          |
| Tourism                                                                    |        | 15                           | –                            | 103                        | –                          |
| Street lighting                                                            | 1      | 46                           | 40                           | –                          | –                          |
| Transport (roads to recovery)                                              | 1      | 845                          | 1,249                        | –                          | –                          |
| Transport (other roads and bridges funding)                                | 2      | –                            | 600                          | 2,233                      | 2,021                      |
| Other specific grants                                                      | 1      | 110                          | 38                           | –                          | 24                         |
| <b>Previously contributions:</b>                                           |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| Community services                                                         | 1      | –                            | 25                           | 57                         | –                          |
| Roads and bridges                                                          |        | –                            | –                            | 186                        | –                          |
| Transport for NSW contributions (regional roads, block grant)              | 1      | 1,136                        | 1,165                        | 42                         | 656                        |
| <b>Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions – cash</b> |        | <b>3,443</b>                 | <b>4,362</b>                 | <b>3,740</b>               | <b>3,685</b>               |
| <b>Total special purpose grants and non-developer contributions (tied)</b> |        | <b>3,443</b>                 | <b>4,362</b>                 | <b>3,740</b>               | <b>3,685</b>               |
| <b>Total grants and non-developer contributions</b>                        |        | <b>9,612</b>                 | <b>8,791</b>                 | <b>3,740</b>               | <b>3,685</b>               |
| <b>Comprising:</b>                                                         |        |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| – Commonwealth funding                                                     |        | 8,099                        | 6,632                        | 3,178                      | 1,914                      |
| – State funding                                                            |        | 1,513                        | 2,107                        | 401                        | 1,683                      |
| – Other funding                                                            |        | –                            | 52                           | 161                        | 88                         |
|                                                                            |        | <b>9,612</b>                 | <b>8,791</b>                 | <b>3,740</b>               | <b>3,685</b>               |

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## B2-4 Grants and contributions (continued)

### Unspent grants and contributions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by Council on the condition they be spent in a specified manner or in a future period but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions are as follows:

|                                                                                                           | Operating<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Operating<br>2021<br>\$ '000 | Capital<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Capital<br>2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Unspent grants and contributions</b>                                                                   |                              |                              |                            |                            |
| Unspent funds at 1 July                                                                                   | 357                          | 255                          | 3,259                      | 375                        |
| <b>Add:</b> Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year                              | 9,654                        | 8,215                        | 3,843                      | 6,954                      |
| <b>Less:</b> Funds recognised as revenue in previous years that have been spent during the reporting year | (9,892)                      | (8,113)                      | (2,268)                    | (3,697)                    |
| <b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year          | –                            | –                            | (1,622)                    | (373)                      |
| <b>Unspent funds at 30 June</b>                                                                           | <b>119</b>                   | <b>357</b>                   | <b>3,212</b>               | <b>3,259</b>               |

### Accounting policy

#### Grants and contributions – enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant and contribution revenue from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement but include achievement of specified levels of service, delivery of specific goods or services, or the completion of agreed asset development. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (e.g. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project (e.g. provision of community health services through the year).

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

#### Capital grants

Capital grants received by Council under an enforceable contract for the acquisition or construction of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be under Council's control on completion are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

#### Other grants and contributions

Assets, including cash, received from other grants and contributions are recognised at fair value when the asset is received. Council considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

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**B2-5 Interest and investment income**

|                                                                  | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost</b>   |                 |                 |
| – Overdue rates and annual charges (incl. special purpose rates) | 29              | 12              |
| – Cash and investments                                           | 90              | 62              |
| <b>Total interest and investment income (losses)</b>             | <b>119</b>      | <b>74</b>       |
| <b>Interest and investment income is attributable to:</b>        |                 |                 |
| <b>Unrestricted investments/financial assets:</b>                |                 |                 |
| Overdue rates and annual charges (general fund)                  | 23              | 5               |
| General Council cash and investments                             | 69              | 50              |
| <b>Restricted investments/funds – external:</b>                  |                 |                 |
| Water fund operations                                            | 19              | 13              |
| Sewerage fund operations                                         | 8               | 6               |
| <b>Total interest and investment income</b>                      | <b>119</b>      | <b>74</b>       |

**Accounting policy**

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

**B2-6 Other income**

|                                   | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Rental income</b>              |       |                 |                 |
| <b>Other lease income</b>         |       |                 |                 |
| Commercial related                |       | 43              | 45              |
| Room/Facility Hire                |       | 11              | –               |
| Health and day care related       |       | 2               | 1               |
| Leaseback fees - council vehicles |       | 3               | –               |
| Staff housing                     |       | 49              | 69              |
| <b>Total other lease income</b>   |       | <b>108</b>      | <b>115</b>      |
| <b>Total rental income</b>        | C2-2  | <b>108</b>      | <b>115</b>      |
| <b>Total other income</b>         |       | <b>108</b>      | <b>115</b>      |

**B3 Costs of providing services****B3-1 Employee benefits and on-costs**

|                                                                                | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Salaries and wages                                                             | 4,473           | 4,742           |
| Employee leave entitlements (ELE)                                              | 377             | 364             |
| Superannuation – defined contribution plans                                    | 386             | 401             |
| Superannuation – defined benefit plans                                         | 46              | 65              |
| Workers' compensation insurance                                                | 116             | 113             |
| Fringe benefit tax (FBT)                                                       | 33              | 48              |
| Protective clothing                                                            | 55              | 69              |
| Medicals                                                                       | 9               | 8               |
| Recruitment                                                                    | 9               | 34              |
| Other                                                                          | 2               | 2               |
| <b>Total employee costs</b>                                                    | <b>5,506</b>    | <b>5,846</b>    |
| Less: capitalised costs                                                        | (74)            | (69)            |
| <b>Total employee costs expensed</b>                                           | <b>5,432</b>    | <b>5,777</b>    |
| Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end                   | 45              | 48              |
| Number of 'full-time equivalent' employees (FTE) at year end (incl. vacancies) | 58              | 60              |

**Accounting policy**

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

*Retirement benefit obligations*

All employees of the Council are entitled to benefits on retirement, disability or death. Council contributes to various defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans on behalf of its employees.

*Superannuation plans*

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Council participates in a defined benefit plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, however, sufficient information to account for the plan as a defined benefit is not available and therefore Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans on the same basis as its obligations to defined contribution plans, i.e. as an expense when it becomes payable – refer to Note E3-1 for more information.

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**B3-2 Materials and services**

|                                                | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Raw materials and consumables                  |       | 972             | 865             |
| Contractor and consultancy costs               |       | 854             | 151             |
| – Caravan park management                      |       | 11              | 126             |
| – Waste                                        |       | 213             | 194             |
| Administrator fees and associated expenses     | F1-2  | 133             | 156             |
| Advertising                                    |       | 55              | 46              |
| Audit Fees                                     | F2-1  | 60              | 61              |
| Bank charges                                   |       | 15              | 15              |
| Cleaning                                       |       | 15              | 10              |
| Computer software charges                      |       | 75              | 2               |
| Electricity and heating                        |       | 206             | 210             |
| Insurance                                      |       | 399             | 343             |
| Office expenses (including computer expenses)  |       | 120             | 105             |
| Postage                                        |       | 12              | 12              |
| Printing and stationery                        |       | 20              | 16              |
| Street lighting                                |       | 15              | 47              |
| Subscriptions and publications                 |       | 62              | 23              |
| Telephone and communications                   |       | 43              | 40              |
| Tourism expenses (excluding employee costs)    |       | 87              | 114             |
| Training costs (other than salaries and wages) |       | 34              | 49              |
| Travel expenses                                |       | 63              | 41              |
| Valuation fees                                 |       | 69              | 68              |
| Other expenses                                 |       | 73              | 70              |
| <b>Legal expenses:</b>                         |       |                 |                 |
| – Legal expenses: planning and development     |       | 1               | –               |
| – Legal expenses: other                        |       | 26              | 6               |
| <b>Lease expenses:</b>                         |       |                 |                 |
| Expenses from leases of low value assets       |       | 12              | 10              |
| Other                                          |       | 36              | 34              |
| <b>Total materials and services</b>            |       | <b>3,681</b>    | <b>2,814</b>    |
| <b>Total materials and services</b>            |       | <b>3,681</b>    | <b>2,814</b>    |

**Accounting policy**

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as the Council receives the goods or services.

**B3-3 Borrowing costs**

|                                                        | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>(i) Interest bearing liability costs</b>            |                 |                 |
| Interest on loans                                      | 119             | 125             |
| <b>Total interest bearing liability costs</b>          | <b>119</b>      | <b>125</b>      |
| <b>Total interest bearing liability costs expensed</b> | <b>119</b>      | <b>125</b>      |
| <b>Total borrowing costs expensed</b>                  | <b>119</b>      | <b>125</b>      |

**Accounting policy**

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

**B3-4 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets**

|                                                                                 | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>                                            |       |                 |                 |
| Furniture and fittings                                                          |       | 21              | 21              |
| Land improvements (depreciable)                                                 |       | 3               | –               |
| Office equipment                                                                |       | 26              | 26              |
| Plant and equipment                                                             |       | 394             | 379             |
| <b>Infrastructure:</b>                                                          | C1-7  |                 |                 |
| – Buildings – non-specialised                                                   |       | 565             | 556             |
| – Buildings – specialised                                                       |       | 8               | 8               |
| – Footpaths                                                                     |       | 35              | 32              |
| – Kerb and gutter                                                               |       | 63              | 63              |
| – Other structures                                                              |       | 303             | 285             |
| – Roads and bridges                                                             |       | 3,362           | 3,265           |
| – Sewerage network                                                              |       | 165             | 157             |
| – Stormwater drainage                                                           |       | 56              | 56              |
| – Swimming pools                                                                |       | 34              | 34              |
| – Water supply network                                                          |       | 272             | 263             |
| <b>Other assets:</b>                                                            |       |                 |                 |
| – Other                                                                         |       | 41              | 44              |
| Intangible assets                                                               | C1-8  | 25              | 25              |
| <b>Total gross depreciation and amortisation costs</b>                          |       | <b>5,373</b>    | <b>5,214</b>    |
| <b>Total depreciation and amortisation costs</b>                                |       | <b>5,373</b>    | <b>5,214</b>    |
| <b>Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets</b> |       | <b>5,373</b>    | <b>5,214</b>    |

**Accounting policy****Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives are included in Note C1-6 for IPPE assets and Note C1-8 for intangible assets.

Depreciation is capitalised where in-house assets have contributed to new assets.

**Impairment of non-financial assets**

Council assets held at fair value that are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash flow, and that are deemed to be specialised, are not tested for impairment since these assets are assessed on an annual basis to ensure that the carrying amount is not materially different from fair value and therefore an impairment loss would be captured during this assessment.

Intangible assets not yet available for use, are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired.

Other non-financial assets that do not meet the criteria above are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units).

Impairment losses for revalued assets are firstly offset against the amount in the revaluation surplus for the class of asset, with only the excess to be recognised in the Income Statement.

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**B3-5 Other expenses**

|                                                                              | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Impairment of receivables</b>                                             |       |                 |                 |
| User charges and fees                                                        |       | 20              | 13              |
| Other                                                                        |       | 85              | 60              |
| <b>Total impairment of receivables</b>                                       | C1-4  | <b>105</b>      | <b>73</b>       |
| <b>Other</b>                                                                 |       |                 |                 |
| Contributions/levies to other levels of government                           |       |                 |                 |
| – Emergency services levy (includes FRNSW, SES, and RFS levies)              |       | 276             | 420             |
| Donations, contributions and assistance to other organisations (Section 356) |       | 35              | 25              |
| <b>Total other</b>                                                           |       | <b>311</b>      | <b>445</b>      |
| <b>Total other expenses</b>                                                  |       | <b>416</b>      | <b>518</b>      |

**Accounting policy**

Other expenses are recorded on an accruals basis when Council has an obligation for the expenses.

Impairment expenses are recognised when identified.

**B4 Gains or losses****B4-1 Gain or loss from the disposal, replacement and de-recognition of assets**

|                                                                           | Notes | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of property (excl. investment property)</b> |       |                 |                 |
| Proceeds from disposal – property                                         |       | 4               | –               |
| Less: carrying amount of property assets sold/written off                 |       | (35)            | –               |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>                                         |       | <b>(31)</b>     | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of plant and equipment</b>                  |       |                 |                 |
|                                                                           | C1-7  |                 |                 |
| Proceeds from disposal – plant and equipment                              |       | 39              | –               |
| Less: carrying amount of plant and equipment assets sold/written off      |       | (44)            | –               |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>                                         |       | <b>(5)</b>      | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of investments</b>                          |       |                 |                 |
|                                                                           | C1-2  |                 |                 |
| Proceeds from disposal/redemptions/maturities – investments               |       | 10,000          | 9,000           |
| Less: carrying amount of investments sold/redeemed/matured                |       | (10,000)        | (9,000)         |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>                                         |       | <b>–</b>        | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal of intangible assets</b>                    |       |                 |                 |
|                                                                           | C1-8  |                 |                 |
| Proceeds from disposal – intangible assets                                |       | –               | –               |
| Less: carrying amount of intangible assets sold/written off               |       | (25)            | –               |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>                                         |       | <b>(25)</b>     | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Other</b>                                                              |       |                 |                 |
| Proceeds from disposal of Library Books                                   |       | –               | –               |
| Less: carrying amount of Library Books written off                        |       | (10)            | –               |
| <b>Gain (or loss) on disposal</b>                                         |       | <b>(10)</b>     | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Net gain (or loss) from disposal of assets</b>                         |       | <b>(71)</b>     | <b>–</b>        |

**Accounting policy**

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. The gain or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer and the asset is de-recognised.

## B5 Performance against budget

### B5-1 Material budget variations

Council's original budget was adopted by the Council on 22/06/2021 and is not required to be audited. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include state and federal government decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors, and by decisions made by Council.

While these General Purpose Financial Statements include the original budget adopted by Council, the Act requires Council to review its financial budget on a quarterly basis, so it is able to manage the variation between actuals and budget that invariably occur during the year.

**Material variations of more than 10%** between original budget and actual results or where the variance is considered material by nature are explained below.

**Variation Key:** **F** = Favourable budget variation, **U** = Unfavourable budget variation.

| \$ '000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2022<br>Budget | 2022<br>Actual | 2022<br>----- Variance ----- |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                |                |                              |                |
| <b>Rates and annual charges</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>4,727</b>   | <b>4,557</b>   | <b>(170)</b>                 | <b>(4)% U</b>  |
| <b>User charges and fees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>2,900</b>   | <b>2,191</b>   | <b>(709)</b>                 | <b>(24)% U</b> |
| User fees and charges were down for the period due to a number of factors including continued reduction in facility usage from the impacts of COVID, water consumption down due to increased rainfall, and a reduction in works and services during the year. |                |                |                              |                |
| <b>Other revenues</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>526</b>     | <b>361</b>     | <b>(165)</b>                 | <b>(31)% U</b> |
| Other income was down due to reduction in claimable Diesel Fuel Rebate as a result of Federal Government review of rates, reduced water standpipe sales, decrease in staff vehicle contributions and tourism sales was also down due to reduced visitations.  |                |                |                              |                |
| <b>Operating grants and contributions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>10,058</b>  | <b>9,612</b>   | <b>(446)</b>                 | <b>(4)% U</b>  |
| <b>Capital grants and contributions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>8,088</b>   | <b>3,740</b>   | <b>(4,348)</b>               | <b>(54)% U</b> |
| The grant for extension of the Bidgee Haven Hostel was not pursued during the year as per the original budget and a number of other capital grants remained on hold during the year due to rationalisation of work activities.                                |                |                |                              |                |
| <b>Interest and investment revenue</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>71</b>      | <b>119</b>     | <b>48</b>                    | <b>68% F</b>   |
| Interest on overdue rates returned to more normal levels following the removal of the State Government interest 'holiday' granted in the previous year due to COVID, as well as increased investment rates and available funds for short term investment.     |                |                |                              |                |
| <b>Other income</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>162</b>     | <b>108</b>     | <b>(54)</b>                  | <b>(33)% U</b> |
| Staff housing contributions were down during the period due to delay in replacement of departing senior staff.                                                                                                                                                |                |                |                              |                |



## B5-1 Material budget variations (continued)

| \$ '000                                                                                                                                                            | 2022<br>Budget | 2022<br>Actual | 2022<br>----- Variance ----- |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                |                |                              |          |
| Employee benefits and on-costs                                                                                                                                     | 5,387          | 5,432          | (45)                         | (1)% U   |
| Materials and services                                                                                                                                             | 5,508          | 3,681          | 1,827                        | 33% F    |
| A decrease in expected works and services during the year due to rationalisation of work activities and reduced capital grant take up.                             |                |                |                              |          |
| Borrowing costs                                                                                                                                                    | 114            | 119            | (5)                          | (4)% U   |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets                                                                                                  | 4,966          | 5,373          | (407)                        | (8)% U   |
| Other expenses                                                                                                                                                     | 368            | 416            | (48)                         | (13)% U  |
| Original budget contribution for shared emergency services levy with Wentworth Shire Council was understated.                                                      |                |                |                              |          |
| Joint ventures and associates – net losses                                                                                                                         | –              | 200            | (200)                        | ∞ U      |
| Council does not budget for the operations of the Far South West Joint Organisation of Councils but brings to account a share of the operating result at year end. |                |                |                              |          |
| <b>Statement of cash flows</b>                                                                                                                                     |                |                |                              |          |
| Cash flows from operating activities                                                                                                                               | 14,966         | 12,358         | (2,608)                      | (17)% U  |
| Cashflow from operating activities was down during the year as indicated in the notes pertaining to reduced income and expenditure above.                          |                |                |                              |          |
| Cash flows from investing activities                                                                                                                               | 7,535          | (14,937)       | (22,472)                     | (298)% U |
| Cashflow from grants was higher during the year, enabling increased short term investment opportunities.                                                           |                |                |                              |          |
| Cash flows from financing activities                                                                                                                               | (190)          | (190)          | –                            | 0% F     |

**C Financial position****C1 Assets we manage****C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents**

|                                        | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash assets</b>                     |                 |                 |
| Cash on hand and at bank               | 145             | 4,414           |
| Cash equivalent assets                 |                 |                 |
| – Deposits at call                     | 4,378           | 1,878           |
| – Short-term deposits                  | –               | 1,000           |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b> | <b>4,523</b>    | <b>7,292</b>    |

**Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents**

|                                                                     |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Financial Position | 4,523        | 7,292        |
| <b>Balance as per the Statement of Cash Flows</b>                   | <b>4,523</b> | <b>7,292</b> |

**Accounting policy**

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

**C1-2 Financial investments**

|                                                            | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Debt securities at amortised cost</b>                   |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Long term deposits                                         | 18,000                     | –                              | 10,750                     | –                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                               | <b>18,000</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>10,750</b>              | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total financial investments</b>                         | <b>18,000</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>10,750</b>              | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total cash assets, cash equivalents and investments</b> | <b>22,523</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>18,042</b>              | <b>–</b>                       |

**Accounting policy**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

**Financial assets**

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

**Classification**

On initial recognition, Council classifies its financial assets into the following categories – those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)
- fair value through other comprehensive income – equity instrument (FVOCI-equity)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition.

## C1-2 Financial investments (continued)

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### **Amortised cost**

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Council's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position. Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on de-recognition are recognised in profit or loss.

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## C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

|                                                                                    | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments                   |                            |                                |                 |                            |                                |                 |
| <b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>                                | <b>22,523</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>22,523</b>   | <b>18,042</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>18,042</b>   |
| Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments                 | (8,254)                    | –                              | (8,254)         | (7,458)                    | –                              | (7,458)         |
| <b>Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions</b> | <b>14,269</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>14,269</b>   | <b>10,584</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>10,584</b>   |

**External restrictions****External restrictions – included in liabilities**

External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:

|                                                        |              |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Specific purpose unexpended grants – general fund      | 3,206        | 3,061        |
| Specific purpose unexpended grants – water fund        | 6            | 6            |
| <b>External restrictions – included in liabilities</b> | <b>3,212</b> | <b>3,067</b> |

**External restrictions – other**

External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:

|                                                                           |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund | 119          | 549          |
| Water fund                                                                | 2,962        | 2,198        |
| Sewer fund                                                                | 1,252        | 1,028        |
| Stormwater management                                                     | 19           | –            |
| Domestic waste management                                                 | 690          | 616          |
| <b>External restrictions – other</b>                                      | <b>5,042</b> | <b>4,391</b> |
| <b>Total external restrictions</b>                                        | <b>8,254</b> | <b>7,458</b> |

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

|                                                                                    | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| (b) Internal allocations                                                           |                            |                                |                 |                            |                                |                 |
| <b>Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions</b> | <b>14,269</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>14,269</b>   | <b>10,584</b>              | <b>–</b>                       | <b>10,584</b>   |

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## C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments (continued)

|                                                                            | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Less: Internally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments         | (11,618)                   | –                              | (11,618)        | (6,287)                    | –                              | (6,287)         |
| <b>Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments</b> | <b>2,651</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>2,651</b>    | <b>4,297</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>4,297</b>    |

**Internal allocations**

At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:

|                                   |               |              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Plant and vehicle replacement     | 1,879         | 366          |
| Infrastructure replacement        | 1,472         | 214          |
| Employees leave entitlement       | 271           | 269          |
| Deposits, retentions and bonds    | –             | 130          |
| Caravan park reserve              | 486           | 139          |
| Euston cemetery                   | –             | 15           |
| Gravel pits rehabilitation        | 235           | 234          |
| Hostel bonds                      | 2,353         | 1,743        |
| Hostel Other                      | –             | 33           |
| Self Care Unit Bonds              | 140           | 140          |
| Health reserve                    | –             | 6            |
| Lake Benanee capital improvements | –             | 1            |
| Other assets replacement          | –             | 286          |
| Town clock                        | –             | 3            |
| Financial Assistance Funds        | 3,738         | 2,291        |
| Future Development Fund           | 1,044         | 415          |
| Berrett Park Revitalisation       | –             | 2            |
| <b>Total internal allocations</b> | <b>11,618</b> | <b>6,287</b> |

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may be internally allocated by resolution or policy of the elected Council.

|  | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|

## (c) Unrestricted and unallocated

|                                                                            |              |          |              |              |          |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| <b>Unrestricted and unallocated cash, cash equivalents and investments</b> | <b>2,651</b> | <b>–</b> | <b>2,651</b> | <b>4,297</b> | <b>–</b> | <b>4,297</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|

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## C1-4 Receivables

|                                                     | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rates and annual charges                            | 177                        | 30                             | 166                        | 39                             |
| Interest and extra charges                          | 15                         | 5                              | 16                         | 6                              |
| User charges and fees                               | 330                        | 19                             | 377                        | 19                             |
| Accrued revenues                                    |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| – Interest on investments                           | 60                         | –                              | 19                         | –                              |
| – Other income accruals                             | –                          | –                              | 64                         | –                              |
| Government grants and subsidies                     | 1,593                      | –                              | 1,652                      | –                              |
| Net GST receivable                                  | 332                        | –                              | 91                         | –                              |
| Other debtors                                       | –                          | –                              | 2                          | –                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>2,507</b>               | <b>54</b>                      | <b>2,387</b>               | <b>64</b>                      |
| <b>Less: provision for impairment</b>               |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Rates and annual charges                            | (111)                      | –                              | (59)                       | –                              |
| Other debtors                                       | (58)                       | –                              | (38)                       | –                              |
| <b>Total provision for impairment – receivables</b> | <b>(169)</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>(97)</b>                | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total net receivables</b>                        | <b>2,338</b>               | <b>54</b>                      | <b>2,290</b>               | <b>64</b>                      |
| <b>Externally restricted receivables</b>            |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| <b>Water supply</b>                                 |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| – Rates and availability charges                    | 136                        | –                              | 52                         | –                              |
| – Other                                             | 160                        | –                              | 260                        | 19                             |
| <b>Sewerage services</b>                            |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| – Rates and availability charges                    | 38                         | –                              | 40                         | –                              |
| – Other                                             | 22                         | –                              | 26                         | –                              |
| <b>Total external restrictions</b>                  | <b>356</b>                 | <b>–</b>                       | <b>378</b>                 | <b>19</b>                      |
| <b>Unrestricted receivables</b>                     | <b>1,982</b>               | <b>54</b>                      | <b>1,912</b>               | <b>45</b>                      |
| <b>Total net receivables</b>                        | <b>2,338</b>               | <b>54</b>                      | <b>2,290</b>               | <b>64</b>                      |

|                                                                               | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Movement in provision for impairment of receivables</b>                    |                 |                 |
| Balance at the beginning of the year (calculated in accordance with AASB 139) | 97              | 26              |
| Add: new provisions recognised during the year                                | 72              | 71              |
| <b>Balance at the end of the year</b>                                         | <b>169</b>      | <b>97</b>       |

## Accounting policy

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

## Impairment

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating ECL, the Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and including forward-looking information.

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## C1-4 Receivables (continued)

When considering the ECL for rates debtors, Council takes into account that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rates debtors, Council uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Council uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Council in full, without recourse by the Council to actions such as realising security (if any is held) or
- the financial assets (for non-rates debtors) are more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract, and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Council uses the simplified approach for trade receivables where the expected lifetime credit losses are recognised on day 1.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

The Council writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or when the receivables are over 6 years past due, whichever occurs first.

None of the receivables that have been written off are subject to enforcement activity.

Where the Council renegotiates the terms of receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Rates and annual charges outstanding are secured against the property.

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## C1-5 Inventories

|                                  | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Inventories at cost</b>       |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Stores and materials             | 232                        | —                              | 216                        | —                              |
| Trading stock                    | 26                         | —                              | 24                         | —                              |
| <b>Total inventories at cost</b> | <b>258</b>                 | <b>—</b>                       | <b>240</b>                 | <b>—</b>                       |
| <b>Total inventories</b>         | <b>258</b>                 | <b>—</b>                       | <b>240</b>                 | <b>—</b>                       |

## Accounting policy

**Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods**

Raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.



### C1-6 Non-current assets classified as held for sale

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Council did not classify any non-current assets and disposal group assets.

## C1-7 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

| By aggregated asset class                                  | At 1 July 2021                   |                                                    |                                | Asset movements during the reporting period |                                 |                                        |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                                   | At 30 June 2022                  |                                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                            | Gross carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated depreciation and impairment<br>\$ '000 | Net carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Additions renewals <sup>1</sup><br>\$ '000  | Additions new assets<br>\$ '000 | Carrying value of disposals<br>\$ '000 | Depreciation expense<br>\$ '000 | WIP transfers<br>\$ '000 | Revaluation decrements to equity (ARR)<br>\$ '000 | Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)<br>\$ '000 | Gross carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated depreciation and impairment<br>\$ '000 | Net carrying amount<br>\$ '000 |
| Capital work in progress                                   | 3,706                            | –                                                  | 3,706                          | 580                                         | 1,334                           | –                                      | –                               | (2,645)                  | –                                                 | –                                                 | 2,974                            | –                                                  | 2,974                          |
| Plant and equipment                                        | 6,005                            | (3,943)                                            | 2,062                          | 19                                          | 50                              | (44)                                   | (394)                           | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 5,914                            | (4,221)                                            | 1,693                          |
| Office equipment                                           | 530                              | (420)                                              | 110                            | 2                                           | 11                              | –                                      | (26)                            | 14                       | –                                                 | –                                                 | 558                              | (446)                                              | 112                            |
| Furniture and fittings                                     | 330                              | (220)                                              | 110                            | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (21)                            | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 330                              | (241)                                              | 89                             |
| <b>Land:</b>                                               |                                  |                                                    |                                |                                             |                                 |                                        |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                                   |                                  |                                                    |                                |
| – Operational land                                         | 3,514                            | –                                                  | 3,514                          | –                                           | –                               | (35)                                   | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | 128                                               | 3,607                            | –                                                  | 3,607                          |
| – Community land                                           | 2,214                            | –                                                  | 2,214                          | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 2,214                            | –                                                  | 2,214                          |
| Land improvements – non-depreciable                        | 798                              | –                                                  | 798                            | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 798                              | –                                                  | 798                            |
| Land improvements – depreciable                            | 311                              | (168)                                              | 143                            | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (3)                             | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 311                              | (171)                                              | 140                            |
| <b>Infrastructure:</b>                                     |                                  |                                                    |                                |                                             |                                 |                                        |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                                   |                                  |                                                    |                                |
| – Roads and bridges                                        | 126,991                          | (53,138)                                           | 73,853                         | 2,493                                       | 772                             | –                                      | (3,362)                         | 2,425                    | –                                                 | 72,156                                            | 186,383                          | (38,047)                                           | 148,336                        |
| – Other structures                                         | 23,579                           | (13,276)                                           | 10,303                         | 604                                         | 87                              | –                                      | (303)                           | 61                       | (4,556)                                           | –                                                 | 8,045                            | (1,850)                                            | 6,195                          |
| – Swimming pools                                           | 1,982                            | (664)                                              | 1,318                          | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (34)                            | –                        | (393)                                             | –                                                 | 1,156                            | (265)                                              | 891                            |
| – Sewerage network                                         | 13,833                           | (4,655)                                            | 9,178                          | 314                                         | –                               | –                                      | (165)                           | 2                        | (3)                                               | –                                                 | 12,761                           | (3,436)                                            | 9,325                          |
| – Water supply network                                     | 17,272                           | (7,325)                                            | 9,947                          | 243                                         | –                               | –                                      | (272)                           | –                        | (688)                                             | –                                                 | 17,028                           | (7,796)                                            | 9,232                          |
| – Buildings – specialised                                  | 938                              | (326)                                              | 612                            | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (8)                             | –                        | –                                                 | 484                                               | 1,457                            | (369)                                              | 1,088                          |
| – Stormwater drainage                                      | 4,747                            | (1,222)                                            | 3,525                          | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (56)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 868                                               | 5,664                            | (1,326)                                            | 4,338                          |
| – Kerb and gutter                                          | 5,073                            | (1,441)                                            | 3,632                          | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (63)                            | –                        | (590)                                             | –                                                 | 4,447                            | (1,469)                                            | 2,978                          |
| – Footpaths                                                | 1,886                            | (851)                                              | 1,035                          | 15                                          | 25                              | –                                      | (35)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 280                                               | 1,889                            | (570)                                              | 1,319                          |
| – Buildings – non-specialised                              | 34,731                           | (14,431)                                           | 20,300                         | 26                                          | 645                             | –                                      | (565)                           | 143                      | –                                                 | 5,078                                             | 41,674                           | (16,046)                                           | 25,628                         |
| <b>Other assets:</b>                                       |                                  |                                                    |                                |                                             |                                 |                                        |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                                   |                                  |                                                    |                                |
| – Library books                                            | 188                              | (163)                                              | 25                             | –                                           | 14                              | (10)                                   | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 152                              | (123)                                              | 29                             |
| – Other                                                    | 796                              | (248)                                              | 548                            | –                                           | –                               | –                                      | (41)                            | –                        | –                                                 | –                                                 | 796                              | (289)                                              | 507                            |
| <b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b> | <b>249,424</b>                   | <b>(102,491)</b>                                   | <b>146,933</b>                 | <b>4,296</b>                                | <b>2,938</b>                    | <b>(89)</b>                            | <b>(5,348)</b>                  | <b>–</b>                 | <b>(6,230)</b>                                    | <b>78,994</b>                                     | <b>298,158</b>                   | <b>(76,665)</b>                                    | <b>221,493</b>                 |

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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## C1-7 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

| By aggregated asset class                                  | At 1 July 2020                   |                                                    |                                | Asset movements during the reporting period |                                 |                                 |                          |                                                   | At 30 June 2021                  |                                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                            | Gross carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated depreciation and impairment<br>\$ '000 | Net carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Additions renewals <sup>1</sup><br>\$ '000  | Additions new assets<br>\$ '000 | Depreciation expense<br>\$ '000 | WIP transfers<br>\$ '000 | Revaluation increments to equity (ARR)<br>\$ '000 | Gross carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated depreciation and impairment<br>\$ '000 | Net carrying amount<br>\$ '000 |
| Capital work in progress                                   | 356                              | –                                                  | 356                            | 1,030                                       | 2,425                           | –                               | (105)                    | –                                                 | 3,706                            | –                                                  | 3,706                          |
| Plant and equipment                                        | 5,897                            | (3,564)                                            | 2,333                          | 102                                         | 6                               | (379)                           | –                        | –                                                 | 6,005                            | (3,943)                                            | 2,062                          |
| Office equipment                                           | 503                              | (394)                                              | 109                            | 3                                           | 24                              | (26)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 530                              | (420)                                              | 110                            |
| Furniture and fittings                                     | 330                              | (199)                                              | 131                            | –                                           | –                               | (21)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 330                              | (220)                                              | 110                            |
| <b>Land:</b>                                               |                                  |                                                    |                                |                                             |                                 |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                  |                                                    |                                |
| – Operational land                                         | 3,514                            | –                                                  | 3,514                          | –                                           | –                               | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | 3,514                            | –                                                  | 3,514                          |
| – Community land                                           | 2,214                            | –                                                  | 2,214                          | –                                           | –                               | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | 2,214                            | –                                                  | 2,214                          |
| Land improvements – non-depreciable                        | 798                              | –                                                  | 798                            | –                                           | –                               | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | 798                              | –                                                  | 798                            |
| Land improvements – depreciable                            | 311                              | (168)                                              | 143                            | –                                           | –                               | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | 311                              | (168)                                              | 143                            |
| <b>Infrastructure:</b>                                     |                                  |                                                    |                                |                                             |                                 |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                  |                                                    |                                |
| – Buildings – non-specialised                              | 34,240                           | (13,875)                                           | 20,365                         | 119                                         | 372                             | (556)                           | –                        | –                                                 | 34,731                           | (14,431)                                           | 20,300                         |
| – Buildings – specialised                                  | 938                              | (318)                                              | 620                            | –                                           | –                               | (8)                             | –                        | –                                                 | 938                              | (326)                                              | 612                            |
| – Other structures                                         | 23,293                           | (12,991)                                           | 10,302                         | 16                                          | 270                             | (285)                           | –                        | –                                                 | 23,579                           | (13,276)                                           | 10,303                         |
| – Roads                                                    | 125,287                          | (49,872)                                           | 75,415                         | 1,093                                       | 606                             | (3,265)                         | 5                        | –                                                 | 126,991                          | (53,138)                                           | 73,853                         |
| – Footpaths                                                | 1,752                            | (819)                                              | 933                            | –                                           | 134                             | (32)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 1,886                            | (851)                                              | 1,035                          |
| – Stormwater drainage                                      | 4,747                            | (1,166)                                            | 3,581                          | –                                           | –                               | (56)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 4,747                            | (1,222)                                            | 3,525                          |
| – Water supply network                                     | 16,821                           | (6,995)                                            | 9,826                          | 117                                         | 77                              | (263)                           | 100                      | 91                                                | 17,272                           | (7,325)                                            | 9,947                          |
| – Sewerage network                                         | 13,404                           | (4,456)                                            | 8,948                          | 303                                         | –                               | (157)                           | –                        | 84                                                | 13,833                           | (4,655)                                            | 9,178                          |
| – Swimming pools                                           | 1,982                            | (630)                                              | 1,352                          | –                                           | –                               | (34)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 1,982                            | (664)                                              | 1,318                          |
| – Kerb and gutter                                          | 5,073                            | (1,378)                                            | 3,695                          | –                                           | –                               | (63)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 5,073                            | (1,441)                                            | 3,632                          |
| <b>Other assets:</b>                                       |                                  |                                                    |                                |                                             |                                 |                                 |                          |                                                   |                                  |                                                    |                                |
| – Library books                                            | 183                              | (163)                                              | 20                             | –                                           | 5                               | –                               | –                        | –                                                 | 188                              | (163)                                              | 25                             |
| – Other                                                    | 796                              | (204)                                              | 592                            | –                                           | –                               | (44)                            | –                        | –                                                 | 796                              | (248)                                              | 548                            |
| <b>Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b> | <b>242,439</b>                   | <b>(97,192)</b>                                    | <b>145,247</b>                 | <b>2,783</b>                                | <b>3,919</b>                    | <b>(5,189)</b>                  | <b>–</b>                 | <b>175</b>                                        | <b>249,424</b>                   | <b>(102,491)</b>                                   | <b>146,933</b>                 |

(1) Renewals are defined as the replacement of existing assets (as opposed to the acquisition of new assets).

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## C1-7 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

### Accounting policy

Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are held at fair value. Independent comprehensive valuations are performed at least every five years, however the carrying amount of assets is assessed by Council at each reporting date to confirm that it is not materially different from current fair value.

Water and sewerage network assets are indexed at each reporting period in accordance with the Rates Reference Manual issued by Department of Industry (DoI) – Water.

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation are credited to the revaluation reserve. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognising profit or loss relating to that asset class, the increase is first recognised as profit or loss. Decreases that reverse previous increases of assets in the same class are first charged against revaluation reserves directly in equity to the extent of the remaining reserve attributable to the class; all other decreases are charged to the Income Statement.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Income Statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

When infrastructure, property, plant and equipment are acquired by Council for nil or nominal consideration, the assets are initially recognised at their fair value at acquisition date.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

| <b>Plant and equipment</b>        | <b>Years</b> | <b>Other equipment</b>               | <b>Years</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Office equipment                  | 5 to 10      | Playground equipment                 | 5 to 15      |
| Office furniture                  | 10 to 20     | Benches, seats etc.                  | 10 to 20     |
| Computer equipment                | 3 to 4       |                                      |              |
| Vehicles                          | 5 to 8       | <b>Buildings</b>                     |              |
| Heavy plant/road making equipment | 5 to 8       | Buildings: masonry                   | 50 to 100    |
| Other plant and equipment         | 5 to 15      | Buildings: other                     | 20 to 40     |
| <b>Water and sewer assets</b>     |              | <b>Stormwater assets</b>             |              |
| Dams and reservoirs               | 20 to 100    | Drains                               | 70 to 100    |
| Bores                             | 10 to 50     | Culverts                             | 50 to 80     |
| Reticulation pipes: PVC           | 50 to 80     | Flood control structures             | 20 to 80     |
| Reticulation pipes: other         | 25 to 50     |                                      |              |
| Pumps and telemetry               | 8 to 20      |                                      |              |
| <b>Transportation assets</b>      |              | <b>Other infrastructure assets</b>   |              |
| Sealed roads: surface             | 15           | Bulk earthworks                      | Indefinite   |
| Sealed roads: structure           | 35 to 150    | Swimming pools                       | 25 to 140    |
| Unsealed roads                    | 90 to 150    | Other open space/recreational assets | 20           |
| Bridge: concrete                  | 80 to 120    | Other infrastructure                 | 20           |
| Bridge: other                     | 80 to 120    |                                      |              |
| Road pavements                    | 35 to 130    |                                      |              |
| Kerb, gutter and footpaths        | 40           |                                      |              |

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

### Land under roads

Land under roads is land under roadways and road reserves including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

Council has elected not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008. Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is recognised in accordance with the IPPE accounting policy.

### Crown reserves

Crown reserves under Council's care and control are recognised as assets of the Council. While ownership of the reserves remains with the Crown, Council retains operational control of the reserves and is responsible for their maintenance and use in accordance with the specific purposes to which the reserves are dedicated.

## C1-7 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (continued)

Improvements on Crown reserves are also recorded as assets, while maintenance costs incurred by Council and revenues relating to the reserves are recognised within Council's Income Statement.

**Rural Fire Service assets**

Council has assessed the value of rural firefighting assets ("Red fleet") and determined that the value of these assets are not material and have not recognised them in the financial statements.

## Externally restricted infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

|                                                                       | as at 30/06/22                   |                                             |                                | as at 30/06/21                   |                                             |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                       | Gross carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated depn. and impairment<br>\$ '000 | Net carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Gross carrying amount<br>\$ '000 | Accumulated depn. and impairment<br>\$ '000 | Net carrying amount<br>\$ '000 |
| <b>Water supply</b>                                                   |                                  |                                             |                                |                                  |                                             |                                |
| WIP                                                                   | 432                              | —                                           | 432                            | 392                              | —                                           | 392                            |
| Plant and equipment                                                   | 315                              | 78                                          | 237                            | 315                              | 63                                          | 252                            |
| Land                                                                  |                                  |                                             |                                |                                  |                                             |                                |
| — Operational land                                                    | 34                               | —                                           | 34                             | 34                               | —                                           | 34                             |
| Infrastructure                                                        | 17,028                           | 7,796                                       | 9,232                          | 17,272                           | 7,324                                       | 9,948                          |
| <b>Total water supply</b>                                             | <b>17,809</b>                    | <b>7,874</b>                                | <b>9,935</b>                   | <b>18,013</b>                    | <b>7,387</b>                                | <b>10,626</b>                  |
| <b>Sewerage services</b>                                              |                                  |                                             |                                |                                  |                                             |                                |
| WIP                                                                   | 4                                | —                                           | 4                              | 2                                | —                                           | 2                              |
| Plant and equipment                                                   | 285                              | 60                                          | 225                            | 285                              | 45                                          | 240                            |
| Land                                                                  |                                  |                                             |                                |                                  |                                             |                                |
| — Operational land                                                    | 88                               | —                                           | 88                             | 88                               | —                                           | 88                             |
| Infrastructure                                                        | 12,761                           | 3,436                                       | 9,325                          | 13,833                           | 4,655                                       | 9,178                          |
| <b>Total sewerage services</b>                                        | <b>13,138</b>                    | <b>3,496</b>                                | <b>9,642</b>                   | <b>14,208</b>                    | <b>4,700</b>                                | <b>9,508</b>                   |
| <b>Total restricted infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b> | <b>30,947</b>                    | <b>11,370</b>                               | <b>19,577</b>                  | <b>32,221</b>                    | <b>12,087</b>                               | <b>20,134</b>                  |

## C1-8 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are as follows:

|                                                 | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Other Intangibles</b>                        |                 |                 |
| <b>Opening values at 1 July</b>                 |                 |                 |
| Gross book value                                | 443             | 425             |
| Accumulated amortisation                        | (93)            | (50)            |
| <b>Net book value – opening balance</b>         | <b>350</b>      | <b>375</b>      |
| <b>Movements for the year</b>                   |                 |                 |
| Amortisation charges                            | (25)            | (25)            |
| Gross book value written off                    | (125)           | –               |
| Accumulated amortisation charges written off    | 100             | –               |
| <b>Closing values at 30 June</b>                |                 |                 |
| Gross book value                                | 318             | 443             |
| Accumulated amortisation                        | (18)            | (93)            |
| <b>Total Intangibles – net book value</b>       | <b>300</b>      | <b>350</b>      |
| <b>Total intangible assets – net book value</b> | <b>300</b>      | <b>350</b>      |

## Accounting policy

## Intangible Assets

## Aged care hostel bed licences

Council operates an aged care hostel which is licenced under Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care for 15 bed accommodation. The licences are recognised at cost of acquisition, no amortisation applies as the licences are currently deemed to have an indefinite useful life.

## C1-9 Other

## Other assets

|                           | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Prepayments               | 26                         | –                              | 14                         | –                              |
| <b>Total other assets</b> | <b>26</b>                  | <b>–</b>                       | <b>14</b>                  | <b>–</b>                       |

## C2 Leasing activities

### C2-1 Council as a lessee

Council had no leases in place as at 30 June 2021.

#### (a) Income Statement

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to leases where Council is a lessee are shown below:

|                                       | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Expenses relating to low-value leases | 12              | 10              |
|                                       | <b>12</b>       | <b>10</b>       |

#### (b) Leases at significantly below market value – concessionary / peppercorn leases

##### Accounting policy

At inception of a contract, Council assesses whether a lease exists – i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration?

Council has elected not to separate non-lease components from lease components for any class of asset and has accounted for payments as a single component.

At the lease commencement, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where Council believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises: the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Council's incremental borrowing rate for a similar term with similar security is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is re-measured when there is a lease modification, or change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI).

Where the lease liability is re-measured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the re-measurement.

##### Exceptions to lease accounting

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

##### Leases at significantly below market value / Concessionary leases

Council has elected to measure the right of use asset arising from the concessionary leases at cost which is based on the associated lease liability at initial recognition.

## C2-2 Council as a lessor

## Operating leases

|  | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------------|-----------------|

The amounts recognised in the Income Statement relating to operating leases where Council is a lessor are shown below

## (i) Assets held as property, plant and equipment

|                                                                                    |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Lease income (excluding variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate) | 108        | 115        |
| <b>Total income relating to operating leases for Council assets</b>                | <b>108</b> | <b>115</b> |

## (ii) Maturity analysis of contractual lease income

Maturity analysis of future lease income receivable showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after reporting date for operating leases:

|                                                         |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| < 1 year                                                | 32         | 31         |
| 1–2 years                                               | 33         | 32         |
| 2–3 years                                               | 34         | 33         |
| 3–4 years                                               | 35         | 34         |
| 4–5 years                                               | 35         | 35         |
| <b>Total undiscounted lease payments to be received</b> | <b>169</b> | <b>165</b> |

## Accounting policy

When Council is a lessor, the lease is classified as either an operating or finance lease at inception date, based on whether substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset have been transferred to the lessee. If the risks and rewards have been transferred then the lease is classified as a finance lease, otherwise it is an operating lease.

When Council has a sub-lease over an asset and is the intermediate lessor then the head lease and sub-lease are accounted for separately. The classification of the sub-lease is based on the right-of-use asset which arises from the head lease rather than the useful life of the underlying asset.

If the lease contains lease and non-lease components, the non-lease components are accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

The lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term for an operating lease and as finance income using amortised cost basis for finance leases.



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**C3 Liabilities of Council****C3-1 Payables**

|                                            | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Goods and services – operating expenditure | 1,176                      | –                              | 594                        | –                              |
| Goods and services – capital expenditure   | 234                        | –                              | 731                        | –                              |
| Accrued expenses:                          |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| – Borrowings                               | 9                          | –                              | 5                          | –                              |
| – Salaries and wages                       | 80                         | –                              | 48                         | –                              |
| – Other expenditure accruals               | –                          | –                              | 6                          | –                              |
| Security bonds, deposits and retentions    | 269                        | –                              | 270                        | –                              |
| Retirement home contributions              | 2,353                      | –                              | 1,743                      | –                              |
| Other                                      | 93                         | –                              | 41                         | –                              |
| Prepaid rates                              | 183                        | –                              | 122                        | –                              |
| <b>Total payables</b>                      | <b>4,397</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,560</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |

**Payables relating to restricted assets**

|                                                       | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Externally restricted assets</b>                   |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Water                                                 | 65                         | –                              | 21                         | –                              |
| Sewer                                                 | 15                         | –                              | –                          | –                              |
| Payables relating to externally restricted assets     | 80                         | –                              | 21                         | –                              |
| <b>Total payables relating to restricted assets</b>   | <b>80</b>                  | <b>–</b>                       | <b>21</b>                  | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total payables relating to unrestricted assets</b> | <b>4,317</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,539</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total payables</b>                                 | <b>4,397</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,560</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |

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## C3-1 Payables (continued)

## Current payables not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

|  | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------------|-----------------|

The following liabilities, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months.

|                                                    |              |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Payables – security bonds, deposits and retentions | 2,450        | 1,898        |
| <b>Total payables</b>                              | <b>2,450</b> | <b>1,898</b> |

## Accounting policy

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

## Payables

Payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to Council prior to the end of financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

## C3-2 Contract Liabilities

|                                                                    | Notes | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Grants and contributions received in advance:</b>               |       |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Unexpended capital grants (to construct Council controlled assets) | (i)   | 3,212                      | –                              | 3,067                      | –                              |
| <b>Total grants received in advance</b>                            |       | <b>3,212</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,067</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total contract liabilities</b>                                  |       | <b>3,212</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,067</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |

## Notes

(i) Council has received funding to construct assets including sporting facilities, bridges, library and other infrastructure. The funds received are under an enforceable contract which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue. The revenue is expected to be recognised in the next 12 months.

## Contract liabilities relating to restricted assets

|                                                                      | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Externally restricted assets</b>                                  |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Water                                                                | 6                          | –                              | 6                          | –                              |
| Unspent grants held as contract liabilities (excl. Water & Sewer)    | 3,206                      | –                              | 3,061                      | –                              |
| <b>Contract liabilities relating to externally restricted assets</b> | <b>3,212</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,067</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total contract liabilities relating to restricted assets</b>      | <b>3,212</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,067</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |
| <b>Total contract liabilities</b>                                    | <b>3,212</b>               | <b>–</b>                       | <b>3,067</b>               | <b>–</b>                       |

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### C3-2 Contract Liabilities (continued)

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**Significant changes in contract liabilities**

There was no significant movement in Contract Liabilities during the year.

**Accounting policy**

Contract liabilities are recorded when consideration is received from a customer / fund provider prior to Council transferring a good or service to the customer, Council presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

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## C3-3 Borrowings

|                              | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Loans – secured <sup>1</sup> | 203                        | 1,643                          | 182                        | 1,854                          |
| <b>Total borrowings</b>      | <b>203</b>                 | <b>1,643</b>                   | <b>182</b>                 | <b>1,854</b>                   |

(1) Loans are secured over the general rating income of Council.

Disclosures on liability interest rate risk exposures, fair value disclosures and security can be found in Note E1-1.

## Borrowings relating to restricted assets

|                                                         | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Externally restricted assets</b>                     |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Water                                                   | 74                         | 559                            | 66                         | 636                            |
| Borrowings relating to externally restricted assets     | 74                         | 559                            | 66                         | 636                            |
| <b>Total borrowings relating to restricted assets</b>   | <b>74</b>                  | <b>559</b>                     | <b>66</b>                  | <b>636</b>                     |
| <b>Total borrowings relating to unrestricted assets</b> | <b>129</b>                 | <b>1,084</b>                   | <b>116</b>                 | <b>1,218</b>                   |
| <b>Total borrowings</b>                                 | <b>203</b>                 | <b>1,643</b>                   | <b>182</b>                 | <b>1,854</b>                   |

## (a) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

|                                                    | 2021                       | Non-cash movements    |                        |                               |                                                           |                                    | 2022                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                    | Opening Balance<br>\$ '000 | Cash flows<br>\$ '000 | Acquisition<br>\$ '000 | Fair value changes<br>\$ '000 | Acquisition due to change in accounting policy<br>\$ '000 | Other non-cash movement<br>\$ '000 | Closing balance<br>\$ '000 |
| Loans – secured                                    | 2,036                      | (190)                 | –                      | –                             | –                                                         | –                                  | 1,846                      |
| <b>Total liabilities from financing activities</b> | <b>2,036</b>               | <b>(190)</b>          | <b>–</b>               | <b>–</b>                      | <b>–</b>                                                  | <b>–</b>                           | <b>1,846</b>               |

|                                                    | 2020                       | Non-cash movements    |                        |                               |                                                           |                                    | 2021                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                    | Opening Balance<br>\$ '000 | Cash flows<br>\$ '000 | Acquisition<br>\$ '000 | Fair value changes<br>\$ '000 | Acquisition due to change in accounting policy<br>\$ '000 | Other non-cash movement<br>\$ '000 | Closing balance<br>\$ '000 |
| Loans – secured                                    | 2,293                      | (257)                 | –                      | –                             | –                                                         | –                                  | 2,036                      |
| <b>Total liabilities from financing activities</b> | <b>2,293</b>               | <b>(257)</b>          | <b>–</b>               | <b>–</b>                      | <b>–</b>                                                  | <b>–</b>                           | <b>2,036</b>               |

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## C3-3 Borrowings (continued)

## (b) Financing arrangements

|                                             | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total facilities</b>                     |                 |                 |
| Bank overdraft facilities <sup>1</sup>      | 200             | 200             |
| Credit cards/purchase cards                 | 150             | 150             |
| <b>Total financing arrangements</b>         | <b>350</b>      | <b>350</b>      |
| <b>Drawn facilities</b>                     |                 |                 |
| – Credit cards/purchase cards               | 5               | 5               |
| <b>Total drawn financing arrangements</b>   | <b>5</b>        | <b>5</b>        |
| <b>Undrawn facilities</b>                   |                 |                 |
| – Bank overdraft facilities                 | 200             | 200             |
| – Credit cards/purchase cards               | 145             | 145             |
| <b>Total undrawn financing arrangements</b> | <b>345</b>      | <b>345</b>      |

## Additional financing arrangements information

## Breaches and defaults

During the current and prior year, there were no defaults or breaches on any of the loans.

(1) The bank overdraft facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

## Accounting policy

Council measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down.

Borrowings are removed from the Statement of Financial Position when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in other income or borrowing costs.

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## C3-4 Employee benefit provisions

|                                                                          | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-current<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Annual leave                                                             | 427                        | –                              | 455                        | –                              |
| Long service leave                                                       | 240                        | 90                             | 316                        | 119                            |
| Gratuities                                                               | 40                         | –                              | 33                         | –                              |
| ELE on-costs                                                             | 29                         | 4                              | –                          | –                              |
| <b>Total employee benefit provisions</b>                                 | <b>736</b>                 | <b>94</b>                      | <b>804</b>                 | <b>119</b>                     |
| <b>Total employee benefit provisions relating to unrestricted assets</b> | <b>736</b>                 | <b>94</b>                      | <b>804</b>                 | <b>119</b>                     |
| <b>Total employee benefit provisions</b>                                 | <b>736</b>                 | <b>94</b>                      | <b>804</b>                 | <b>119</b>                     |

## Current employee benefit provisions not anticipated to be settled within the next twelve months

|                                                                                                                    | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| The following provisions, even though classified as current, are not expected to be settled in the next 12 months. |                 |                 |
| Provisions – employees benefits                                                                                    | 418             | 485             |
|                                                                                                                    | <b>418</b>      | <b>485</b>      |

## Description of and movements in provisions

|                                            | ELE provisions          |                                  |                            |                                          |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                            | Annual leave<br>\$ '000 | Long service<br>leave<br>\$ '000 | ELE<br>on-costs<br>\$ '000 | Other<br>employee<br>benefits<br>\$ '000 | Total<br>\$ '000 |
| <b>2022</b>                                |                         |                                  |                            |                                          |                  |
| At beginning of year                       | 455                     | 435                              | –                          | 33                                       | 923              |
| Additional provisions                      | 372                     | (52)                             | 33                         | 17                                       | 370              |
| Amounts used (payments)                    | (400)                   | (53)                             | –                          | (10)                                     | (463)            |
| <b>Total ELE provisions at end of year</b> | <b>427</b>              | <b>330</b>                       | <b>33</b>                  | <b>40</b>                                | <b>830</b>       |
| <b>2021</b>                                |                         |                                  |                            |                                          |                  |
| At beginning of year                       | 393                     | 431                              | –                          | 37                                       | 861              |
| Additional provisions                      | 313                     | 49                               | –                          | 1                                        | 363              |
| Amounts used (payments)                    | (251)                   | (45)                             | –                          | (5)                                      | (301)            |
| <b>Total ELE provisions at end of year</b> | <b>455</b>              | <b>435</b>                       | <b>–</b>                   | <b>33</b>                                | <b>923</b>       |

## Accounting policy

## Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating long service leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service) are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and accumulating long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

## Other long-term employee benefit obligations

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### C3-4 Employee benefit provisions (continued)

The liability for long-service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### On-costs

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include superannuation, payroll tax and workers compensation expenses which will be payable upon the future payment of certain leave liabilities which employees are entitled to at the reporting period.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

### C3-5 Provisions

|                                                  | 2022<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2022<br>Non-Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Current<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>Non-Current<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Asset remediation/restoration:</b>            |                            |                                |                            |                                |
| Asset remediation/restoration (future works)     | —                          | 170                            | —                          | 170                            |
| <b>Sub-total – asset remediation/restoration</b> | <b>—</b>                   | <b>170</b>                     | <b>—</b>                   | <b>170</b>                     |
| <b>Total provisions</b>                          | <b>—</b>                   | <b>170</b>                     | <b>—</b>                   | <b>170</b>                     |

### Description of and movements in provisions

|                                       | Other provisions                |                  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|                                       | Asset<br>remediation<br>\$ '000 | Total<br>\$ '000 |
| <b>2022</b>                           |                                 |                  |
| At beginning of year                  | 170                             | 170              |
| Total other provisions at end of year | 170                             | 170              |
| <b>2021</b>                           |                                 |                  |
| At beginning of year                  | 170                             | 170              |
| Total other provisions at end of year | 170                             | 170              |

#### Nature and purpose of provisions

##### Asset remediation

Council has a legal/public obligation to make, restore, rehabilitate and reinstate the council tip.

##### Accounting policy

Provisions are recognised when Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount has been reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments

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### C3-5 Provisions (continued)

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of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a borrowing cost.

#### **Asset remediation – tips and quarries**

Close-down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, and the removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas. Estimated close-down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs, whether this occurs during the development or during the operation phase, based on the net present value of estimated future costs. Provisions for close-down and restoration costs do not include any additional obligations which are expected to arise from future disturbance.

The cost estimates are calculated annually during the life of the operation to reflect known developments, e.g. updated cost estimates and revisions to the estimated lives of operations, and are subject to formal review at regular intervals.

The ultimate cost of environmental remediation is uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors, including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques, or experience at other locations. The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in quarry reserves or production rates. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provision for close down and restoration and environmental clean-up, which would affect future financial results.

Other movements in the provisions for close-down and restoration costs, including those resulting from new disturbance, updated cost estimates, changes to the estimated lives of operations, and revisions to discount rates, are capitalised within infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. These costs are then depreciated over the lives of the assets to which they relate.



## C4 Reserves

### C4-1 Nature and purpose of reserves

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#### **IPPE Revaluation reserve**

The infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE) revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

## D Council structure

### D1 Results by fund

General fund refers to all Council activities other than water and sewer. All amounts disclosed in this note are gross i.e. inclusive of internal charges and recoveries made between the funds. Assets and liabilities shown in the water and sewer columns are restricted for use for these activities.

#### D1-1 Income Statement by fund

|                                                                                                        | General<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Water<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Sewer<br>2022<br>\$ '000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Income from continuing operations</b>                                                               |                            |                          |                          |
| Rates and annual charges                                                                               | 3,109                      | 807                      | 641                      |
| User charges and fees                                                                                  | 1,349                      | 769                      | 73                       |
| Interest and investment revenue                                                                        | 92                         | 19                       | 8                        |
| Other revenues                                                                                         | 264                        | 71                       | 26                       |
| Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes                                               | 9,612                      | —                        | —                        |
| Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes                                                 | 3,740                      | —                        | —                        |
| Other income                                                                                           | 108                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Total income from continuing operations</b>                                                         | <b>18,274</b>              | <b>1,666</b>             | <b>748</b>               |
| <b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>                                                             |                            |                          |                          |
| Employee benefits and on-costs                                                                         | 5,196                      | 181                      | 55                       |
| Materials and services                                                                                 | 3,127                      | 381                      | 173                      |
| Borrowing costs                                                                                        | 76                         | 43                       | —                        |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets                                      | 4,906                      | 287                      | 180                      |
| Other expenses                                                                                         | 393                        | 23                       | —                        |
| Net losses from the disposal of assets                                                                 | 71                         | —                        | —                        |
| Share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method                            | 200                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>                                                       | <b>13,969</b>              | <b>915</b>               | <b>408</b>               |
| <b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>                                                     | <b>4,305</b>               | <b>751</b>               | <b>340</b>               |
| <b>Net operating result for the year</b>                                                               | <b>4,305</b>               | <b>751</b>               | <b>340</b>               |
| <b>Net operating result attributable to each council fund</b>                                          | <b>4,305</b>               | <b>751</b>               | <b>340</b>               |
| <b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b> | <b>565</b>                 | <b>751</b>               | <b>340</b>               |

## D1-2 Statement of Financial Position by fund

|                                                   | General<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Water<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Sewer<br>2022<br>\$ '000 |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                     |                            |                          |                          |
| <b>Current assets</b>                             |                            |                          |                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                         | 1,403                      | 2,368                    | 752                      |
| Investments                                       | 16,900                     | 600                      | 500                      |
| Receivables                                       | 1,982                      | 296                      | 60                       |
| Inventories                                       | 258                        | —                        | —                        |
| Other                                             | 26                         | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                       | <b>20,569</b>              | <b>3,264</b>             | <b>1,312</b>             |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                         |                            |                          |                          |
| Receivables                                       | 54                         | —                        | —                        |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment     | 201,916                    | 9,935                    | 9,642                    |
| Investments accounted for using the equity method | 932                        | —                        | —                        |
| Intangible assets                                 | 300                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>                   | <b>203,202</b>             | <b>9,935</b>             | <b>9,642</b>             |
| <b>Total assets</b>                               | <b>223,771</b>             | <b>13,199</b>            | <b>10,954</b>            |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                |                            |                          |                          |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                        |                            |                          |                          |
| Payables                                          | 4,317                      | 65                       | 15                       |
| Contract liabilities                              | 3,206                      | 6                        | —                        |
| Borrowings                                        | 129                        | 74                       | —                        |
| Employee benefit provision                        | 736                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                  | <b>8,388</b>               | <b>145</b>               | <b>15</b>                |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                    |                            |                          |                          |
| Borrowings                                        | 1,084                      | 559                      | —                        |
| Employee benefit provision                        | 94                         | —                        | —                        |
| Provisions                                        | 170                        | —                        | —                        |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>              | <b>1,348</b>               | <b>559</b>               | <b>—</b>                 |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                          | <b>9,736</b>               | <b>704</b>               | <b>15</b>                |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                 | <b>214,035</b>             | <b>12,495</b>            | <b>10,939</b>            |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                     |                            |                          |                          |
| Accumulated surplus                               | 54,519                     | 6,052                    | 3,704                    |
| Revaluation reserves                              | 159,516                    | 6,443                    | 7,235                    |
| <b>Council equity interest</b>                    | <b>214,035</b>             | <b>12,495</b>            | <b>10,939</b>            |
| <b>Total equity</b>                               | <b>214,035</b>             | <b>12,495</b>            | <b>10,939</b>            |

## D2 Interests in other entities

|                                                                                                         | Council's share of net assets |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                         | 2022                          | 2021         |
|                                                                                                         | \$ '000                       | \$ '000      |
| <b>Council's share of net income</b>                                                                    |                               |              |
| <b>Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – expenses</b>       |                               |              |
| Joint ventures                                                                                          | 200                           | 227          |
| <b>Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – expenses</b> | <b>200</b>                    | <b>227</b>   |
| <b>Total Council's share of net income</b>                                                              | <b>(200)</b>                  | <b>(227)</b> |
| <b>Council's share of net assets</b>                                                                    |                               |              |
| <b>Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets</b>         |                               |              |
| Joint ventures                                                                                          | 932                           | 1,132        |
| <b>Total net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method – assets</b>   | <b>932</b>                    | <b>1,132</b> |
| <b>Total Council's share of net assets</b>                                                              | <b>932</b>                    | <b>1,132</b> |

### D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements

The following information is provided for joint arrangements that are individually material to the Council. Included are the amounts as per the individual joint arrangement's financial statements, adjusted for fair-value adjustments, rather than Council's share.

Council is a member of the Far South West Joint Organisation of Councils (FSWJO). Details of Council's membership and participation is as follows:

The FSWJO is a separately constituted entity pursuant to Part 7 (Sections 400O to 400ZH) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993, as amended, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2008. The FSWJO has the same year end date as the Council.

The principal functions of the Far West Joint Organisation will be to:

Establish strategic regional priorities for the joint organisation area and develop strategies and plans for delivering these priorities:

1. Provide regional leadership for the joint organisation area and to be an advocate for strategic regional priorities,
2. Identify and take up opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation on matters relating to the joint organisation area,
3. Enhancing strategic capacity to support member councils to deliver services to their communities,
4. Service delivery to provide services directly to communities within the region.

The percentage ownership interest held is equivalent to the percentage voting rights for all associates as follows:

FSWJO comprises the Councils of the Shires of Balranald, Wentworth, Broken Hill and Central Darling Shire Councils. The Board of the FSWJO comprises 4 voting members being the Mayors of the four member Councils, and non-voting members being the General Managers of the four member Councils, as well as 3 appointed members from the State Government and Cabinet (non-voting).

Balranald Shire Council, as a member of the FSWJO, has a one quarter voting right (25%) in respect to the decisions of the Board.

For the 2021/22 year, no member Councils were required to make contributions to the FSWJO. Members of the FSWJO are indemnified from liability for functions and duties carried out or omitted honestly, in good faith and with due care and diligence.

The FSWJO has engaged an Executive Officer on a standard Local Government employment contract for 3 years. There are no liability issues identified for Council in the short to medium term.

**D2-1 Interests in joint arrangements (continued)**

| <b>FarSouth West Joint Organisation Equity Method</b>                                                                                                             |                        |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>\$'000<br/>2022</b> | <b>\$'000<br/>2021</b> |
| <b>Summarised Statement of Financial Position</b>                                                                                                                 |                        |                        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                                                                                                                             | 3,745                  | 4619                   |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                                                                                                                                        | (18)                   | (92)                   |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>3,726</b>           | <b>4,527</b>           |
| <b>Summarised Statement of Income and other Comprehensive Income</b>                                                                                              |                        |                        |
| Grant funding                                                                                                                                                     | 60                     | 150                    |
| Interest income                                                                                                                                                   | 2                      | 5                      |
| <b>Total income from continuing operations</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>62</b>              | <b>155</b>             |
| Employee benefits                                                                                                                                                 | -                      | (98)                   |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                                                                                                     | -                      | (2)                    |
| Administration expenses                                                                                                                                           | (861)                  | (948)                  |
| Other expenses                                                                                                                                                    | (2)                    |                        |
| <b>Total expense from continuing operations</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>(864)</b>           | <b>(1,048)</b>         |
| <b>Gain/(Loss) from continuing operations</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>(801)</b>           | <b>(893)</b>           |
| <b>Total comprehensive income</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>(801)</b>           | <b>(893)</b>           |
| <b>Summarised statement of Cash Flows</b>                                                                                                                         |                        |                        |
| Cashflow from operating activities                                                                                                                                | (859)                  | (893)                  |
| Cashflow from investing activities                                                                                                                                | -                      | 33                     |
| <b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>                                                                                                       | <b>(859)</b>           | <b>(860)</b>           |
| <b>Reconciliation of carrying amount of interest in the joint arrangement to summarised financial information for FWJO accounted for using the Equity method:</b> |                        |                        |
| Balranald Shire Council's share of net assets                                                                                                                     | 932                    | 1,132                  |
| Carrying amount of net assets                                                                                                                                     | 932                    | 1,132                  |

**Accounting policy**

Interests in joint arrangements are accounted for using the equity method in accordance with AASB128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures.

Under this method, the investment is initially recognised as a cost and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognise the Council's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the investee after the date of acquisition. If the Council's share of losses of a joint arrangement equals or exceeds its interest in the joint arrangement, the Council discontinues recognising its share of further losses.

The Council's share in the joint arrangements gains or losses arising from transactions between itself and its joint arrangement are eliminated.

Adjustments are made to the joint arrangement's accounting policies where they are different from those of the Council for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements.

## E Risks and accounting uncertainties

### E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held

Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including (1) price risk, (2) credit risk, (3) liquidity risk and (4) interest rate risk.

The Council's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

Council does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by Council's finance section under policies approved by the Council.

The fair value of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying amount.

|                                     | Carrying value<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Carrying value<br>2021<br>\$ '000 | Fair value<br>2022<br>\$ '000 | Fair value<br>2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Financial assets</b>             |                                   |                                   |                               |                               |
| <b>Measured at amortised cost</b>   |                                   |                                   |                               |                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents           | 4,523                             | 7,292                             | 4,523                         | 7,292                         |
| Receivables                         | 2,392                             | 2,354                             | 2,392                         | 2,354                         |
| Investments                         |                                   |                                   |                               |                               |
| – Debt securities at amortised cost | 18,000                            | 10,750                            | 18,000                        | 10,750                        |
| <b>Total financial assets</b>       | <b>24,915</b>                     | <b>20,396</b>                     | <b>24,915</b>                 | <b>20,396</b>                 |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>        |                                   |                                   |                               |                               |
| Payables                            | 4,397                             | 3,560                             | 4,397                         | 3,560                         |
| Loans/advances                      | 1,846                             | 2,036                             | 1,846                         | 2,036                         |
| <b>Total financial liabilities</b>  | <b>6,243</b>                      | <b>5,596</b>                      | <b>6,243</b>                  | <b>5,596</b>                  |

Council's objective is to maximise its return on cash and investments whilst maintaining an adequate level of liquidity and preserving capital.

Council's finance area manages the cash and Investments portfolio.

Council has an investment policy which complies with the Local Government Act 1993 and Minister's investment order 625. This policy is regularly reviewed by Council and its staff and an investment report is tabled before Council on a monthly basis setting out the portfolio breakup and its performance as required by Local Government regulations.

The risks associated with the instruments held are:

- **Price risk** – the risk that the capital value of Investments may fluctuate due to changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to individual financial instruments or their issuers or are caused by factors affecting similar instruments traded in a market.
- **Interest rate risk** – the risk that movements in interest rates could affect returns and income.
- **Liquidity risk** – the risk that Council will not be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- **Credit risk** – the risk that the investment counterparty will not complete their obligations particular to a financial instrument, resulting in a financial loss to Council – be it of a capital or income nature.

Council manages these risks (amongst other measures) by diversifying its portfolio and only purchasing investments with high credit ratings or capital guarantees.

## E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

## (a) Market risk – interest rate and price risk

|  | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------------|-----------------|

The impact on result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.

Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates

|                             |     |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| – Equity / Income Statement | 225 | 180 |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|

## (b) Credit risk

Council's major receivables comprise (i) rates and annual charges and (ii) user charges and fees.

Council manages the credit risk associated with these receivables by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures. Council also encourages ratepayers to pay their rates by the due date through incentives.

The credit risk for liquid funds and other short-term financial assets is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk, whether through exposure to individual customers, specific industry sectors and/or regions.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to Council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

Council makes suitable provision for doubtful receivables as required and carries out credit checks on most non-rate debtors.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

## E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

## Credit risk profile

## Receivables – rates and annual charges

Credit risk on rates and annual charges is minimised by the ability of Council to recover these debts as a secured charge over the land; that is, the land can be sold to recover the debt. Council is also able to charge interest on overdue rates and annual charges at higher than market rates which further encourages payment.

|                       | Not yet<br>overdue<br>\$ '000 | overdue rates and annual charges |                        |                        |                      | Total<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                       |                               | < 5 years<br>\$ '000             | 1 - 2 years<br>\$ '000 | 2 - 5 years<br>\$ '000 | ≥ 5 years<br>\$ '000 |                  |
| <b>2022</b>           |                               |                                  |                        |                        |                      |                  |
| Gross carrying amount | 128                           | 68                               | 11                     | –                      | –                    | 207              |
| <b>2021</b>           |                               |                                  |                        |                        |                      |                  |
| Gross carrying amount | –                             | 197                              | –                      | –                      | 8                    | 205              |

## Receivables - non-rates and annual charges and contract assets

Council applies the simplified approach for non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets to provide for expected credit losses, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision at inception. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The loss allowance provision is determined as follows. The expected credit losses incorporate forward-looking information.

|                        | Not yet<br>overdue<br>\$ '000 | 0 - 30 days<br>\$ '000 | Overdue debts           |                         |                      | Total<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                        |                               |                        | 31 - 60 days<br>\$ '000 | 61 - 90 days<br>\$ '000 | > 91 days<br>\$ '000 |                  |
| <b>2022</b>            |                               |                        |                         |                         |                      |                  |
| Gross carrying amount  | 786                           | –                      | 19                      | 269                     | 1,280                | 2,354            |
| Expected loss rate (%) | 0.00%                         | 0.00%                  | 0.00%                   | 0.00%                   | 4.50%                | 2.45%            |
| ECL provision          | –                             | –                      | –                       | –                       | 58                   | 58               |
| <b>2021</b>            |                               |                        |                         |                         |                      |                  |
| Gross carrying amount  | 557                           | 5                      | 150                     | 74                      | 1,460                | 2,246            |
| Expected loss rate (%) | 0.00%                         | 0.00%                  | 0.00%                   | 0.00%                   | 2.60%                | 1.69%            |
| ECL provision          | –                             | –                      | –                       | –                       | 38                   | 38               |



## E1-1 Risks relating to financial instruments held (continued)

## (c) Liquidity risk

Payables, lease liabilities and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk; that is, the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

Council manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels, and by maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended, and overdraft facilities drawn upon in extenuating circumstances.

Borrowings are also subject to interest rate risk: the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. Council manages this risk through diversification of borrowing types, maturities and interest rate structures.

The finance team regularly reviews interest rate movements to determine if it would be advantageous to refinance or renegotiate part or all of the loan portfolio.

The timing of cash flows presented in the table below to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates. The timing of expected outflows is not expected to be materially different from contracted cashflows.

The amounts disclosed in the table are the undiscounted contracted cash flows for non-lease liabilities (refer to Note C2-1(b) for lease liabilities) and therefore the balances in the table may not equal the balances in the Statement of Financial Position due to the effect of discounting.

|                                    | Weighted<br>average<br>interest<br>rate<br>% | Subject<br>to no<br>maturity<br>\$ '000 | payable in:<br>≤ 1 Year<br>\$ '000 | 1 - 5<br>Years<br>\$ '000 | > 5 Years<br>\$ '000 | Total cash<br>outflows<br>\$ '000 | Actual<br>carrying<br>values<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>2022</b>                        |                                              |                                         |                                    |                           |                      |                                   |                                         |
| Payables                           | 0.00%                                        | 2,622                                   | 1,775                              | –                         | –                    | 4,397                             | 4,397                                   |
| Borrowings                         | 4.03%                                        | –                                       | 304                                | 1,218                     | 324                  | 1,846                             | 1,846                                   |
| <b>Total financial liabilities</b> |                                              | <b>2,622</b>                            | <b>2,079</b>                       | <b>1,218</b>              | <b>324</b>           | <b>6,243</b>                      | <b>6,243</b>                            |
| <b>2021</b>                        |                                              |                                         |                                    |                           |                      |                                   |                                         |
| Payables                           | 0.00%                                        | 2,013                                   | 1,547                              | –                         | –                    | 3,560                             | 3,560                                   |
| Borrowings                         | 5.74%                                        | –                                       | 265                                | 572                       | 1,199                | 2,036                             | 2,036                                   |
| <b>Total financial liabilities</b> |                                              | <b>2,013</b>                            | <b>1,812</b>                       | <b>572</b>                | <b>1,199</b>         | <b>5,596</b>                      | <b>5,596</b>                            |

**Loan agreement breaches**

There were not any breaches to loan agreements which have occurred during the reporting year.

## E2-1 Fair value measurement

The Council measures the following asset and liability classes at fair value on a recurring basis:

– Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

The fair value of assets and liabilities must be estimated in accordance with various accounting standards for either recognition and measurement requirements or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a 'level' in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

**Level 1:** Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

**Level 3:** Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

| Fair value measurement hierarchy                    |       |                          |          |                                       |       |                                         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| \$ '000                                             | Notes | Date of latest valuation |          | Level 2 Significant observable inputs |       | Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs |         | Total   |         |
|                                                     |       | 2022                     | 2021     | 2022                                  | 2021  | 2022                                    | 2021    | 2022    | 2021    |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment       | C1-7  |                          |          |                                       |       |                                         |         |         |         |
| Plant and equipment                                 |       | 30/06/21                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 1,693                                   | 2,062   | 1,693   | 2,062   |
| Office equipment                                    |       | 30/06/21                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 112                                     | 110     | 112     | 110     |
| Furniture and fittings                              |       | 30/06/21                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 89                                      | 110     | 89      | 110     |
| Land – operational                                  |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | 3,607                                 | 3,514 | –                                       | –       | 3,607   | 3,514   |
| Land community                                      |       | 30/06/20                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 2,214                                   | 2,214   | 2,214   | 2,214   |
| Land improvements                                   |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 938                                     | 941     | 938     | 941     |
| Buildings non - specialised                         |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | 1,430 | 25,628                                  | 18,870  | 25,628  | 20,300  |
| Buildings specialised                               |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 1,088                                   | 612     | 1,088   | 612     |
| Other structures                                    |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 6,195                                   | 10,303  | 6,195   | 10,303  |
| Roads and bridges                                   |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 148,336                                 | 73,853  | 148,336 | 73,853  |
| Kerb and channels                                   |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 2,978                                   | 3,632   | 2,978   | 3,632   |
| Footpaths                                           |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 1,319                                   | 1,035   | 1,319   | 1,035   |
| Stormwater drainage                                 |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 4,338                                   | 3,525   | 4,338   | 3,525   |
| Water supply network                                |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 9,232                                   | 9,947   | 9,232   | 9,947   |
| Sewerage network                                    |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 9,325                                   | 9,178   | 9,325   | 9,178   |
| Swimming pools                                      |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/18 | –                                     | –     | 891                                     | 1,318   | 891     | 1,318   |
| Other                                               |       | 30/06/22                 | 30/06/20 | –                                     | –     | 536                                     | 573     | 536     | 573     |
| Total infrastructure, property, plant and equipment |       |                          |          | 3,607                                 | 4,944 | 214,912                                 | 138,283 | 218,519 | 143,227 |

## Valuation techniques

### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)

Where Council is unable to derive fair valuations using quoted market prices of identical assets (ie. level 1 inputs) Council instead utilises a spread of both observable inputs (level 2 inputs) and unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

The fair valuation techniques Council has employed while utilising level 2 and level 3 inputs are as follows:

### Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

#### Plant & Equipment, Office Equipment and Furniture & Fittings

Plant & equipment, Office Equipment and Furniture & fittings are valued at cost but are disclosed at fair value in the notes. The carrying amount of these assets is assumed to approximate fair value due to the nature of the items. Examples of assets within these classes area as follows:

- Plant & equipment- Graders, Trucks, rollers, tractors and motor vehicles.
- Office equipment- Computers, photocopies, calculators etc.

## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

- Furniture & Fittings- Chairs, desks and display boards.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

### Operational & Community Land

Operational & community Land are based on either the market value approach (level 2) or the cost approach (level 3). Operational Land is represented by actual market values in the Balranald Shire LGA. Operational land was valued based on observable market values (level 2). Community land is based on values supplied by the Valuer General which is not based on market value and as such have been classified at a level 3.

Council has changed its methodology for valuation of Community Land during the year to accord with the methodology supported by the NSW Auditor General. Council uses valuations supplied by the NSW Valuer General with a current base date of 2019.

### Buildings- Non Specialised & Specialised

Non- Specialised & Specialised Buildings have been valued externally by APV Valuers and Asset Management of Level 18, 344 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000 using the market or cost approach, with effective date 30 June 2022. The approaches estimated the replacement cost of each building by componentising the building into significant parts.

While all buildings were physically inspected and the unit rates based on square market based evidence (level) 2 was established for some building assets, the majority of building assets were valued at a level 3.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

### Other Structures

Other structures comprise of aerodrome runway, lighting, irrigation systems and fencing etc. have been valued externally by APV Valuers and Asset Management of Level 18, 344 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000 using the cost approach, with effective date 30 June 2022. The approach estimated the replacement cost of the asset by componentising the asset into significant parts. No market evidence (level 2) inputs are available therefore level 3 valuation inputs were used for this asset class.

### Roads, Bridges, Footpaths & Drainage Infrastructure.

Roads comprise roads carriageway, roadside shoulders & Kerb and Gutter and Channels. Bridges comprised of Bridges and Major Culverts. All these asset classes were valued externally by APV Valuers and Asset Management of Level 18, 344 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000 using the cost approach, with effective date 30 June 2022.

The approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by componentising the assets into significant parts using Balranald Shire Council's internal data base of costs. From field observations taken during this revaluation most of the unsealed road network has been reclassified from a formed and paved road asset to a formed only road asset.

Unit rates applied to the most recent valuation have increased significantly from previous valuations and this is based on the valuer's determination of unit rates applicable to similar local government entities. The increase in unit rates has resulted in a substantial increase in the carrying value of Roads assets at 30 June 2022.

### Water Supply Network

Assets within this class comprise reservoirs, pumping stations and water pipelines.

The cost approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by componentising the asset into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. All Water Supply Network Assets were valued externally by APV Valuers and Asset Management of Level 18, 344 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000 using the cost approach, with effective date 30 June 2022.

This valuation is based on inventory information provided by Council validated by onsite inspections and CCTV data. No market based evidence (level 2) inputs are available therefore Level 3 valuation inputs were used for this asset class.

### Sewerage Network

Assets within this class comprise treatment works, pumping stations and, sewerage mains.

The cost approach estimated the replacement cost for each asset by componentising the asset into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. All Water Supply Network Assets were valued externally by APV Valuers and Asset Management of Level 18, 344 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000 using the cost approach, with effective date 30 June 2022.

This valuation is based on inventory information provided by Council validated by onsite inspections and CCTV data. No market based evidence (level 2) inputs are available therefore Level 3 valuation inputs were used for this asset class.

## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

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### Swimming Pools

Assets within this class comprise Council's outdoor swimming pool, valued externally by APV Valuers and Asset Management of Level 18, 344 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000 using the market or cost approach, with effective date 30 June 2022. The approach estimated the replacement cost for each pool by componentising its significant parts.

While some elements of gross replacement values may be supported from market evidence (Level 2 input) other inputs (such as estimates of pattern of consumption, residual value, asset condition and useful life) required extensive professional judgement and impacted significantly on the final determination of fair value.

There has been no change to the valuation process during the reporting period.

## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

## Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

**Significant unobservable valuation inputs used (for level 3 asset classes) and their relationship to fair value.**

The following table summarises the quantitative information relating to the significant unobservable inputs used in deriving the various level 3 asset class fair values.

|                                                      | Valuation technique/s        | Unobservable inputs                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment</b> |                              |                                                                 |
| Plant and equipment                                  | Replacement Cost             | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Office equipment                                     | Replacement Cost             | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life                 |
| Furniture and fittings                               | Replacement Cost             | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life                 |
| Community Land                                       | Unimproved Value             | New South Wales Valuer Generals Unimproved Value                |
| Land improvements                                    | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Buildings non specialised                            | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Building specialised                                 | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Other structures                                     | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Roads and bridges                                    | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Kerb and gutter                                      | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Footpaths                                            | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Stormwater drainage                                  | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Water supply network                                 | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Sewerage network                                     | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Swimming pools                                       | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |
| Other assets                                         | Depreciated Replacement Cost | Current Replacement Cost, Remaining Useful Life, Residual Value |

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## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

A reconciliation of the movements in recurring fair value measurements allocated to Level 3 of the hierarchy is provided below:

|                                      | Plant and equipment |         | Office equipment |         | Furniture and fittings |         | Community Land |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|                                      | 2022                | 2021    | 2022             | 2021    | 2022                   | 2021    | 2022           | 2021    |
|                                      | \$ '000             | \$ '000 | \$ '000          | \$ '000 | \$ '000                | \$ '000 | \$ '000        | \$ '000 |
| Opening balance                      | 2,062               | 2,333   | 110              | 109     | 110                    | 131     | 2,214          | 2,214   |
| Total gains or losses for the period |                     |         |                  |         |                        |         |                |         |
| Other movements                      |                     |         |                  |         |                        |         |                |         |
| Purchases (GBV)                      | 69                  | 108     | 27               | 27      | –                      | –       | –              | –       |
| Disposals (WDV)                      | (44)                | –       | –                | –       | –                      | –       | –              | –       |
| Depreciation and impairment          | (394)               | (379)   | (26)             | (26)    | (21)                   | (21)    | –              | –       |
| Revaluations                         | –                   | –       | 1                | –       | –                      | –       | –              | –       |
| Closing balance                      | 1,693               | 2,062   | 112              | 110     | 89                     | 110     | 2,214          | 2,214   |

|                                          | Land improvement |         | Buildings non specialised |         | Building specialised |         | Other structures |         |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
|                                          | 2022             | 2021    | 2022                      | 2021    | 2022                 | 2021    | 2022             | 2021    |
|                                          | \$ '000          | \$ '000 | \$ '000                   | \$ '000 | \$ '000              | \$ '000 | \$ '000          | \$ '000 |
| Opening balance                          | 941              | 941     | 18,870                    | 18,935  | 612                  | 620     | 10,303           | 10,302  |
| Total gains or losses for the period     |                  |         |                           |         |                      |         |                  |         |
| Other movements                          |                  |         |                           |         |                      |         |                  |         |
| Purchases (GBV)                          | –                | –       | 814                       | 491     | –                    | –       | 752              | 286     |
| Transfers from/(to) level 2 FV hierarchy | –                | –       | 865                       | –       | –                    | –       | –                | –       |
| Depreciation and impairment              | (3)              | –       | –                         | (556)   | (8)                  | (8)     | (303)            | (285)   |
| Revaluations                             | –                | –       | 5,078                     | –       | 484                  | –       | (4,556)          | –       |
| Rounding                                 | –                | –       | 1                         | –       | –                    | –       | (1)              | –       |
| Closing balance                          | 938              | 941     | 25,628                    | 18,870  | 1,088                | 612     | 6,195            | 10,303  |

|                                      | Roads and bridges |         | Kerb and gutter |         | Footpaths |         | Stormwater drainage |         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                                      | 2022              | 2021    | 2022            | 2021    | 2022      | 2021    | 2022                | 2021    |
|                                      | \$ '000           | \$ '000 | \$ '000         | \$ '000 | \$ '000   | \$ '000 | \$ '000             | \$ '000 |
| Opening balance                      | 73,853            | 75,415  | 3,632           | 3,695   | 1,035     | 933     | 3,525               | 3,581   |
| Total gains or losses for the period |                   |         |                 |         |           |         |                     |         |
| Other movements                      |                   |         |                 |         |           |         |                     |         |
| Purchases (GBV)                      | 5,690             | 1,703   | –               | –       | 40        | 134     | –                   | –       |
| Depreciation and impairment          | (3,362)           | (3,265) | (63)            | (63)    | (35)      | (32)    | (56)                | (56)    |
| Revaluations                         | 72,156            | –       | (590)           | –       | 280       | –       | 868                 | –       |
| Rounding                             | (1)               | –       | (1)             | –       | (1)       | –       | 1                   | –       |
| Closing balance                      | 148,336           | 73,853  | 2,978           | 3,632   | 1,319     | 1,035   | 4,338               | 3,525   |

|                                      | Water supply network |         | Sewerage network |         | Swimming pool |         | Other assets |         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                                      | 2022                 | 2021    | 2022             | 2021    | 2022          | 2021    | 2022         | 2021    |
|                                      | \$ '000              | \$ '000 | \$ '000          | \$ '000 | \$ '000       | \$ '000 | \$ '000      | \$ '000 |
| Opening balance                      | 9,947                | 9,826   | 9,178            | 8,948   | 1,318         | 1,352   | 573          | 612     |
| Total gains or losses for the period |                      |         |                  |         |               |         |              |         |
| Other movements                      |                      |         |                  |         |               |         |              |         |
| Purchases (GBV)                      | 243                  | 294     | 316              | 303     | –             | –       | 14           | 5       |
| Disposals (WDV)                      | –                    | –       | –                | –       | –             | –       | (10)         | –       |
| Depreciation and impairment          | (272)                | (263)   | (165)            | (157)   | (34)          | (34)    | (41)         | (44)    |
| Revaluations                         | (688)                | 91      | (3)              | 84      | (393)         | –       | –            | –       |
| Rounding                             | 2                    | (1)     | (1)              | –       | –             | –       | –            | –       |
| Closing balance                      | 9,232                | 9,947   | 9,325            | 9,178   | 891           | 1,318   | 536          | 573     |

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## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

|                                          | Total          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                          | 2022           | 2021           |
|                                          | \$ '000        | \$ '000        |
| <b>Opening balance</b>                   | <b>138,283</b> | <b>139,947</b> |
| Purchases (GBV)                          | 7,965          | 3,351          |
| Transfers from/(to) level 2 FV hierarchy | 865            | –              |
| Disposals (WDV)                          | (54)           | –              |
| Depreciation and impairment              | (4,783)        | (5,189)        |
| Revaluations                             | 72,637         | 175            |
| Rounding                                 | (1)            | (1)            |
| <b>Closing balance</b>                   | <b>214,912</b> | <b>138,283</b> |

**Information relating to the transfers into and out of the level 3 fair valuation hierarchy includes:**

Buildings assets were revalued during the year and while a small number of assets were assessed with market inputs (level 2), Council has utilised the level 3 valuations effective 30 June 2022.

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## E2-1 Fair value measurement (continued)

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### Highest and best use

All of Council's non-financial assets are considered as being utilised for their highest and best use.



## E3-1 Contingencies

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position, but their knowledge and disclosure is considered relevant to the users of Council's financial report.

### LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED

#### 1. Guarantees

##### (i) Defined benefit superannuation contribution plans

Council is party to an Industry Defined Benefit Plan under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, named The Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Pool B (the Scheme) which is a defined benefit plan that has been deemed to be a 'multi-employer fund' for purposes of AASB119 Employee Benefits for the following reasons:

- Assets are not segregated within the sub-group according to the employees of each sponsoring employer.
- The contribution rates have been the same for all sponsoring employers. That is, contribution rates have not varied for each sponsoring employer according to the experience relating to the employees of that sponsoring employer.
- Benefits for employees of all sponsoring employers are determined according to the same formulae and without regard to the sponsoring employer.
- The same actuarial assumptions are currently used in respect of the employees of each sponsoring employer.

Given the factors above, each sponsoring employer is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers, and hence shares in the associated gains and losses (to the extent that they are not borne by members).

##### *Description of the funding arrangements.*

Pooled Employers are required to pay future service employer contributions and past service employer contributions to the Fund.

The future service employer contributions were determined using the new entrant rate method under which a contribution rate sufficient to fund the total benefits over the working life-time of a typical new entrant is calculated. The current future service employer contribution rates are:

|            |                                                                                         |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Division B | 1.9 times member contributions for non-180 Point Members;<br>Nil for 180 Point Members* |
| Division C | 2.5% salaries                                                                           |
| Division D | 1.64 times member contributions                                                         |

\* For 180 Point Members, Employers are required to contribute 7.5% of salaries for the year ending 30 June 2022 (increasing to 8.0% in line with the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee) to these members' accumulation accounts, which are paid in addition to members' defined benefits.

The past service contribution for each Pooled Employer is a share of the total past service contributions of \$40.0 million for 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021, and \$20.0 million per annum for 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024, apportioned according to each employer's share of the accrued liabilities as at 30 June 2021. These past service contributions are used to maintain the adequacy of the funding position for the accrued liabilities.

The adequacy of contributions is assessed at each triennial actuarial investigation and monitored annually between triennials.

##### *Description of the extent to which Council can be liable to the plan for other Council's obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan*

As stated above, each sponsoring employer (Council) is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with current and former employees of other sponsoring employers and hence shares in the associated gains and losses.

However, there is no relief under the Fund's trust deed for employers to walk away from their defined benefit obligations. Under limited circumstances, an employer may withdraw from the plan when there are no active members, on full payment of outstanding additional contributions. There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of the Council.

There are no specific provisions under the Fund's trust deed dealing with deficits or surplus on wind-up.

There is no provision for allocation of any surplus which may be present at the date of withdrawal of an employer.

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### E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

The amount of Council employer contributions to the defined benefit section of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and recognised as an expense for the year ending 30 June 2022 was \$30,176.09. The last valuation of the Scheme was performed by Fund Actuary, Richard Boyfield, FIAA as at 30 June 2021. The amount of additional contributions included in the total employer contribution advised above is \$14,863.44. Council's expected contribution to the plan for the next annual reporting period is \$28,455.60.

The estimated employer reserves financial position for the Pooled Employers at 30 June 2022 is:

| Employer reserves only * | \$millions | Asset Coverage |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Assets                   | 2,376.6    |                |
| Past Service Liabilities | 2,380.7    | 99.8%          |
| Vested Benefits          | 2,391.7    | 99.4%          |

\* excluding member accounts and reserves in both assets and liabilities.

The share of any funding surplus or deficit that can be attributed to Council is 0.07%

Council's share of that deficiency cannot be accurately calculated as the Scheme is a mutual arrangement where assets and liabilities are pooled together for all member councils. For this reason, no liability for the deficiency has been recognised in Council's accounts. Council has a possible obligation that may arise should the Scheme require immediate payment to correct the deficiency.

The key economic long term assumptions used to calculate the present value of accrued benefits are:

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Investment return  | 5.5% per annum |
| Salary inflation * | 3.5% per annum |
| Increase in CPI    | 2.5% per annum |

\* Plus promotional increases

The contribution requirements may vary from the current rates if the overall sub-group experience is not in line with the actuarial assumptions in determining the funding program; however, any adjustment to the funding program would be the same for all sponsoring employers in the Pooled Employers group.

Please note that the estimated employer reserves financial position above is a preliminary calculation, and once all the relevant information has been received by the Funds Actuary, the final end of year review, which will be a triennial actuarial investigation will be completed by December 2022.

#### (ii) Statewide Limited

Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a mutual pool scheme providing liability insurance to local government.

Membership includes the potential to share in either the net assets or liabilities of the fund depending on its past performance. Council's share of the net assets or liabilities reflects Council's contributions to the pool and the result of insurance claims within each of the fund years.

The future realisation and finalisation of claims incurred but not reported to 30/6 this year may result in future liabilities or benefits as a result of past events that Council will be required to fund or share in respectively.

#### (iii) StateCover Limited

Council is a member of StateCover Mutual Limited and holds a partly paid share in the entity. StateCover is a company providing workers compensation insurance cover to the NSW local government industry and specifically Council.

Council has a contingent liability to contribute further equity in the event of the erosion of the company's capital base as a result of the company's past performance and/or claims experience or as a result of any increased prudential requirements from APRA. These future equity contributions would be required to maintain the company's minimum level of net assets in accordance with its licence requirements.

### E3-1 Contingencies (continued)

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#### (iv) Other guarantees

Council has provided no other guarantees other than those listed above.

#### 2. Other liabilities

##### (i) Third party claims

The Council is involved from time to time in various claims incidental to the ordinary course of business including claims for damages relating to its services.

Council believes that it is appropriately covered for all claims through its insurance coverage and does not expect any material liabilities to eventuate.

##### (ii) Potential land acquisitions due to planning restrictions imposed by Council

Council has classified a number of privately owned land parcels as local open space or bushland.

As a result, where notified in writing by the various owners, Council will be required to purchase these land parcels.

At reporting date, reliable estimates as to the value of any potential liability (and subsequent land asset) from such potential acquisitions has not been possible.

#### ASSETS NOT RECOGNISED

##### (i) Land under roads

As permitted under AASB 1051, Council has elected not to bring to account land under roads that it owned or controlled up to and including 30/6/08.

##### (ii) Infringement notices/fines

Fines and penalty income, the result of Council issuing infringement notices is followed up and collected by the Infringement Processing Bureau.

Council's revenue recognition policy for such income is to account for it as revenue on receipt.

Accordingly, at year end, there is a potential asset due to Council representing issued but unpaid infringement notices.

Due to the limited information available on the status, value and duration of outstanding notices, Council is unable to determine the value of outstanding income.

## F People and relationships

## F1 Related party disclosures

## F1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel (KMP) of the council are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly. The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the Income Statement is:

|                      | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Compensation:</b> |                 |                 |
| Short-term benefits  | 561             | 879             |
| Termination benefits | 226             | 233             |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>787</b>      | <b>1,112</b>    |

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**F1-2 Councillor and Mayoral fees and associated expenses**

|  | <b>2022</b>    | 2021    |
|--|----------------|---------|
|  | <b>\$ '000</b> | \$ '000 |

The aggregate amount of Councillor and Administrator fees and associated expenses included in materials and services expenses in the Income Statement are:

|                                                       |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Administrator fee                                     | <b>130</b> | 141        |
| Other Councillors' expenses (including Administrator) | <b>3</b>   | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>133</b> | <b>156</b> |

## F2 Other relationships

## F2-1 Audit fees

|  | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------------|-----------------|

During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor of Council, related practices and non-related audit firms

**Auditors of the Council - NSW Auditor-General:****(i) Audit and other assurance services**

Audit and review of financial statements

**Remuneration for audit and other assurance services****Total Auditor-General remuneration****Total audit fees**

|    |    |
|----|----|
| 60 | 61 |
| 60 | 61 |
| 60 | 61 |
| 60 | 61 |

## G Other matters

### G1-1 Statement of Cash Flows information

#### Reconciliation of net operating result to cash provided from operating activities

|                                                                                    | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Net operating result from Income Statement</b>                                  | <b>5,396</b>    | 4,438           |
| <b>Add / (less) non-cash items:</b>                                                |                 |                 |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                      | 5,373           | 5,214           |
| (Gain) / loss on disposal of assets                                                | 71              | —               |
| Share of net (profits)/losses of associates/joint ventures using the equity method | 200             | 227             |
| <b>Movements in operating assets and liabilities and other cash items:</b>         |                 |                 |
| (Increase) / decrease of receivables                                               | (110)           | 68              |
| Increase / (decrease) in provision for impairment of receivables                   | 72              | 71              |
| (Increase) / decrease of inventories                                               | (18)            | (45)            |
| (Increase) / decrease of other current assets                                      | (12)            | (3)             |
| Increase / (decrease) in payables                                                  | 582             | 91              |
| Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable                                  | 4               | (1)             |
| Increase / (decrease) in other accrued expenses payable                            | 26              | (135)           |
| Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities                                         | 722             | 222             |
| Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities                                      | 145             | 2,692           |
| Increase / (decrease) in employee benefit provision                                | (93)            | 62              |
| <b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>                                    | <b>12,358</b>   | 12,901          |

## G2-1 Commitments

## Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

|  | 2022    | 2021    |
|--|---------|---------|
|  | \$ '000 | \$ '000 |

Capital expenditure committed for at the reporting date but not recognised in the financial statements as liabilities:

**Property, plant and equipment**

|                                   |              |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sewerage and water infrastructure | 310          | 6            |
| Buildings                         | 4,669        | 5,192        |
| Plant and equipment               | 111          | —            |
| Roads                             | 914          | 1,963        |
| Other Structures                  | 1,909        | 1,311        |
| <b>Total commitments</b>          | <b>7,913</b> | <b>8,472</b> |

**These expenditures are payable as follows:**

|                                                |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Within the next year                           | 3,633        | 8,472        |
| Later than one year and not later than 5 years | 4,280        | —            |
| <b>Total payable</b>                           | <b>7,913</b> | <b>8,472</b> |

**Sources for funding of capital commitments:**

|                                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Unrestricted general funds      | 111          | —            |
| Future grants and contributions | 4,590        | 4,992        |
| Unexpended grants               | 3,212        | 3,480        |
| <b>Total sources of funding</b> | <b>7,913</b> | <b>8,472</b> |

**Details of capital commitments**

| Nature of Commitment                      | Amount of<br>Commitment<br>\$'000 | Expected Source of Funding |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Plant &amp; Equipment on Order:</b>    |                                   |                            |
| Plant & Equipment Acquisition             | 111                               | Unrestricted funds         |
| <b>Grant Programs:</b>                    |                                   |                            |
| Bidgee Haven Hostel Extension             | 4,280                             | Future grants              |
|                                           | 234                               | Unexpended grants          |
| Greenham Park Changerooms Construction    | 70                                | Unexpended grants          |
| Crown Reserve Balranald Caravan Park      | 772                               | Unexpended grants          |
| Library Infrastructure                    | 84                                | Unexpended grants          |
| Fixing Local Roads Program 2              | 163                               | Unexpended grants          |
| Fixing Local Roads Program 3              | 751                               | Unexpended grants          |
| Everyone Can Play Lions Park Improvements | 90                                | Unexpended grants          |
| Crown Reserve Infrastructure Lions Park   | 528                               | Unexpended grants          |
| Our Rivers Our Region Program             | 512                               | Unexpended grants          |
| Other capital grant programs              | 7                                 | Unexpended grants          |
| <b>Other Carry Forward Works:</b>         |                                   |                            |
| Water Infrastructure                      | 180                               | Future Grants              |
| Sewer Infrastructure                      | 130                               | Future Grants              |
| <b>Total Commitments</b>                  | <b>7,913</b>                      |                            |



### G3-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

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Council is unaware of any material or significant 'non-adjusting events' that should be disclosed.

## G4 Statement of performance measures

## G4-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

| \$ '000                                                                                                              | Amounts<br>2022 | Indicator<br>2022   | Indicators<br>2021      2020 |              | Benchmark     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>1. Operating performance ratio</b>                                                                                |                 |                     |                              |              |               |
| Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1,2</sup> | <b>1,927</b>    | <b>11.37%</b>       | 6.35%                        | (2.65)%      | > 0.00%       |
| Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>                           | <b>16,948</b>   |                     |                              |              |               |
| <b>2. Own source operating revenue ratio</b>                                                                         |                 |                     |                              |              |               |
| Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>                               | <b>7,336</b>    | <b>35.46%</b>       | 34.73%                       | 35.48%       | > 60.00%      |
| Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>                                                                      | <b>20,688</b>   |                     |                              |              |               |
| <b>3. Unrestricted current ratio</b>                                                                                 |                 |                     |                              |              |               |
| Current assets less all external restrictions                                                                        | <b>16,535</b>   | <b>7.15x</b>        | 6.14x                        | 5.72x        | > 1.50x       |
| Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities                                                                | <b>2,314</b>    |                     |                              |              |               |
| <b>4. Debt service cover ratio</b>                                                                                   |                 |                     |                              |              |               |
| Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>             | <b>7,419</b>    | <b>24.01x</b>       | 16.54x                       | 12.22x       | > 2.00x       |
| Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)                               | <b>309</b>      |                     |                              |              |               |
| <b>5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage</b>                                                            |                 |                     |                              |              |               |
| Rates and annual charges outstanding                                                                                 | <b>116</b>      | <b>2.44%</b>        | 3.80%                        | 6.74%        | < 10.00%      |
| Rates and annual charges collectable                                                                                 | <b>4,754</b>    |                     |                              |              |               |
| <b>6. Cash expense cover ratio</b>                                                                                   |                 |                     |                              |              |               |
| Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits                                                      | <b>22,523</b>   | <b>24.66 months</b> | 20.51 months                 | 12.64 months | > 3.00 months |
| Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities                                                | <b>913</b>      |                     |                              |              |               |

(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

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## G4-2 Statement of performance measures by fund

| \$ '000                                                                                                              | General Indicators <sup>3</sup> |              | Water Indicators |              | Sewer Indicators |              | Benchmark     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                      | 2022                            | 2021         | 2022             | 2021         | 2022             | 2021         |               |
| 1. Operating performance ratio                                                                                       |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses <sup>1,2</sup> | 5.75%                           | 0.33%        | 45.08%           | 42.20%       | 45.45%           | 40.35%       | > 0.00%       |
| Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>                           |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| 2. Own source operating revenue ratio                                                                                |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions <sup>1</sup>                           | 26.93%                          | 26.13%       | 100.00%          | 95.33%       | 100.00%          | 100.00%      | > 60.00%      |
| Total continuing operating revenue <sup>1</sup>                                                                      |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| 3. Unrestricted current ratio                                                                                        |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| Current assets less all external restrictions                                                                        | 7.15x                           | 6.14x        | ∞                | (15.90)x     | ∞                | ∞            | > 1.50x       |
| Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities                                                                |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| 4. Debt service cover ratio                                                                                          |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation <sup>1</sup>             | 30.78x                          | 17.97x       | 9.01x            | 8.95x        | ∞                | ∞            | > 2.00x       |
| Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)                               |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| 5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage                                                                   |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| Rates and annual charges outstanding                                                                                 | 1.19%                           | 5.57%        | 5.06%            | 0.00%        | 5.01%            | 0.00%        | < 10.00%      |
| Rates and annual charges collectable                                                                                 |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| 6. Cash expense cover ratio                                                                                          |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |
| Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits                                                      | 24.26 months                    | 20.23 months | 32.97 months     | 25.63 months | 17.98 months     | 17.17 months | > 3.00 months |
| Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities                                                |                                 |              |                  |              |                  |              |               |

(1) - (2) Refer to Notes at Note G6-1 above.

(3) General fund refers to all of Council's activities except for its water and sewer activities which are listed separately.

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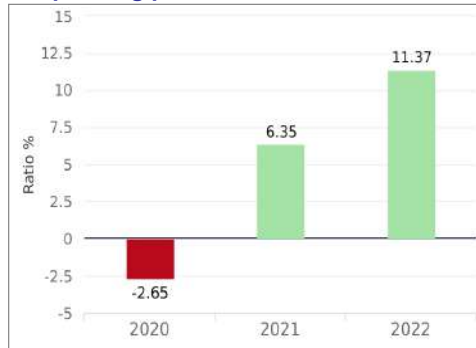
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**End of the audited financial statements**

## H Additional Council disclosures (unaudited)

### H1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs)

#### 1. Operating performance ratio



##### Purpose of operating performance ratio

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

##### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 11.37%

Council has consolidated and improved its operating performance over the past 4 years and is now demonstrating performance significantly above benchmark.

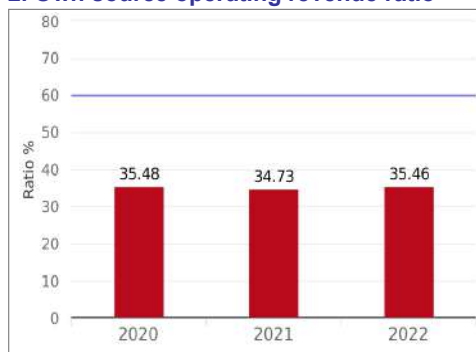
Benchmark: — > 0.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

#### 2. Own source operating revenue ratio



##### Purpose of own source operating revenue ratio

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.

##### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 35.46%

Grant funding is a large contributor to Council's operations as it has limited capacity to generate additional revenue from other sources. While below benchmark, Council's position has been continually positioned around the 35% mark over the past 4 years.

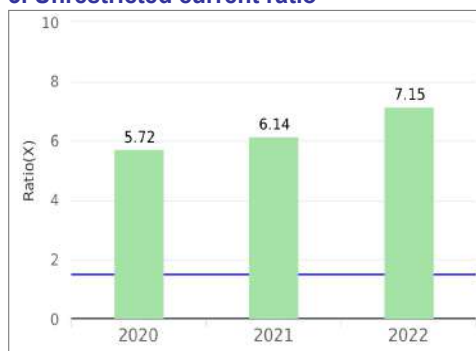
Benchmark: — > 60.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

#### 3. Unrestricted current ratio



##### Purpose of unrestricted current ratio

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

##### Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 7.15x

Council's unrestricted funds has been steadily increasing and Council is now in a position to extend works and services for the benefit of the community.

Benchmark: — > 1.50x

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

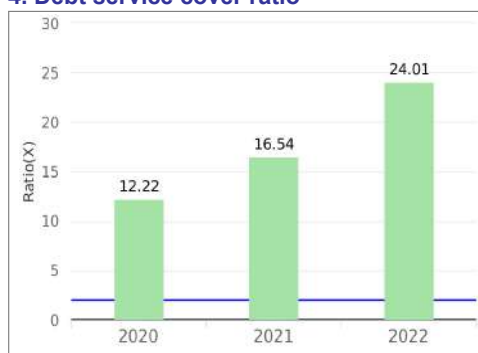
Ratio is outside benchmark

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## H1-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (graphs) (continued)

## 4. Debt service cover ratio



## Purpose of debt service cover ratio

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments

## Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 24.01x

The debt service cover ratio remains well above benchmark and continues to trend in a positive direction.

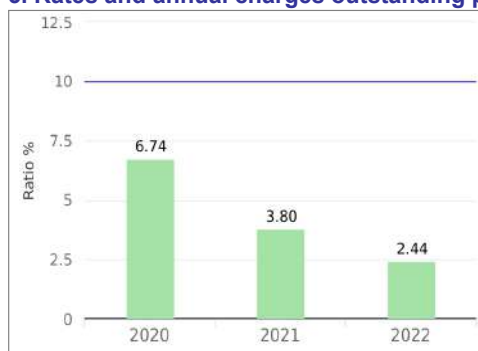
Benchmark: — > 2.00x

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

## 5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage



## Purpose of rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

## Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 2.44%

As a small community that has previously been hit hard by drought and lack of local services, the continued trend for improvement in the outstanding rates and charges position is an indicator of the focus Council has in keeping its outstanding debts in a manageable position.

Benchmark: — < 10.00%

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

## 6. Cash expense cover ratio



## Purpose of cash expense cover ratio

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

## Commentary on 2021/22 result

2021/22 ratio 24.66 months

The continued improvement in this ratio replicates the trend in other important indicators, demonstrating Council's commitment to deliver better services to its community.

Benchmark: — > 3.00months

Source of benchmark: Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

Ratio achieves benchmark

Ratio is outside benchmark

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## H1-2 Financial review (continued)

## Key financial figures of Council over the past 5 years

|                                                                                                | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 | 2020<br>\$ '000 | 2019<br>\$ '000 | 2018<br>\$ '000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Inflows:</b>                                                                                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Rates and annual charges revenue                                                               | 4,557           | 4,129           | 3,875           | 3,289           | 2,328           |
| User charges revenue                                                                           | 2,191           | 1,980           | 2,297           | 2,133           | 2,063           |
| Interest and investment revenue (losses)                                                       | 119             | 74              | 153             | 195             | 161             |
| Grants income – operating and capital                                                          | 13,352          | 12,476          | 12,137          | 11,089          | 7,699           |
| Total income from continuing operations                                                        | 20,688          | 19,113          | 18,816          | 18,540          | 13,902          |
| Sale proceeds from IPPE                                                                        | 43              | –               | 40              | –               | 1,109           |
| New loan borrowings and advances                                                               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               |
| <b>Outflows:</b>                                                                               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Employee benefits and on-cost expenses                                                         | 5,432           | 5,777           | 5,020           | 4,724           | 4,769           |
| Borrowing costs                                                                                | 119             | 125             | 143             | 159             | 157             |
| Materials and contracts expenses                                                               | 3,681           | 2,814           | 4,437           | 2,553           | 3,323           |
| Total expenses from continuing operations                                                      | 15,292          | 14,675          | 15,246          | 13,780          | 13,170          |
| Total cash purchases of IPPE                                                                   | 7,730           | 6,386           | 8,277           | 5,807           | 3,107           |
| Total loan repayments (incl. finance leases)                                                   | 190             | 257             | 265             | 248             | 257             |
| Operating surplus/(deficit) (excl. capital income)                                             | 1,656           | 753             | (487)           | 916             | 369             |
| <b>Financial position figures</b>                                                              |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Current assets                                                                                 | 25,145          | 20,586          | 14,357          | 12,644          | 10,092          |
| Current liabilities                                                                            | 8,548           | 7,613           | 4,432           | 3,129           | 2,109           |
| Net current assets                                                                             | 16,597          | 12,973          | 9,925           | 9,515           | 7,983           |
| Available working capital (Unrestricted net current assets)                                    | 3,124           | 4,888           | 2,569           | 3,190           | 1,583           |
| Cash and investments – unrestricted                                                            | 2,651           | 4,297           | 1,453           | 1,133           | 1,040           |
| Cash and investments – internal restrictions                                                   | 11,618          | 6,287           | 6,446           | 5,075           | 5,456           |
| Cash and investments – total                                                                   | 22,523          | 18,042          | 11,784          | 9,846           | 9,446           |
| Total borrowings outstanding (loans, advances and finance leases)                              | 1,846           | 2,036           | 2,293           | 2,293           | 2,549           |
| Total value of IPPE (excl. land and earthworks)                                                | 291,539         | 242,898         | 235,913         | 222,731         | 216,089         |
| Total accumulated depreciation                                                                 | 76,665          | 102,491         | 97,192          | 87,387          | 82,574          |
| Indicative remaining useful life (as a % of GBV)                                               | 74%             | 58%             | 59%             | 61%             | 62%             |
| <b>Source:</b> published audited financial statements of Council (current year and prior year) |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |

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Mr Michael Colreavy

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Mr Jeff Sowiak

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Carol Holmes

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the general purpose financial statements

#### Balranald Shire Council

To the Councillors of Balranald Shire Council

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Balranald Shire Council (the Council), which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022, the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)
- the financial statements:
  - have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
  - are consistent with the Council's accounting records
  - present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained
- no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Other Information**

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the special purpose financial statements and Special Schedules (the Schedules).

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the special purpose financial statements and Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

### **The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local Government Act 1993*, and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- on the Original Budget information included in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows, and Note B5-1 Material budget variations
- on the Special Schedules. A separate opinion has been provided on Special Schedule - Permissible income for general rates
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.



Manuel Moncada  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2022  
SYDNEY



Mr Michael Colreavy  
Administrator  
Balranald Shire Council  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Contact: Manuel Moncada  
Phone no: 02 9275 7333  
Our ref: D2222452/1687

31 October 2022

Dear Administrator

**Report on the Conduct of the Audit  
for the year ended 30 June 2022  
Balranald Shire Council**

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Balranald Shire Council (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2022 as required by section 415 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

I expressed an unmodified opinion on the Council's GPFS.

This Report on the Conduct of the Audit (the Report) for the Council for the year ended 30 June 2022 is issued in accordance with section 417 of the Act. This Report should be read in conjunction with my audit opinion on the GPFS issued under section 417(2) of the Act.

## INCOME STATEMENT

### Operating result

|                                                              | 2022<br>\$m | 2021<br>\$m | Variance<br>% |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Rates and annual charges revenue                             | 4.56        | 4.13        | ↑ 10.4        |
| Grants and contributions revenue                             | 13.35       | 12.48       | ↑ 7.0         |
| Operating result from continuing operations                  | 5.40        | 4.44        | ↑ 21.6        |
| Net operating result before capital grants and contributions | 1.66        | 0.75        | ↑ 121.3       |

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Rates and annual charges revenue (\$4.56 million) increased by \$428,000 (10.4 per cent) in 2021–2022. Council had an approved Special Rate Variation which resulted in an increase of general rates revenue by 10 per cent in 2021–22.

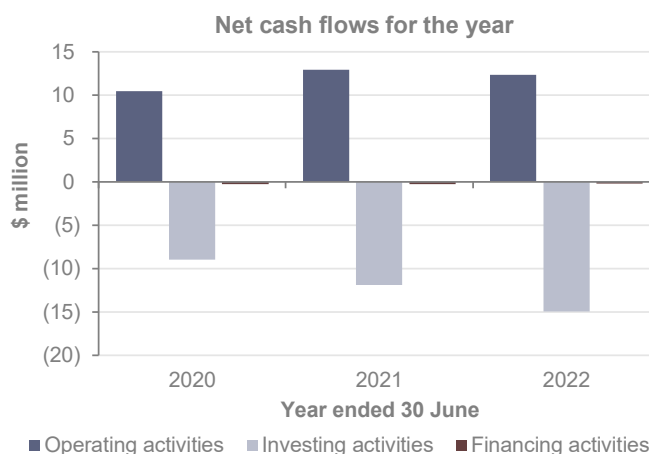
Grants and contributions revenue (\$13.35 million) increased by \$876,000 (7 per cent) in 2021–2022. This is primarily due to the receipt of increased advance payments of financial assistance grants.

Council's operating result (\$5.40 million including the effect of depreciation and amortisation expense of \$5.37 million) was \$958,000 higher than the 2020–21 result. This was mainly due to the increase in grants and contributions.

The net operating result before capital grants and contributions (\$1.66 million) was \$903,000 higher than the 2020–21 result due to the increase in grants and contributions

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

- The Statement of Cash Flows illustrates the flow of cash and cash equivalents moving in and out of Council during the year and reveals that cash decreased by \$2.8 million to \$4.5 million at the close of the year.
- The decrease can be attributed to investing funds in longer term deposits.



## FINANCIAL POSITION

### Cash and investments

| Cash and investments                                | 2022        | 2021        | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     | \$m         | \$m         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b> | <b>22.5</b> | <b>18.0</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External restrictions include unspent specific purpose grants and domestic waste management charges, and water and sewerage funds.</li> <li>Balances are internally restricted due to Council policy or decisions for forward plans including works program.</li> </ul> |
| Restricted cash and investments:                    |             |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • External restrictions                             | 8.3         | 7.5         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • Internal allocations                              | 11.6        | 6.3         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### Debt

After repaying principal and interest of \$309,000, total debt as at 30 June 2022 was \$1.8 million (2021: \$2 million).

## PERFORMANCE

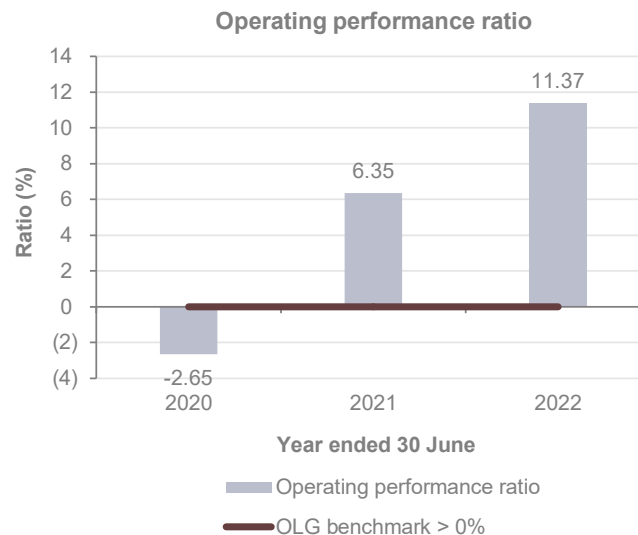
### Performance measures

The following section provides an overview of the Council's performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within the Department of Planning and Environment.

#### Operating performance ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by OLG is greater than zero per cent.



#### Own source operating revenue ratio

The Council did not meet the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

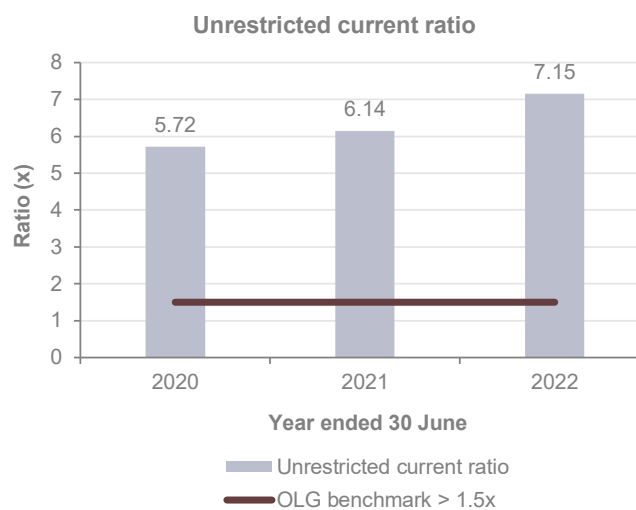
The 'own source operating revenue ratio' measures council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 60 per cent.



### Unrestricted current ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

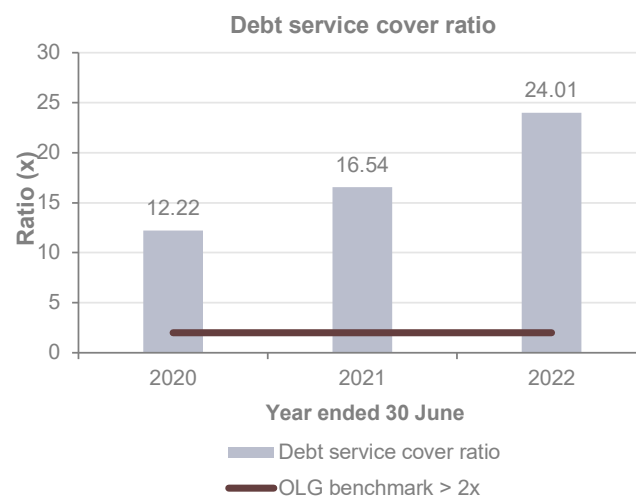
The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 1.5 times.



### Debt service cover ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

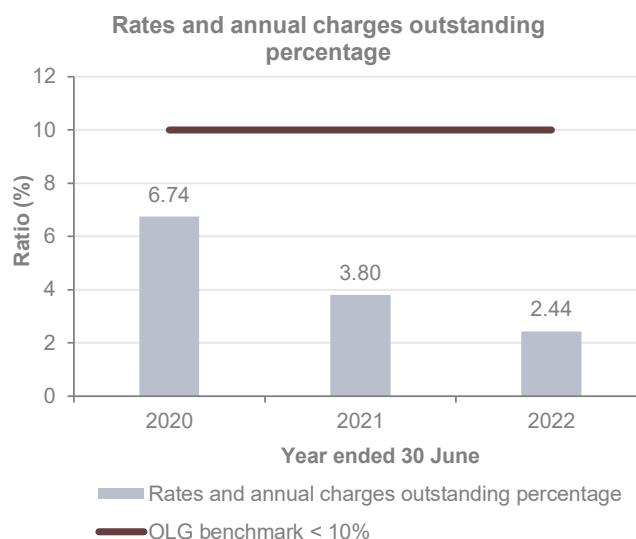
The 'debt service cover ratio' measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than two times.



### Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

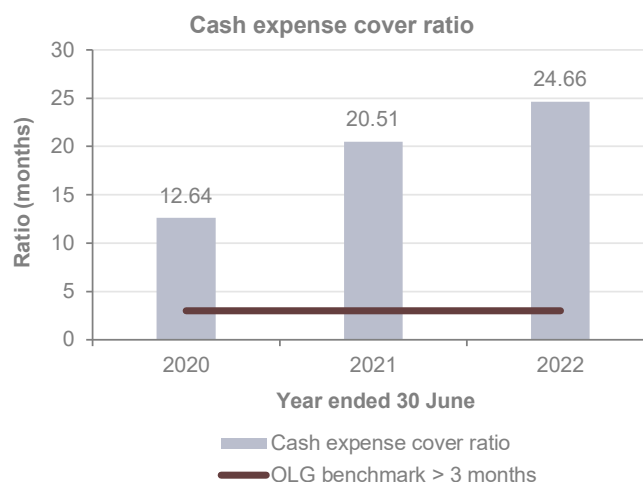
The 'rates and annual charges outstanding percentage' assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts. The benchmark set by OLG is less than 10 per cent regional and rural councils.



### Cash expense cover ratio

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than three months.



### Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment renewals

- Council's asset renewal additions for the year were \$4.3 million compared \$2.8 million for the prior year
- The level of asset renewals during the year represented 80 percent of the total depreciation expense (\$5.3 million) for the year.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Legislative compliance

My audit procedures did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements or a material deficiency in the Council's accounting records or financial statements. The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited



- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

The Council's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form that facilitated the preparation and the effective audit of the GPFS
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.



Manuel Moncada  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

# Balranald Shire Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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## Balranald Shire Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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#### Background

- i. These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Office of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
- ii. The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a 'level playing field' between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.

Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, state or local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.

- iii. For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality and public reporting applies only to declared business activities.

These include **(a)** those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation, and **(b)** those activities with a turnover of more than \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a business activity (defined as Category 1 activities).

- iv. In preparing these financial statements for Council's self-classified Category 1 businesses and ABS-defined activities, councils must **(a)** adopt a corporatisation model and **(b)** apply full cost attribution including tax-equivalent regime payments and debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from Council's borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

**Balranald Shire Council****Special Purpose Financial Statements**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Statement by Administrator and Management****Statement by Administrator and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting**

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

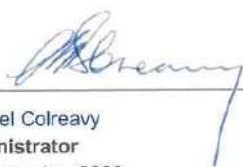
- the NSW Government Policy Statement 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines 'Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality',
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
- the NSW Office of Water Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 20 September 2022.

  
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Michael Colreavy  
Administrator  
20 September 2022  
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Jeff Sowiak  
General Manager/Responsible Accounting  
Officer  
20 September 2022

Balranald Shire Council | Income Statement of water supply business activity | for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Balranald Shire Council****Income Statement of water supply business activity**  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

|                                                                            | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income from continuing operations</b>                                   |                 |                 |
| Access charges                                                             | 807             | 742             |
| User charges                                                               | 762             | 728             |
| Fees                                                                       | 7               | 7               |
| Interest and investment income                                             | 19              | 13              |
| Other income                                                               | 71              | 81              |
| <b>Total income from continuing operations</b>                             | <b>1,666</b>    | <b>1,571</b>    |
| <b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>                                 |                 |                 |
| Employee benefits and on-costs                                             | 181             | 194             |
| Borrowing costs                                                            | 43              | 44              |
| Materials and services                                                     | 381             | 371             |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment                                  | 287             | 278             |
| Water purchase charges                                                     | 23              | 21              |
| <b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>                           | <b>915</b>      | <b>908</b>      |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b> | <b>751</b>      | <b>663</b>      |
| Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes                     | –               | 77              |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>  | <b>751</b>      | <b>740</b>      |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>                    | <b>751</b>      | <b>740</b>      |
| Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital] | (188)           | (172)           |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>                                         | <b>563</b>      | <b>568</b>      |
| <b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>                                            | <b>5,301</b>    | <b>4,561</b>    |
| <b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>                                |                 |                 |
| – Corporate taxation equivalent                                            | 188             | 172             |
| <b>Less:</b>                                                               |                 |                 |
| <b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>                                         | <b>6,052</b>    | <b>5,301</b>    |
| <b>Return on capital %</b>                                                 | <b>8.0%</b>     | <b>6.7%</b>     |
| <b>Subsidy from Council</b>                                                | <b>–</b>        | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>                                    |                 |                 |
| Surplus (deficit) after tax                                                | 563             | 568             |
| Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions) | –               | (77)            |
| <b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>                           | <b>563</b>      | <b>491</b>      |
| <b>Potential dividend calculated from surplus</b>                          | <b>282</b>      | <b>246</b>      |

Balranald Shire Council | Income Statement of sewerage business activity | for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Balranald Shire Council****Income Statement of sewerage business activity**  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

|                                                                            | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income from continuing operations</b>                                   |                 |                 |
| Access charges                                                             | 641             | 567             |
| User charges                                                               | 70              | 78              |
| Liquid trade waste charges                                                 | –               | 2               |
| Fees                                                                       | 3               | 2               |
| Interest and investment income                                             | 8               | 6               |
| Other income                                                               | 26              | 24              |
| <b>Total income from continuing operations</b>                             | <b>748</b>      | <b>679</b>      |
| <b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>                                 |                 |                 |
| Employee benefits and on-costs                                             | 55              | 59              |
| Materials and services                                                     | 173             | 175             |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment                                  | 180             | 171             |
| <b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>                           | <b>408</b>      | <b>405</b>      |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b> | <b>340</b>      | <b>274</b>      |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>  | <b>340</b>      | <b>274</b>      |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>                    | <b>340</b>      | <b>274</b>      |
| Less: corporate taxation equivalent (25%) [based on result before capital] | (85)            | (71)            |
| <b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>                                         | <b>255</b>      | <b>203</b>      |
| <b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>                                            | <b>3,364</b>    | <b>3,090</b>    |
| <b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>                                |                 |                 |
| – Corporate taxation equivalent                                            | 85              | 71              |
| <b>Less:</b>                                                               |                 |                 |
| <b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>                                         | <b>3,704</b>    | <b>3,364</b>    |
| <b>Return on capital %</b>                                                 | <b>3.5%</b>     | <b>2.9%</b>     |
| <b>Subsidy from Council</b>                                                | <b>13</b>       | <b>–</b>        |
| <b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>                                    |                 |                 |
| Surplus (deficit) after tax                                                | 255             | 203             |
| <b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>                           | <b>255</b>      | <b>203</b>      |
| <b>Potential dividend calculated from surplus</b>                          | <b>128</b>      | <b>102</b>      |

Balranald Shire Council | Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity | for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Balranald Shire Council****Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity**

as at 30 June 2022

|                                               | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Current assets</b>                         |                 |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                     | 2,368           | 1,604           |
| Investments                                   | 600             | 600             |
| Receivables                                   | 296             | 312             |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                   | <b>3,264</b>    | <b>2,516</b>    |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                     |                 |                 |
| Receivables                                   | —               | 19              |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment | 9,935           | 10,626          |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>               | <b>9,935</b>    | <b>10,645</b>   |
| <b>Total assets</b>                           | <b>13,199</b>   | <b>13,161</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                            |                 |                 |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                    |                 |                 |
| Contract liabilities                          | 6               | 6               |
| Payables                                      | 65              | 21              |
| Borrowings                                    | 74              | 66              |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>              | <b>145</b>      | <b>93</b>       |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                |                 |                 |
| Borrowings                                    | 559             | 636             |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>          | <b>559</b>      | <b>636</b>      |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                      | <b>704</b>      | <b>729</b>      |
| <b>Net assets</b>                             | <b>12,495</b>   | <b>12,432</b>   |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                 |                 |                 |
| Accumulated surplus                           | 6,052           | 5,301           |
| Revaluation reserves                          | 6,443           | 7,131           |
| <b>Total equity</b>                           | <b>12,495</b>   | <b>12,432</b>   |

Balranald Shire Council | Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity | for the year ended 30 June 2022

**Balranald Shire Council****Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity**

as at 30 June 2022

|                                               | 2022<br>\$ '000 | 2021<br>\$ '000 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Current assets</b>                         |                 |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                     | 752             | 528             |
| Investments                                   | 500             | 500             |
| Receivables                                   | 60              | 66              |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                   | <b>1,312</b>    | <b>1,094</b>    |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                     |                 |                 |
| Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment | 9,642           | 9,508           |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>               | <b>9,642</b>    | <b>9,508</b>    |
| <b>Total assets</b>                           | <b>10,954</b>   | <b>10,602</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                            |                 |                 |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                    |                 |                 |
| Payables                                      | 15              | —               |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>              | <b>15</b>       | <b>—</b>        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                      | <b>15</b>       | <b>—</b>        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                             | <b>10,939</b>   | <b>10,602</b>   |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                 |                 |                 |
| Accumulated surplus                           | 3,704           | 3,364           |
| Revaluation reserves                          | 7,235           | 7,238           |
| <b>Total equity</b>                           | <b>10,939</b>   | <b>10,602</b>   |



## Note – Significant Accounting Policies

A statement summarising the supplemental accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial statements (SPFS) for National Competition Policy (NCP) reporting purposes follows.

These financial statements are SPFS prepared for use by Council and the Office of Local Government. For the purposes of these statements, the Council is a non-reporting not-for-profit entity.

The figures presented in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of relevant Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The disclosures in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act), the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Regulation) and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, fair value of non-current assets. Certain taxes and other costs, appropriately described, have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

The Statement of Financial Position includes notional assets/liabilities receivable from/payable to Council's general fund. These balances reflect a notional intra-entity funding arrangement with the declared business activities.

### National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' in its business activities as part of the National Competition Policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government. The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 NSW Government Policy statement titled 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government'. *The Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality* issued by the Office of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing and costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard for disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, and returns on investments (rate of return and dividends paid).

### Declared business activities

In accordance with Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

#### Category 1

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

Nil

#### Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

##### a. Balranald Shire Council combined water supplies

Comprising the whole of the operations and assets of the raw and filtered water supply systems, that services the towns of Balranald and Euston.

##### b. Balranald Shire Council sewerage service

Comprising the whole of the operations and assets of the sewerage reticulation and treatment systems, that services the towns of Balranald and Euston.

### Taxation equivalent charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties. Where this is the case, they are disclosed as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council does not pay some taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses, such as income tax, these equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities and are reflected in Special Purpose Financial Statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities (this does not include Council's non-business activities):

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## Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Notional rate applied (%)

Corporate income tax rate – 25%

Land tax – the first \$755,000 of combined land values attracts 0%. For the combined land values in excess of \$755,000 up to \$4,616,000 the rate is \$100 + 1.6%. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$4,616,000 a premium marginal rate of 2.0% applies.

Payroll tax – 4.85% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$1,200,000.

In accordance with the Department of Industry (DoI) – Water guidelines, a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from water supply and sewerage business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the DoI – Water guidelines as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Achievement of substantial compliance to the DoI – Water guidelines is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges, however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

### Income tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business activities.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level - gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts, as would be applied by a private sector competitor. That is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 25%.

Income tax is only applied where a gain/ (loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since the taxation equivalent is notional – that is, it is payable to Council as the 'owner' of business operations - it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the Council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in the SPFS.

The rate applied of 25% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent at reporting date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

### Local government rates and charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges for all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all assets owned, or exclusively used by the business activity.

### Loan and debt guarantee fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that Council business activities face 'true' commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors. In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, Council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and Council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

#### (i) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers, and the funding of those subsidies, must be explicitly disclosed. Subsidies occur where Council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for Council to meet its community service obligations. The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statements of business activities.

#### (ii) Return on investments (rate of return)

The NCP policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses 'would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field'.

Funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies. The rate of return is disclosed for each of Council's business activities on the Income Statement.

The rate of return is calculated as follows:

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## Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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### Operating result before capital income + interest expense

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#### Written down value of I,PP&E as at 30 June

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 3.66% at 30/6/22.

#### (iii) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself (as owner of a range of businesses) or to any external entities.

Local government water supply and sewerage businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply or sewerage business surplus.

Each dividend must be calculated and approved in accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines and must not exceed:

- 50% of this surplus in any one year, or
- the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2022 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines a Dividend Payment form, Statement of Compliance, Unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to the Department of Industry – Water.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**Report on the special purpose financial statements**  
**Balranald Shire Council**

To the Councillors of Balranald Shire Council

**Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements (the financial statements) of Balranald Shire Council's (the Council) Declared Business Activities, which comprise the Statement by Councillors and Management, the Income Statement of each Declared Business Activity for the year ended 30 June 2022, the Statement of Financial Position of each Declared Business Activity as at 30 June 2022 and the Significant accounting policies note.

The Declared Business Activities of the Council are:

- Water supply
- Sewerage

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council's Declared Business Activities as at 30 June 2022, and their financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards described in the Significant accounting policies note and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021–22 (LG Code).

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

**Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as the auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the Significant accounting policies note to the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's financial reporting responsibilities under the LG Code. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

**Other Information**

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the general purpose financial statements and Special Schedules (the Schedules).

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and Special Schedule 'Permissible income for general rates'.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

**The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for determining that the accounting policies, described in the Significant accounting policies note to the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the requirements in the LG Code. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.



Manuel Moncada  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2022  
SYDNEY

# Balranald Shire Council

SPECIAL SCHEDULES  
for the year ended 30 June 2022

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**Balranald Shire Council****Special Schedules**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

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Balranald Shire Council | Permissible income for general rates | for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Balranald Shire Council

## Permissible income for general rates

|                                                                   | Notes                   | Calculation<br>2021/22<br>\$ '000 | Calculation<br>2022/23<br>\$ '000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Notional general income calculation <sup>1</sup></b>           |                         |                                   |                                   |
| Last year notional general income yield                           | a                       | 2,602                             | <b>2,880</b>                      |
| Plus or minus adjustments <sup>2</sup>                            | b                       | (12)                              | <b>(4)</b>                        |
| <b>Notional general income</b>                                    | c = a + b               | <b>2,590</b>                      | <b>2,876</b>                      |
| <b>Permissible income calculation</b>                             |                         |                                   |                                   |
| Special variation percentage <sup>3</sup>                         | d                       | 10.00%                            | <b>10.00%</b>                     |
| Plus special variation amount                                     | h = d x (c + g)         | 259                               | <b>288</b>                        |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                                  | k = (c + g + h + i + j) | <b>2,849</b>                      | <b>3,164</b>                      |
| Plus (or minus) last year's carry forward total                   | l                       | 8                                 | <b>(6)</b>                        |
| Less valuation objections claimed in the previous year            | m                       | —                                 | <b>(18)</b>                       |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                                  | n = (l + m)             | <b>8</b>                          | <b>(24)</b>                       |
| <b>Total permissible income</b>                                   | o = k + n               | <b>2,857</b>                      | <b>3,140</b>                      |
| Less notional general income yield                                | p                       | 2,880                             | <b>3,170</b>                      |
| <b>Catch-up or (excess) result</b>                                | q = o - p               | <b>(23)</b>                       | <b>(30)</b>                       |
| Plus income lost due to valuation objections claimed <sup>4</sup> | r                       | 18                                | <b>—</b>                          |
| <b>Carry forward to next year <sup>5</sup></b>                    | t = q + r + s           | <b>(5)</b>                        | <b>(30)</b>                       |

**Notes**

- (1) The notional general income will not reconcile with rate income in the financial statements in the corresponding year. The statements are reported on an accrual accounting basis which include amounts that relate to prior years' rates income.
- (2) Adjustments account for changes in the number of assessments and any increase or decrease in land value occurring during the year. The adjustments are called 'supplementary valuations' as defined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1916 (NSW)*.
- (3) The 'special variation percentage' is inclusive of the rate peg percentage and where applicable, the Crown land adjustment.
- (4) Valuation objections are unexpected changes in land values as a result of land owners successfully objecting to the land value issued by the Valuer General. Councils can claim the value of the income lost due to valuation objections in any single year.
- (5) Carry forward amounts which are in excess (an amount that exceeds the permissible income) require ministerial approval by order published in the NSW Government Gazette in accordance with section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993. The OLG will extract these amounts from Council's Permissible income for general rates Statement in the financial data return (FDR) to administer this process.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates

#### Balranald Shire Council

To the Councillors of Balranald Shire Council

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates (the Schedule) of Balranald Shire Council (the Council) for the year ending 30 June 2023.

In my opinion, the Schedule is prepared, in all material respects in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2021–22 (LG Code) and is in accordance with the books and records of the Council.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule' section of my report.

I am independent of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of councils
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the special purpose framework used to prepare the Schedule. The Schedule has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's reporting obligations under the LG Code. As a result, the Schedule may not be suitable for another purpose.

### Other Information

The Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 includes other information in addition to the Schedule and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Councillors are responsible for the other information. At the date of this Independent Auditor's Report, the other information I have received comprise the general purpose financial statements, special purpose financial statements and Special Schedule 'Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022'.

My opinion on the Schedule does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. However, as required by the *Local Government Act 1993*, I have separately expressed an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and the special purpose financial statements.

In connection with my audit of the Schedule, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Schedule or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement of the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

### The Councillors' Responsibilities for the Schedule

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation of the Schedule in accordance with the LG Code. The Councillors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Schedule, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance whether the Schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the Schedule.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the Schedule is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar8.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar8.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Council carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited Schedule on any website where it may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the Schedule.



Manuel Moncada  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

31 October 2022  
SYDNEY

Balranald Shire Council | Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022 | for the year ended 30 June 2022

## Balranald Shire Council

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

| Asset Class          | Asset Category                             | Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard | Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council | 2021/22 Required maintenance <sup>a</sup> | 2021/22 Actual maintenance | Net carrying amount | Gross replacement cost (GRC) | Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost |              |              |              |             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|                      |                                            | \$ '000                                                 | \$ '000                                                               | \$ '000                                   | \$ '000                    | \$ '000             | \$ '000                      | 1                                                             | 2            | 3            | 4            | 5           |
| Buildings            | Buildings                                  | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Buildings – non-specialised                | 170                                                     | 125                                                                   | 45                                        | 37                         | 25,628              | 41,674                       | 35.0%                                                         | 60.0%        | 5.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Buildings – specialised                    | —                                                       | —                                                                     | 20                                        | 23                         | 1,088               | 1,457                        | 95.0%                                                         | 0.0%         | 5.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Other                                      | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | <b>Sub-total</b>                           | <b>170</b>                                              | <b>125</b>                                                            | <b>65</b>                                 | <b>60</b>                  | <b>26,716</b>       | <b>43,131</b>                | <b>37.0%</b>                                                  | <b>58.0%</b> | <b>5.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b> |
| Other structures     | Other structures                           | 105                                                     | 395                                                                   | 268                                       | 227                        | 6,195               | 8,045                        | 8.0%                                                          | 40.0%        | 40.0%        | 10.0%        | 2.0%        |
|                      | Other                                      | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | <b>Sub-total</b>                           | <b>105</b>                                              | <b>395</b>                                                            | <b>268</b>                                | <b>227</b>                 | <b>6,195</b>        | <b>8,045</b>                 | <b>8.0%</b>                                                   | <b>40.0%</b> | <b>40.0%</b> | <b>10.0%</b> | <b>2.0%</b> |
| Roads                | Roads                                      | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Sealed roads                               | 215                                                     | 800                                                                   | 382                                       | 500                        | 106,407             | 124,250                      | 85.0%                                                         | 7.0%         | 4.0%         | 2.0%         | 2.0%        |
|                      | Unsealed roads                             | 1,995                                                   | 1,498                                                                 | 943                                       | 958                        | 40,556              | 59,602                       | 10.0%                                                         | 15.0%        | 45.0%        | 25.0%        | 5.0%        |
|                      | Bridges                                    | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | 1,373               | 2,531                        | 7.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 93.0%        | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Footpaths                                  | 15                                                      | 95                                                                    | 17                                        | 17                         | 1,319               | 1,889                        | 0.0%                                                          | 22.0%        | 75.0%        | 3.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Other road assets                          | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Kerb and channels                          | —                                                       | —                                                                     | 18                                        | 18                         | 2,978               | 4,447                        | 30.0%                                                         | 45.0%        | 20.0%        | 5.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Other road assets (incl. bulk earth works) | —                                                       | —                                                                     | 56                                        | 51                         | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | <b>Sub-total</b>                           | <b>2,225</b>                                            | <b>2,393</b>                                                          | <b>1,416</b>                              | <b>1,544</b>               | <b>152,572</b>      | <b>192,719</b>               | <b>58.7%</b>                                                  | <b>10.4%</b> | <b>18.9%</b> | <b>9.2%</b>  | <b>2.8%</b> |
| Water supply network | Water supply network                       | 798                                                     | 2,020                                                                 | 464                                       | 255                        | 9,232               | 17,028                       | 20.0%                                                         | 10.0%        | 50.0%        | 15.0%        | 5.0%        |
|                      | Other                                      | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | <b>Sub-total</b>                           | <b>798</b>                                              | <b>2,020</b>                                                          | <b>464</b>                                | <b>255</b>                 | <b>9,232</b>        | <b>17,028</b>                | <b>20.0%</b>                                                  | <b>10.0%</b> | <b>50.0%</b> | <b>15.0%</b> | <b>5.0%</b> |
| Sewerage network     | Sewerage network                           | 440                                                     | 1,158                                                                 | 166                                       | 121                        | 9,325               | 12,761                       | 7.0%                                                          | 50.0%        | 30.0%        | 8.0%         | 5.0%        |
|                      | Other                                      | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | <b>Sub-total</b>                           | <b>440</b>                                              | <b>1,158</b>                                                          | <b>166</b>                                | <b>121</b>                 | <b>9,325</b>        | <b>12,761</b>                | <b>7.0%</b>                                                   | <b>50.0%</b> | <b>30.0%</b> | <b>8.0%</b>  | <b>5.0%</b> |
| Stormwater drainage  | Stormwater drainage                        | 75                                                      | 167                                                                   | 13                                        | 17                         | 4,338               | 5,664                        | 16.0%                                                         | 83.0%        | 1.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | Other                                      | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
|                      | <b>Sub-total</b>                           | <b>75</b>                                               | <b>167</b>                                                            | <b>13</b>                                 | <b>17</b>                  | <b>4,338</b>        | <b>5,664</b>                 | <b>16.0%</b>                                                  | <b>83.0%</b> | <b>1.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b> |

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## Balranald Shire Council

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022 (continued)

| Asset Class                      | Asset Category            | Estimated cost to bring assets to satisfactory standard | Estimated cost to bring to the agreed level of service set by Council | 2021/22 Required maintenance <sup>a</sup> | 2021/22 Actual maintenance | Net carrying amount | Gross replacement cost (GRC) | Assets in condition as a percentage of gross replacement cost |              |              |             |             |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                  |                           | \$ '000                                                 | \$ '000                                                               | \$ '000                                   | \$ '000                    | \$ '000             | \$ '000                      | 1                                                             | 2            | 3            | 4           | 5           |
| Open space / recreational assets | Swimming pools            | —                                                       | —                                                                     | 43                                        | 34                         | 891                 | 1,156                        | 10.0%                                                         | 40.0%        | 46.0%        | 0.0%        | 4.0%        |
|                                  | Other                     | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        | 0.0%        |
|                                  | <b>Sub-total</b>          | <b>—</b>                                                | <b>—</b>                                                              | <b>43</b>                                 | <b>34</b>                  | <b>891</b>          | <b>1,156</b>                 | <b>10.0%</b>                                                  | <b>40.0%</b> | <b>46.0%</b> | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>4.0%</b> |
| Other infrastructure assets      | Other                     | —                                                       | —                                                                     | —                                         | —                          | —                   | —                            | 0.0%                                                          | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 0.0%        | 0.0%        |
|                                  | <b>Sub-total</b>          | <b>—</b>                                                | <b>—</b>                                                              | <b>—</b>                                  | <b>—</b>                   | <b>—</b>            | <b>—</b>                     | <b>0.0%</b>                                                   | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>0.0%</b> |
|                                  | <b>Total – all assets</b> | <b>3,813</b>                                            | <b>6,258</b>                                                          | <b>2,435</b>                              | <b>2,258</b>               | <b>209,269</b>      | <b>280,504</b>               | <b>48.1%</b>                                                  | <b>21.9%</b> | <b>19.5%</b> | <b>7.9%</b> | <b>2.6%</b> |

(a) Required maintenance is the amount identified in Council's asset management plans.

## Infrastructure asset condition assessment 'key'

| # | Condition           | Integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) description |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Excellent/very good | No work required (normal maintenance)                |
| 2 | Good                | Only minor maintenance work required                 |
| 3 | Satisfactory        | Maintenance work required                            |
| 4 | Poor                | Renewal required                                     |
| 5 | Very poor           | Urgent renewal/upgrading required                    |

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## Balranald Shire Council

## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

## Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) \*

| \$ '000                                                                  | Amounts<br>2022 | Indicator<br>2022 | Indicators<br>20212020 |         | Benchmark  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|------------|
| Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio                              |                 |                   |                        |         |            |
| Asset renewals <sup>1</sup>                                              | 4,275           | 89.06%            | 57.52%                 | 74.74%  | >= 100.00% |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment                                | 4,800           |                   |                        |         |            |
| Infrastructure backlog ratio                                             |                 |                   |                        |         |            |
| Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard                | 3,813           | 1.82%             | 2.75%                  | 2.78%   | < 2.00%    |
| Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets                             | 209,326         |                   |                        |         |            |
| Asset maintenance ratio                                                  |                 |                   |                        |         |            |
| Actual asset maintenance                                                 | 2,258           | 92.73%            | 104.01%                | 124.43% | > 100.00%  |
| Required asset maintenance                                               | 2,435           |                   |                        |         |            |
| Cost to bring assets to agreed service level                             |                 |                   |                        |         |            |
| Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council | 6,258           | 2.23%             | 2.61%                  | 2.65%   |            |
| Gross replacement cost                                                   | 280,504         |                   |                        |         |            |

(\*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(1) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

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## Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2022

## Infrastructure asset performance indicators (by fund)

| \$ '000                                                                  | General fund |         | Water fund |        | Sewer fund |        | Benchmark  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|
|                                                                          | 2022         | 2021    | 2022       | 2021   | 2022       | 2021   |            |
| Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio                              |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Asset renewals <sup>1</sup>                                              | 85.22%       | 63.22%  | 89.34%     | 0.00%  | 190.30%    | 0.00%  | >= 100.00% |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment                                |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Infrastructure backlog ratio                                             |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard                | 1.35%        | 2.17%   | 8.64%      | 7.74%  | 4.72%      | 4.64%  | < 2.00%    |
| Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets                             |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Asset maintenance ratio                                                  |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Actual asset maintenance                                                 | 104.27%      | 118.83% | 54.96%     | 70.46% | 72.89%     | 63.51% | > 100.00%  |
| Required asset maintenance                                               |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Cost to bring assets to agreed service level                             |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |
| Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council | 1.23%        | 1.48%   | 11.86%     | 11.30% | 9.07%      | 8.09%  |            |
| Gross replacement cost                                                   |              |         |            |        |            |        |            |

(1) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.



**8.3 BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.73006</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Balranald Shire Council 2021-22 Annual Report.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide a copy of the Balranald Shire Council 2021-22 Annual Report to Council for adoption.

**BACKGROUND**

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation) require all Council's within NSW to prepare an annual report within five months after the end of the financial year. Section 428(1) of the Act and clause 413H of the Regulation requires Council to place a copy of the annual report on the Council website and provide a copy to the Minister for Local Government (section 428(5) of the Act).

**REPORT**

The Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with the NSW Office of Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines. The Annual Report focusses on Council's implementation of its Delivery Program and Operational Plan for the 2021-2022 financial year.

This report includes an overview of the services delivered and achievements of the Council over the past year and concludes with the Annual Financial Statements and auditors report.

From a financial perspective the results are pleasing, the Council was successful in generating around \$21m in revenue, including almost \$10m in operational grants, resulting in a net operating surplus before capital grants and contributions, of \$1.7m, with just over \$2.6m in unrestricted working capital. The reports show that Council's rates and charges contribute just over 35% of the Council's revenue and that Council now has over \$19m in reserves for future projects, the majority of which is allocated for water, sewerage and grant funded projects.

The Annual Report reflects the Council's continuing transformation over recent years to an organisation that is financially sound with effective capacity and reserve funding to address long term challenges. There are undoubtedly challenges ahead in terms of financial and operational reforms, policy changes and addressing long term backlogs in infrastructure. However, as the Annual Report indicates, there have been significant achievements over the past financial year.

The Annual Report is provided for Council's adoption. Following the meeting, copies will be published on Council's website and sent to the Minister for Local Government, as per the requirements of the Act.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Council must prepare an annual report within five months after the end of the financial year according to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation).


**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Nil

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. BSC Annual Report 2021-22 (under separate cover) 

**8.4 DONATION REQUEST - ROBINVALE-EUSTON 80 SKI RACE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

**File Number:** D22.74788

**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 4: Our Culture – A community that respects and celebrates its diverse cultures, heritage and arts.

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the request from the Robinvale-Euston 80 Ski Race Committee for sponsorship of \$2,000 for the 2022 event.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of a request from the Robinvale/Euston 80 Ski Race Committee for sponsorship of the 2023 Ski Race.

**REPORT**

Council has received a request for sponsorship from the Robinvale-Euston 80 Ski Race Committee Inc.

The Robinvale-Euston Ski Race weekend is a major social event on the Robinvale community calendar falling on the long weekend in March – Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March 2023, the Ski race is considered to be the best run event on the Ski Race Victoria calendar. It is estimated that the weekend race brings in well excess of 1.5 million dollars into the Robinvale/Euston economies which is a fantastic outcome.

Council has regularly sponsored the event since 2012 and have made provisions in the 2022/2023 budget to sponsor the event in 2023.

The guidelines in Council's Donation Policy are as follows:

- Organisations must be incorporated and formally structured to service the residents in Balranald Shire Council area and be based in Balranald Shire or alternatively have a regional focus that will benefit the residents within the Shire.
- Organisations must be a non-profit group involved in cultural, tourism, sporting, educational, health or community affairs.
- Requests for donations to charities/organisations registered outside the Balranald Shire area will not be considered.
- Council will consider one off contributions to other areas as a result of natural disaster.
- Organisations are required to complete Council's donation application form to have their request considered.
- A maximum of \$500 per annum applies for organisations.

Officers have assessed this request in line with criteria set out within Council's Donation Policy. While the amount requested is above the \$500 per annum requirement in the guidelines, as Council has always sponsored this event in excess of this amount, it is recommended that Council continue to support the event to the value of \$2,000 due to the value this event brings to the local community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Council have made provisions of \$1,800 for sponsorship of the Robinvale-Euston Ski Race in the 2022/23 budget.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Donation Policy

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. ICOR - SKI RACE SPONSORSHIP LETTER - 2022 [!\[\]\(0f13e74bece43321be4542883500ac30\_img.jpg\)](#) 



ABN: 84097941946  
PO BOX 766 ROBINVALE, VIC 3549  
EMAIL: robinvaleeuston80@gmail.com

Dear Manager,

We are writing to you, to offer your organisation an exciting opportunity to be a sponsor for the 2023 ski race.

The Robinvale- Euston Ski race weekend is a major social event on the Robinvale community calendar falling on the long weekend in March Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th, the ski race is considered to be the best ran event on the ski race Victoria calendar, It is estimated that the weekend race brings in well in excess of 1.5 million dollars into the Robinvale/ Euston economies which is a fantastic outcome.

The Robinvale/ Euston Ski Race committee is always seeking new and innovative ways of promoting the event to not only the local community, but also across Northern Victoria. We wish to continue to build on the land and water activities which we are responsible for such as the highly acclaimed fireworks display, musical entertainment on the Saturday, family activities and a variety of food stores. We strive to continue to make it a family fun event with your support.

The committee believes that the race provides an excellent platform to promote your organisation.

We would be grateful if you sponsored our upcoming event. sponsors will receive exposure through local media and social platforms during and after the event. there are various sponsorship opportunities and benefits available.

President  
Mitchell Watts  
0409973811

Vice President / Sponsorship  
Kelsey Mattschoss  
0488516640

Secretary  
Glen Stewart  
0428347151

**ROBINVALE- EUSTON 80 SKI  
RACE COMMITTEE  
ACCEPTENCE FORM 2023**



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| BUSINESS NAME  |  |
| CONTACT PERSON |  |
| ADDRESS        |  |
| EMAIL          |  |
| PHONE NUMBER   |  |
| WEBSITE        |  |

[IF YOU HAVE A LOGO YOU WISH FOR US TO USE, PLEASE EMAIL TO  
robinvaleeuston80@gmail.com AS A JPEG FILE 300PP](mailto:robinvaleeuston80@gmail.com) IF YOU HAVE A LOGO

**Platinum Sponsorship \$1,000.00+**

- Naming rights to our event
- advertising in our ski race program and on our ski race facebook page
- your logo displayed at the main event and MC coverage
- prior to the event you will receive a thankyou package with entry passes, stubbie holders and caps

**Gold Sponsorship \$750.00+ or goods/ services to the value of**

- advertising in our ski race program and on our ski race facebook page
- your logo displayed at the main event and MC coverage
- prior to the event you will receive a thankyou package with entry passes, stubbie holders and caps

**Silver Sponsorship \$500.00+ or goods/ services to the value of**

- advertising in our ski race program and our facebook page
- free entry passes
- your logo displayed at the main event

**Bronze \$300.00+ or goods/ services to the value of**

- advertising in our ski race program and our facebook page
- free entry passes
- your logo displayed at the main event

**Account details**  
Robinvale Euston 80 ski race  
BSB - 013-768  
ACC - 255412373

**Cash Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Goods / Services value \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Specify goods / services Provided** \_\_\_\_\_

**8.5 DONATION REQUEST - BEN JOHNSTONE**

|                                    |                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75264</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                  |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                       |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 4: Our Culture – A community that respects and celebrates its diverse cultures, heritage and arts.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve of a donation of \$500 to Ben Johnstone.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of a request from Ben Johnstone seeking assistance with travelling costs to attend the Rural Youth Ambassador's program in Sydney.

**REPORT**

Council has received a request from Ben Johnstone seeking some assistance towards the travelling costs associated with attending the Rural Youth Ambassador's program in Sydney.

The Rural Youth Ambassador program runs annually, within each state and territory of Australia. Each year, a new Ambassador cohort is created in each state, consisting of young people from across the country who attend rural schools. Generally, Year 11 pupils are nominated by their schools to participate in the program, which lasts 12 months.

Each group works collaboratively, establishing a theme or focus for the year that is based on their experiences of growing up in a rural area, which they then pitch to government, education sectors and key stakeholder groups.

As the Rural Youth Ambassadors work together and build their leadership skills, they also support their community of peers back home by sharing knowledge, creating workshops and programs, and linking successful rural people back to their communities.

The Ambassadors are involved in state and national conferences, are keynote presenters at workshops and conferences, attend international conferences about rural education, advise state and commonwealth governments, run workshops, visit rural and remote communities and share their stories – the list is endless.

The program culminates with a National Forum held in Canberra during December of each year with each state nominating representatives to attend the forum and meet with Commonwealth Ministers, senior education people and other interested organisations.

The Rural Youth Ambassadors then develop a proposal at a national level, representing the interests of rural and remote young Australians, making sure everyone can achieve their dreams.

Ben is seeking some financial assistance from Council as he has met the costs of travelling to and from Sydney himself with no assistance from the school.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Council have made provisions for \$12,750 in the 2022/23 budget which has \$11,830 still available for community organisations and individuals.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Donation Policy

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. ICOR - Ben Johnstone - Donations Application Form 28 October 2022 [↓](#) 





# Donations Application Form

## Address applications to:

General Manager  
Balranald Shire Council  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

|  | Info | Reciv | Report | Discuss |
|--|------|-------|--------|---------|
|  |      |       |        | GM      |

Received 07 NOV 2022

11.27am

### Privacy Management

Information provided in this form is required in order to process the application. Provision of the information is voluntary; however, if insufficient information is provided, Council will be unable to process the application. The information will be available to authorised officers and may be made available to public enquiries under Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

## GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF COUNCIL DONATIONS

Council's donation program is an opportunity to give funding and recognition to individuals, community groups and organisations that play an important part in helping develop the region's environmental sustainability, community wellbeing, economic prosperity and cultural life.

Council donations generally do not apply to individuals however in certain circumstances donations may be provided.

Organisations will be eligible for a maximum of \$500.00 per financial year. Applications are required to meet eligibility criteria outlined in Council's Donations Policy.

More information regarding this funding can be requested by contacting Council's Director Corporate and Community Development on 03 5020 1300.

### 1. Community group or organisation details

Please note, to avoid duplication, the details provided below will become your organisation's principle contact for all correspondence relating to the Donations Programme.

Community group or organisation: Ben Johnstone

Postal address: 124 Ballandella st Balranald

Contact person: Ben Johnstone

Position: Student Telephone No: 0418714732

E-mail address: biancajohnstone@yahoo.com

### 2. Objectives of your community group or organisation:

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3. Is your organisation not for profit? Yes / No

4. Is your organisation registered for GST? Yes / No (please circle)

5. ABN Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Project or Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Amount Requested \$: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is the project still viable if your community group or organisation receives less than the requested amount?  
Provide reason

9. If income exceeds expenses what will happen to the excess funds?

10. Project Details – please complete the section below or attach a copy of your event plan

|                                                                                                            |                   |                    |                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Brief project description</b>                                                                           |                   |                    |                                                                |
| What are you going to do?                                                                                  |                   | attached           |                                                                |
| When are you going to do it?                                                                               |                   |                    |                                                                |
| Where are you going to do it?                                                                              |                   |                    |                                                                |
| Who is involved?                                                                                           |                   |                    |                                                                |
| Why are you doing it?                                                                                      |                   |                    |                                                                |
| Start Date                                                                                                 |                   | Finish Date        |                                                                |
| List each component of your project                                                                        |                   | Cost of component  | Amount requested from Council                                  |
|                                                                                                            |                   | \$                 | \$                                                             |
|                                                                                                            |                   | \$                 | \$                                                             |
|                                                                                                            |                   | \$                 | \$                                                             |
|                                                                                                            |                   | \$                 | \$                                                             |
| TOTAL (include gst)                                                                                        |                   | \$                 | \$                                                             |
| <b>Please list any funding your organisation has received in the past 18 months (Council and External)</b> |                   |                    |                                                                |
| Date funding received                                                                                      | Amount of funding | Purpose of funding | Have you met all the acquittal conditions of previous funding? |
|                                                                                                            |                   |                    |                                                                |
|                                                                                                            |                   |                    |                                                                |
|                                                                                                            |                   |                    |                                                                |

Name: Ben Johnstone

Position: Student

Signature: Ben

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ben Johnstone  
124 Ballandella Street  
Balranald NSW 2715

28 October 2022

Mr Jeff Sowiak  
General Manager  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Mr Sowiak

I, Ben Johnstone, am writing to Council seeking some assistance to help towards my travelling costs to Sydney where I have attended the Rural Youth Ambassadors program for students in remote and rural areas.

On the Rural Youth Ambassadors program, myself along with 19 other kids from Regional and Rural NSW all join together in Sydney to discuss issues regarding the educational system for the Regional and Remote schools.

We have found the following issues important to our schools;

1. Distance education is not a reliable source of education because it has many flaws such as not being able to communicate with your teachers as they are teaching other classes, being given the work and expected to do it on your own with no teacher support etc.
2. Teacher shortages and not being able to select the subjects you want because there is no teacher to support you with the subject which is throwing kids Atars out and some kids are going without Atars because they couldn't do the subjects they wanted.

Our group, with these issues in mind, thought, creating videos showing some highlights of our towns would encourage teachers to the regional and remote areas.

We also suggested, that all remote schools within a 2 hour drive come together and offer subjects not offered in other schools. For example, if one school didn't have Wood Work programs offered, they could join a school that did offer the program. The theory could be done online, and students would then join the other school and have a full week to do the practical side of the tasks.

With these idea in mind we met with The Hon. Sarah MITCHELL, MLC and presented these ideas, she was very intrigued with these ideas and wished to meet with us at a later date to further discuss.

I have flown to Sydney twice already this year and have the third and final trip coming up shortly. The tickets have cost me approximately \$1,000 each, with no assistance from the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and please consider my request of some assistance from Council.

Cheers

Ben Johnstone



**8.6 PROPOSED EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.74031</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 2: Our Place – A liveable and thriving community that maintains lifestyle opportunities and addresses its disadvantages.</b> |

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the recommendation from the Strengthening Community Access Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee to renovate the former maternal and child health residence located at 78 Market Street as Emergency Accommodation subject to consideration of building and planning approvals.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Council's endorsement of the proposal to renovate the former maternal and child health residence located at 78 Market Street as Emergency Accommodation subject to consideration of building and planning approvals.

**REPORT**

The Executive of Chairs committee meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August considered a number of projects for future investigation or priority along with a recommended priority list for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund program. The need for emergency accommodation was discussed and identified as being a priority project for other sources of funding.

Subsequently, the SCAIW Committee discussed the need for emergency accommodation for women escaping from domestic violence or other similar need and after some investigation a suitable Council owned property at 78 Market Street was located and an application for funding lodged to undertake renovations to enable the building to be used for this purpose.

The building has been disused for many years and its location, zoning and structure make the premises a suitable site for such development.

Naturally the renovations and change of use will require the appropriate planning and building approvals and this will be the subject of a separate report to Council. However, the current zoning permits this type of development and all that is required will be planning approval for a change of use and additional building requirements relating to that use.

In the mean-time it is in order for the Council to endorse the recommendation from the committee subject to separate consideration of building and planning approvals.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

The work to be undertaken is to be funded by grant.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

None

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

None

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**8.7 DISCOVERY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.73451</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Ray Mitchell, Health &amp; Development Coordinator</b><br><b>Nikkita Manning-Rayner, Administration Officer - Health &amp; Development</b> |
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| <b>Applicant:</b>                  | <b>Balranald Shire Council</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>Owner:</b>                      | <b>Balranald Shire Council</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>Proposal:</b>                   | <b>Redevelopment of the Discovery Centre</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Location:</b>                   | <b>83 Market St Balranald</b>                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 5: Our Infrastructure – A community that maintains and strengthens its natural and built environment.</b>                           |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Receive the Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors V1.1; and
2. Undertake the redevelopment works in accordance with the Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors V1.1.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of approval processes around the proposed redevelopment of the Discovery Centre.

**REPORT**

The Discovery Centre is a multipurpose precinct that caters for open space, recreation, visitor information and interpretation of our local government area. The precinct in its current form was opened at the end of 2014. Council has allocated grant funds to the redevelopment of the precinct.

The RU5 Land Use Table of the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 provides Community Buildings to be permitted with consent under Item 3 of the Table.

Clause 2.73(3)(a)(iii) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (SEPP) provides Visitor Information Centres to be permitted without consent.

Therefore, the project is subject to assessment under Division 5.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997, with the Balranald Shire Council being the determining authority.

Council has undertaken the development of a Review of Environmental Factors for the project in accordance with Division 5.1 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

There are no specific public notification requirements for this project under the SEPP, however, the REF was notified to neighbouring land holders in accordance with the Council's Community Participation Plan via individual letter. The REF was also exhibited on Council's website. The exhibition period concluded on 30/09/2022. These notifications were undertaken due to the potential public interest in such a project.

There were no objections generated from the exhibition of the REF and one (1) response, submitted by T&A Powis, indicating no objection.

Hay Shire Council was requested to review the REF to ensure accuracy of Council's environmental assessment and transparency our approval processes. Hay Shire staff have concluded that the



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**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

**BALNARAD DISCOVERY CENTRE ALTERATIONS**

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TO: BALNARAD SHIRE COUNCIL

30 MEMBERS

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## 1. Review of Environmental Factors Balranald Discovery Centre Modification

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# **Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors**

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## 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Balranald Shire Council has operated the Balranald Discovery Centre, in its various forms since cessation of the Crown's use of the land. This has been for the purposes of tourist/visitor, park, public transport and public convenience facilities. Urban Services was added as a reserve purpose in 2015 in line with the redevelopment of the site to its current form.

### 1.1 Council Area

The proposal is within the area of Balranald Shire Council.

### 1.2 Location of Proposed Project

83 Market Street Balranald NSW, see Appendix 1 for proposed site layout.

### 1.3 Description of Proposed Project

Council is proposing to modify the existing Visitor Information Building to create a foyer type area that provides connection between the Centre and Malcolm's Building in order to promote efficiency and flow in building operation. The 190m<sup>2</sup> of additional floor area will permit a greater opportunity to provide interpretative and community information in relation to the site and surrounding local government area.

The project involves:

- Modification works to existing retail and museum buildings
- Excavation for footings and slab
- Construction works including creating connectivity to Malcolm's Building
- Installation of heating and cooling
- Site isolation

See Appendix 2 for an architectural interpretation of the proposal outcome.

### 1.4 Objective of the Proposed Project

The objective of the project is to expand the Visitor Information Centre.

### 1.5 Consultation

General community consultation in relation to the building project was initially undertaken via online survey between 18/06/2020 – 01/07/2020.

Council resolution 2020/103 based on the presentation of the survey results required referral to the Growing Business Industry & Tourism Committee for advice on prioritisation of project elements.

Council has most recently presented the project to the Growing Business Industry & Tourism Committee on the 07/06/2022, with acceptance of the revised design due to budgetary constraints being adopted at the June 2022 meeting of Council, Resolution 2022/111.

Council's Community Participation Plan does not specifically require neighbour notification for this type of approval pathway. However, in the interest of public participation, this Review of Environmental Factors will be notified in line with the local development requirements of the Plan. The notification requirements for local development most closely relate to the intensity of this project. Results of this notification process will be advised to Council under separate report to consider this Review of Environmental Factors.

## 1.6 Previous Approvals

Previous approvals for the Discovery Centre site are listed below:

- Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors V1.0 15/10/2021. Building works project not proceeded with. See Appendix 3 for Declaration/Decision Statement.
- Balranald Hire Bicycle & Storage Shed Review of Environmental Factors V1.0 14/05/2018. Construction of a 6m x 3m colourbond shed for the storage, works completed in 2018.

## 1.7 Options Considered

Council has considered two (2) options in relation to the project, the option to undertake the works over the *do nothing* option was chosen as it will enhance the efficiency and flow of the Visitor Information Centre while providing a greater opportunity for interpretative and informative materials related to the local government area.

## 2. HERITAGE OF PROPOSED PROJECT SITE

### 2.1 Landscape

The Balranald Township area is a heavily modified environment with remnant native vegetation (redgum, mallee and box trees), planted introduced species and lawns.

This REF aims to conserve both natural and cultural values. For reasons of clarity and document usefulness natural and cultural heritage are dealt with individually, but their inter-relationships are recognised.

The works are proposed to be located within the same constructed footprint as the buildings, formed walkways and planted landscaping so as not to increase overall environmental impacts.

### 2.2 Natural Heritage

#### 2.2.1 Water

The project will not create additional water demand as there are no additional wet areas or consumptive uses proposed. The proposed works do not include ground water impacting works such as bores and deep excavation.

Storm water will be disposed of onsite to landscaping so as not to cause nuisance to neighbouring premises.

#### 2.2.2 Flora

The Balranald Township area is a heavily modified environment with remnant native vegetation (redgum, mallee and box trees), planted introduced species and lawns. No significant or native vegetation impacts are envisaged due to the building footprint being contained to the existing modified and built area.

#### 2.2.3 Fauna

As the work sites are located in highly disturbed environments, they are unlikely to contain threatened species, populations or ecological communities. Although threatened fauna and bird species may temporarily rest on vegetation located within the vicinity of the work site, the nature of the proposed works are not likely to result in significant impacts on native flora, native fauna or their ecosystems. Best practice safeguards for the management of flora and fauna during

construction will ensure that potential environmental impacts are avoided.

## **2.3 Cultural Heritage**

### **2.3.1 Aboriginal Heritage**

The project site is located on the traditional lands of the Muthi Muthi People. The locality of the proposed work is not known as a significant area for artefacts. The excavation for footings and slab is within introduced/disturbed soil further minimizing the potential for cultural impacts. The standard unexpected finds protocol will be implemented should a chance find occur.

The site in a general sense provides a low resolution interpretation of aboriginal heritage and linkages to key elements within the local government area. The proposal has potential to enhance this interpretation and strengthen linkages by providing greater opportunities for community exposure.

### **2.3.2 Non-Aboriginal Heritage**

There are no items listed on Councils LEP in close proximity to the proposed building. However there are items of historical value within the Discovery Centre Precinct, specifically the Balranald Gaol, Wintong School Building, Malcolm's Museum and Horse/Dog Trough.

The proposal has synergy with these elements as the site operates to provide interaction and interpretation of these items.

### 3. STATUTORY POSITION

#### 3.1 Description of the zoning applying to the proposal.

Balranald Township is within an urban area and therefore zoned as RU5 Village. The works are not prohibited under the RU5 Land Use Table of the Balranald Local Environmental Plan, 2010, and is permissible without consent under Clause 2.73(3)(a)(vi) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

#### 3.2 Confirmation that the proposal is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment under Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act

The RU5 Land Use Table of the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 provides *Community Buildings* to be permitted with consent under Item 3 of the Table.

Clause 2.73(3)(a)(iii) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 provides *Visitor Information Centres* to be permitted without consent.

Therefore, the project is subject to assessment under Division 5.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997, with the Balranald Shire Council being the determining authority.

#### 3.3 Legislative and Policy Framework

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* requires the assessment and mitigation of the environmental impacts of any works proposed in this plan.

#### 3.4 Management Purposes and Principles

Council aims to provide and maintain community assets and infrastructure in a strategic and cost effective manner.

### 4. ASSESSMENT

#### 4.1 Description of the affected environment.

The Township of Balranald with a population of 1200, encompasses approximately 600 properties, with Hospital, Police, Post Office, Shire Council, Churches and School, Service Centre and shopping, 3 Motels, Club and Hotel, 2 Service Stations and Recreation area and Racecourse. The town is relatively flat and located adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River with the Sturt Highway passing through as the main transport route. Balranald has a full range of utility services such as phone and data, electricity, dual water service and sewerage reticulation.

#### 4.2 Detailed assessment of the likely environmental impacts of the Proposal

The potential impacts of the project have been assessed in Section 6.

#### 4.3 Main Outcomes of the Proposed Project:

##### 4.3.1 Summary of beneficial outcomes

The proposed works will enhance the efficiency and flow of the Visitor Information Centre by creating connectivity between Malcolm's Building and the Information Centre and additional floor area for information, interpretation and interaction. This will also allow greater building control by staff not having to manage separated buildings.

#### 4.3.2 Summary of adverse outcomes

Minimal adverse outcomes will result from the proposed development. Minor short-term construction and traffic impacts including exclusion of vehicles and pedestrians from the immediate area of works will occur during construction, estimated to be around 16 weeks. Minor noise, odours, or dust impacts may occur.

## 5. IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

### 5.1 Work to commence

The proposed work will be conducted in early January 2023.

### 5.2 Period of construction

The construction for the proposed work is expected to be completed within 16 weeks.

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

### 6.1 Clause 228(2) matters of consideration

When considering the environmental impacts of a project, the factors which need to be taken into account are listed in Clause 228(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000*. To ensure that the likely impacts of the proposed activities on the natural and built environment are fully considered, each of these factors have been addressed below.

**Table 1: Clause 171(2) Factors to be considered**

| Environmental Factor                                                                                               | Impact | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a) Any environmental impact on a community?                                                                        | Minor  | Noise, odour, dust, and traffic impacts are anticipated but these will be minor and temporary in nature. There will also be removal of demolition materials to the Balranald landfill for recovery and disposal.<br><br>The proposed work would not have any impact on other community services and infrastructure such as power, water, waste management, educational, medical or social services. |
| b) Any transformation of a locality?                                                                               | Nil    | The locality affected by the proposed work is within the township area. It is not envisaged that the scale of the proposal is likely to be significantly locality transformative.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| c) Any environmental impact on the ecosystems of a locality?                                                       | Nil    | The township is a heavily modified environment with remnant native vegetation (redgum, mallee and box trees), introduced species and lawns. No ecosystem impacts are envisaged due to the small area of construction and no requirements for clearing.                                                                                                                                              |
| d) Any reduction of the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or other environmental quality or value of a locality? | Nil    | The work is not of a significant bulk or scale that will cause significant impact on the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or environmental qualities of the locality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| e) Any effect on a locality, place or building having aesthetic, anthropological,                                  | Nil    | The work will not adversely affect a locality, place or building known for its significant aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific or social values.                                                                                                                                                                                            |



| Environmental Factor                                                                                                                   | Impact | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific or social significance or other special value for present generations? |        | There are no items listed on Councils LEP in proximity to the works.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| f) Any impact on habitat of any protected fauna (within the meaning of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016)?                        | Nil    | No significant or native flora or fauna impacts are proposed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| g) Any endangering of any species of animal, plant or other form of life, whether living on land, in water or in the air?              | Nil    | The proposal would not endanger any species of animal, plant or other form of life, whether living on land, in water or in the air due to the limited scope of works for the activities covered in this REF and the implementation of the safeguards proposed in this REF.                                                 |
| h) Any long-term effects on the environment?                                                                                           | Nil    | There are no anticipated negative long-term effects on the environment from the works due to the limited scope of these works and the implementation of the control measures.                                                                                                                                              |
| i) Any degradation of the quality of the environment?                                                                                  | Minor  | The proposal would potentially degrade the quality of the environment in the short-term through vehicular activities and noise, odour and dust impacts attributed to construction, however the potential impacts would be minor and temporary in nature. Works would be generally carried out during normal working hours. |
| j) Any risk to the safety of the environment?                                                                                          | Minor  | The proposal would have minimal risk to the safety of the environment due to the limited scope of works for the activities covered in this REF, and the potential impacts would be minimised with the implementation of the control measures proposed in the REF.                                                          |
| k) Any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment?                                                                   | Nil    | The proposal will not cause a reduction in beneficial uses of the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| l) Any pollution of the environment?                                                                                                   | Minor  | The proposal could potentially cause pollution of the environment however the potential impacts would be minimised with the implementation of the control measures proposed in this REF.                                                                                                                                   |
| m) Any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste?                                                                   | Nil    | The waste generated during the proposal would be contained and removed for disposal to approved recycling facilities or to appropriate landfill in accordance with the control measures proposed in this REF. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated for the disposal of waste.                              |
| n) Any increased demands on resources, natural or otherwise which are, or are likely to become, in short supply?                       | Nil    | The proposal would not significantly increase demands on resources, which are, or are likely to become, in short supply. Relatively small amounts of materials would be required for the proposal.                                                                                                                         |
| o) Any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities?                                                | Nil    | No significant projects are foreseen around the proposed works. Maintenance work will occur however these will not cause significant environmental effects.                                                                                                                                                                |
| p) Any impact on coastal processes and coastal hazards including those                                                                 | Nil    | The works are not proposed in proximity to coastal areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Environmental Factor                                                                                                                        | Impact     | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| projected under climate change conditions.                                                                                                  |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| q) Any applicable local strategic planning statement, regional strategic plan or district strategic plan made under Division 3.1 of the Act | Supportive | <p>The projects supports the general objectives of the Balranald Local Strategic Plan area <i>Tourism</i> in relation to providing improved visitor services at the Balranald Discovery Centre, allow greater opportunities to highlight the area's 'hero' attractions.</p> <p>In a similar vein, the project is in alignment with Direction 5 of the Far West Regional Plan 2036 in that the project supports improved tourism infrastructure for our area. The project also provides a greater potential to support interpretive and informative opportunities should these be delivered from the investigations identified in the Actions area of Direction 5.</p> |
| r) Any other relevant environmental factors                                                                                                 | Nil        | No other environmental factors have been identified as being relevant to the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 7. SUMMARY OF CONTROL MEASURES

Balranald Shire Council will ensure control measures identified in this report are implemented to reduce the potential for any adverse impacts of the project.

### 7.1 Landforms, Geology and Soils

- Appropriate stockpiling of materials will take place away from drainage lines, waterways and drains at the Balranald Shire Council Depot.
- Excavated material will be assessed for reuse as part of Councils normal urban activities.
- Spoil removed from site to be disposed of at Councils Waste Disposal site as appropriate.
- Site rehabilitation of disturbed area to be undertaken progressively as activities are completed during the proposal.
- Adequate drainage measures must be provided to control / prevent ingress of surface water runoff to open excavation trenches and public storm water drains.

### 7.2 Water quality, Hydrology and Soils

- Erosion and sediment controls deemed necessary will be inspected daily and recorded.
- Erosion and sediment controls will be implemented to protect existing council storm water infrastructure if deemed necessary.

### 7.3 Air Quality

- Dust suppression, to be carried out on site, using either water (in compliance with water restrictions) or ground cover.
- Any machine or plant that is producing excessive visual exhaust is to be repaired or removed from site.
- Trucks transporting spoil and other waste materials from the site will be covered appropriately.
- Disturbed areas will be rehabilitated as soon as practicable.

### 7.4 Biodiversity

- No significant or native vegetation clearing is proposed.
- If any fauna species are identified on site, Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Services (WIRES) will be contacted to relocate it offsite to a suitable habitat area.

### 7.5 Noise

- Hours of works to be maintained between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 12pm Saturdays, no work to be undertaken on Sundays.
- Carrying out site inductions for all workers informing them of the surrounding receivers and the importance of reducing noise levels.
- Avoid the use of reversing alarms by designing the site layout to avoid reversing.
- Notifications will be distributed to potentially impacted local residents prior to construction, providing information such as total construction time, what works are expected to be noisy, their duration, what is being done to minimise noise and when respite periods will occur.
- A contact number for complaints will be available during construction phase and, all complaints to be taken into consideration with a view amicable resolution.

### 7.6 Indigenous Heritage

If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:

- Not further harm the object
- Immediately cease all work at the particular location
- Secure the area so as to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object
- Notify Heritage NSW as soon as practical on 131 555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location
- Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.

In the event that skeletal remains are unexpectedly encountered during the activity, work must stop immediately, the area secured to prevent unauthorised access and NSW Police and Heritage NSW contacted.

### 7.7 Non Indigenous Heritage

If any items suspected of being non-indigenous heritage are found, work will cease in the area until the item can be verified by a heritage consultant, be reported to the Heritage NSW and the relevant approvals sought.

### 7.8 Waste

- Separation of general waste from construction waste will be carried out on site.
- All excavated material will be inspected and assessed for contamination and disposed of accordingly.

### 7.9 National Construction Code 2019

The existing building arrangement consists of four (4) individual buildings:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Café area:          | Class 6    |
| Retail area:        | Class 6    |
| Interpretive area:  | Class 9(b) |
| Malcolm's Building: | Class 9(b) |

The connection of the Retail Area and Malcolm's Building will create a single building of around 470m<sup>2</sup>. The proposal will incorporate National Construction Code 2019 requirements to the whole of the building, including, but not limited to:

- Fire services

- Emergency lighting
- Provision for escape
- Light and ventilation

## 8. DECLARATION

I certify that I have reviewed and endorsed the contents of this REF document and, to the best of my knowledge, it is in accordance with the EP&A Act, the EP&A Regulation and the Guidelines approved under clause 170 of the EP&A Regulation, and the information it contains is neither false nor misleading.

**Name:** Ray Mitchell

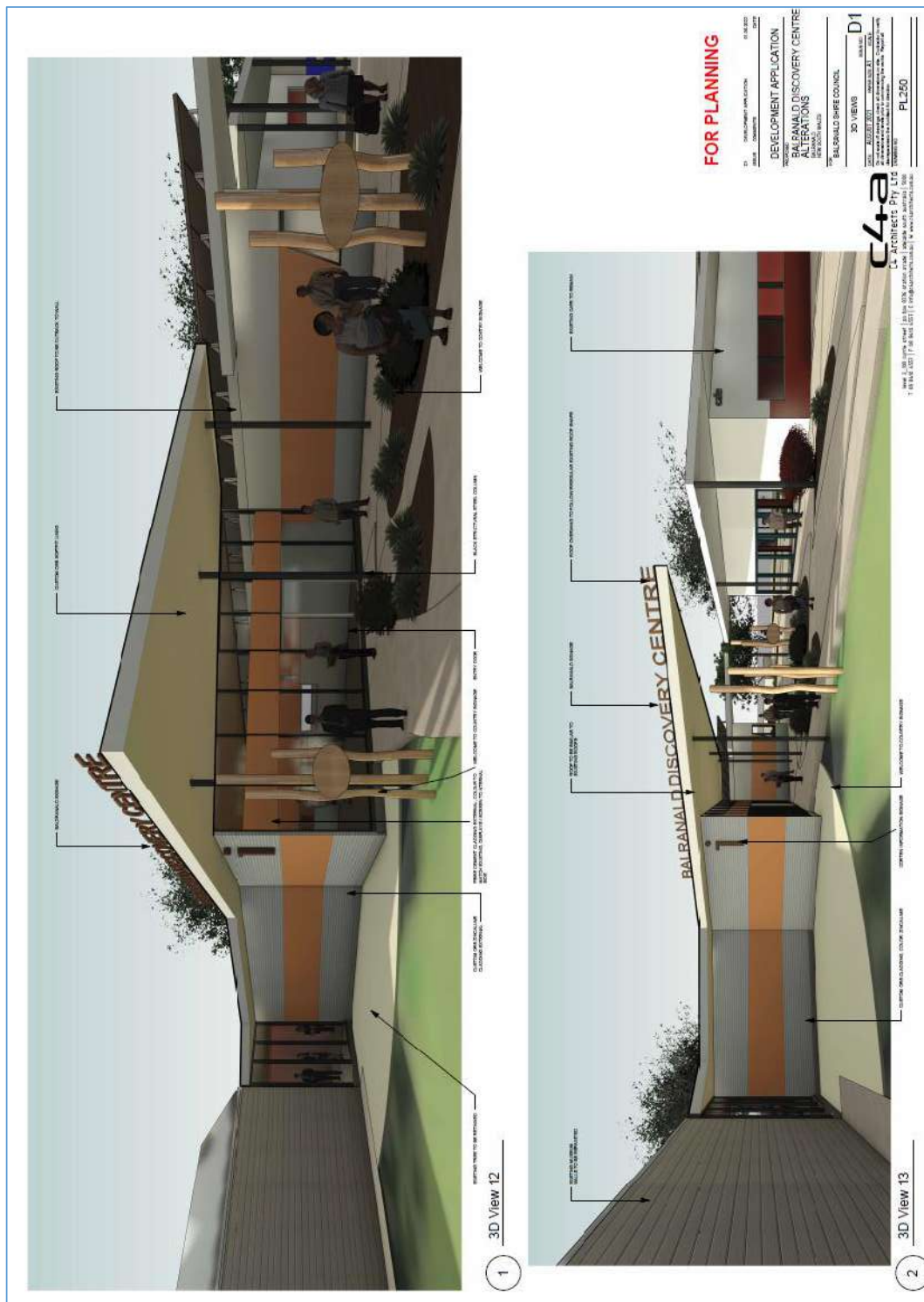
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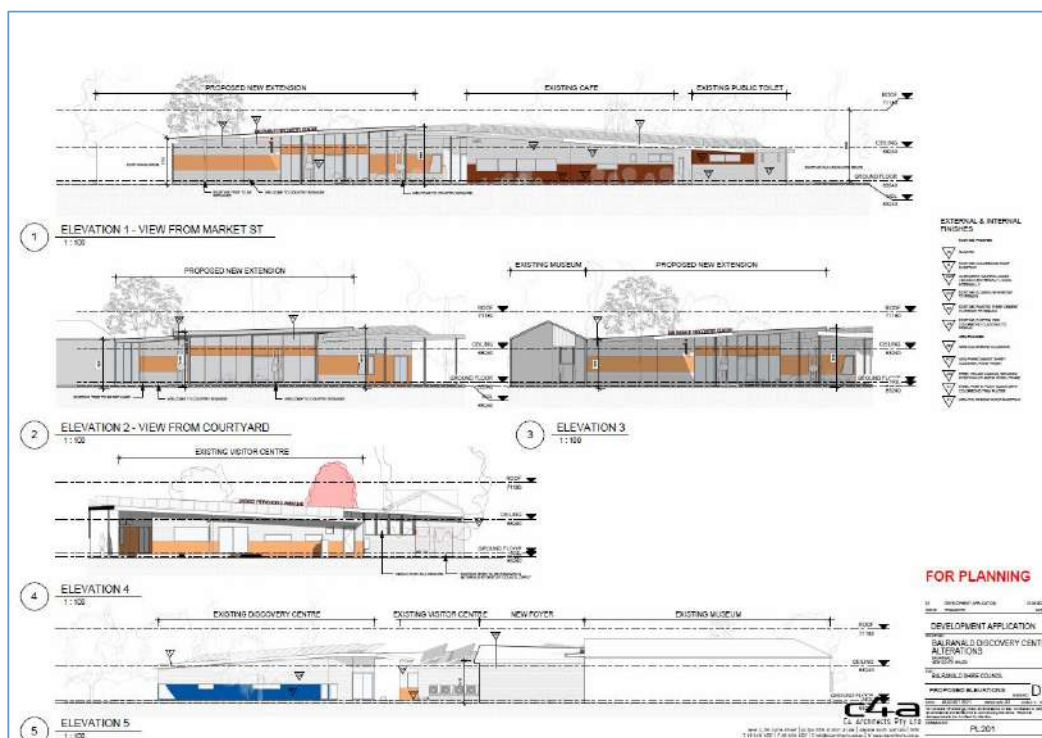
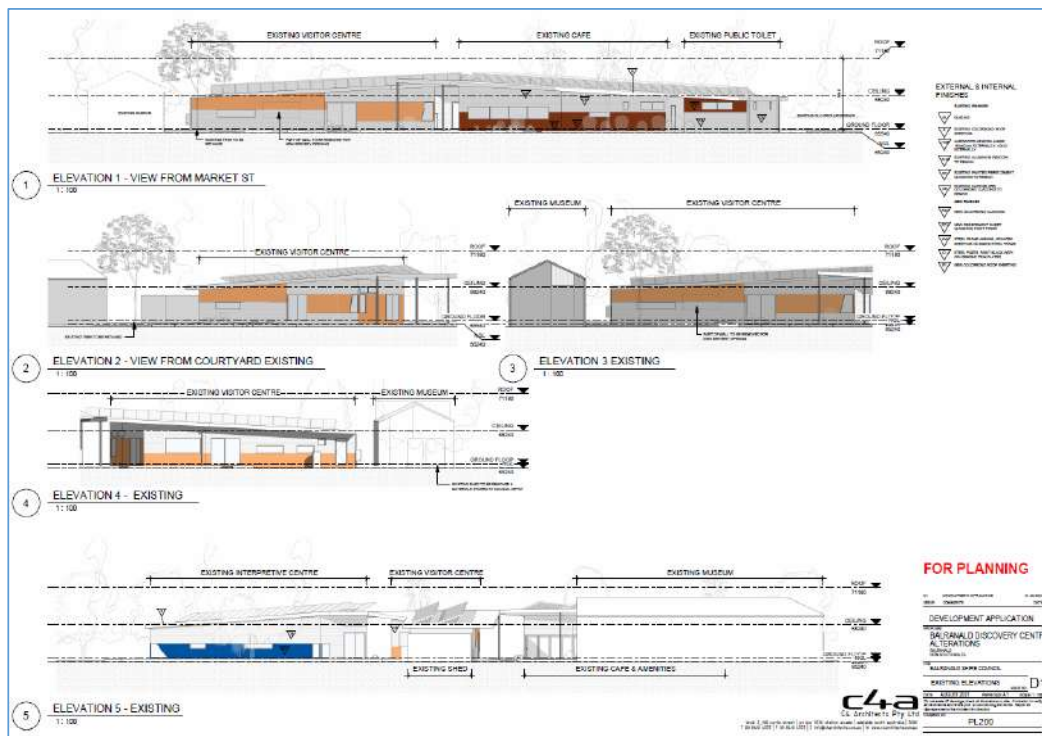




## Appendix 2: Architectural Interpretation of Proposal



## Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works - REF



### Appendix 3: Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors V1.0 15/10/2021 Declaration/Decision Statement

Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works - REF

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#### 8. DECLARATION

This review of Environmental Factors provides a true and fair review of the proposal in relation to its potential effects on the environment. It addresses to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the proposed project.

**Name (print):** Ray Mitchell

**Signed:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 16/10/21

I have examined this Review of Environmental Factors and accept the Review of Environmental Factors on behalf of Balranald Shire Council.

**Name (print):** Ray Davy

**Signed:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Designation:** Director Infrastructure & Development

**Date:** 15.10.2021



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Mr Ray Mitchell  
Balranald Shire Council

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Dear Ray,

**Re: Review of Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors (REF)**

I have reviewed the Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors (REF), and can state the following:

- Based on the Balranald Discovery Centre Modification Works Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and the mitigation measures noted at Section 7 the proposed activity is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment therefore an EIS is not required.
- The proposed activity will not be carried out in a declared area of outstanding biodiversity value and is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats or impact biodiversity values, negating the need for a SIS and/or BDAR.
- The REF addressed all the issues as per Clause 171(2) of the Environmental Planning and Regulation 2021.
- The REF identified, analysed and evaluated the potential impacts as per the DPE Guidelines for Division 5.1 Assessments (June 2022).

I am a suitably skilled, qualified and experienced professional to review the application as per the DPE Guidelines for Division 5.1 Assessments, having relevant degrees in Town and Regional Planning and 20+ years experience in the field.

In conclusion, I have reviewed the document and I concur that the assessment addresses matters as required by the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. If the works are carried out in accordance with the Review of Environmental Factors no significant detrimental impacts would be expected from carrying out the works.

Kind regards

Jack Terblanche  
Director Infrastructure and Planning



**8.8 AMENDMENT TO BALRANALD LEP BALRANALD RESERVE**

|                                    |                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.74442</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                          |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                          |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 5: Our Infrastructure – A community that maintains and strengthens its natural and built environment.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the advice given to the Dept of Planning that Council would not have any objection to the proposed amendment to the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 to rezone the whole of lot 126 DP 751170 situate at 9 Endeavour Drive Balranald and owned by the Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council, from RU1 Primary Production to RU5 Village to reflect existing uses of the site.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Council is aware that there is an anomaly in the existing LEP in relation to zoning of the Balranald Reserve at 9 Endeavour Drive owned by the Balranald Local Aboriginal Lands Council and this report endorses a rezoning proposed by the Dept of Planning to reflect the land use.

**REPORT**

The Dept of Planning and Environment is currently seeking to implement a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to amend the Balranald Local Environment Plan 2010 to address an inconsistent zoning of land known as the Balranald Reserve. The land is owned by the Balranald Local Aboriginal Lands Council (BLALC) and is described as Lot 126 DP 751170 with a land area of 24.69H. The land includes a number of dwellings constructed in such a configuration as to suggest that the Reserve is a small village.

However, when the planning scheme was adopted in 2010, this parcel of land was included in the RU1 Primary Production zone which effectively means that Council cannot consider any proposed subdivision of the land due to a 40ha minimum lot size.

The Dept of planning has been seeking to work with Council and the BLALC to address this inconsistency between the zoning and land use and proposes to address this by way of a SEPP to rezone the parcel from RU1 Primary Production to RU5 Village. The effect of the change would be to enable Council to consider, at some time in the future, the subdivision of part of the land into residential parcels with a smaller lot size. (600m2)

The Dept has sought council's views on the proposed amendment by 14<sup>th</sup> November and accordingly the General Manager at this time, with approval from the Administrator, has advised the Dept of Planning.

*that Council would not have any objection to the proposed amendment to the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 to rezone the whole of lot 126 DP 751170 situate at 9 Endeavour Drive Balranald and owned by the Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council, from RU1 Primary Production to RU5 Village to reflect existing uses of the site.*

This advice requires formal endorsement by way of council resolution.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Balranald Local and State Environmental Plan

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Will enable the Council to consider subdivision in future.

**RISK RATING**

Minimal

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Letter to Dept Planning Zone Charge Balranald Reserve [↓](#) 



# BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
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Thursday, 3 November 2022

Megan Kanaley  
Director Housing Delivery  
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Dear Megan,

**RE: Amendment to Balranald LEP- Balranald Reserve**

I refer to your email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November and advise that Council is aware that there is an anomaly in the existing LEP in relation to zoning of land at 9 Endeavour Drive and supports changes to address this issue.

Therefore, I can confirm that Council would not have any objection to the proposed amendment to the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 to rezone the whole of lot 126 DP 751170 situate at 9 Endeavour Drive Balranald and owned by the Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council, from RU1 Primary production to RU5 Village to reflect existing uses of the site.

Yours faithfully,



Jeff Sowiak  
General Manager

**8.9 2024 COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75276</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

The Balranald Shire Council ("the Council") resolves:

1. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* ("the Act") that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
2. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
3. pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To recommend Council enter into an arrangement with NSW Electoral Commission to administer the 2024 Council Elections.

**REPORT**

New South Wales Council elections are scheduled for September 2024. It is a requirement for Council to resolve under section 296AA of the Act by 13 March 2023 on the administration of the next ordinary election.

Council has utilised the services of the NSW Electoral Commission in the past to administer the Council elections.

There are two options available to Council:

1. General Manager administers the Council Elections; or
2. NSW Electoral Commission appointed to administer the Council Elections.

Council does not have internal resources available, therefore recommending engaging New South Wales Electoral Commission to administer the 2024 elections on behalf of Council.

The election arrangement is a standardised contract for all councils. The service schedule and costs schedule of the standardised contract will vary between councils and are made by the NSWEC in consultation with each council. Where a council resolves to engage the NSWEC to administer its elections, polls and referenda, the election arrangement with the NSWEC will apply to the 2024 ordinary election and every election, poll and referendum including any by-election or countback election until the contract is automatically terminated 18 months before the following ordinary election of councillors.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Allowances will be made in the 2024-2025 budget

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Local Government Act 1993

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Nil

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**8.10 DA 49/2018 MOD 2 - MODIFICATION APPLICATION TO DA M49/2018 - TEMPORARY WORKERS ACCOMMODATION FACILITY**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.74805</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Ray Mitchell, Health &amp; Development Coordinator</b><br><b>Nikkita Manning-Rayner, Administration Officer - Health &amp; Development</b> |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Applicant:</b>                  | <b>James Golsworthy Consulting</b>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Owner:</b>                      | <b>Qantac Properties Pty Ltd</b>                                                                                                              |
| <b>Proposal:</b>                   | <b>Modification to DA M49/2018 to Remove Time Limit of Operation</b>                                                                          |
| <b>Location:</b>                   | <b>61 Bank Street, Balranald NSW 2715</b>                                                                                                     |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 5: Our Infrastructure – A community that maintains and strengthens its natural and built environment.</b>                           |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. Council approve Modification Application DA 49/2018 Mod 2 for the installation of a Temporary Workers Accommodation Facility on Lots 37, 38 & 39 DP 75110 subject to the Draft Conditions of Consent listed at Attachment 4.
2. Persons that made submissions in relation to the Application be notified of the determination in writing.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Council under Part 4.55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to modify a consent for Workers Accommodation Facility at 61 Bank Street, Balranald.

**REPORT**

A Modification of Consent Application has been lodged by James Golsworthy Consulting in relation to a workers accommodation facility on Lots 37, 38 & 39 DP 751170, 61 Bank Street, Balranald, to support the workforce accommodation needs of upcoming state significant development projects.

|                             |                                        |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Owner:</b>               | <b>Qantac Properties Pty Ltd</b>       |
| <b>Description of Land:</b> | <b>Lots 37, 38 &amp; 39 DP 751170</b>  |
| <b>Area:</b>                | <b>3ha</b>                             |
| <b>Zone:</b>                | <b>Zone RU5 (Village)</b>              |
| <b>Current Use:</b>         | <b>Worker's accommodation facility</b> |
| <b>Proposed use:</b>        | <b>Worker's accommodation facility</b> |

**Background**

An application for a workers accommodation facility was submitted to Council in mid-2018 as a response to providing construction workforce accommodation for major renewable energy projects. The application was conditionally approved at the August 2018 meeting of Council, Minute

08.18.4397, with minor adjustments to conditions for construction hours (Condition 15) and electricity supply (Condition 25) being approved under delegated authority in October 2018. The Approval time limited the use of the land for this purpose until August 2023.

The applicant seeks to modify the consent by removing Conditions 2 and 3 of the consent, being:

2. This approval is time limited and the proposal must not continue operations past 22/08/2023.
3. Following cessation of the use of the land for the approved purpose and within six (6) months, the land must be returned to predevelopment conditions.

An updated Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) has been submitted with the Modification Application.

There are no proposed changes to the bulk and scale of the proposal, consisting of 100 residential buildings, laundry buildings, a dining/kitchen building, a gym, recreational room, parking area and associated facilities and infrastructure (see Attachments 1 and 2).

### *Site Analysis*

The facility is located on the eastern fringe of the Balranald Township within the town flood levee system (see Attachment 1), in a mixed land use area. Adjacent land uses include an agricultural storage facility incorporating a transport depot, home based heavy transport operations, community land and residential development.

There is no apparent landslip, creep or significant requirement for vegetation removal to facilitate the proposal. A small portion of the carpark allotment is identified as bushfire prone, however, buildings are not proposed to be located in close proximity to this area.

Contaminating activities are not known by Council to have been carried out on the land. The land has achieved organic certification for agricultural production.

The site is located on streets where Council is the roads authority and some distance away from TfNSW controlled roads. Projected traffic volumes are considered to be under accepted thresholds to require referral to TfNSW as traffic generating development.

Multiple accesses currently exist to service the holding and are primarily off Bank and Church Streets and supporting infrastructure services have been installed at the site.

### *Planning Instruments*

#### *Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010*

This type of activity is not listed as prohibited or permitted without consent in accordance with the land use table for RU5 zoned land under the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP).

The proposal is permitted with consent as an innominate use under Clause 3 of the Land Use Table of the LEP.

The objectives of the RU5 (Village) Zone under the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 are:

- To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.
- To define the town boundaries of Balranald, Euston and Kyalite.
- To encourage and provide opportunities for population and local employment growth.
- To ensure development maintains and contributes to the character of the zone.
- To protect the amenity of residents.



- To ensure that development does not create unreasonable or uneconomic demands for the provision or extension of services.
- To retain and facilitate expansion and redevelopment of the existing central business districts of the townships of Balranald and Euston and to further strengthen the core retail functions of those areas.

The proposal is considered to be largely consistent with the zone objectives in that:

- the zone provides for flexibility in land uses and does not prohibit this type of activity;
- it is to support the workforce required for a major employment generating activity and is likely to generate employment opportunities in itself, potentially leading to population growth;
- the Statement of Environmental Effects indicates strategies to minimise any potential impacts on adjoining land uses and the amenity of the area;
- the Engineering Assessment indicates the servicing requirements of the proposal and indicates options to minimise impacts on Council infrastructure;
- there is some potential for the development to increase demand for locally supplied goods and services strengthening local economic opportunities.

The land subject to the proposal is not identified as flood prone on the Flood Planning overlay of the LEP.

Infrastructure services (water, sewer, power and communication) are available at the proposed site. Contact was made with a major telecommunications supplier in the area, their advice was that there is adequate capacity locally to cater for the proposal.

The proposal is not located in close proximity to items identified on the Heritage Schedule of the LEP and no sites or items of cultural heritage were identified on the site.

#### *State Environmental Planning Policy 55 – Remediation of Land*

The development site has been historically used for small scale horticulture, which could be considered as a contaminating activity in relation to pesticide use. However, the site has, under its most recent horticultural use, been utilised for and certified as an organic agricultural production area. Additionally, a search of Council's records does not identify other events or uses (other than described above) that could lead to potential site contamination. Therefore, no further investigation was required.

#### *State Environmental Planning Policy 64 – Advertising and Signage*

Existing site entrance signage is in compliance with this policy.

#### *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*

The proposed development does not include the removal of any native or significant vegetation.

#### *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021*

The proposal is not considered traffic generating due to number of traffic movements, modelled at under 200 movements per day. Additionally, the proposed site is located more than 90m from a TfNSW controlled road. These factors negate the requirement for referral to TfNSW as integrated development.

*Development Control Plans*

There are no Development Control Plans that apply to the land.

*Impact of Development**Natural Environment*

The proposal is not likely to have significant impact on the natural environment of the area. The area was an established horticultural site which has been cleared of endemic vegetation for a substantial period of time. The proposal is not likely to impact threatened species due to the small area of the activity and the use of the wider area for urban purposes.

The proposal is not likely to contribute towards soil erosion, pollution or contamination of soil/water/air, due to the design and management of the site.

*Built Environment*

The surrounding area is substantially developed for urban purposes and the proposal is considered in keeping with the mixed use of the area.

The proposal design and rostering is not likely to significantly contribute to an unacceptable increase in traffic volumes in the local area and provision for parking on the site is considered adequate given the projected vehicle volumes expected. Additionally, the proposed access off Church Street is designed to minimise traffic impacts on residential uses in the area.

The building location, design and boundary fencing/landscaping is not likely to lead to privacy impacts.

Utility services are provided to the site and only the electricity supply requires augmentation to cater for the proposal.

While it is requested that Condition 3 of the original approval be removed, an adjusted Draft Condition 3 would be retained in order to ensure the site does not become prejudicial to neighbouring properties in the event that the use of the site is permanently discontinued. This would act to require the land be returned to predevelopment conditions on permanent cessation of the facility.

*Waste*

Both construction and operational phase waste materials are proposed to be disposed of at the Balranald Landfill, refuse storage areas will be provided throughout the facility, with a waste management plan being developed.

*Air*

Works are yet to be finalised for the sealing of the parking area. Protection of neighbourhood amenity would require all trafficable and parking areas to be sealed. Draft condition of consent to be reconfirmed with timing modification at Condition 26.

The operational use of the facility is not likely to generate any odour, fumes or pollutants. Waste bins will be separated from the main buildings and shall be regularly cleaned, screened and covered to prevent emission of odour.

*Noise*

The proposal will generate both construction and operational phase noise. Construction phase noise will be generated by plant and machinery and are be restricted with draft conditions of consent to minimise the impact on the amenity of the area.

Operational phase noise will be generated by the normal occupation of the site, including occupant movements, domestic style appliance usage (e.g. air conditioning units and cleaning equipment). A noise management plan is to be implemented and the Strategy includes a schedule of rules for occupation of the facility aimed at minimising noise impacts.

The layout of the facility is also sympathetic to minimising noise impacts on neighbouring residential uses. Access, parking and building orientation are such that they are not likely to focus noise into residential areas.

### *Cumulative Impacts*

Subject to operation in accordance with the conditions of consent, it is considered that the subject land is suitably located, capable of supporting the development as proposed, and is not likely to significantly increase environmental impact.

### *Social Impacts*

The proposed development has been located on the fringe of the urban area to promote business opportunity. The establishment of such a facility may also promote the development of other subsidiary businesses within the township creating further positive employment social opportunities for local residents.

The proposal does not include retail facilities or a wet mess serving alcohol.

Management planning has provided commitment for behavioural standards within the facility. Along with perimeter colourbond fencing and CCTV will operate in common areas of the proposal as security/safety measures.

A requirement for a Social & Security Management Plan to detail social, security and health & wellbeing measures was addressed in the original application to provide clarity and commitment to minimising the potential for adverse impacts.

There are no known areas/items of heritage significance likely to be impacted upon in the immediate area.

### *Economic Impacts*

It is likely that the proposal will create demand for local goods and services during both the construction phase and longer term operation phase. The proposal is also expected to generate local employment opportunities both directly and as multiplier benefits.

### *Site Suitability*

The subject site is considered suitable for the proposed development for the following reasons:

- The proposal is permissible with consent under the LEP 2010;
- There are no known environmental hazards or constraints associated with the site which prohibits the proposed development, as detailed within this report;
- With augmentation, the locality has the necessary utility service infrastructure to support the proposed development. Detailed arrangements for road access, water, sewer, stormwater drainage services and connections will be further considered leading up to construction phase, with conditions included as part of the draft conditions of consent;
- Electricity and telecommunication services are available to the site;

- There is a reasonable connectivity between the development site and the towns retail and recreational areas via existing streets and nature strip infrastructure; and
- Any identified negative externalities are considered capable of being managed and appropriate conditions have been applied as has been deemed necessary.

### *Public Interest*

The proposal is not likely to have any significant adverse effect on the landscape or scenic quality of the locality due to the low rise of buildings and occupation of a horticultural site in a mixed use area. The proposal will not likely adversely impact public infrastructure to an extent that cannot be mitigated with appropriate conditions of consent.

The proposal does not have significant environmental impact, has potential economic benefit and supports the construction of renewable energy projects in the area.

It is considered that the proposal is in the public interest.

The adjoining landholders were notified of the proposal in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan 2019 along with the proposal also being advertised on the NSW Planning Portal and Council's website. The notification period concluded on the 28/10/2022, one (1) submission was received.

| Submitted By  | Matter                                                                              | Council Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| B & L McNiven | Traffic impact outside of original conditions of consent on Bank and Church Streets | Addressed as original conditions of consent and management planning and the addition of Condition 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|               | Landscaping has not been completed                                                  | Draft condition of consent to be reconfirmed with timing modification at Condition 34                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|               | Flood prone nature of the land                                                      | The land is not identified as flood prone on the flood planning overlay of the LEP. The marginally lower area to the southeast acts as stormwater retention to minimise impact on Council storm water infrastructure, Condition 28 not proposed to be removed.                                                                                                                                                                         |
|               | Justification for permanency                                                        | The SEE indicates potential to cater for projects such as the interstate electricity interconnector, mineral sands mining, renewable energy projects (solar and wind) and irrigated horticultural developments. Itinerant worker demand is growing in the Balranald area therefore this type of facility could be considered as providing reasonable land use efficiency while minimising overall impacts of housing up to 400 people. |
|               | Original information supplied for notification                                      | Updated SEE information was supplied with neighbour notifications dated 13/10/2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|               | Maintenance of the facility during idle periods                                     | Addressed as a draft condition of consent at Condition 41                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|               | Will the facility be used for seasonal workers with no controls                     | Horticultural workers are identified as potential clients.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Proposed development controls | Reconfirmed, adjusted & additional development consent conditions proposed                                                                                                                                                              |
|  | Lack of consultation          | The modification application was notified to 28 neighbouring property owners which is an increase from the 11 notified in the original application, exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal and Council's website for a period of 14 days. |

### Conclusion

The modification application has been assessed under the provision of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The evaluation of this development has concluded that the proposed development application is compliant with the legislative requirements for this type of proposal and it is recommended that DA 49/2018 Mod 2 be approved subject to conditions.

Note: Removed condition is shown with strike through with new and modified conditions shown in red text.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

Nil

### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010





State Environmental Planning Policy 55

State Environmental Planning Policy 64

### POLICY IMPLICATION

Nil

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Site Plan of Proposal [↓](#) 
2. Architectural View from Church Street [↓](#) 
3. Letter of Objection B & L McNiven [↓](#) 
4. Draft Conditions of Consent [↓](#) 



CP-SITE AREA PLAN  
1 : 1500@A3

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

1. ALL DIMENSIONS ON SITE  
2. DIMENSIONS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER  
3. DIMENSIONS  
4. PREPARED BY ANDRE MELVILLE BUILDING  
5. & DRAFTING SERVICES (AMBD)

PROJECT : BALRANALD ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE  
CLIENT : QCV  
LOCATION : CHURCH STREET BALRANALD NSW 2800



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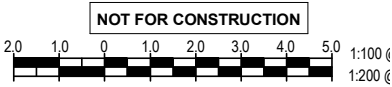
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| DATE     | MAY 2018  |
| SCALE    | A3 1:1500 |

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| SITE OVERALL PLAN |
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SITE VIEW



ALL DIMENSIONS ON SITE  
2 DIMENSIONS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER  
3D DIMENSIONS  
DESIGN: ANDRE MELVILLE BUILDING  
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25 October 2022

General Manager

70 Market Street

Balranald NSW 2715

Dear General Manager,

RE DA/49/2018 Mod 2 61 Bank Street, Balranald NSW 2715

We strongly object to the proposal to make it a permanent facility for the following reasons:


1. They have failed to keep to the original DA in regards to traffic in Bank street and Church street during and after construction, which has led to noise and visual pollution .
2. They have not landscaped to make the place look like they promised in there glossy brochure. This brochure seemed to have conned those who thought it was going to look wonderful. In hindsight they now agree that it looks exactly like I said it would, having seen camps like it before in other locations.
3. The floodplain it is situated on is regularly inundated with sheets of water from rainfall with no drainage that just ponds in stagnate mosquito breeding areas. This didn't happen when the area was cultivated which allowed water to soak in. With the highlighted risk becoming apparent with building in flood prone areas why is it even allowed to be there? When we built we had to build elevated to mitigate the risk at huge cost with insurance.

Can council please answer the following questions:

1. What is the justification for wanting to make it permanent? It is not explained in the DA sent to us which is the same one from 4 years ago. These major projects which may be put on hold with the current economic climate may not require the facility for some time.
2. What happens while it is empty? The past 2 years it has been left to look like a tip with visitors to our place that hadn't seen it before commenting that it looks like a dump for abandoned buildings.
3. When they run out of projects that may require the camp do they have plans to turn it to fruit picker accommodation with no controls on behaviour and comings and goings like suggested in the consultant report hidden away in draft documents most ratepayers would not know about?
4. What controls will council put over them to make sure they do the right thing if it is granted?

The glaring issue which plagues this council is the lack of consultation with those affected and has not improved with administration. We have been given a week's notice to respond to something that will have huge repercussions to us and the value of our property. Our opinions and objections were completely disregarded when the facility was put there in the first place I do hope the courtesy of an explanation is extended to us this time and not ignored. We await your response.

Brett and Lisa McNiven

 Balranald NSW 2715



### Mod 2 Changes

1. The development authorised by this consent must be carried out in accordance with the conditions of this consent and the listed approved documents:
  - a. Statement of Environmental Effects prepared by James Golsworthy Consulting, June 2018
  - b. **Updated Statement of Environmental Effects, August 2022**
  - c. Engineering Assessment Report prepared by Davey Engineering Solutions P/L, 31/05/2018
  - d. Traffic Impact Statement prepared by Traffix, Traffic & Transport Planners, 26/06/2018

| Drawing Number                                 | Issued     | Content                                              |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 15-1051A-MCU-MCU-01-A to 15-1051A-MCU-MCU-01-A | 29/05/2018 | Site/area plans and architectural 3D representations |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-10-A                          | 17/7/14    | Office building                                      |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-20-A and 21-A                 | 29/05/2018 | Kitchen building                                     |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-30-A and 31-A                 | 29/05/2018 | 4 module unit layout                                 |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-40-A                          | 29/05/2018 | Gym building                                         |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-50-A and 51-A                 | 01/09/2017 | Recreation/ablution building                         |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-60-A                          | 29/05/2018 | Laundry building                                     |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-70-A                          | 29/05/2018 | Linen building                                       |
| 14-1051A-MCU-MCU-80-A and 81-a                 | 29/05/2018 | 6 module unit layout                                 |

Where there is inconsistency between the Statement of Environmental Effects and supporting documentation and the conditions of approval, the conditions of approval prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

*Reason: To confirm and clarify the terms of consent*

- ~~2. This approval is time limited and the proposal must not continue operations past 22/08/2023.~~

~~*Reason: To confirm and clarify the terms of consent*~~

3. If the use of the land for the approved purpose ceases permanently, the land must be returned to pre development conditions within six (6) months of cessation.

*Reason: To confirm and clarify the terms of consent*

4. The proposal is subject to Council's Building Line Setback Policy, the setback from Bank St must be increased to ensure compliance with the Policy.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

5. All building work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, The National Construction Code 2016, relevant Australian Standards and The Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, regardless of any omission in the documentation submitted for approval.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

6. No work is to be carried out which would cause nuisance by way of emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, grit, oil, waste-water, waste products or otherwise.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

- 6a. The operation of the site must not cause nuisance by way of emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, grit, oil, waste-water, waste products or otherwise. This includes the use of vehicle reversing alarms.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

7. Prior to the commencement of construction or installation, the proponent shall lodge with Council, and receive approval for the following listed S68 Local Approval(s):
- carry out water supply work
  - carry out sewerage work
  - carry out stormwater drainage work
  - installation of transportable buildings

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

8. Finished floor level is to be established so as to minimise the potential for storm water inundation of the buildings.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

9. The building shall NOT BE USED OR OCCUPIED for any purpose other than the building class approved, without the prior consent of Council.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

10. The building shall NOT BE USED OR OCCUPIED until completed or until approval has been granted by the Council to occupy an incomplete building.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

11. The applicant must obtain a road opening permit prior to the commencement of construction of any works in the road reserve.

Any damage to Council's infrastructure or other services is the full responsibility of the proponent.

Note: The proponent must provide engineering design drawings for any works in the road reserve for submission with the application. This includes, but not limited to, accesses and traffic connections to the road reserve, water and sewer augmentation and stormwater drainage.

*Reason: Statutory requirement under S138 of the Roads Act 1993*

12. Any use of the subject land not commence until all relevant conditions of consent have been met or unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made with Council.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

13. The buildings/structure/s shall comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act, 1992 and the Commonwealth Premises Code and the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Note 1: The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 provide that it is an offence to discriminate against a person in a number of different situations. IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING COMPLIES WITH THIS LEGISLATION.

Note 2: Guidelines in respect of disabled access and produced by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission are available from the Commission or from Council's Environmental Services Department. The Applicant should ensure that these matters are addressed in the plans and specifications submitted with the application for a construction certificate.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

14. The proponent must prepare and submit a waste management plan, to Council's satisfaction, detailing construction and operational waste management.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

15. All works associated with the implementation / construction of the proposed activity (not operation of the proposal post occupational certificate), involving electric or pneumatic tools, or other noisy operations, shall be restricted to the following hours of operation:

- Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
- Saturdays: 8am – 12 noon
- Sundays and Public Holidays: no works to be carried out

The following activities may be carried out in association with construction outside of these hours:

- any works that do not cause noise emissions to be audible at any nearby residences not located on the Premises;

- the delivery of materials as requested by Police or other authorities for safety reasons; and
- emergency work to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm.

Note: All noise generating activities are subject to the requirements of the protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. This condition of consent does not relieve the proponent including developers, contractors or their agents from the requirements under the relevant noise control legislation (POEO Act 1997).

*Reason: Neighbourhood amenity*

16. Any damage caused to Council's infrastructure including but not limited to footpaths, roads, drainage, kerb and gutters, laybacks or other public land shall be restored to Council's satisfaction and at the full cost to the developer. Where a dispute arises over the person(s) responsible for the damage, Council shall reserve the right to carry out work to remedy such damage(s) at the proponents cost.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

17. The proponent shall install suitable protection to ensure that damage to Council infrastructure does not occur during the construction phase of the development.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

18. No materials or machinery to be used in the construction of the proposal is permitted to be stored or stacked on Council's footpath, nature strip, public defined land or roadway.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

19. The proponent shall not burn waste material, vegetation or other material on the land. All waste materials shall be directed to an appropriate waste management or other approved facility.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

20. The proponent shall provide at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given to Council when any inspection is required.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

21. The proponent shall provide to Council, engineers design details for any structural elements such as slabs, footings and structural steel elements of verandas, prepared and certified by a suitably qualified and professional engineer prior to the issue of a Section 68 Approval under the Local Government Act 1993.

*Reason: Statutory compliance*

22. The proponent shall provide engineering calculations, plans and specifications for the extension of the water and sewer utility infrastructure for connection to the allotment. Plans shall also include internal construction of all water and sewer facilities and connections.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

23. Prior to the issue of any Section 68 Approval under the Local Government Act 1993, the proponent must undertake a servicing strategy for the development which shall investigate its impact and mitigations on the existing water supply infrastructure, in consultation with Council. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) An assessment and hydraulic analysis of existing town water supply impacted by the development's water requirements.
- b) These assessments and analyses shall include at a minimum, impacts on:
  - o Raw and drinking water delivery capacities
  - o Water treatment plant production capacity and performance,
  - o Water storage capacities
  - o Distribution network capacities and performance (including pressures).
- c) Current and future demands should consider a fully constructed development. Analysis of water demand shall refer to the method or standard used in calculating the demand and any assumptions utilised in those calculations. Demands shall be calculated on the basis of full occupancy rates within the development. Firefighting demands and storage must also be considered in the development's ultimate demand calculation. Demand calculations must include a nominated peak day, peak week and peak hour figure in litres/sec.
- d) Reservoir storage and recovery shall be considered and discussed in reports.
- e) Required augmentation options to existing water supply infrastructure to service the development and mitigate any impacts on existing consumers. Please note that a Section 60 application to the Department of Primary Industries – Water could be required.

Note: The developer shall provide the necessary upgrades and augmentations required to service the development at its own cost.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements and Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1993*

24. Prior to the issue of any Section 68 Approval under the Local Government Act 1993, the developer shall undertake a servicing strategy for the development which shall investigate its impact and mitigations on the existing sewerage collection infrastructure, in consultation with Council. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) An assessment and hydraulic analysis of existing sewerage system capacities impacted by the development's sewer service. These shall include as a minimum:
  - o Sewer treatment plant capacity and performance including effluent discharges and sludge disposal.
  - o Increase in flow and load assessment as a result of this development.
- b) Required augmentation options to existing sewerage infrastructure to service the development and mitigate any impacts on existing consumers or Council's licensing requirements. Please note that a Section 60 application to the Department of Primary Industries – Water could be required.

Note: The developer shall provide the necessary upgrades and augmentations required to service the development at its own cost.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements and Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1993*

25. Prior to the issue of any Section 68 Approval under the Local Government Act 1993, written advice from the electricity provider shall be submitted to the Council confirming that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of electricity services to the development.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

26. All internal roadways, access corridors, bus pick up / set down areas and car parking areas are to be designed in accordance with AS2890.1 & 2 – Parking Facilities. The car parking areas shall be constructed with a base course of adequate depth to suit design traffic loadings with a sealed all weather surface treatment, graded and drained appropriately. An engineering design plan of the required parking, including necessary drainage, shall be submitted to and approved by Council prior to release of the Section 68 Approval. **Final sealing is to be completed within 6 months of this approval.**

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

27. **All access to the facility must be made off Church Street, shown as the main entrance. Only emergency and maintenance access is permitted off Bank Street.**

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

28. The proponent must provide a stormwater detention facility within the boundaries of the site to reduce the peak stormwater discharge from the developed lot to that of the peak stormwater discharged from the undeveloped lot for all storm events ranging from the 1 in 1 year to the 1 in 100 year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) storm event (worst duration and intensity). A detailed drainage design shall be prepared for the disposal of roof and surface water from the site, including any natural runoff currently entering the property. Details of on-site storage and the method of controlled release from the site and connection to an approved drainage system shall be to Council's satisfaction.

The detailed plans, specifications and copies of the calculations, including existing and proposed surface levels, sub-catchments and conduit sizing appropriate for the development shall be prepared by a suitably qualified engineer suitably. Full details shall be submitted to and approved by Council prior to release of the Section 68 Approval.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements and Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1993*

29. Any alterations to existing surface levels on the site shall be undertaken in such a manner as to ensure that no additional surface water is drained onto or impounded on adjoining properties. Stormwater discharge points must not result in the concentration of stormwater flows, increased flow velocities or potential erosion issues.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

30. A construction and environmental management plan shall be submitted as part of the Section 68 application. The management plan shall include:

- Hours of building work,
- Construction related parking and interim parking/traffic management,
- Toilet facilities for builders,
- Construction and public advisory signage.
- Details of sedimentation and erosion control,
- Details of provision of truck and machinery wash down areas. Note: All trucks and machinery must be free from all foreign material where such material is likely to cause pollution. If required an area must be set aside for the cleaning of concrete agitator trucks,
- Details of noise and dust mitigation on building sites and access roads,
- Location and phone number of the site office,
- Emergency contact details and organisational/ contact chart.
- Details regarding provision of areas set aside for the storage/stockpiling of:
  - Construction waste
  - Oils, fuels and hazardous materials
  - Construction materials
  - Raw materials such as sand, soil, mulch and the like
  - Details regarding the provision of facilities for workers associated with the development.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

31. The proponent must submit a report and a works-as executed (WAE) drawings of the water, sewer and stormwater services on the allotment, including detention and pumping installations. The WAE drawings shall be prepared by a registered surveyor.

The plan shall be accompanied by a report from the designer stating the conformance (design certification) in relation to the approved design. The WAE plan and report shall be submitted to and approved by Council prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate/Certificate of Completion.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

32. The applicant shall install, prior to the commencement of construction, adequate sediment and soil erosion controls in accordance with accepted codes of best practice. All sediment is to be controlled onsite including the transport of sediment from vehicles and machinery onto local roadways and waterways.

*Reason: To comply with Council's statutory requirements*

33. All trafficable and parking areas, including driveways, must be of an all-weather sealed surface.

*Reason: Neighbourhood amenity*

34. A vegetated multilayered buffer of at least 3m wide must be planted on the Bank St boundary of Lot 37 DP751170. The vegetation shall have non-intrusive root systems to protect underground assets. The proponent must maintain this vegetative buffer during the life of the proposal. **The initial planting must be completed within 6 months of the date of this approval.**

*Reason: Neighbourhood amenity*

35. Lighting associated with the development is to be positioned so as not to create luminosity of the atmosphere or create nuisance to adjoining development.

*Reason: Neighbourhood amenity*

36. The proponent must prepare and submit a Social & Security Management Plan to the satisfaction of Council. The Plan must detail social, security and health & wellbeing measures to minimise adverse impacts with regard to the occupants and wider community.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

37. The proponent must prepare and submit a Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan to the satisfaction of Council. The Plan must detail pedestrian and traffic movements, during construction, operational phase and decommissioning stages.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

38. The proponent must comply with the requirements of SEPP 64 – Advertising structures. The signage shall not be erected to reduce line of sight distance of pedestrians or traffic and any signage must be maintained in good condition.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

39. The kitchen fit out and design must comply with the Food Safety Standards Code and the Food Act 2003. A certificate of compliance will be required for any exhaust system prior to issue of an Occupation Certificate.

*Reason: Statutory compliance*

40. Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate/Certificate of Completion, a fire safety certificate must be submitted to Council for all services that form part of the fire protection measures installed for the development.

A fire safety certificate is required to be submitted to Council at least once in each twelve month period with respect to each fire safety measure installed in or for the buildings.

*Reason: Statutory compliance*

41. The site must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition so as to not be prejudicial to neighbouring properties, particularly in relation to fire hazard and vermin harbourage.

*Reason: To comply with Council's requirements*

42. If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:
- Not further harm the object;
  - Immediately cease all work at the particular location;



- Secure the area so as to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object;
- Notify OEH as soon as practical on 131555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location; and
- Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by OEH.

In the event that skeletal remains are unexpectedly encountered during the activity, work must stop immediately, the area secured to prevent unauthorised access and NSW Police and OEH contacted.

*Reason: To provide protections for unexpected Aboriginal cultural heritage finds*

**8.11 DA 07/2005 MOD 1 - MODIFICATION APPLICATION TO DA 07/2005 - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT**

**File Number:** D22.75247

**Reporting Officer:** Ray Mitchell, Health & Development Coordinator  
Nikkita Manning-Rayner, Administration Officer - Health & Development

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

**Applicant:** Roy Costa Planning & Development

**Owner:** Dialena Nominees Pty Ltd

**Proposal:** Modification to DA 07/2005 extending caravan park concept area to permit manufactured homes

**Location:** 51819 Sturt Highway, Euston NSW 2737

**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 5: Our Infrastructure – A community that maintains and strengthens its natural and built environment.

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Council approve Modification Application DA 07/2005 Mod 1 for the mixed use development on Lot 2 DP 1244384, 51819 Sturt Highway Euston, subject to the Draft Conditions of Consent listed at Attachment 6.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Council under Part 4.55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to modify a consent for a mixed use development at 51819 Sturt Highway, Euston NSW 2737.

**REPORT**

A Modification of Consent Application has been lodged by Roy Costa Planning & Development in relation to a mixed use development on Lot 2 DP 1244384, 51819 Sturt Highway, Euston, to increase the concept area for caravan park and motel to facilitate a manufactured home area.

**Owner:** Dialena Nominees Pty Ltd

**Description of Land:** Lot 2 DP 1244384

**Area:** 18.37ha

**Zone:** Zone RU1 (Primary Production)

**Current Use:** Vacant Land

**Proposed use:** Mixed Use Development, including caravan park and motel

*Background*

An application for a mixed use development incorporating a highway service centre, motel, caravan park, retail precinct and residential allotments was submitted to Council in March 2005. The concept was conditionally approved in June 2006, with the retail precinct and residential subdivision deleted from the concept likely due to permissibility issues arising from the Land Use Table and minimum lot size requirements of the then Planning Instrument. Attachment 1 shows the

approved concept layout and the Notice of Determination (NOD) is shown at Attachment 2. The NOD required the concept to be refined into a master plan and detailed design plans to be submitted to Council and RTA (now TfNSW) prior to commencement of any works. The highway service centre component was approved in June 2019.

The beneficiary of the approval now seeks a modification to the original approval to expand the concept area available for caravan park to incorporate manufactured dwellings.

### *Site Analysis*

The facility is located in proximity to the Sturt and Murray Valley Highway intersection, east of the Euston Township and within a private flood levee system (see Attachment 3 for an extract of the Flood Planning Map of the location). The site is located in a mixed land use area and includes activities such as agricultural storage facility incorporating, a transport depot, vehicle repair facilities, horticulture and some rural residential development. Consent was granted to United Petroleum for the highway service centre element in June 2019.

There is no apparent landslip, creep or significant requirement for vegetation removal to facilitate the proposal. The area is not identified as flood or bushfire prone.

Contaminating activities are not identified in Council records to have been carried out on the land.

Concept access and conditions formed part of the original approval with no changes proposed at this concept stage.

### *Planning Instruments*

#### *Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010*

The use of the land for this type of proposal is listed as permitted with consent in accordance with the land use table for RU1 zoned land under the Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP). The proposal is considered to be largely consistent with the zone objectives in that:

- the zone provides for flexibility in land uses and does not prohibit this type of activity;
- has potential to support the workforce requirements for major employment generating activities in the area and is likely to generate employment opportunities in itself, potentially leading to a population growth;
- the site adjustment is located so as not to increase land use conflict to horticultural activities (generally greater than 200m setbacks);
- there is some potential for the development to increase demand for locally supplied goods and services strengthening local economic opportunities.

The land subject to the proposal is not identified as flood prone on the Flood Planning overlay of the LEP.

Infrastructure services (water, sewer, power and communication) are currently not installed at the proposed site. However, original conditions of consent required concurrence of providers, including Council.

The proposal is not located in close proximity to items identified on the Heritage Schedule of the LEP and no sites or items of cultural heritage were identified on the site.

#### *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*

Contaminating activities are not identified in Council records to have been carried out on the land. Therefore, no further investigation was required.

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*

The additional area of caravan park is considered generally in alignment with Clauses 125 and 133 that specify matters to be considered by councils, these elements are considered in the *Impact of Development* section below.

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*

Signage is not proposed at this time.

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*

The proposed development does not include the removal of any native or significant vegetation.

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*

Transport elements are considered in the *Impact of Development* section below with original conditions of consents provided by the roads authority being reconfirmed into the Draft Conditions of Consent shown at Attachment 6.

*Development Control Plans*

There are no Development Control Plans that apply to the land.

*Impact of Development**Natural Environment*

The proposal is not likely to have significant impact on the natural environment of the area. The area is in a highly disturbed area with prior consent to undertake this type of activity and has been cleared of endemic vegetation for a substantial period of time. The proposal is not likely to impact threatened species due to the small area of the activity and the use of the wider area for semi urban and horticultural purposes.

The proposal is not likely to contribute towards soil erosion, pollution or contamination of soil/water/air, due to historic conditions of consent.

*Built Environment*

The surrounding area is substantially developed for semi urban and horticultural purposes and the proposal is considered in keeping with the mixed use of the area.

Infrastructure services (water, sewer, power and communication) are currently not installed at the proposed site. However, infrastructure authorities such as electricity, communications and transport have provided concurrences as part of the original processes.

*Waste, Air & Noise*

These elements were not required to be discussed in the original statement of environmental effects. New draft conditions of consent are included in Attachment 6 at 31, 32 and 33 to mitigate potential impacts.

*Cumulative Impacts*

Subject to operation in accordance with the conditions of consent, it is considered that the subject land is suitably located, capable of supporting the development as proposed, and is not likely to significantly increase wider natural and built environmental impacts.

*Social Impacts*

There are no known areas/items of heritage significance in the immediate area. The proposal is not likely to lead to significantly increased pressure on public infrastructure. The proposal has reasonable potential to provide economical housing options that can relieve housing pressure in the locality.

*Economic Impacts*

It is likely that the proposal will create demand for local goods and services during both the construction phase and longer term operation phase. The proposal is also expected to generate local employment opportunities both directly and as multiplier benefits.

*Site Suitability*

The subject site is considered suitable for the proposed development for the following reasons:

- The proposal is permissible with consent under the LEP 2010;
- There are no known environmental hazards or constraints associated with the site which prohibits the proposed development, as detailed within this report;
- With augmentation, the locality has the necessary utility service infrastructure to support the proposed development. Detailed arrangements for road access, water, sewer, stormwater drainage services and connections will be further considered leading up to construction phase, with conditions included as part of the draft conditions of consent;
- Electricity and telecommunication services are available to the site; and
- Any identified negative externalities are considered capable of being managed and appropriate conditions have been applied as has been deemed necessary.

*Public Interest*

The proposal is not likely to have any significant adverse effect on the landscape or scenic quality of the locality due to the low rise of buildings and occupation of a horticultural site in a mixed use area. The proposal will not likely adversely impact public infrastructure to an extent that cannot be mitigated with appropriate conditions of consent.

The proposal does not have significant environmental impact, has potential economic benefit and supports local employment generating industries.

It is considered that the proposal is in the public interest.

The adjoining landholders were notified of the proposal in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan 2019. The notification period concluded on the 18/10/2022, nil submissions were received.

*Conclusion*

The modification application has been assessed under the provision of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The evaluation of this development has concluded that the proposed

development application is compliant with the legislative requirements for this type of proposal and it is recommended that DA 07/2005 Mod 1 be approved subject to conditions.

Note: Removed condition is shown with strike through with new and modified conditions shown in red text.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

Nil

### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010

State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021

State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021

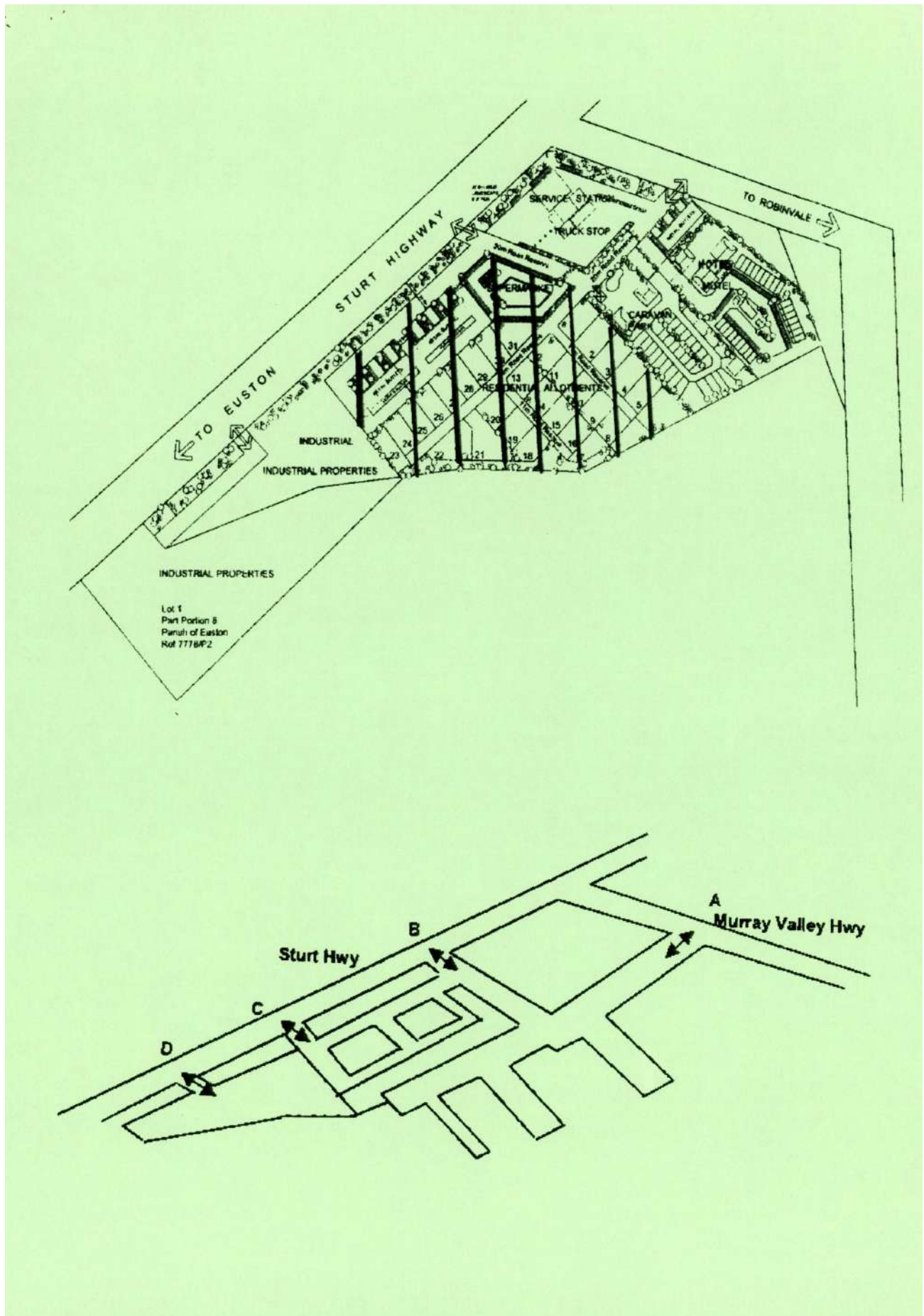
State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

### POLICY IMPLICATION

Nil

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Original Concept Plan of Proposal [!\[\]\(9cc0308e647881098efb3200229312e5\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(6f6b04114cbaf59a77679a24bfdd4e7d\_img.jpg\)](#)
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### **Notice of Determination of a Development Application No. DA 07/05**

This notice is issued to an applicant, and any person who made a submission about the applicant's proposal, once the application has been assessed by the consent authority.

#### **1. Details of the applicant**

For privacy reasons, the applicant's details only appear in the notice given to the applicant.

Mr ☒ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Family / Company name

Kim Steinle

For Tony Carrazza

Flat/street no.

Street or Property name/ Postal Address

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Pine Avenue

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

MILDURA

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#### **2. Details of the land to be developed**

Land Owner Details:

Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

Land Owner Family / Company name/s

Dialena Nominees Pty Ltd

Street Address

PO Box 43

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

BURONGA

NSW

2739

Lot

DP

Assessment No.

80

539326 / R166336

2605569

Development application no.

Description of the development

Mixed use Development, Including Service Station / Truckstop Centre, Hotel / Motel, Caravan Park & Industrial properties.

If the development involves a building, the class of the building under the Building Code of Australia  
Various Classes (to be determined)

#### **3. Decision of the consent authority**

☐ Consent is granted without any conditions.



Date from which the consent operates

Date the consent expires

Consent is granted subject to the conditions listed in **Attachment A**.

Conditions have been placed on the consent for the following reasons:

- (i) to ensure compliance with the terms of the Environmental Planning instruments;
- (ii) having regard to Council's duties of consideration under Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as well as Section 80A which authorises the imposing of the consent conditions; and
- (iii) having regard to the circumstances of the case and the public interest.

Date from which the consent operates

Date the consent expires

20 June 2006

20 June 2011



Consent is granted to erect a temporary building.

Date from which the consent operates

Date the consent expires



The application is refused.

The application is refused for the following reasons:

**4. Date of this decision**

20 June 2006

**5. Information attached to this decision**

A fire safety schedule, for a change of building use where no building work will be carried out.

Conditions of the consent listed in **Attachment A**.**6. Other approvals**

The following approvals will be granted, consistent with this consent, if the applicant applies to the state agencies listed within 3 years of the date of this decision:

The following approvals have been granted under the *Local Government Act 1993*:


A Commission of Inquiry has been held

Yes ☐No ☐

**7. Signature**

For this notice to be valid, it must be signed by the consent authority.

Signature



Name

Roy Hetherington

Position

Director Infrastructure & Development

Date of this notice

20 June 2006

**8. Rights of appeal**

**If you are the applicant:**

You can appeal against this decision in the Land and Environment Court within 12 months of the date of this notice. You cannot appeal, however, if a Commission of Inquiry was held and the development is designated development or state significant development.

**If you objected to the proposal in writing and the application was for designated Development:**

- you can appeal against this decision to the Land and Environment Court within 28 days of the date of this notice. You cannot appeal if a Commission of Inquiry was held.
- if the applicant appeals against this decision, you will be given a notice of the appeal and you can apply to the Land and Environment Court within 28 days of the date of this notice to attend the appeal and make submissions at the appeal.

**Attachment A Conditions of the development consent****Development Approval 07/05**

The application of Mr Kim Steinle for Mr Tony Carrazza for a mixed use development with the exception of the residential and retail components on Lot 80 D.P 539326 / R166336 is approved subject to the following conditions:-

1. Development to be generally in accordance with the approved plans except where amended by the following conditions.
2. The residential and retail components of the proposal as shown hatched on the approved plans are excluded from the development consent.
3. A master plan and detailed design plan for the various components of the development including each building and related civil infrastructure, access driveways and parking layout is to be prepared and submitted to the RTA and Council prior to commencement of any works.
4. The subject site is to have one access point (B) only off Sturt Highway and one (A) off Murray Valley Highway as stated in the traffic report. Proposed access point (C) is to be deleted from the site plan. Adjacent industrial development is to have one separate access point (D) off Sturt Highway.



5. All access driveways are to be constructed with a minimum width of 6 - 9 metres in accordance with AS 2890.1 – 2004 to accommodate largest size vehicles likely to service the subject site in accordance with AS 28990.1-2004 and AS 2890.2-2002.
6. Swept path of the largest vehicle entering and exiting the subject site and manoeuvrability through the site is to be in accordance with AS 2890.2-2002 and to Councils satisfaction. A copy of the plan showing the swept path is to be submitted to Council/RTA for assessment prior to commencement of any works.
7. The design and construction of the Channelised Right Turn (CHR) intersection treatment on Sturt Highway and Murray Valley Highway is to be in accordance with RTA requirements. Detail design of the proposed Channelised Right Turn Treatment (CHR) is to be submitted to the RTA for approval prior to commencement of any works.
8. Proposed access location off Sturt Highway and Murray Valley Highway is to have adequate sight distance in either direction in accordance with the RTA's Road Design Guide for the prevailing speed limit.
9. Off street car parking associated with the subject development including turn path, aisle widths, parking bay dimensions, sight distances and loading bay should be in accordance with AS 2890.1-2004 and AS 2890.2-2002. Consideration is to be given to provide disable parking facility on site. Number of parking spaces is to be to Councils satisfaction.
10. The Developer will have to sign a Work Authorisation Deed (WAD) with the RTA for the proposed intersection treatment (Channelised Right Turn) prior to commencement of any construction. All the roadwork associated with the development is to be approved by Council and the RTA prior to the site being occupied by the developer / tenants.
11. If any of the components of the proposed development fail to meet Council's approval and / or replaced with another type of development, a new development proposal is to be assessed as a separate development and is to be presented to the Regional Development Committee and / or Local Development Committee for its consideration.
12. Internal car parking area is to be strategically and appropriately sign posted and line marked to assist in directing vehicles around and through the facility. For pedestrian safety, footpaths for pedestrians through the car park are to be provided.
13. All activities including loading and unloading associated with this development are to take place within the subject site.
14. All vehicles are to enter and exit the site in a forward direction.
15. Suitable provision is to be made on-site for construction vehicles to alleviate any need to park on either Sturt Highway or Murray Valley Highway.
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21. The development is to include the provision of a potable water supply to each habitable building to the satisfaction of Council or its delegate.
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24. The written concurrence of Telstra and Country Energy to be provided to the detail design.
25. All waste generated on the site both during construction and when operational is to be disposed of in a segregated and acceptable form to Councils landfill site or other facility to Councils satisfaction.
26. Full details of any landscaping and any tree removal are to be provided with detailed design submissions.
27. All pollutants including oils, silts, grey water and surface drainage are to be retained on site and arrested by approved methods to the satisfaction of Council or their delegate.
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29. All signage to be the subject of a separate application to Council unless classified as exempt from needing approval.
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Our Ref: 22-071  
Your Ref: DA 07/05

1 September 2022

Ray Mitchell  
Balranald Shire Council  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Dear Ray,

**APPLICATION TO MODIFY DA 07/05  
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT  
STURT HIGHWAY EUSTON**

We refer to Development Approval 07/05 issued 6 June 2006 by Balranald Shire Council.

The approval was granted for:

"Mixed Use Development with the exception of the Residential and Retail Components."

The owner of the land is now seeking to modify the Development Approval to be:

"Mixed Use Development including a Manufactured Home Estate to be an extension of the Caravan Park Area."

Attached is the plan delineating the proposed precincts upon the site.

This application is now seeking Council to modify the approval as requested above and endorse the enclosed plan to form part of the approval.

We hereby submit that this modification should be supported by Council due to the following:

- The mixed use precinct is already approved by Council.
- The motel/caravan park precinct is approved by the current Development Approval.
- The manufactured home estate is an extension of the already approved caravan park area.

The proposed modification is seen to meet the originally approved Development Approval intentions as no retail component is sought and no "Normal" residential dwelling allotments are proposed.

PLANNING INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA – REGISTERED PLANNER (RPIA)

Rokar Pty. Ltd. ACN 087 497 685 Trading As Roy Costa Planning & Development



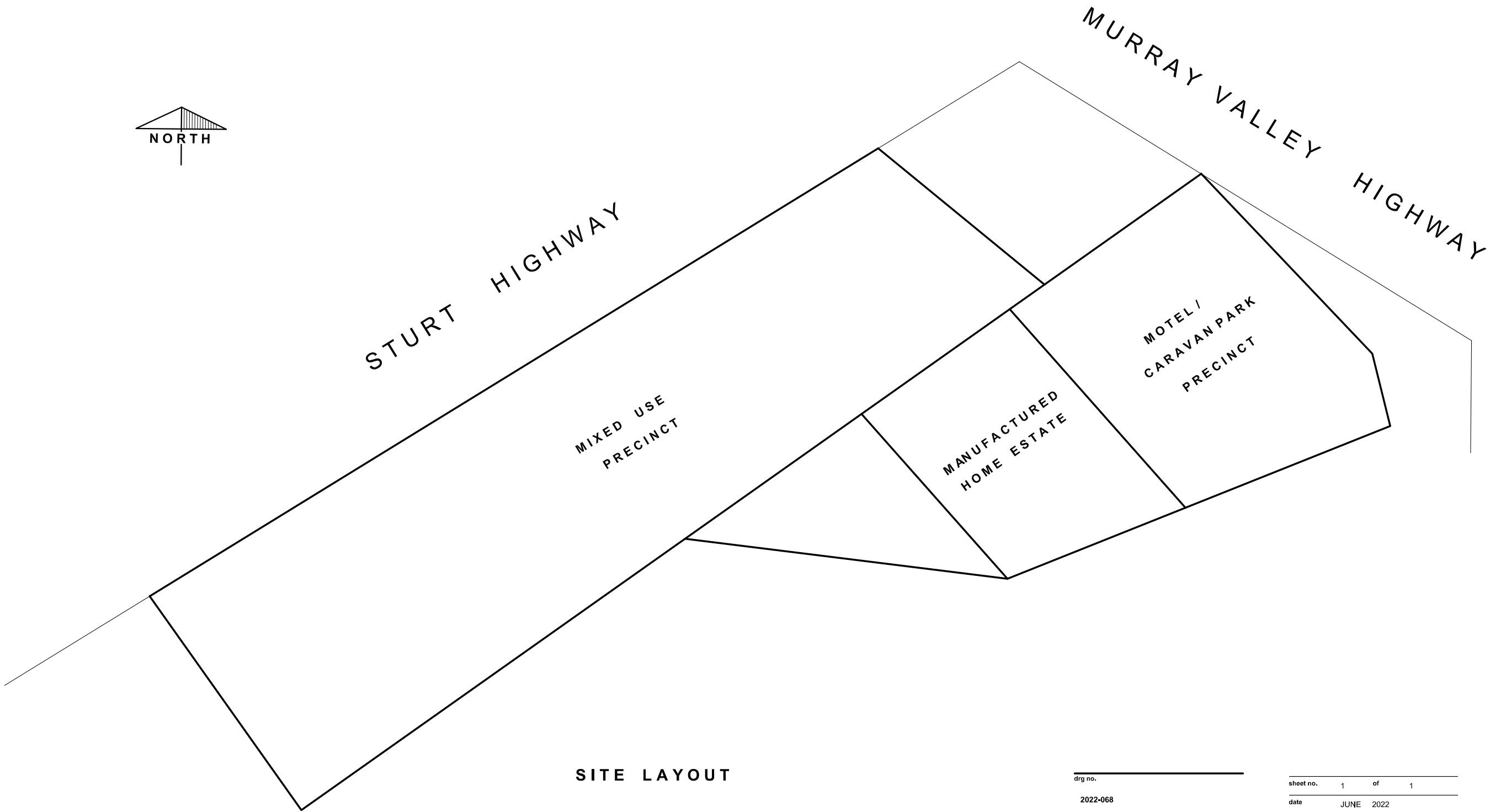
Given the above, we now request Balranald Shire Council to modify Development Approval DA 07/05 accordingly.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Mr. Roy Costa from our office who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely,

*Roy Costa*

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SITE LAYOUT

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DESIGN

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| 2022-068 |                             |
| project  | PROPOSED EUSTON DEVELOPMENT |
| address  | STURT HIGHWAY<br>EUSTON     |
| client   | R. C. P. D.                 |

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- general notes:
- ALL WORKS CARRIED OUT SHALL BE IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE
  - CONTRACTORS SHALL CHECK ALL DIMENSIONS ON SITE BEFORE COMMENCING ANY WORKS
  - FIGURED DIMENSIONS HAVE PREFERENCE TO SCALE.
  - PLANS SHALL BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS & ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION.
  - IT IS THE BUILDERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING IS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED BOUNDARIES AND VERIFY THAT THE SITE IS SHOWN CORRECT.
  - IT IS THE BUILDERS RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE DESIGNER OF ANY SERVICES WHICH MAY HINDER CONSTRUCTION OR CAUSE ALTERATIONS TO DESIGN BEFORE COMMENCING ANY WORK.

### Mod 1 Changes

1. Development to be generally in accordance with the approved plans except where amended by the following conditions.
2. The residential and retail components of the proposal as shown hatched on the approved plans are excluded from the development consent.
3. A master plan and detailed design plan for the various components of the development including each building and related civil infrastructure, access driveways and parking layout is to be prepared and submitted to the RTA and Council prior to commencement of any works. **This includes appropriate Section 68 application/s being made to Council under the Local Government Act 1993 for caravan park/manufactured home elements prior to commencement of any works.**
4. The subject site is to have one access point (B) only off Sturt Highway and one (A) off Murray Valley Highway as stated in the traffic report. Proposed access point (C) is to be deleted from the site plan. Adjacent industrial development is to have one separate access point (D) off Sturt Highway.
5. All access driveways are to be constructed with a minimum width of 6 - 9 metres in accordance with AS 2890.1 – 2004 to accommodate largest size vehicles likely to service the subject site in accordance with AS 28990.1-2004 and AS 2890.2-2002.
6. Swept path of the largest vehicle entering and exiting the subject site and manoeuvrability through the site is to be in accordance with AS 2890.2-2002 and to Councils satisfaction. A copy of the plan showing the swept path is to be submitted to Council/RTA for assessment prior to commencement of any works.
7. The design and construction of the Channelised Right Turn (CHR) intersection treatment on Sturt Highway and Murray Valley Highway is to be in accordance with RTA requirements. Detail design of the proposed Channelised Right Turn Treatment (CHR) is to be submitted to the RTA for approval prior to commencement of any works.
8. Proposed access location off Sturt Highway and Murray Valley Highway is to have adequate sight distance in either direction in accordance with the RTA's Road Design Guide for the prevailing speed limit.
9. Off street car parking associated with the subject development including turn path, aisle widths, parking bay dimensions, sight distances and loading bay should be in accordance with AS 2890.1-2004 and AS 2890.2-2002. Consideration is to be given to provide disable parking facility on site. Number of parking spaces is to be to Councils satisfaction.
10. The Developer will have to sign a Work Authorisation Deed (WAD) with the RTA for the proposed intersection treatment (Channelised Right Turn) prior to



commencement of any construction. All the roadwork associated with the development is to be approved by Council and the RTA prior to the site being occupied by the developer / tenants.

11. If any of the components of the proposed development fail to meet Council's approval and / or replaced with another type of development, a new development proposal is to be assessed as a separate development and is to be presented to the Regional Development Committee and / or Local Development Committee for its consideration.
12. Internal car parking area is to be strategically and appropriately sign posted and line marked to assist in directing vehicles around and through the facility. For pedestrian safety, footpaths for pedestrians through the car park are to be provided.
13. All activities including loading and unloading associated with this development are to take place within the subject site.
14. All vehicles are to enter and exit the site in a forward direction.
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- ~~30. All works are to cease immediately should any archaeological sites of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage value be uncovered or discovered until an appropriate representative of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife makes an appropriate assessment or judgement.~~
31. No work is to be carried out which would cause nuisance by way of emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, grit, oil, waste-water, waste products or otherwise.
32. Any waste or excavated material removed from the site is to be taken to an authorised site for disposal. No fill is to be deposited on other land without the prior consent of council.
33. All works associated with the implementation / construction of the proposed activity (not operation of the proposal post occupational certificate), involving electric or pneumatic tools, or other noisy operations, shall be restricted to the following hours of operation:
- Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
  - Saturdays: 8am to 5pm
  - Sundays and Public Holidays: no work permitted

The following activities may be carried out in association with construction outside of these hours:

- any works that do not cause noise emissions to be audible at any nearby residences not located on the premises;
- the delivery of materials as requested by Police or other authorities for safety reasons; and
- emergency work to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm.

Note: All noise generating activities are subject to the requirements of the protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. This condition of consent

does not relieve the proponent including developers, contractors or their agents from the requirements under the relevant noise control legislation (POEO Act 1997).

34. If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:

- Not further harm the object
- Immediately cease all work at the particular location
- Secure the area so as to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object
- Notify Heritage NSW as soon as practical on 131555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location
- Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.

In the event that skeletal remains are unexpectedly encountered during the activity, work must stop immediately, the area secured to prevent unauthorised access and NSW Police and Heritage NSW contacted.

**PART B – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****9 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS****9.1 REPORT ON AREAS OF COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS****File Number:** D22.75491**Reporting Officer:** Kristy Cameron, Finance Officer

John Batchelor, Finance

Janelle Dalton, Rates Officer

Danika Dunstone, Customer Service Officer

Edna Mendes, Finance Consultant

Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant

**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the following financial information for the period ending 31 October 2022.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise and report to council on the status of the following financial areas of operation-

- 1 Investments
- 2 Bank Reconciliation
- 3 Monthly Statement of Rates and Charges
- 4 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Caravan Park
- 5 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Bidgee Haven Hostel
- 6 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Tourist Information Centre
- 7 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Library
- 8 Debtors
- 9 Grants – See separate report
- 10 Statement of Currency of Work within the Finance Function of Council

**REPORT****1 Investments**

Council's total cash and investments including cash as at 31 October 2022 is \$23,584,361. This is an increase of \$539,040 on the previous month's total of \$23,045,321. It should be noted the balance of Council's cash at bank account changes daily with revenue receipted and payments made.

Receipts for October 2022 included:-

- SCCF4 Grant - \$211,050
- SCCF3 Grant - \$172,502
- Reconnecting Regional NSW Grant - \$120,683
- LRC1 - \$416,460
- Library Grant - \$68,175
- Medicare Rebates - \$67,704

Payments for October 2022 included:-

- Consultants - \$46,438
- IT – 17,708
- Plant Hire - \$74,520
- Software - \$9,157

Reporting of interest earned on all investments has been revamped for 2022/23 to include monthly interest earned, rather than just those investments which have matured and interest monies deposited into Council's bank account. This report is listed below

Term Deposit investments are \$17,000,000 as at 31 October 2022

A summary of Council's investment and cash balances as at 31 October 2022 is as follows:

## TERM DEPOSITS INVESTMENT REGISTER AND INTEREST EARNED 2022/23

| Term Deposits                            | S&P Rating | Term (Days) | Start Date | Maturity Date | Interest Rate/Rate of Return | Investment \$\$ Value | Daily Interest | Total YTD Interest Earnings to 30 June 2023 |
|------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Westpac Bank A/C 176-576</a> | A-1+       | 371         | 16/11/2021 | 22/11/2022    | 0.25%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 6.85        | \$ 986.30                                   |
| <a href="#">Westpac Bank A/C 176-576</a> | A-1+       | 304         | 23/06/2022 | 23/04/2023    | 2.61%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 71.51       | \$ 21,166.03                                |
| <a href="#">AMP - 51396</a>              | A-2        |             |            | Matured       |                              |                       | \$ 10.27       | \$ 246.58                                   |
| <a href="#">AMP - 53454</a>              | A-2        | 337         | 17/03/2022 | 17/02/2023    | 1.00%                        | 500,000               | \$ 13.70       | \$ 3,164.38                                 |
| <a href="#">AMP - 53473</a>              | A-2        | 365         | 21/03/2022 | 21/03/2023    | 1.25%                        | 500,000               | \$ 17.12       | \$ 4,503.42                                 |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 053986</a>  | A-1        | 365         | 1/03/2022  | 1/03/2023     | 0.95%                        | 500,000               | \$ 13.01       | \$ 3,162.33                                 |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 054099</a>  | A-1        | 365         | 8/03/2022  | 8/03/2023     | 0.95%                        | 500,000               | \$ 13.01       | \$ 3,253.42                                 |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 054394</a>  | A-1        |             |            | Matured       |                              |                       | \$ 5.48        | \$ 487.72                                   |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 055055</a>  | A-1        |             |            | Matured       |                              |                       | \$ 13.70       | \$ 1,205.60                                 |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 055370</a>  | A-1        |             |            | Matured       |                              |                       | \$ 6.85        | \$ 767.20                                   |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 055858</a>  | A-1        | 330         | 23/12/2021 | 18/11/2022    | 0.50%                        | 500,000               | \$ 6.85        | \$ 958.90                                   |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 054394</a>  | A-1        | 152         | 28/09/2022 | 27/02/2023    | 3.83%                        | 500,000               | \$ 52.47       | \$ 8,027.26                                 |
| <a href="#">Macquarie Bank - 055055</a>  | A-1        | 120         | 27/09/2022 | 25/01/2023    | 3.58%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 98.08       | \$ 11,867.95                                |
| <a href="#">NAB Bank</a>                 | A-1+       | 335         | 11/01/2022 | 12/12/2022    | 0.63%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 17.26       | \$ 2,830.68                                 |
| <a href="#">NAB Bank</a>                 | A-1+       | 181         | 23/06/2022 | 21/12/2022    | 2.85%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 78.08       | \$ 13,508.22                                |
| <a href="#">NAB Bank</a>                 | A-1+       | 300         | 23/06/2022 | 19/04/2023    | 3.40%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 93.15       | \$ 27,200.00                                |
| <a href="#">NAB Bank</a>                 | A-1+       | 300         | 23/06/2022 | 19/04/2023    | 3.40%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 93.15       | \$ 27,200.00                                |
| <a href="#">Bank of Queensland -</a>     | A-2        | 365         | 24/03/2022 | 24/03/2023    | 1.35%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 36.99       | \$ 9,838.36                                 |
| <a href="#">Bank of Queensland</a>       | A-2        | 365         | 9/05/2022  | 9/05/2023     | 2.95%                        | 500,000               | \$ 40.41       | \$ 12,608.22                                |
| <a href="#">Bank of Queensland</a>       | A-2        |             | 31/03/2022 | 31/03/2023    | 1.60%                        | 500,000               | \$ 21.92       | \$ 6,005.48                                 |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 301         | 13/01/2022 | 10/11/2022    | 0.48%                        | 500,000               | \$ 6.58        | \$ 867.95                                   |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       |             |            | Matured       |                              |                       | \$ 6.58        | \$ 723.80                                   |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 360         | 4/03/2022  | 27/02/2023    | 0.85%                        | 500,000               | \$ 11.64       | \$ 2,806.16                                 |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 360         | 4/03/2022  | 27/02/2023    | 0.85%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 23.29       | \$ 5,612.33                                 |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank -</a>      | A-1+       | 364         | 11/03/2022 | 10/03/2023    | 1.00%                        | 500,000               | \$ 13.70       | \$ 3,452.05                                 |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 364         | 11/03/2022 | 10/03/2023    | 1.00%                        | 500,000               | \$ 13.70       | \$ 3,452.05                                 |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 365         | 23/05/2022 | 23/05/2023    | 2.94%                        | 1,000,000             | \$ 80.82       | \$ 26,347.95                                |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 364         | 18/03/2022 | 17/03/2023    | 1.00%                        | 500,000               | \$ 13.70       | \$ 3,547.95                                 |
| <a href="#">Commonwealth Bank</a>        | A-1+       | 121         | 19/10/2022 | 17/02/2023    | 3.68%                        | 500,000               | \$ 50.41       | \$ 6,150.14                                 |
| Total Term Deposits                      |            |             |            |               | Avg Rate 1.79%               | \$17,000,000          |                | \$ 211,948.43                               |
| Total At Call Accounts                   |            |             |            |               |                              | 6,094,190             |                | \$15,947.52                                 |
| Total Investments as at 31 October 2022  |            |             |            |               |                              | \$ 23,094,190         |                | \$ 227,895.95                               |

|                                                       |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Interest Earned on Term Deposits for October 2022     | \$26,202.02        |
| Interest Earned on At Call accounts for October 2022  | \$6,605.29         |
| <b>Total Interest on Investments for October 2022</b> | <b>\$32,807.31</b> |

|                                                                                                                       |  |                                       |    |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Note ... Interest on Investments as per 2022/23 Budget                                                                |  | General Fund                          | \$ | 60,000  |
|                                                                                                                       |  | Water Fund                            | \$ | 7,000   |
|                                                                                                                       |  | Sewer Fund                            | \$ | 3,000   |
|                                                                                                                       |  | Bidgee Haven Hostel                   | \$ | 25,000  |
|                                                                                                                       |  |                                       | \$ | 95,000  |
| YTD Interest on Investments:                                                                                          |  | Term Deposits                         | \$ | 211,948 |
|                                                                                                                       |  | At Call - 1st July to 31 October 2022 | \$ | 15,948  |
|                                                                                                                       |  |                                       | \$ | 227,896 |
| Note - There was an error in the YTD Interest calculation in the September CMI report and this has now been corrected |  |                                       |    |         |

The table below shows the composition of investments (excluding cash at bank) with financial institutions.

| Financial Institutions | Ratings | Composition % | Amount ('000) |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|
| Westpac                | A-1+    | 25.15         | 5,807         |
| AMP                    | A-2     | 4.33          | 1,000         |
| CBA                    | A-1+    | 21.65         | 5,000         |
| MAC                    | A-1     | 17.33         | 4,003         |
| Tcorp                  | A-1+    | 5.56          | 1,284         |
| BOQ                    | A-2     | 8.66          | 2,000         |
| NAB                    | A-1+    | 17.32         | 4,000         |
| <b>Total</b>           |         | <b>100.00</b> | <b>23,094</b> |

Council is compliant with the Investment Policy, as the funds invested with AMP (an A-2 rated institution) are within Council's portfolio credit limit of 10% for any individual A-2 rated financial institution.

The table below shows the individual make-up of the restricted amounts that combine to a total of \$19,032,997 at end of October.

**Details of Restrictions**

**External Restrictions**

|                                                           |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Specific Purpose Unexpended Capital Grants - Gen Fund     | \$ 3,206,390 |
| Specific Purpose Unexpended Capital Grants - Water Fund   | \$ 5,965     |
| Specific Purpose Unexpended Operational Grants - Gen Fund | \$ 118,851   |
| Other - Water Fund                                        | \$ 2,962,000 |
| Other - Sewer Fund                                        | \$ 1,252,000 |
| Other - Domestic Waste Management                         | \$ 390,300   |
| Other - Stormwater Levy - Urban Drainage Improvements     | \$ 19,000    |

**Internal Restrictions**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Caravan Park              | \$ 485,600   |
| Bidgee Haven Hostel Bonds | \$ 1,813,377 |
| Other                     | \$ 8,779,514 |

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Restrictions</b> | <b>\$ 19,032,997</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|

**Unrestricted Cash Investments**

\$4,551,364

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Investments</b> | <b>\$ 23,584,361</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|

**SUMMARY**

Council currently holds \$23,584,361 in Cash and Investments. The average interest rate trend has increased for October 2022 being 1.79% overall.

I hereby certify that the investments listed within this report were made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy



**2     Bank Reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation on the Westpac cash account, or operating account, has been reconciled as at 31 October 2022 and is shown below:

|                                                  |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cashbook Summary</b>                          |                |
| Opening Cashbook Balance                         | 1,256,344      |
| Plus Receipts                                    | 1,874,655      |
| Less Payments                                    | (2,640,828)    |
| <b>Cashbook Balance at 31 October 2022</b>       | <b>490,171</b> |
|                                                  |                |
| <b>Statement Summary</b>                         |                |
| Opening Statement Balance                        | 1,256,330      |
| Plus Receipts                                    | 1,877,022      |
| Less Payments                                    | (2,641,525)    |
| <b>Bank Statement Balance at 31 October 2022</b> | <b>491,827</b> |
| Plus Unpresented Receipts                        | 1,222          |
| Less Unpresented Payments                        | (2,878)        |
| <b>Reconciliation Balance at 31 October 2022</b> | <b>490,171</b> |

## 3. STATEMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

| Balranald Shire Council - Statement of Rates and Charges |                               |                       |                       |                                            |                                             |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| As at 15 November 2022                                   |                               |                       |                       |                                            |                                             |           |
| Income Category                                          | Nett Arrears<br>1st July 2022 | 2022/23 Nett<br>Levy  | Total<br>Receivable   | Amount Collected as at<br>15 November 2022 | Collection as a %<br>of Total<br>Receivable |           |
| General Fund Rates incl Interest / Legal charges         | \$121,800.98                  | \$3,157,564.27        | \$3,279,365.25        | \$1,864,407.98                             | 56.85%                                      | \$        |
| Waste Management Charges                                 | \$21,056.95                   | \$437,230.67          | \$458,287.62          | \$226,204.14                               | 49.36%                                      |           |
| Stormwater Levy Charges                                  | \$1,220.45                    | \$19,260.09           | \$20,480.54           | \$9,354.07                                 | 45.67%                                      |           |
| Water Fund - Access Charges                              | \$52,483.20                   | \$891,209.31          | \$943,692.51          | \$473,682.00                               | 50.19%                                      |           |
| Sewerage Fund - Annual Charges                           | \$34,045.03                   | \$703,282.21          | \$737,327.24          | \$372,939.73                               | 50.58%                                      |           |
|                                                          | <b>\$230,606.61</b>           | <b>\$5,208,546.55</b> | <b>\$5,439,153.16</b> | <b>\$2,946,587.92</b>                      | <b>54.17%</b>                               | <b>\$</b> |
| Water Fund - Consumption Charges                         | \$63,981.44                   | \$242,838.53          | \$306,819.97          | \$165,360.48                               | 53.89%                                      |           |
| Sewerage Fund - Usage Charges Non Residential            | \$3,725.48                    | \$36,255.09           | \$39,980.57           | \$23,489.67                                | 58.75%                                      |           |
|                                                          | <b>\$67,706.92</b>            | <b>\$279,093.62</b>   | <b>\$346,800.54</b>   | <b>\$188,850.15</b>                        | <b>54.45%</b>                               |           |
| <b>Total 2022/23</b>                                     | <b>\$298,313.53</b>           | <b>\$5,487,640.17</b> | <b>\$5,785,953.70</b> | <b>\$3,135,438.07</b>                      | <b>54.19%</b>                               | <b>\$</b> |

4 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Caravan Park

| CARAVAN PARK 2022/23                         | Original Budget  | Amendments to Budget September QBR | Actual YTD 31 October 2022 | Remaining Budget | Anticipated 30 June 2023 | YTD Actual % |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                               |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Fees                                         | \$500,000        | \$80,000                           | \$194,712                  | \$385,288        | \$580,000                | 33.6%        |
| Washing Machine Charges                      | \$3,500          |                                    | \$2,300                    | \$1,200          | \$3,500                  | 65.7%        |
| Caravan Park - Merchandise Sales             | \$500            | \$1,500                            | \$1,112                    | \$888            | \$2,000                  | 55.6%        |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>               | <b>\$504,000</b> | <b>\$81,500</b>                    | <b>\$198,124</b>           | <b>\$387,376</b> | <b>\$585,500</b>         | <b>33.8%</b> |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                           |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Salaries                                     | \$166,800        | \$63,200                           | \$70,939                   | \$159,061        | \$230,000                | 30.8%        |
| Caravan Park Advertising                     | \$1,200          |                                    | \$387                      | \$813            | \$1,200                  | 32.3%        |
| Bank Charges                                 | \$3,300          |                                    | \$847                      | \$2,453          | \$3,300                  | 25.7%        |
| Caravan Park - Cleaning Materials            | \$10,000         |                                    | \$2,830                    | \$7,170          | \$10,000                 | 28.3%        |
| Electricity - Operational                    | \$30,000         |                                    | \$10,083                   | \$19,917         | \$30,000                 | 33.6%        |
| Admin Charges - Sals, Rates/Charges, Insur,  | \$105,960        |                                    | \$35,320                   | \$70,640         | \$105,960                | 33.3%        |
| Caravan Park - Legal Expenses                | \$2,000          |                                    |                            | \$2,000          | \$2,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Caravan Park - Software Support              | \$4,000          |                                    | \$2,652                    | \$1,348          | \$4,000                  | 66.3%        |
| Telephone                                    | \$500            | \$2,500                            | \$1,145                    | \$1,855          | \$3,000                  | 38.2%        |
| Caravan Park R & M                           | \$47,000         |                                    | \$16,361                   | \$30,639         | \$47,000                 | 34.8%        |
| Caravan Park - Consumables GST               | \$30,000         |                                    | \$10,982                   | \$19,018         | \$30,000                 | 36.6%        |
| Carravan Park - Consumables No GST           | \$10,000         |                                    |                            | \$10,000         | \$10,000                 | 0.0%         |
| Depreciation                                 | \$53,000         |                                    | \$17,667                   | \$35,333         | \$53,000                 | 33.3%        |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>           | <b>\$463,760</b> | <b>\$65,700</b>                    | <b>\$169,213</b>           | <b>\$360,247</b> | <b>\$529,460</b>         | <b>32.0%</b> |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>       | <b>\$40,240</b>  | <b>\$15,800</b>                    | <b>\$28,911</b>            | <b>\$27,129</b>  | <b>\$56,040</b>          |              |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>                               |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>Capital Revenue</b>                       |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Capital Grants - CRIF                        | \$772,000        | -\$500                             |                            | \$771,500        | \$771,500                | 0.0%         |
| Transfer from Restriction                    | \$0              |                                    |                            | \$0              | \$0                      |              |
| <b>Total Capital Revenue</b>                 | <b>\$772,000</b> | <b>-\$500</b>                      | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$771,500</b> | <b>\$771,500</b>         |              |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>Capital Expenditure</b>                   |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| CRIF Grant Expenditure                       | \$772,000        | -\$500                             |                            | \$771,500        | \$771,500                | 0.0%         |
| Transfer to Restriction                      | \$40,240         | \$15,800                           | \$0                        | \$56,040         | \$56,040                 | 0.0%         |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>             | <b>\$812,240</b> | <b>\$15,300</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$827,540</b> | <b>\$827,540</b>         |              |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>Net Capital Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>        | <b>-\$40,240</b> | <b>-\$15,800</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>-\$56,040</b> | <b>-\$56,040</b>         |              |
|                                              |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>Net Overall Result Surplus/ (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>                         | <b>\$28,911</b>            | <b>-\$28,911</b> | <b>\$0</b>               |              |

| <b>Caravan Park 2022/23</b>                  | <b>Original Budget</b> | <b>Amendments to Budget September QBR</b> | <b>Actual YTD 31 October 2022</b> | <b>Remaining Budget</b> | <b>Anticipated 30 June 2023</b> |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Operating Revenue                      | \$504,000              | \$81,500                                  | \$198,124                         | \$387,376               | \$585,500                       |
| Total Operating Expenditure                  | \$463,760              | \$65,700                                  | \$169,213                         | \$360,247               | \$529,460                       |
| <b>Net Operating Surplus / Deficit</b>       | <b>\$40,240</b>        | <b>\$15,800</b>                           | <b>\$28,911</b>                   | <b>\$27,129</b>         | <b>\$56,040</b>                 |
| Total Capital Revenue                        | \$772,000              | -\$500                                    | \$0                               | \$771,500               | \$771,500                       |
| Total Capital Expenditure                    | \$812,240              | \$15,300                                  | \$0                               | \$827,540               | \$827,540                       |
| <b>Net Capital Surplus / (Deficit)</b>       | <b>-\$40,240</b>       | <b>\$15,800</b>                           | <b>\$0</b>                        | <b>-\$56,040</b>        | <b>-\$56,040</b>                |
| <b>Net Overall Result Surplus/ (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$0</b>             | <b>\$0</b>                                | <b>\$28,911</b>                   | <b>\$28,911</b>         | <b>\$0</b>                      |

Appendix 11 November 2022 Caravan Park Revenue Expenditure 31 October 2022

## 5 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Bidgee Haven Hostel

|                                                | Original Budget | Amendments to Budget September QBR | Proposed Amendments to Budget for December QBR | Actual YTD 31 October 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Remaining Budget | Anticipated 30 June 2023 | YTD Actual % |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| BIDGEE HAVEN HOSTEL 2022/23                    |                 |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                          |              |
| REVENUE                                        |                 |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                          |              |
| Permanent Care Subsidies                       | \$915,000       | -\$15,000                          |                                                | \$226,618                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$673,382        | \$900,000                | 25.2%        |
| Hostel - Training Subsidies                    | \$3,000         |                                    |                                                | \$2,250                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$750            | \$3,000                  | 75.0%        |
| Respite Care Fees                              | \$10,000        |                                    |                                                | \$766                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$9,234          | \$10,000                 | 7.7%         |
| Hostel - Resident Care (Commonwealth)          | \$70,000        | -\$25,000                          |                                                | \$12,997                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$32,003         | \$45,000                 | 28.9%        |
| Hostel - Resident Accommodation Fees           | \$30,000        | -\$6,000                           |                                                | \$7,559                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$16,441         | \$24,000                 | 31.5%        |
| Hostel - Resident Daily Care Fees              | \$255,000       | -\$20,000                          |                                                | \$76,260                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$158,740        | \$235,000                | 32.5%        |
| Business Improvement Grant                     | \$0             | \$285,548                          |                                                | \$185,606                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$99,942         | \$285,548                | 66.0%        |
| Hostel - Interest Received                     | \$25,000        |                                    |                                                | \$8,333                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$16,667         | \$25,000                 | 33.3%        |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE                        | \$1,308,000     | \$219,548                          |                                                | \$520,389                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,007,159      | \$1,527,548              | 34.1%        |
|                                                |                 |                                    |                                                | Changes to and adherence to revised rosters will result in significant savings on salaries. A further review will be made at 31 December 2022 and include assessing the impact of the recent Fair Work Commission decision. |                  |                          |              |
| EXPENDITURE                                    |                 |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                          |              |
| Salaries                                       | \$1,060,000     | -\$90,000                          | -\$20,000                                      | \$256,997                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$893,003        | \$950,000                | 27.1%        |
| Medical Expenses                               | \$2,000         |                                    |                                                | \$1,042                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$958            | \$2,000                  | 52.1%        |
| Drs Visits to Hostel                           | \$4,000         |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$4,000          | \$4,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Training                                       | \$10,000        |                                    |                                                | \$580                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$9,420          | \$10,000                 | 5.8%         |
| Audit Fees                                     | \$5,000         |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$5,000          | \$5,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Electricity                                    | \$30,000        |                                    |                                                | \$11,449                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$18,551         | \$30,000                 | 38.2%        |
| Gas                                            | \$1,000         |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$1,000          | \$1,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Sundry Expenses                                | \$500           | \$500                              |                                                | \$420                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$580            | \$1,000                  | 42.0%        |
| Linen Replacements                             | \$2,000         |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$2,000          | \$2,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Laundry Services                               | \$6,000         |                                    |                                                | \$1,566                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$4,434          | \$6,000                  | 26.1%        |
| Cleaning Materials                             | \$6,000         |                                    |                                                | \$1,566                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$4,434          | \$6,000                  | 26.1%        |
| Pharmaceutical Supplies                        | \$10,000        |                                    |                                                | \$3,363                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$6,637          | \$10,000                 | 33.6%        |
| Council Admin Charges - Salaries, Insur, Rates | \$128,500       |                                    |                                                | \$42,833                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$85,667         | \$128,500                | 33.3%        |
| Printing & Stationery                          | \$3,000         |                                    |                                                | \$565                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$2,435          | \$3,000                  | 18.8%        |
| IT Expenditure                                 | \$2,000         |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$2,000          | \$2,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Repairs & Maintenance                          | \$40,000        |                                    |                                                | \$13,009                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$26,991         | \$40,000                 | 32.5%        |
| Subscriptions & Memberships                    | \$6,000         |                                    |                                                | \$5,277                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$723            | \$6,000                  | 88.0%        |
| Telephone                                      | \$3,000         |                                    |                                                | \$585                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$2,415          | \$3,000                  | 19.5%        |
| Food Supplies                                  | \$55,000        |                                    |                                                | \$13,509                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$41,491         | \$55,000                 | 24.6%        |
| Commuter Bus and Sedan Running Costs           | \$0             | \$10,000                           |                                                | \$3,400                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$6,600          | \$10,000                 | 34.0%        |
| Business Improvement Grant                     | \$0             | \$285,548                          |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$285,548        | \$285,548                | 0.0%         |
| Depreciation                                   | \$54,000        |                                    |                                                | \$18,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$36,000         | \$54,000                 | 33.3%        |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE                    | \$1,428,000     | \$206,048                          | -\$20,000                                      | \$374,161                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,239,887      | \$1,614,048              | 23.2%        |
|                                                |                 |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                          |              |
| NET OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT                | -\$120,000      | \$13,500                           | \$20,000                                       | \$146,228                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -\$232,728       | -\$86,500                |              |
|                                                |                 |                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                          |              |



| BIDGEE HOSTEL SELF CARE UNITS<br>2022/23 | Original<br>Budget | Amendments<br>to Budget<br>September<br>QBR | Proposed<br>Amendment to<br>Budget for<br>December QBR | Actual YTD 30<br>September<br>2022 | Remaining<br>Budget | Anticipated<br>30 June 2023 | YTD Actual<br>% |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                           |                    |                                             |                                                        |                                    |                     |                             |                 |
| Unit Rentals                             | \$24,000           | -\$12,000                                   |                                                        | \$2,430                            | \$9,570             | \$12,000                    | 20.25%          |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                       |                    |                                             |                                                        |                                    |                     |                             |                 |
| Electricity                              | \$0                | \$2,000                                     |                                                        | \$0.00                             | \$2,000.00          | \$2,000.00                  | 0.00%           |
| Insurance                                | \$1,200            |                                             |                                                        | \$1,200.00                         | \$0.00              | \$1,200.00                  | 100.00%         |
| Rates and Charges                        | \$12,300           | -\$4,300                                    |                                                        | \$4,136.00                         | \$3,864.00          | \$8,000.00                  | 51.70%          |
| Repairs and Maintenance                  | \$0                | \$3,000                                     |                                                        | \$851.00                           | \$2,149.00          | \$3,000.00                  | 28.37%          |
|                                          | \$13,500           | \$700                                       |                                                        | \$6,187.00                         | \$8,013.00          | \$14,200.00                 | 43.57%          |
|                                          |                    |                                             |                                                        |                                    |                     |                             |                 |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>   | <b>\$10,500</b>    | <b>-\$12,700</b>                            |                                                        | <b>-\$3,757</b>                    | <b>\$1,557</b>      | <b>-\$2,200</b>             |                 |

Note There is no proposed Capital Expenditure at either the Hostel or the Self Care Units contained in the 2022/23 Adopted Budget.

## 6 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Tourist Information Centre

| TOURISM 2022/23                              | Original Budget      | Amendments to Budget September QBR | Actual YTD 31 October 2022 | Remaining Budget     | Anticipated 30 June 2023 | YTD Actual % |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                               |                      |                                    |                            |                      |                          |              |
| Fees                                         | \$2,000              |                                    |                            | \$2,000              | \$2,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Tourist Info Centre - Souvenir Sales         | \$80,000             |                                    | \$26,350                   | \$33,850             | \$80,000                 | 43.9%        |
| Sales Yanga HH Guides                        | \$200                |                                    | \$1,319                    | \$681                | \$2,000                  | 66.0%        |
| Commissions                                  | \$500                |                                    |                            | \$500                | \$500                    | 0.0%         |
| Tourism Advertising                          | \$2,000              |                                    |                            | \$2,000              | \$2,000                  | 0.0%         |
| Donations - Discovery Centre                 | \$5,000              |                                    | \$1,089                    | \$3,911              | \$5,000                  | 21.8%        |
| Operational Grant- Reconnecting Regional NSW | \$0                  | \$150,854                          |                            | \$150,000            | \$150,000                | 0.0%         |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>               | <b>\$69,700</b>      | <b>\$150,854</b>                   | <b>\$28,758</b>            | <b>\$192,742</b>     | <b>\$221,500</b>         | <b>13.0%</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                           |                      |                                    |                            |                      |                          |              |
| Salaries                                     | \$115,000            |                                    | \$37,758                   | \$77,242             | \$115,000                | 32.8%        |
| Tourism Staff Uniforms                       | \$425                |                                    |                            | \$425                | \$425                    | 0.0%         |
| Training                                     | \$1,275              |                                    | \$109                      | \$1,166              | \$1,275                  | 8.5%         |
| Advertising                                  | \$23,480             |                                    | \$3,452                    | \$20,008             | \$23,480                 | 14.7%        |
| Security Monitoring                          | \$850                |                                    | \$275                      | \$575                | \$850                    | 32.4%        |
| Conference Expenses                          | \$1,700              |                                    |                            | \$1,700              | \$1,700                  | 0.0%         |
| General Expenses                             | \$1,700              |                                    |                            | \$1,700              | \$1,700                  | 0.0%         |
| Admin Charges - Sals, Rates/charges, Insur   | \$76,280             |                                    | \$25,420                   | \$50,840             | \$76,280                 | 33.3%        |
| Special Events - Shows / Movies              | \$1,700              |                                    | \$1,335                    | \$365                | \$1,700                  | 78.5%        |
| Council Run Special Events and Festivals     | \$5,100              |                                    |                            | \$5,100              | \$5,100                  | 0.0%         |
| Christmas Decorations                        | \$850                |                                    |                            | \$850                | \$850                    | 0.0%         |
| Seminars & Workshops - Local                 | \$850                |                                    | \$40                       | \$810                | \$850                    | 4.7%         |
| Subscriptions                                | \$1,700              |                                    | \$800                      | \$900                | \$1,700                  | 47.1%        |
| Tourism Visitor Guide Booklets               | \$0                  | \$12,000                           |                            | \$12,000             | \$12,000                 | 0.0%         |
| Travelling Expenses                          | \$850                |                                    |                            | \$850                | \$850                    | 0.0%         |
| Souvenirs                                    | \$35,000             |                                    | \$17,467                   | \$17,533             | \$35,000                 | 49.9%        |
| Depreciation                                 | \$9,580              |                                    | \$3,193                    | \$6,387              | \$9,580                  | 33.3%        |
| Operational Grant- Reconnecting Regional NSW | \$0                  | \$150,854                          |                            | \$150,000            | \$150,000                | 0.0%         |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>           | <b>\$276,300</b>     | <b>\$162,854</b>                   | <b>\$89,849</b>            | <b>\$348,451</b>     | <b>\$438,300</b>         | <b>20.5%</b> |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>         | <b>-\$206,600</b>    | <b>-\$12,000</b>                   | <b>-\$61,091</b>           | <b>-\$155,709</b>    | <b>-\$216,800</b>        |              |
| <b>Capital Revenue</b>                       |                      |                                    |                            |                      |                          |              |
| Grants - Joint Organisation                  | \$0                  | \$0                                | \$0                        | \$0                  | \$0                      | #DIV/0!      |
| <b>Total Capital Revenue</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>                         | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>               | <b>0.00%</b> |
| <b>Capital Expenditure</b>                   |                      |                                    |                            |                      |                          |              |
| Joint Organisation Discovery Centre Complex  | \$0                  | \$0                                | \$0                        | \$0                  | \$0                      | #DIV/0!      |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>             | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>                         | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>               | <b>0.00%</b> |
| <b>Net Capital Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>        | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>                         | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>               |              |
| <b>Net Result Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>         | <b>-\$206,600.00</b> | <b>-\$12,000.00</b>                | <b>-\$61,091.00</b>        | <b>-\$155,709.00</b> | <b>-\$216,800.00</b>     |              |

**SUMMARY**

|                                               | Original<br>Budget | Amendments<br>to Budget<br>September<br>QBR | Actual YTD<br>31 October<br>2022 | Remaining<br>Budget | Anticipated<br>30 June<br>2023 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>TOURISM 2022/23</b>                        |                    |                                             |                                  |                     |                                |
| Total Operating Revenue                       | \$69,700           | \$150,854                                   | \$28,758                         | \$192,742           | \$221,500                      |
| Total Operating Expenditure                   | \$276,300          | \$162,854                                   | \$89,849                         | \$348,451           | \$438,300                      |
| <b>Net Operating Result Surplus / Deficit</b> | <b>-206,600.00</b> | <b>-12,000.00</b>                           | <b>-61,091.00</b>                | <b>-155,709.00</b>  | <b>-216,800.00</b>             |
| Total Capital Revenue                         | 0.00               | 0.00                                        | 0.00                             | 0.00                | 0.00                           |
| Total Capital Expenditure                     | 0.00               | 0.00                                        | 0.00                             | 0.00                | 0.00                           |
| <b>Net Capital Surplus / (Deficit)</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>                                 | <b>0.00</b>                      | <b>0.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>                    |
| <b>Net Overall Result Surplus / (Deficit)</b> | <b>-206,600.00</b> | <b>-12,000.00</b>                           | <b>-61,091.00</b>                | <b>-155,709.00</b>  | <b>-216,800.00</b>             |



**7 Monthly Summary of Revenue and Expenditure for the Library**

| Library Services 2022/23                     | Original Budget  | Amendments to Budget September QBR | Actual YTD 31 October 2022 | Remaining Budget | Anticipated 30 June 2023 | YTD Actual % |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                               |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Library Operational Subsidy                  | \$67,400         | -\$19,941                          |                            | \$47,459         | \$47,459                 | 0.0%         |
| Library Sundry Sales                         | \$0              | \$100                              | \$82                       | \$18             | \$100                    | 82.0%        |
| Operational Grants - Other                   |                  | \$5,131                            | \$5,131                    | \$0              | \$5,131                  |              |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>               | <b>\$67,400</b>  | <b>-\$14,710</b>                   | <b>\$5,213</b>             | <b>\$47,477</b>  | <b>\$52,690</b>          | <b>9.9%</b>  |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                           |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Library - Salaries                           | \$50,000         |                                    | \$17,175                   | \$32,825         | \$50,000                 | 34.4%        |
| Training                                     | \$850            | \$3,000                            | \$3,142                    | \$708            | \$3,850                  | 81.6%        |
| Electricity                                  | \$2,000          |                                    | \$639                      | \$1,361          | \$2,000                  | 32.0%        |
| Office Expenses                              | \$850            |                                    | \$430                      | \$420            | \$850                    | 50.6%        |
| Administration Charge                        | \$14,800         |                                    | \$4,933                    | \$9,867          | \$14,800                 | 33.3%        |
| Printing and Stationery                      | \$595            |                                    | \$22                       | \$573            | \$595                    | 3.7%         |
| Books and Journals                           | \$3,825          |                                    | \$2,270                    | \$1,555          | \$3,825                  | 59.3%        |
| IT                                           | \$1,700          |                                    |                            | \$1,700          | \$1,700                  | 0.0%         |
| Repairs and Maintenance                      | \$1,700          |                                    | \$1,520                    | \$180            | \$1,700                  | 89.4%        |
| Security Monitoring                          | \$595            |                                    |                            | \$595            | \$595                    | 0.0%         |
| Subscriptions                                | \$1,955          |                                    | \$1,804                    | \$151            | \$1,955                  | 92.3%        |
| Telephone and Communications                 | \$500            |                                    | \$155                      | \$345            | \$500                    | 31.0%        |
| Internet                                     | \$1,700          |                                    | \$269                      | \$1,431          | \$1,700                  | 15.8%        |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>           | <b>\$81,070</b>  | <b>\$3,000</b>                     | <b>\$32,359</b>            | <b>\$51,711</b>  | <b>\$84,070</b>          | <b>38.5%</b> |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>       | <b>-\$13,670</b> | <b>-\$17,710</b>                   | <b>-\$27,146</b>           | <b>-\$4,234</b>  | <b>-\$31,380</b>         |              |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>                               |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| <b>Capital Revenue</b>                       |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Library Grant                                | \$0              | \$16,563                           | \$0                        | \$16,563         | \$16,563                 | 0.0%         |
| Library Grant Specific Project               | \$0              | \$67,862                           | \$0                        | \$67,862         | \$67,862                 | 0.0%         |
| <b>Total Capital Revenue</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$84,425</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$84,425</b>  | <b>\$84,425</b>          |              |
| <b>Capital Expenditure</b>                   |                  |                                    |                            |                  |                          |              |
| Library Grant                                | \$0              | \$16,563                           | \$0                        | \$16,563         | \$16,563                 | 0.0%         |
| Library Grant Specific Project               | \$0              | \$67,862                           | \$0                        | \$67,862         | \$67,862                 | 0.0%         |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>             | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$84,425</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$84,425</b>  | <b>\$84,425</b>          |              |
| <b>Net Capital Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>        | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>                         | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>               |              |
| <b>Net Overall Result Surplus/ (Deficit)</b> | <b>-\$13,670</b> | <b>-\$17,710</b>                   | <b>-\$27,146</b>           | <b>-\$4,234</b>  | <b>-\$31,380</b>         |              |

## SUMMARY

| Library Services 2022/23                     | Original Budget | Amendments to Budget September QBR | Actual YTD 31 October 2022 | Remaining Budget | Anticipated 30 June 2023 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Operating Revenue                      | \$67,400        | \$14,710                           | \$5,213                    | \$47,477         | \$52,690                 |
| Total Operating Expenditure                  | \$81,070        | \$3,000                            | \$32,359                   | \$51,711         | \$84,070                 |
| <b>Net Operating Surplus / Deficit</b>       | <b>\$13,670</b> | <b>\$17,710</b>                    | <b>\$27,146</b>            | <b>-\$4,234</b>  | <b>\$31,380</b>          |
| Total Capital Revenue                        | \$0             | \$84,425                           | \$0                        | \$84,425         | \$84,425                 |
| Total Capital Expenditure                    | \$0             | \$84,425                           | \$0                        | \$84,425         | \$84,425                 |
| <b>Net Capital Surplus / (Deficit)</b>       | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>                         | <b>\$0</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>               |
| <b>Net Overall Result Surplus/ (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$13,670</b> | <b>\$17,710</b>                    | <b>\$27,146</b>            | <b>\$4,234</b>   | <b>\$31,380</b>          |

**8 Outstanding Debtors as at 31 August 2022**

## Outstanding Debtors as at 31 October, 2022

| No. of Accounts | Current          | 30 days          | 60 days         | 90 days          | Reference |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 16              | 22,743.32        |                  |                 |                  |           |
| 10              |                  | 10,788.32        |                 |                  |           |
| 7               |                  |                  | 9,652.60        |                  | 2         |
| 16              |                  |                  |                 | 79,621.84        | 1         |
| Grant Funds     |                  |                  |                 |                  |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>22,743.32</b> | <b>10,788.32</b> | <b>9,652.60</b> | <b>79,621.84</b> |           |

## Reference

- The 90 day outstanding balance is made up of:
  - 18,350.00 – Payment plan in place – renegotiation currently underway
  - 15,402.26 – Currently under debt collection
  - 15,038.81 - Currently under negotiation to recover
  - 6,926.05 – Contact has been made with customer and arrangements being discussed
  - And a number of smaller debts all either under debt collection or in process of collection by Council.
- The 60 day outstanding balance is made up of:
  - There are seven outstanding accounts all of which should be received within this month.

Overall, there has been an decrease of \$240,808.70 in outstanding debtors since 30 September, 2022 which relates to the finalisation of grant acquittals and monies being received from the associated Grant bodies.

## **9 Grants**

See Separate Report

## **10 Statement of Currency of Work within the Finance Section of Council**

This report has been prepared to advise Council of the currency of work within its finance section in accordance with Council's resolution at its October 2021 meeting.

A review has been undertaken of Council's monthly financial statements and actions.

Items shown under the following sections in -

- **Green** - indicates work is up to date and no major issues have been identified.
- **Yellow** - indicates that some work is required to bring this area up to date.
- **Red** - indicates that major work is required in this area of Council's financial operations.

I advise that I have discussed with staff and reviewed processes and certify that the following has been undertaken;

**The following work is up to date and no major issues have been identified.**

- Bank Reconciliations (see 2 above) have been balanced to the General Ledger.
- Rates tasks, including all supplementary valuations and sales transfers are up to date. Rates and Charges notices for 2022/23 were sent out prior to 31 July 2022, and the first instalment was due on 31 August.
- Payroll is up to date
- Plant hire input is up to date.
- Creditors are being processed fortnightly and there is no evidence of aged invoices
- Debtor invoices for general works and services are being raised in a timely manner
- Outstanding debtor accounts are continuing to be followed up.
- Loan repayments are up to date
- Investments – Council now complies with its adopted policy and the Minister's Order
- Investment register has been updated with interest earned on a monthly basis for reporting to Council from 1 July 2022. See comments in Investments ( see 1 above)
- Journals are up to date and authorised by the finance consultants appointed by Council
- Valuation of all classes of assets has been completed by APV and a final report has been received and discussions held in relation to valuations for some assets. Valuations for all classes of assets have been utilised in compiling the 2021/22 financial reports whilst depreciation rates on these new asset valuations will be effective as from 1 July 2022.



- Creation of a centralised Grants Register is underway and a report on Grants is included in the CM agenda each month. Further grant funding opportunities have been discussed at recent Manex meetings.
- Finance team meetings are being held on a regular basis each month to monitor progress in respective areas of responsibility. The external Finance Consultants arrange and chair these meetings.
- The Finance Consultants are to be commended on their excellent work in finalising the 2021/22 Financial Statements and Reports in accordance with OLG and Audit Office NSW requirements.

The completed statements were lodged with the Audit Office NSW prior to the deadline of 31 October. Staff worked extremely hard in providing the required information and are to be congratulated on their efforts. This is the first time in the last 4 years that the Financial Statements have been completed by the required deadline. The General Manager and Administrator have been kept abreast of progress and briefed on the results for the 2021/22 financial year.

- Revenue streams and subsidy payments for the Bidgee Haven Hostel are continuing to be reviewed by the Administration Officer to ensure correct payments for subsidy claims are received. The review has seen continued improvement in the bottom line of operations for the Hostel.
- In addition to the above substantial work has been undertaken in developing staffing rosters for the Bidgee Haven Hostel operations that negate the need for the high level of overtime that has been apparent in past years of operation. This has greatly assisted in improving the bottom line for operations at the Hostel.

The impact of the recent decision by the Fair Work Commission to grant a 15% increase to Aged Care sector employees will be assessed and reported to Council at the December meeting.

- The external Finance Consultants have worked together to provide Council with the September 2022 QBR report and this report is included on the agenda for the November meeting.
- Work has commenced on preparation of the 2023/24 Draft Budget and the draft is scheduled to be presented to Council at its March 2023 meeting.

**Some work is required to bring the following areas up to date.**

- Assets identified in the valuation report will be entered into the Practical corporate system and be used to compile reports on asset acquisitions, depreciation of assets and WDV of assets at year end for inclusion in the Annual Financial Statements.
- There is a need to review on a daily basis the level of surplus funds held in Council's bank account and At Call in order to maximise opportunities to increase interest on investment revenue.

- Stores issues and processes are currently being reviewed.
- A review of the condition of all plant has been undertaken and arrangements are in hand for replacement and disposal of relevant plant items. An amount of \$1.6m has been included in the September QBR for purchase of new road plant, vehicles and equipment.
- Leases of council properties are now being reviewed and made current
- Work has commenced on creating a schedule of monthly finance responsibilities for BSC employees to complete as part of certification of currency of work in the finance area.
- Areas will include –
  - Balancing of sub ledgers
  - Balancing of suspense accounts
  - Balancing of GST transactions
  - Balancing of Investments to the General ledger
  - ATO requirements
  - Capital works expenditures
  - Status of Audit issues raised in AO Management letters.
  - Legislative requirements
- As part of the monthly report to council on financial operations it is also proposed to include a report on Capital Works. The first of these reports is proposed to be included in the agenda for the December meeting.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

## LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION

The Local Government Act 1993  
The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Ministerial Investment Order (Gazetted 11 February 2011)

## POLICY IMPLICATION

Council's Investment Policy (Adopted October 2021)

## RISK RATING

Low

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**9.2 HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) REPORT****File Number:** D22.75642**Reporting Officer:** Kylie Gebert, Executive Assistant**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the HR Report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Council of Human Resources current staff data, positions vacant and training that will be ongoing throughout 2022-23.

**REPORT****CURRENT EMPLOYEE STATISTICS:**

|                  | Number | Percentage |
|------------------|--------|------------|
| Male             | 27     | 37.5%      |
| Female           | 45     | 62.5%      |
| Indoor           | 28     | 38.89%     |
| Outdoor          | 26     | 36.11%     |
| Hostel           | 18     | 25%        |
| Indigenous       | 9      | 12.5%      |
| Non-indigenous   | 63     | 87.5%      |
| Full-time        | 41     | 56.94%     |
| Part-time        | 11     | 15.28%     |
| Casual           | 20     | 27.78%     |
| Term of Contract | 1      | 1.39%      |
| Manager          | 5      | 6.94%      |
| Supervisor       | 6      | 8.33%      |
| Balranald Based  | 69     | 95.83%     |
| Euston Based     | 3      | 4.17%      |

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| <b>TOTAL<br/>EMPLOYEES</b> | <b>172</b> |
|----------------------------|------------|

**TRAINING & CONFERENCES:**

| DATE       | TITLE                   | DESCRIPTION OF TRAINING/CONFERENCE    |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 31/10/2022 | Cyber Security Training | Online learning module by Red Piranha |
|            |                         |                                       |

We are currently in the process of commencing Staff Performance Appraisals, this will incorporate the development of the overall Staff training plan.

**RECRUITMENT & ADVERTISING:**

| POSITION                       | REASON                 | FILLED or READVERTISED   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Workshop Supervisor            | New Position           | Advertised               |
| Waste Facility Operator        | New Position           | Filled                   |
| Swimming Pool Attendant        | Seasonal               | 1 Filled, 1 Readvertised |
| General Equipment Operator x 3 | Resignations           | Readvertised             |
| Personal Care Assistant        | Resignation            | Readvertised             |
| Casual Employment              | Expression of Interest | Ongoing                  |

Number of Appointments for the Reporting Period (August – November 2022): 3

Appointments:

- Swimming Pool Attendant
- Chef / Catering Officer at the Hostel
- Waste Facility Operator

Resignations for the Reporting Months (August – November 2022):

- 6 x Resignations

**PERFORMANCE REVIEWS:**

| Month to Date: | Year to Date: | Upcoming:                                         |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 0              | 0             | All Staff reviews due between Nov 2022 – May 2023 |

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Positions budgeted in the 2022/23 budget

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

HR Policies



**RISK RATING**

Moderate

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**9.3 PLANNING ADMINISTRATION****File Number:** D22.75494**Reporting Officer:** Ray Mitchell, Health & Development Coordinator  
Nikkita Manning-Rayner, Administration Officer - Health & Development**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 5: Our Infrastructure – A community that maintains and strengthens its natural and built environment.**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of activities in the Planning area

**REPORT**

The following Notices of Determination, Construction Certificates, Complying Development Certificates, Section 68 Certificates, Subdivision Certificates, Subdivision Works Certificate and / or Occupation Certificates have been issued under delegated authority since the October meeting of Council.

| Application                               | Owner/Applicant                                     | Locality                                                                     | Description                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DA 06/2023                                | Ashtyn Potter for Ashtyn & Nathan Potter            | 114 Dry Lake Road, Euston                                                    | Shed                                  |
| DA 07/2023                                | WaterNSW                                            | 90 Mayall Street, Balranald                                                  | Demolition of Dwelling & Outbuildings |
| DA 08/2023                                | James Golsworthy for Lanyon                         | Crown Land on the Southern Bank of the Murray River, Off River Track, Kenley | Irrigation Pump Station               |
| CC 06/2023                                | S & A Papa Pty Ltd for Sam Papa and Ivybird Pty Ltd | 45 We Street & 121 Market Street, Balranald                                  | Office Extensions                     |
| CC 07/2023                                | Ashtyn Potter for Ashtyn & Nathan Potter            | 114 Dry Lake Road, Euston                                                    | Shed                                  |
| OC 05/2023                                | Shaun Ross for Balranald One Stop Wash Pty Ltd      | 80 Market Street, Balranald                                                  | Carwash                               |
| OC 06/2023<br>(certificate of completion) | Josh Gaskin for Jacinta Cardin-Haw                  | 16 Luke Road, Euston                                                         | Sanitary plumbing for dwelling        |
| OC 07/2023<br>(certificate of completion) | Glen McErvale for Gordon & Robyn Wilson             | 11-13 Murray Terrace, Euston                                                 | Sanitary plumbing for dwelling        |

The following numbers of certificates relating to conveyancing have been issued since the October meeting of Council.

|                                                                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979<br>Planning Information Certificates (10.7) | 16 |
| Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979<br>Building Certificates (6.24)             | 0  |
| Local Government Act 1993<br>Outstanding Orders (735A)                                   | 0  |
| Local Government Act 1993<br>Drainage Diagram                                            | 7  |
| Biosecurity Act 2015<br>Outstanding Orders (Noxious Weeds)                               | 0  |

The following Section 4.6 Variations have been issued under delegated authority since the October meeting of Council.

| Application | Owner/Applicant | Locality | Description |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|
| Nil         | -               | -        | -           |

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Nil

#### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008

Local Government Act 1993

Biosecurity Act 2015

Conveyancing Act 1919

#### **POLICY IMPLICATION**

Nil

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**9.4 ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL MANAGER AND DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75493</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the meetings undertaken on behalf of Council by the Administrator, General Manager and Managers since October 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

**REPORT**

The attachment shows the meetings which the Administrator, General Manager and staff have undertaken during the past month.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Budgeted

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

N/A

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Payment of Expenses and Provisions for Administrator, Mayor and Councillors Policy

Code of Conduct

Conferences Seminar Attendance Policy

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Meetings - Executive Staff and Administrator  

| DATE     | Meeting                                                        | Topic                                               | Who was involved               |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 17.10.22 | Catch Up                                                       | Executive Catch Up with Administrator               | Administrator & GM             |
| 18.10.22 | Council Meeting                                                | Monthly Meeting                                     | Administrator, GM & EME        |
| 18.10.22 | Glenn Wilcox – Consultant                                      | Catch Up                                            | Administrator & GM             |
| 19.10.22 | Depot Staff Meeting                                            | Outcomes from Council Meeting and Catch Up          | GM & EME                       |
| 19.10.22 | Office Staff Meeting                                           | Outcomes from Council Meeting and Catch Up          | GM, EME & Staff                |
| 20.10.22 | ICAC Workshop                                                  | Strategic Approaches to Corruption Prevention       | GM & EME                       |
| 21.10.22 | Bidgee Haven                                                   | Outcomes from Council Meeting and Catch Up          | GM & Bidgee Haven Staff        |
| 21.10.22 | Flood Briefing                                                 | Floods                                              | Administrator, GM & EME        |
| 24.10.22 | Euston Progressive Advisory Committee                          | Monthly Meeting                                     | Administrator, GM & EME        |
| 26.10.22 | Catch UP                                                       | Executive Catchup with Administrator                | Administrator & GM             |
| 26.10.22 | Joint LEMC                                                     | Flood Preparedness and support                      | Administrator, GM & EME        |
| 26.10.22 | Australia Day Committee Meeting                                | Australia Day 2023                                  | Administrator & GM             |
| 27.10.22 | Strengthening Community Access Inclusion & Wellbeing Committee | Monthly Meeting                                     | Administrator & GM             |
| 28.10.22 | TFNSW                                                          | Microsoft Teams Meeting – Fixing Local Roads        | EME                            |
| 28.10.22 | FWJO                                                           | Board Meeting                                       | Administrator & GM             |
| 31.10.22 | Joint LEMC                                                     | Extraordinary Meeting – flood preparedness          | Administrator, GM & EME        |
| 31.10.22 | Union Picnic Day                                               | Annual Picnic Day                                   | Administrator, GM, EME & Staff |
| 2.11.22  | Catch Up                                                       | Executive Catch Up with Administrator               | Administrator & GM             |
| 2.11.22  | Australia Day Meeting                                          | Australia Day 2023                                  | Administrator & GM             |
| 3.11.22  | Regional NSW                                                   | Reegional Economic Development Strategy 2022 Update | GM                             |
| 3.11.22  | SCAIW                                                          | Monthly Meeting                                     | Administrator & GM             |
| 3.11.22  | LG Professionals                                               | Annual General Meeting                              | GM                             |
| 4.11.22  | Joint LEMC                                                     | Extraordinary Meeting – Flood Preparedness          | EME                            |
| 7.11.22  | Joint LEMC                                                     | Extraordinary Meeting – Flood Preparedness          | Administrator, GM & EME        |
| 8.11.22  | Strategy Meeting for Community Sessions                        | Flood Preparedness                                  | Administrator, GM & EME        |

|          |                                                       |                                                           |                              |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 8.11.22  | AlayaCare                                             | Balranald Demo                                            | GM                           |
| 8.11.22  | OLG                                                   | Update                                                    | Administrator and GM         |
| 9.11.22  | Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee           | Ordinary Meeting                                          | Administrator, GM & EME      |
| 9.11.22  | Ageing Well Aged Care & Facilities Advisory Committee | Seniors Festival                                          | Administrator & GM           |
| 10.11.22 | Community Meetings                                    | Flood Preparedness                                        | Administrator, GM and EME    |
| 11.11.22 | Remembrance Day                                       | Remembrance Day                                           | Administrator & GM           |
| 14.11.22 | Balranald Shire Council Staff Meeting                 | Briefing                                                  | Administrator & AGM          |
| 14.11.22 | Balranald Shire Depot Staff Meeting                   | Briefing                                                  | AGM                          |
| 16.11.22 | Balranald Shire Council Staff Meeting                 | Briefing                                                  | Administrator & AGM          |
| 16.11.22 | Balranald Shire Depot Staff Meeting                   | Briefing                                                  | AGM                          |
| 17.11.22 | Balranald Shire Staff and Depot Staff Meeting         | Briefing                                                  | AGM                          |
| 17.11.22 | LEMC                                                  | Ordinary Meeting                                          | AGM                          |
| 21.11.22 | Meeting                                               | Strategy Meeting                                          | Administrator & AGM          |
| 22.11.22 | MANEX                                                 | Monthly Meeting                                           | Administrator, AGM and Staff |
| 24.11.22 | SCAIW                                                 | Monthly Meeting                                           | Administrator & AGM          |
| 25.11.22 | Regional Recovery Meeting                             | Central West, Orana and Far West Regional Recovery Update | AGM                          |

**EME has been doing daily inspections on roads and levees and preparing for upcoming floods**

**Lower Murray EOC has been holding daily briefings since Wednesday 16 November with Vince Scoleri being Council's liaison officer and Kerry Jones being the alternate.**

**Administrator - Mike Colreavy**

**General Manager (GM) – Jeff Sowiak**

**Executive Manager – Engineering (EME) – Kerry Jones**

**Acting General Manager (AGM) – Kerry Jones**

**MHD – Ray Mitchell**

**9.5 GRANT STATUS UPDATE**

|                                    |                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75690</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 2: Our Place – A liveable and thriving community that maintains lifestyle opportunities and addresses its disadvantages.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an updated summary of the current and active grant funded projects across Council.

**REPORT**

Council staff have been gathering information to complete the 2022 Grants Register. Listed in the summary attached are the grants currently on the 2022 register, that are active or in the process of being acquitted or recently acquitted.

At the end of the report, we have applications either pending or applications to be submitted.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Nil – grant funded

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

As per individual projects

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. BSC Grants-Projects Update as @ 23-11-2022 [!\[\]\(c7dc060c3452bb436913132f744278b8\_img.jpg\)](#) 

## Balranald Shire Council Grants/Projects Update Summary As at 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 Submitted by the Community Projects Coordinator



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- Summer Holiday Break Grant 2022/23

#### Page 22-26: APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Community Building Partnership Grant 2022
- COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension – COVID Outbreak Reimbursement
- Office of Responsible Gambling – Community Contribution Panel
- Building Better Regions Fund – Community Stream Round 6
- Regional NSW – Business Case & Strategy Fund
- Stronger Communities Fund Round 5
- Australia Day Grant 2023
- Public Library Infrastructure Grant 2022/23
- Fixing Local Roads Round 4
- Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Program

#### Page 27: APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED

- TBA



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### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Key Activities This Month:

- Submitted signed Annual Report Declaration, signed Quarterly Report Declaration & Photographic Evidence for LRCI Round 2
- Received final payment of \$416,460 for LRCI Round 1
- An updated Works Schedule for LRCI Round 3 was sent to the funding body by Kerry Jones on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
- The last 2 payments for Stronger Country Community Fund Round 3 was received \$86,251.20 + \$86,251.20
- First milestone payment of \$211,050.40 was received for Stronger Country Community Fund Round 4
- We received notification on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October that the Building Better Regions Fund had been discontinued and all applications to the fund had been discontinued. Consequently, our application that had been submitted 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 will be removed from this report
- Received request for updated quotes for the pending application under the Stronger Country Communities Round 5. These were sent on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- We received 80% of the funds for the Reconnecting Regional NSW Events Program.
- Submitted 5 Applications since last month

#### Completed Projects that have been taken off this Report from last month:

- Fixing Local Roads Round 1
- Increasing Resilience to Climate Change

#### New Projects added to this Report from last month:

- Regional Youth - Summer Holiday Break 22/23 (Applied 31st Oct 2022 & received notification of success 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022)

#### Applications Submitted since last month:

- Public Library Infrastructure Fund 2022/23
- Australia Day 2023 Community Grant
- Community Development Fund
- Holiday Break Program
- Fixing Local Roads Round 4 2022/23 (Was submitted in September but added to the report this month)
- Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Grant

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                                  | CM Ref  | Project Manager & Project Dates                                                                                                                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received & Expenses                                               | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Regional Roads Repair Program 2022/23 – Transport NSW</b>                                                                                                   | F22.139 | Vince Scoleri<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>In Planning Stage<br><br><b>Project Finish Date:</b><br>30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023                    | Increased heavy vehicle traffic on MR67 has resulted in push outs and edge breaks along large sections of the road. To repair damage by adding an overlay of gravel to shoulders and cement stabilising road edges and shoulders. Reseal and reinstall line marking. | \$200,000 – Grant<br>\$200,000 Council Contribution<br><br><b>Funds Received to date:</b> | On the 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 Early advice of Council's Priority 2 Project – Balranald Ivanhoe Road was successful for funding.<br><br>In Planning Stage<br>Awaiting Agreement |
| <b>Fixing Local Roads (FLR) – Round 2 – Transport NSW</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code:</b><br><b>6020-4999-000</b><br><br><b>Revenue:</b><br><b>6100-1100-0004</b> | F21.184 | Vince Scoleri<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>September 2021<br><br><b>Project Finish Date:</b><br>Works stopped due to Tender exceeding the budget | Leslie Drive Euston Upgrade - Seal extension and initial seal                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$246,500 – Grant<br>\$14,500 Council Contribution                                        | Works stopped due to Tender exceeding the budget.                                                                                                                                   |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | CM Folder          | Project Manager & Project Dates                                                                                  | Description                                                                                                                           | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received<br>& Expenses                                                                                                                                   | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Fixing Local Roads (FLR)<br/>Round 3 – Transport NSW</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code: Tapalin Mail<br/>Road: 9008-4999-0001</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code: Euston<br/>Prungle Road:<br/>9015-4499-0001</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code: Marma Box<br/>Creek Rd: 9019-4999-0004</b> | F19.184<br>F21.582 | Vince Scoleri<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>Sept 2020<br><b>Project Finish Date:</b><br>Still in Progress | Sealing existing road for safety improvements – 1. Marma Box Creek Road Sealing, 2. Euston Prungle Road Sealing, 3. Tapalin Mail Road | 1. \$600,000– Grant<br>\$200,000 Council<br>Contribution<br>2. \$300,000– Grant<br>\$100,000 Council<br>Contribution<br>3. \$412,500– Grant<br>\$137,500 Council<br>Contribution | <b>Marma Box Creek Road</b> estimated costs not matching actual cost of works. Works have been stooped until a full review of scope of works is done by Kerry and Richard.<br><br><b>Euston Prungle Road</b> initial pricing of works assumed a local source of gravel. This may not be available. Review of costings and gravel sources underway. –<br>☞ We are waiting response from Transport NSW<br><br><b>Tapalin Mail Road</b> may not be sealed till Sept/Oct 2022 due to weather.<br>☞ Latest update is there has been no further progress due to weather conditions |
| <b>Roads to Recovery<br/>2019-2024 – Department<br/>of Infrastructure,<br/>Transport, Regional<br/>Development &amp;<br/>Communications</b>                                                                                                                                 | F19.751            | Vince Scoleri<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>May 2020<br><b>Project Finish Date:</b><br>July 2024          | Funding is allocated to 21 road projects. You can view detailed allocation of expenditure at D22.65956 on CM                          | \$4,997,524<br><br><b>Funds Received to<br/>date:</b><br><b>Expenses to date:</b>                                                                                                | Works in progress. Proposed completion date is 2024. All road projects completed except for the following: Kilpatrick Road Resealing, Weimby Kyalite Road, Marma Box Creek Road, Leslie Drive, Tapalin Mail Road -<br>☞ Works have stopped due to Tender exceeding the budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                                                      | CM Folder | Project Manager & Project Dates                                                                            | Description                                                                                                                                  | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received<br>& Expenses                                                                                                                                  | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Everyone Can Play 2022 – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br><b>4682-4999-0013</b>                                                  | F22.292   | Thai Dang<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>December 2021<br><b>Project Finish Date:</b><br>In Progress | Everyone Can Play (ECP) Lions Park Inclusion Project<br><br>Play equipment upgrade (Crown Reserve Grant for Lions Park towards same project) | \$200,000<br><br><b>Funds Received to date:</b> \$40,000                                                                                                                        | Two Milestone payments have been received:<br>Receipt 54990 - 13.05.2022 - \$50,000<br>Receipt 55157 - 24.05.2022 - \$40,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project has now commenced</li> <li>• The project is going to tender</li> <li>• A Progress Report was submitted &amp; received on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022</li> </ul> |
| <b>Financial Assistance Grant 2021/22 &amp; 2022/2023 – Office of Local Government – Department of Planning &amp; Environment</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br><b>6660-2550-0200</b> | F21.477   | General Manager                                                                                            | Local Government Grants Commission financial assistance                                                                                      | 2021/22:<br>\$4,650,213<br><b>Funds received:</b><br>4 instalments of \$607,708 between August 21 – May 22<br><br>2022/23:<br>\$3,737,513<br><b>QRT1 Received:</b><br>\$350,568 | Total funding value is \$4,721,432.<br>Receipt of \$2,290,600 Advance from 20/21 GL.<br>We have received 4 instalments of \$607,708<br><br>We have also received an advance of \$3,737,513 for the 22/23 GL on the 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2022<br>We received Instalment 1. \$350,568.00 on August 2022 Receipt No: 54824                           |
| <b>Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel Expansion Grant – Department of Health</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br><b>2620-4999-0021</b>                                                      | F19.244   | General Manager                                                                                            | Bidgee Haven Expansion Construction - Specialised Dementia Wing                                                                              | \$4,680,000                                                                                                                                                                     | First payment of \$500,000 has been received. Project currently on hold                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                  | CM Folder                     | Project Manager & Project Dates | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received & Expenses                                                | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Library Subsidy Grant 21/22 – Library Council NSW</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br><b>4520-4999-0012</b>      | D22.60803                     | Janaya Gaston                   | Annual Library Operational Funding July 2021 – June 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$80,500 + \$16,000 for Depreciation = \$96,500<br><br>(There is \$47,459 to be allocated) | This amount is accordance with signed documentation dated 13-01-2022<br><br>We are currently investigating financial status. The finance team will provide an update once audit is completed |
| <b>Local Priority Grant 21/22 – Library Council NSW</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br><b>4520-1100-0000</b> | D22.60803 – Grant Application | Janaya Gaston                   | Funding is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book collection &amp; Bookshelves</li> <li>• Printing services</li> <li>• School Holiday &amp; community programs</li> <li>• Building enhancements or expansion programs</li> <li>• Upgrades to the library management system</li> </ul> | \$20,340                                                                                   | This amount is accordance with signed documentation dated 13-01-2022<br><br>We are currently investigating financial status. The finance team will provide an update once audit is completed |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                                   | CM Folder          | Project Manager & Project Dates                                                                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received & Expenses                                         | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Public Library Infrastructure Grant 21/22 – Library Council NSW</b><br><br><b>General Ledger: 4520-1100-0000</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code: 4520-4999-0018</b> | F22.190<br>F22.204 | Connie Mallet & Janaya Gaston<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> May 2022<br><b>Project End Date:</b> | Funding is for Stage 1 of the project which includes access to the adjoining unused CWA room, a technology support hub, removal of a double window to create a double door for wheelchair access, removal of a small window for a larger window to view playground, building of a wall, ceiling and flooring for server room. | \$67,862<br><br><b>Funds Received to date:</b> \$67,862<br><b>Expenses to date:</b> | Revised costings have been received for project costings.<br><br>As at 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2022, we have received confirmation that work will commence on Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022<br><br>Works on the Library has commenced<br><br>Progress report due in December 2022.   |
| <b>Discovery Centre Redevelopment – Far West Joint Organisation</b><br><br><b>Job Code: 6560-4999-0033</b>                                                      | F20.593            | General Manager<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> TBA<br><b>Project End Date:</b> TBA                | Redevelopment of the Discovery Centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$950,000<br><br><b>Expenses to date:</b> \$102,950 (for 21/22)                     | The 2 <sup>nd</sup> set of plans have been released and is currently under consideration. DA process is in place.<br><br>DA process is now completed<br><br>As at 11-10-2022 we are waiting from the Engineers for final plans.<br><br>Invoice for expenses to date need to be sent to the FWJO. |

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| <b>Market Street Revitalisation – Stage 1 &amp; 2</b><br><b>Department of Industry – Part of Regional Growth Fund - Our Rivers our Region Program</b><br><br><b>Total Value amongst a number of LGA's is \$16,803,000</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code:</b><br><b>6015-4999-0001</b><br><b>6015-4999-0002</b> | F19.607   | Ray Mitchell                    | Market Street Improvement activities. Mayall Street to River Street | \$1,898,592.60 Grant<br>\$109,242.46 Council Contribution<br><br><b>Funds Received to date:</b><br><br><b>Milestone 1:</b> \$317,128<br><b>Receipt:</b> 43557<br><br><b>Milestone 2:</b> \$317,128<br><b>Receipt:</b> 53955<br><br><b>Milestone 3:</b> \$326,737<br><b>Receipt:</b> 53955<br><br><b>Total Received:</b><br>\$960,993 | On the 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 we provided the project coordinator Andrea Otto confirmation on particular elements of the Variation document in reference to the Market Street Revitalisation project.<br><br>On the 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 Andrea Otto finalised the Variation that was submitted to the funding body for approval.<br><br>On the 1 <sup>st</sup> September Andrea Otto sent us the signed document from the funding body approving the Variation. Refer to CM Document Number: D22.71715 |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CM Folder | Project Manager & Project Dates                                                                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received & Expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Our Rivers Our Region Program (Regional Growth Fund) – Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br><b>6000-4999-0012</b><br><br><b>Total Value amongst a number of LGA's is \$16,803,000</b> | F19.650   | Thai Dang<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>01-07-2021<br><b>Project End Date:</b><br>25-01-2022 | Funding is allocated into 3 projects:<br><br>1. Riverfront Enhancement Eco Trails<br><br>2. Swing Bridge Trail Loop<br><br>3. Riverbend Reserve Place-making includes BBQ, toilet, furniture, gym equipment & signs | Balranald Council Value Components:<br><br>\$30,0007 – Riverfront EcoTrail<br><br>\$170,000 for Swing Bridge<br><br>\$444,000 for Riverbend Reserve Place Making<br><br><b>Funds Received to date:</b><br>Please refer to the Our Rivers Our Region Project report as at 30-06-2022 which was compiled by Edna & Submitted for reporting.<br><b>CM reference:</b><br>D22.71719 | 1. The Riverfront Eco Trail project works completed<br>2. Swing Bridge Trail Loop including Swing Bridge widening works completed<br><b>3. Riverbend Reserve is not yet completed due to flooding. The project will be reviewed in a couple of months to determine next steps.</b><br><br>On the 5th July 2022 we provided the project coordinator Andrea Otto the latest Progress Report, updated Financial Report (by Edna) and relevant photos of completed project components. We also provided confirmation on particular elements of the Variation document in reference to The Swing Bridge Trail Loop<br><br>On the 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 Andrea Otto finalised the Variation that was submitted to the funding body for approval.<br><br>On the 1 <sup>st</sup> September Andrea Otto sent us the signed document from the funding body approving the Variation. Refer to CM Document Number: D22.71718 |



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| <b>Drought Community Funding Grant – Department of Industry, Science, Energy &amp; Resources</b><br><br><b>General Leger:</b><br><b>0535-1100-0001</b><br><b>0535-1100-0002</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br><b>Various</b> | F20.587   | Ray Mitchell<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> January 2021<br><b>Project End Date:</b>      | Drought relief funding for community projects and groups<br><br>Funding was allocated between 27 community projects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$1,000,000,000<br><br><b>Funds Received to date: \$1,000,000</b><br>Receipt: 47652<br>17/03/2020<br>\$500,000.00<br><br>Receipt: 48585<br>6/05/2020 \$500,000 | Most of the projects are completed.<br><br>We are awaiting on a few invoices/receipts to be submitted<br><br>The End of Project Report is to be submitted<br><br>On the 29 <sup>th</sup> September the End of Project Report was the submitted along with a Statemen of Expenditure.<br><br>The project Audit is to be submitted via email sometime in the week commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022. - Awaiting Audit to be completed as at 14-11-2022 |
| <b>Local Roads Community Infrastructure ROUND 1 20/21 - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b>                                                                              | F20.367   | Kerry Jones<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> July 2020<br><b>Project End Date:</b> Dec 2021 | Project comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANZAC Park Fencing,</li> <li>• Balranald Cemetery Toilet change to ANZAC toilet,</li> <li>• Euston Eco Trail, Footpaths for Balranald and Euston,</li> <li>• Theatre Royal heating,</li> <li>• Bertram Road Traffic Calming,</li> <li>• Wampo Corner Safety Upgrade,</li> <li>• Puton Lane Sealing,</li> <li>• Murrumbidgee Bridge Path Upgrade, Greenham Park Furniture and Storage Traffic Safety Upgrades</li> </ul> | \$832,921<br><br><b>Funds Received to date:</b><br>\$416,461<br>Receipt No: 52036<br><br>\$416,460<br>Receipt No: 56661                                        | Completed.<br><br>On the 26 <sup>th</sup> of June 2022, Fiona Scoleri sent all the final Report Documentation to the funding body<br><br>On the 14 <sup>th</sup> of July 2022 we received an email from the funding body to confirm receipt of documentation and is currently queued for final payment installation.<br><br>As at 14-11-2022 the final payment of \$416,460 was received. This project will be taken off this report next month             |

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| <b>Local Roads Community Infrastructure ROUND 2 21/22 - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> | F20.693<br>F21.241<br>F21.242<br>F21.445<br>F21.247<br>F21.445<br>F21.246<br>F21.445<br>F21.245<br>F22.136<br>F21.249<br>F21.248<br>F21.244 | Kerry Jones<br>Ray Mitchell<br>Thai Dang<br>Brian Ebery<br>Fraser White<br>Alan Lodge<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> July 2020<br><b>Project End Date:</b> Dec 2021 | Funding allocated to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balranald Aerodrome Fencing</li> <li>Toilet at Balranald Cemetery</li> <li>Balranald Irrigation Automation</li> <li>Euston Town Approaches</li> <li>Euston Rec Reserve Upgrade</li> <li>Kyalite Riverside Reserve Enhancements</li> <li>Seal off Street Parking</li> <li>Theatre Royal Refurbishments</li> <li>Church &amp; Harben Street Drainage Improvements</li> <li>Balranald Riverfront Accessibility Works</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$110,000</li> <li>➤ \$50,000</li> <li>➤ \$66,000</li> <li>➤ \$100,00</li> <li>➤ \$40,000</li> <li>➤ \$30,000</li> <li>➤ \$26,739</li> <li>➤ \$84,000</li> <li>➤ \$30,000</li> <li>➤ \$80,000</li> </ul> <b>Funds Received to date:</b><br>\$308,370<br>Receipt No: 53081 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerodrome Fencing Project - Completed</li> <li>Toilet at Balranald Cemetery - Completed</li> <li>Euston Rec Reserve Upgrade – Completed</li> <li>Seal Off Street Parking – Tennis Courts &amp; Gallery – Approx. Sept/Oct 2022</li> </ul> <p>– <b>Letter of Request for Extension sent. Official form is to be submitted by Kerry Jones for the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church &amp; Harben Street Drainage Improvements</li> <li>Theatre Royal Refurbishments</li> <li>Improvements Balranald Riverfront Accessibility Works</li> <li>Balranald Irrigation Automation</li> <li>Kyalite Riverside Reserve Enhancements</li> <li>Euston Town Approaches</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Variation to be submitted for reallocation of funds to LRC1 Round 3</li> <li>➤ We will be requesting another extension due to the ongoing flooding situation that is causing issues with the delivery of components of the project.</li> <li>➤ An email was received on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from the funding body asking if a variation for extension will be submitted</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Local Roads Community Infrastructure ROUND 3 22/23 - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b><br><br><b>General Ledger: 6280-1125-0001</b> | F21.478   | Kerry Jones<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> 20/10/2021<br><b>Proposed end Date:</b> 31/12/2023 | According to the documentation on CM a Work Schedule was submitted on the 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 to the funding body which outlined the scope of works but was not initially accepted due to LRCI Phase 1 report not been completed but this has now been completed. | \$1,665,842                                    | A Revised Schedule is to be prepared and submitted to Council for endorsement<br><br><b>Variation to be submitted for reallocation of funds from LRCI Round 2 to LRC1 Round 3</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submitted and waiting for response</li> <li>➤ We cannot proceed until Round 2 is completed</li> <li>➤ On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 an updated Works Schedule was sent to the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications by Kerry Jones</li> </ul> |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                          | CM Folder          | Project Manager & Project Dates  | Description                                                                                                                                                     | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received & Expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Stronger Country Community Funds Round 3 – Local Government NSW</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br><b>4546-1100-0000</b><br><b>4662-1100-0008</b> | F22.124<br>F22.123 | Ray Mitchell<br><br>Fraser White | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of Balranald Creative Community Learning Centre</li> <li>Balranald Tennis Court Upgrades Stage 2</li> </ul> | <p>☞ \$284,377<br/> <b>Funds Received to date:</b> \$113,750.80 + \$85,313.10 + \$85,313.10<br/> <b>Funds Outstanding:</b> Fully paid<br/> <b>Expenses to date:</b> \$284,341.69</p> <p>☞ \$287,503.80<br/> <b>Funds Received:</b> \$115,001.60 + \$86,251.20 + \$86,251.20<br/> <b>Funds outstanding:</b> Fully Paid<br/> <b>Expenses to date:</b> \$287,184.44</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invoice for Milestone 1 \$113,750.80 for <b>Creative Community Learning Centre</b> has been received. Milestone 2 \$85,313.10 &amp; Invoice for Milestone 3 \$85,313.10 has been prepared.</li> <li>Invoice for Milestone 1 \$115,001.60 has been received for the <b>Tennis Courts Upgrade</b>. Invoices for Milestone 2 &amp; 3 each for \$86,251.20 have been prepared.</li> <li>Milestone 1 \$115,001.60 completed. Invoices for Milestone 2 &amp; 3 each for \$86,251.80 10 has been prepared</li> <li><b>As at 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022, we had submitted the following Claim Forms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balranald Creative Learning Centre Instalment 2</li> <li>Balranald Creative Learning Centre Instalment 3</li> <li>Balranald Tennis Upgrade Instalment 2</li> <li>Balranald Tennis Upgrade Instalment 3</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Learning Centre: As at 10-10-2022 Milestone 2</b> payment for \$85,313.10 and <b>Milestone 3</b> payment also for \$85,313.10 were received. Receipt 56224 and Receipt 56224</li> <li><b>Tennis Courts Upgrade Stage 3: As at 14-11-2022</b> the final 2 payments were received. Milestone 2 payment \$86,251.20 Receipt 56475; Milestone 3 payment \$86,251.20 Receipt 56475</li> </ul> <p>As this project is now fully completed, it will be removed from next month's report</p> |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                          | CM Folder | Project Manager & Project Dates                                                                                                                                                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Funding Value/ Funds Received & Expenses                                 | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Stronger Country Community Funds Round 4 – Local Government NSW</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br><b>4546-1100-0000</b><br><b>4662-1100-0008</b> | F21.364   | Thai Dang<br><br><b>Milestone 1 Completion Date:</b><br>30-11-2022<br><br><b>Milestone 2 Completion Date:</b><br>28-03-2023<br><br><b>Milestone 3 Completion Date:</b><br>30-06-2023 | Euston Netball Upgrade: Demolition of existing change netball rooms and public toilets at Euston and construction of new, inclusive, change rooms and public toilets combined.<br><br>Renewed 200 lux LED outdoor sport lighting to both Balranald and Euston netball courts<br><br><b>Milestone 1:</b> Design, Documentation & Procurement Phase and Milestone 1: substructure, plumbing/ reticulation, walls, superstructure<br><br><b>Milestone 2:</b> Plumbing, electrical, internal/external fittings/fixtures, painting, flooring, finishes<br><br><b>Milestone 3:</b> Court Lighting, landscaping and paths/entries | \$527,626<br><br><b>Funds Received:</b><br>\$211,050.40<br>Receipt 56474 | A Variation is currently being developed to say that the netball courts change rooms will now be refreshed not demolished.<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As at the 9<sup>th</sup> September we received notification from the funding body that the Funding Deed had been added to the SmartyGrants portal for completion by 23<sup>rd</sup> September</li> <li>On the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 we received the executed Funding Deed countersigned by the appropriate Departmental Officer. The project can now commence and must be completed within 2 years of announcement.</li> <li>As at 14-11-2022 we had received Milestone 1 payment of \$211,050.40 Receipt 56474</li> </ul> |

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| Grant/Project                                                                                                                                                          | CM Folder                     | Project Manager & Project Dates | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Funding Value/<br>Funds Received<br>& Expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Transport Access Regional Partnerships Funding (TARP) 2019 – 2023 – Transport NSW</b><br><br><b>Job Code:</b><br>2670-2405-0002<br>2670-2405-0001<br>2670-2405-0003 | F22.127<br>F19.277<br>F19.277 | Connie Mallet & Fiona Scoleri   | Includes to funding streams:<br><br><b>Beating Isolation:</b> Providing transport to community based facilities for disadvantaged community members<br><br><b>Backing Balranald Youth:</b> Transport initiative for Balranald youth<br><br><b>Building Resources Balranald:</b> To provide funding for at least 12 people to obtain their medium rigid license | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20,000</li> </ul> <b>Expenses to date:</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$25,000</li> </ul> <b>Expenses to date:</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$18,000</li> </ul> <b>Expenses to date:</b> | In Progress.<br><br>The TARP project has been extended till April 2023<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As at 10-10-2022 we are currently putting together our evaluation report</li> <li>As at 14-11-2022 we were continuing to gather data for the evaluation report</li> </ul> |
| <b>Street Light Subsidy – Carbon Bank of Australia</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br>6000-1211-0000                                                                 |                               | Essential Energy                | Energy Saving Street Lighting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$ 26,753.76<br><br><b>Receipt of funds:</b><br>\$26,753.76<br><b>Receipt No:</b><br>54797                                                                                                                                                                                | Project Start Date was April 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Community Building Partnership 2021</b> | F19.718   | Kyalite Progressive<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>28-01-2022<br><br><b>Project Completion Date:</b><br>31-03-2023 | <b>Project:</b> Kyalite Memorial Park and Foreshore Development.<br><br>The funding will be used to develop an attractive link between the Wakool River Foreshore and the Kyalite Village with pathways, signage and off-street parking. | \$32,572<br><br><b>Funds Received:</b><br>\$32,572 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar lighting along steps – quotes received</li> <li>• Information Bay Slab – completed - \$4,999.00</li> <li>• Information Bay Signage – quotes received</li> </ul> <p>➡ As at 03- 08-2022 the funds of \$32,572 was received.</p> <p>➡ As at 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, purchase orders were raised for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Information Sign for the Foreshore</li> <li>• Shelter for the Information Bay</li> <li>• Supply &amp; Installation of 4 Solar Street Lights for the Foreshore</li> </ul> <p>➡ As at 23-11-2022 the Kyalite Progressive Committee advised that the Information Sign is currently being manufactured and the installation of the Solar Lights is on hold due to flooding in the area</p> |

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| <b>Business Improvement Fund 2022 – Department of Health</b> | F22.149   | Sheridan Hammet<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b> August 2022<br><br><b>Proposed End Date: Final Report is due</b> July 2023 | Updating Hostel to a computer-based care program and staff training and restructuring costs<br><br><b>Funding Value (excl GST)</b> to be broken down as following:<br><b>Care Program: \$240,548</b><br>- IT Software: \$140,548<br>- IT Hardware: \$100,000<br><br><b>Restructuring &amp; Staff Training: \$45,000</b> | \$285,548 (excl GST)<br>\$314,103 (incl GST)<br><br><b>Funds received to date:</b> Instalment 1 \$204,167 Receipt No: 56175 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Application submitted March 2022</li> <li>➤ As at the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 we received news that we have been successful in receiving partial funding of \$285,548 for the IT software and staff training components of the requested funding.</li> <li>➤ On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 a Signed Agreement was sent to the funding body</li> <li>➤ The first instalment of \$204,167 has been received. Receipt 56175</li> <li>➤ Quotes have been sourced from LeeCare, Alaya Care &amp; Telstra Health</li> <li>➤ Awaiting quote from Manad Plus</li> <li>➤ Demonstration completed for Telstra Health &amp; LeeCare</li> <li>➤ Activity Work plan was submitted to the Dept of Health and was approved in Oct 2022. Recommendation of program to be submitted</li> </ul> |



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| Grant/Project                                                                           | CM Folder         | Project Manager & Project Dates      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Funding Value/ Funds Received & Expenses                                                                              | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Crown Reserve Improvement Fund 21/22</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Code: 4682-4999-0008</b> | F21.77<br>F20.523 | Thai Dang – Lions Park Upgrade       | 3 Projects comprising of the following:<br><br><b>Lions Park Upgrade:</b> Upgrade of toilets, play area, BBQ etc.<br>"Everyone Can Play" Grant \$200,000 funding towards the play equipment project                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Balranald Lions Park Upgrade</b><br>\$587,991<br><b>Funds received to date:</b> \$587,991                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds \$613,841 was received on 12-03-2022 for the Lions Park Upgrade &amp; Greenham Park Lighting – Receipt No: 51052</li> <li>Project is going to tender</li> </ul> |
|                                                                                         |                   | Ray Mitchell – Caravan Park Upgrade  | <b>Caravan Park Upgrade:</b> Installation of new park facilities and amenities including new meeting room BBQ facility, improved park lighting. Upgrade of power and electrical reticulation. Installation of new guest facilities including a new concrete pool, dump ezy point, new power heads, ensuites, cabin compendiums, quad ensuites, cabins | <b>Caravan Park Upgrade</b> \$771,500<br><b>Funds received to date:</b> \$771,500                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☞ Quotes are currently being sourced</li> <li>☞ As at 11-10-2022 quotes were being assessed</li> </ul>                                                                |
|                                                                                         |                   | Ray Mitchell- Greenham Park Lighting | <b>Greenham Park Lighting Updates:</b> Upgrade power supply at Greenham Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Greenham Park Lighting Update</b> \$25,850<br><b>Funds received:</b> \$25,850<br><b>Project Expenses:</b> \$25,850 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Greenham Park Lighting Update has been COMPLETED &amp; funds received. Acquittal Report was sent 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021</li> </ul>                            |

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| <b>Library Tech-Savvy Program</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br><b>4520-1100-0001</b>                                                                                  | F22.518   | Janaya Gaston<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023<br><br><b>Project Completion Date:</b><br>27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 | <b>Project:</b><br>Seniors Technology Training Sessions                   | \$2,244                                                           | Awaiting progress update from the Project Manager.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Library Solar Farm Library Grant – Sunraysia Solar Farm Community Grant</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br><b>4520-1100-0002</b>                                     | G22/20    | Janaya Gaston<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br><br><b>Project Completion Date:</b>                                                                | <b>Project:</b> Murals on front of the Library and new printer            | \$3,400<br><br><b>Funds Received:</b><br>\$3,400<br>CM: D22.75641 | On the 4 <sup>th</sup> October Librarian and Project Manager posted the murals that were completed and mounted on the wall of the Library<br><br>As at 23-11-22 a Remittance Advice form Sunraysia Solar Farm advising that payment had been made on the 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022 |
| <b>RMCC – Routine Maintenance Council Contract 2022/23</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br><br><b>Job Cost Centre:</b><br><b>1400-0000-0000</b><br><b>6940-0000-0000</b> | F19.601   | Vince Scoleri<br><br><b>Project Start Date:</b><br>01-07-2022<br><br><b>Project Completion Date:</b><br>31-06-2023                                    | <b>Project:</b> Routine Maintenance on SH14 (Market Street) and Yanga Way | \$153,800<br><br><b>Funds Received:</b><br>\$14,194               | Works currently in progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Block Grant – 2022/23<br/>Transport of NSW</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:<br/>6080-1102-0000<br/>6080-1104-0000<br/>6080-1101-0000</b> | Grant Box:<br>G22/17<br><br>D22.72552 | Vince Scoleri                   | <b>Project:</b> Agreement for Block Grant Assistance to Council for Regional Roads<br><br>Main Road Maintenance. - MR 67 (192.9KM), MR 431 (6.5KM), MR 514 (62.9KM) | \$1,320,000 to be paid in 2 instalments of \$660,000<br><br><b>Funds Received:</b><br>The first instalment of \$660,000 has been paid – Receipt 56375 | As at <b>12-09-2022</b> We received an email from the Funding Body with the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councils Block Grant Agreement</li> <li>Letter from West Region Director, Alistair Lunn</li> <li>Excel version schedule 4A &amp; 4B</li> </ol> They have advised the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An indexation of 2% has been applied to this year's agreement.</li> <li>The first instalment has been paid of \$660,000 Receipt 56375</li> <li>The second instalment will be made in January 2023 and will comprise the balance of the allocation less any certified underspend from council from the previous year.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program</b>                     | F22.193   | Connie Mallet   | <p>Balranald Shire Council was allocated an amount of \$150,854 for community events. An application was to be submitted with breakdown of allocation of the proposed funding. Funding was to only go to events that were free entry for attendees.</p> <p>Our application proposed the funding of 4 events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sounds &amp; Scribble Youth Summer Festival (proposed new event)</li> <li>• The Salami Festival Euston</li> <li>• SW Arts Regional Events &amp; Touring Program</li> <li>• Stop Shop Stay Bazaar (Christmas Market Day- supporting local businesses)</li> </ul> | <p>\$150,854</p> <p><b>Funds Received:</b><br/>80% of funds received.<br/>\$129,683,20 – Receipt 46475</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Submitted 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022</li> <li>• On the 26<sup>th</sup> September we received notification of the success of our application and receipt of the signed Funding Agreement</li> <li>• As at 14-11-2022 80% of funds was received being \$120,683 Receipt 46475</li> <li>• As at 14-11-2022 The Salami Festival at Euston was staged and invoices are expected and planning had begun for the other 3 events.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Emergency Service Levy</b><br><br><b>General Ledger:</b><br>1022-1100-0005 |           |                 | Reimbursement for the money paid to local RFS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$102,831                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Department of Regional NSW<br/>Regional Youth - Summer Holiday Break 22/23</b> |           | Connie Mallet   | Funding for a Youth Summer Holiday Break program | \$13,898.00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application submitted 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022</li><li>• On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November we received confirmation of our application's success</li><li>• On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 we received notice that the Funding Agreement was ready to be signed. Due by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022</li></ul> |

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### APPLICATIONS PENDING

| Grant/Project                                                                                                  | CM Folder | Project Manager | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Funding Value                                                           | Status to Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Community Building Partnership Grant 2022</b>                                                               | F22.346   | Connie Mallet   | Enhancements/Upgrade of IT multi-media communications and displays at the Interpretive Pavilion                                                                                                                                                  | \$50,040.00 Grant<br>\$50,040.00 Council Contribution                   | Application Submitted 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension – COVID Outbreak Reimbursement 2022 – Department of Health</b> | F22.303   | Sheridan Hammet | Reimbursement for money spent during the May 2022 COVID Outbreak at the Hostel                                                                                                                                                                   | \$20,700.40                                                             | Application submitted June 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Office of Responsible Gambling – Community Contribution Panel</b>                                           | F22.220   | Connie Mallet   | Funds from the Euston Club to be evenly allocated between Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Cooperation, Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee (under the auspice of Balranald Shire Council) and Mallee Family Care | Funds to Council's Advisory Committee:<br>\$84,764 per year for 3 years | Signed Document by all panel members was sent to the Minister 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Advisory Committee will be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling education &amp; awareness</li> <li>• Mental Health first aid training for community members</li> <li>• Develop a health service map and strategic plan for health services in the Balranald Shire</li> <li>• Cross-referral to GambleAware counselling services in the Far West NSW</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Building Better Regions Fund- Community Stream Round 6</b>     | F22.349                                          | Connie Mallet   | Development of Council's Economic Development Strategy                                                                                                                                  | \$20,000                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Submitted 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022</li> <li>• On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October we received notification that the Building Better Regions Fund had been discontinued and the application will not be proceeding. Consequently, we will be removing this project from this report next month.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Regional NSW – Business Case and Strategy Development Fund</b> | CM Box G22/13<br><br>Application Folder: F22.470 | Connie Mallet   | Funding Stream 1 – Regional Significance – To support the development costs of a business case for regionally significant economic or community development initiatives in regional NSW | Requested Funding: \$437,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial discussions with executive management is to develop a Business Case in collaboration with Wentworth Shire and Central Darling Shire to fix the roads to World Heritage Mungo National Park</li> <li>• On the 29<sup>th</sup> July the Project Manager had a phone conference with Regional NSW to discuss our proposal and have advised that this is the type of Business Case the funding body will be keen to support.</li> <li>• On the 24<sup>th</sup> August the Application for the Business Case funding was submitted</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 5</b> | CM Box:<br>G22/11<br>App Folder:<br>F22.461 | Connie Mallet<br>General Manager<br><br><b>Application Due:</b><br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022 | For Community infrastructure or community programs and for project delivered by the community | <b>Balranald Shire Council Allocation:</b><br>\$943,758 for Council Community Projects<br><br>\$387,978 for Community delivered projects | Letter to the GM from the Deputy Premier on 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 re announcement.<br><br>Currently identifying potential projects for the application<br><br>On the 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022, the Chairs of the Advisory Committees the following were identified/resolved as being the priority projects to be funded from Councils' allocation of funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kyalite Memorial Park Rest Area:</b> to included public toilets &amp; ancillary facilities</li> <li>• <b>Balranald Shire Signage:</b> To undertake recognition of First Nations Lands upon entry into the Shire and enhance town entry signs in Balranald and Kyalite</li> <li>• <b>Safe Fencing at the Balranald Pool:</b> To installed approved fencing around the Balranald Pool</li> <li>• <b>Netball Courts Resurfacing</b></li> <li>• <b>Basketball Courts Balranald:</b> To design and construct new basketball courts and facilities</li> <li>• <b>Hatfield Community Facilities:</b> To install appropriate rest area or facilities for visitors to Hatfield</li> <li>• The \$387,978 was resolved to support the Euston Football/Netball Club for upgrade to the oval surface</li> <li>• The Application was submitted 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022</li> <li>• On Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> October we received an email requesting updated quotes for the Kyalite project. Updated quotes were sent on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022</li> </ul> |



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| <b>National Australia Day Council - Australia Day Grant 2023</b>           |                                             | Connie Mallet   | Funding for Australia Day events in Balranald and Euston 2023    | \$19,968.00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Submitted 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022</li> </ul> |
| <b>Library Council Public Library Infrastructure Fund 2022/23</b>          |                                             | Janaya Gaston   | Funding for Stage 2 of the Library Refurbishment project         | \$172,610     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Submitted 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</li> </ul> |
| <b>Office of Responsible Gambling NSW Community Development Fund Round</b> | CM Box G22/25<br><br>D22.74980<br>D22.74982 | Connie Mallet   | Funding for the Refurbishment of emergency accommodation housing | \$240,000     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Submitted 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022</li> </ul> |

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**Balranald Shire Council Grants/Projects Update Summary as @ 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

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| <b>Grant/Project</b>                                                   | <b>CM Folder</b>                              | <b>Project Manager</b> | <b>Description</b>                    | <b>Funding Value</b> | <b>Status to Date</b>                                                                |
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| <b>Transport NSW<br/>Fixing Local Roads<br/>Round 4 2022/2023</b>      | CM Box<br>G22/14                              | Vince Scoleri          | Re-sheeting Benanee Gravel<br>Road    | \$1,550,000          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application submitted in September</li></ul> |
| <b>Transport NSW<br/>Fixing Local Roads Pothole<br/>Repair Program</b> | Application<br>D22.74745<br>Folder<br>F22.378 | Kerry Jones            | Funding for the repair of<br>potholes |                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application submitted in November</li></ul>  |

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Balranald Shire Council Grants/Projects Update Summary as @ 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

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**APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED**

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**9.6 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

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| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75492</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To bring forward for information the Action Report with outstanding actions from previous meeting resolutions.

**REPORT**

A list of the actions from previous meetings that are still outstanding has been provided for the information of Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

Individual actions have separate budgets

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Nil

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Outstanding Actions - November 2022 [!\[\]\(c7f0c876d08aeffda268ba5edc280983\_img.jpg\)](#) 

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| Meeting            | Officer/Director                 | Section                                            | Subject                                          |
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| Council 19/10/2021 | Beauliv, Hodi<br>Batchelor, John | Part B - Corporate & Community Services<br>Reports | Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel Expansion Project |

**RESOLUTION 2021/186**

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

1. Noting that:

- a) The Ministerial Performance Improvement Order imposed on Council in 2017 envisages Council following a path to financial sustainability;
- b) Requirement No 16 of the Performance Improvement Order Action Plan 2018 originally required Council to consider divesting the management and possibly ownership of the Bidgee Haven Hostel to ensure losses do not impact on Council's limited budget and risks to Council are minimized. Although consideration was given by Council in September 2017 to various alternate management arrangements, in-house management arrangements for the Hostel have continued up to now;
- c) Until today's report, the Administrator's requests to successive General Managers to demonstrate categorically that the proposed Bidgee Haven Hostel extension project can be delivered within the funding approved by the Commonwealth Government and Council have not received a positive answer;
- d) Under Council in-house management:
  - (i) Bidgee Haven Hostel operates at a loss when all operating expenses (including depreciation) and capital costs are factored in; and
  - (ii) financial viability of the expanded Hostel will, at best, only be marginal and permanently reliant on continuing occupancy rates around 90%, - at worst the Hostel will not be financially viable;
- e) Council's governance framework is already overstretched, and it lacks the kind of project management expertise required to deliver this project successfully, as is readily apparent from the report on the Better Practice Review in today's Council Meeting Agenda and other information under consideration by Council's Audit Risk & Improvement Committee;

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- f) Council's current and predicted long-term financial position is not sufficiently robust to assume the risks associated with expanding and operating the Bidgee Haven Hostel complex in-house;
  - g) Other crucial Council services, particularly roads, are already overstretched and cannot absorb further losses if they are incurred by the Bidgee Haven Hostel;
  - h) The expansion of Bidgee Haven Hostel could eventually proceed, in line with community expectations, but under the ownership/stewardship of a specialist operator with demonstrated capability in efficiently operating similar facilities elsewhere, and Council can act immediately to seek a suitable purchaser;
  - i) A proposed sale will be more attractive to a specialist operator if there is an opportunity to modify the project design to satisfy their operational requirements prior to the construction phase;
  - j) The recommendation of the Ageing Well, Aged-Care & Facilities Advisory Committee to proceed with the build immediately, while simultaneously investigating the possibility of negotiating a sale of the Hostel complex, is a clear indication that community sentiment supports the Bidgee Haven Hostel's expansion proceeding;
  - k) The recommendation of the responsible Director and the Acting General Manager is not to proceed with the tendering and construction of the 15-bed extension, and instead to call for expressions of interest for the potential sale of the Hostel complex and seek advice as to the transfer of grant funding to a future Hostel operator; and
  - l) The two recommendations referred to in (j) and (k) above are incompatible – they cannot coexist and it would be financially irresponsible for Council not to follow Management's recommendation in this case.
2. That tendering and construction of the 15-bed extension be placed on hold, at this stage.
3. That advice be sought from the funding body about the potential to transfer the approved grant funding to a future hostel operator.
4. That expressions of interest be called for the sale of the Bidgee Haven Hostel complex to an experienced, specialist aged-care operator.

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5. That the pre-construction design and planning work, and preparation of tender documents currently underway, be finalised by Council for inclusion with the sale of the complex.
6. That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Ageing Well, Aged Care and Facilities Advisory Committee (AWACAFAC) meeting held on 14 October 2021.

**CARRIED****13 Dec 2021 3:56pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision**

Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 16 Nov 2021 To: 15 Feb 2022, Reason: Placed on hold - report back to Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2022

**11 Mar 2022 2:55pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision**

Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 15 Feb 2022 To: 31 May 2022, Reason: This item remains on hold whilst financial/organisation reviews are undertaken

**05 Apr 2022 3:37pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision**

Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 31 May 2022 To: 30 Jun 2022, Reason: Grant funding applied for to undertake Business & Financial assessment

**10 Aug 2022 10:45am Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision**

Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 30 Jun 2022 To: 30 Dec 2022, Reason: Grant applied for was successful to undertake a business and financial assessment

| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Officer/Director             | Section                            | Subject                              |
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| Council 28/06/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Sowiak, Jeff<br>Sowiak, Jeff | Part A - General Manager's Reports | Balranald Visitor Centre Alterations |
| <b>RESOLUTION 2022/115</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |                                    |                                      |
| Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |                                    |                                      |
| That                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                              |                                    |                                      |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provided funding for this project is confirmed by the Far West Joint Organisation;</li> <li>2. The revised plans for the Balranald Visitor Information Centre be endorsed and</li> <li>3. Council proceed with fully developed architectural and structural plans for the extensions to the Balranald Visitor Information Centre in accordance with the preliminary plans and</li> <li>4. Tenders be invited for the construction of the proposed works</li> </ol> |                              |                                    |                                      |
| <b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                    |                                      |

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**25 Jul 2022 4:47pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision**

Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 26 Jul 2022 To: 30 Aug 2022, Reason: Funding from FWJO confirmed - Draft Plans with Architect for tender and DA documentation

**23 Nov 2022 1:52pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision**

Target date changed by Holmes, Carol from 30 August 2022 to 21 February 2023 - Tender Documents ready to be uploaded in Tenderlink portal.

| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Officer/Director              | Section                                          | Subject                                                          |
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| Council 26/07/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mitchell, Ray<br>Sowiak, Jeff | Part A - Infrastructure & Development<br>Reports | BALRANALD LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010 – HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT |
| <b>RESOLUTION 2022/135</b><br>Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy<br>That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supports the Planning Proposal – Balranald LEP Housekeeping Amendment to amend the <i>Balranald Local Environmental Plan 2010</i>.</li> <li>2. Submit the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination seeking public exhibition of the proposed amendments.</li> <li>3. Receive a further report after the public exhibition period addressing any submissions made in respect of the Planning Proposal.</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></div> |                               |                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>23 Nov 2022 1:52pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision</b><br>Target date changed by Holmes, Carol from 23 August 2022 to 13 December 2022 - On exhibition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               |                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>23 Nov 2022 1:54pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision</b><br>Received amended tender contract, renegotiating with Balranald Diesel Service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                  |                                                                  |



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| Works Committee 1/07/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mitchell, Ray<br>Sowiak, Jeff | Reports | RFT 21/22-04 Contract for Waste Collection Services for Balranald & Euston |
| <b>6.1 RFT 21/22-04 CONTRACT FOR WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR BALRANALD &amp; EUSTON</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |         |                                                                            |
| <b>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |         |                                                                            |
| Moved: Chairperson Mike Colreavy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |         |                                                                            |
| That Council consider the options as below;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                               |         |                                                                            |
| 1. Cancel Tender RFT21/22-04 Contract For Waste Collection Services For Balranald & Euston in accordance with Clause 178 (3)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 due to a lack of a wider interest in the tender process; and/or                                                           |                               |         |                                                                            |
| 2. Authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations with Balranald Diesel Service in accordance with Clause 178 (3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 due to their interest in the tender with the requirement that all WH&S and Financial documentation is provided to Council. |                               |         |                                                                            |
| <b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |         |                                                                            |
| <b>23 Nov 2022 1:57pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |         |                                                                            |
| Target date changed by Holmes, Carol from 08 July 2022 to 13 December 2022 - Received amended documents, renegotiating with Balranald Diesel Service                                                                                                                                                        |                               |         |                                                                            |

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| Works Committee 1/07/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Jones, Kerry<br>Holmes, Carol | Reports | RFT 21/22-03 - CONSTRUCTION OF SHOULDER WIDENING OF TAYLOR ROAD AND LESLIE ROAD AND PAVEMENT REHABILITATION OF KILPATRICK ROAD EUSTON |
| <b>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |         |                                                                                                                                       |
| Moved: Chairperson Mike Colreavy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |         |                                                                                                                                       |
| That the Council having twice gone to the market and having received tender prices that are well and above the available funding, decline to accept any of the tenders received pursuant to Clause 178 (1) and to authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations for undertaking part or so much of the works as the budget would permit in accordance with Section 178(3)(e), with Harril Pty Ltd trading as Coburns Earthmoving, being the company that submitted the lowest conforming tender received. |                               |         |                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |         |                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>10 Aug 2022 10:52am Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |         |                                                                                                                                       |
| Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 8 Jul 2022 To: 30 Sep 2022, Reason: Variation submitted with Transport NSW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |         |                                                                                                                                       |

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| Council 20/09/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Holmes, Carol<br>Holmes, Carol | Part A - General Manager's Reports | S7.12 Development Contribution Plan |
| <b>RESOLUTION 2022/176</b><br>Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy<br>That Council <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place the Draft S7.12 Development Contribution Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and</li> <li>Receive a further report following conclusion of public exhibition to consider any submissions.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |                                |                                    |                                     |
| <b>11 Oct 2022 11:50am Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision</b><br>Revised Target Date changed by: Holmes, Carol From: 18 Oct 2022 To: 27 Nov 2022, Reason: On exhibition at moment will be reported to Council Meeting in November                                                                                                                                                                |                                |                                    |                                     |

| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Officer/Director              | Section                            | Subject                                  |
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| Council 18/10/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Jones, Kerry<br>Holmes, Carol | Part B - General Manager's Reports | ENGINEERING UPDATE AS OF 13 OCTOBER 2022 |
| <b>RESOLUTION 2022/198</b><br>Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the report be received and noted.</li> <li>That a works inspection concentrating on the Balranald Shire roads be scheduled for the Administrator, General Manager and Executive Manager of Engineering.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> |                               |                                    |                                          |
| <b>23 Nov 2022 2:00pm Holmes, Carol - Target Date Revision</b><br>Target date changed by Holmes, Carol from 15 November 2022 to 31 January 2023 - Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |                                    |                                          |

**9.7 CIRCULARS FROM OFFICE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CORRESPONDENCE OF INFORMATION**

**File Number:** D22.75495  
**Reporting Officer:** Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant  
**Responsible Officer:** Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager  
**Operational Plan Objective:** Pillar 1: Our People – A community that is proactive, engaged, inclusive and connected.

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note this report.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with copies of the circulars received from Office Local Government and correspondence of interest received since the October Council Meeting.

**REPORT**

Council receives circulars from Office of Local Government with updates and information relevant to our Council. Whilst many of the circulars are of an administrative nature, there may be matters that are of interest to Community members.

**Circulars from OLG**

- 22-30 Guidelines on the Recruitment of Senior Council Executives
- 22-31 Commencement of the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021
- 22-32 Update to your Council website to include housing, employment and population projection data
- 22-33 Misuse of Council Resources – March 2023 State Election
- 22-34 Consultation on review of the Local Government Boundaries Commission
- 22-35 Councils' decisions on the administration of their September 2024 ordinary elections

All the circulars can be found on OLG's website <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/circulars/>

**Correspondence**

Council received the below correspondence which may be of interest to our community members.

1. Letter received from OLG regarding Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulatory Framework 2022
2. Letter received from NSW Fire & Rescue

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. ICOR - - OLG - Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulatory Framework 2022  
2. ICOR - Fire & Rescue - Recruiting for on-call Retained Firefighters 14 November 2022  



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Mr Mike Colreavy  
Administrator  
Balranald Shire Council

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Dear Mr Colreavy

I am pleased to inform you of the commencement of the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* (the Act) and the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022* (the Regulation) on 1 November 2022.

The new laws have been shaped through extensive consultation with councils and other regulatory authorities, industry, advocacy groups, other interested organisations, and the public. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your dedicated colleagues for your valuable input throughout this process. I assure you that I, and the Office of Local Government, have listened to and carefully considered your feedback.

The NSW Government wants our public places to be safe, accessible and enjoyable for communities in NSW, now and into the future. The Act is outcomes-based and places detail in regulations that will enable a quicker response to emerging issues in the use of public spaces in the future.

The new laws will achieve better outcomes and will significantly reduce costs to councils and communities by an estimated \$10.1 million per year in dealing with unattended property. It will also minimise unnecessary burden on key industry stakeholders, such as supermarket retailers and farmers.

To allow the public and businesses to become familiar and comply with the new laws, a grace period will apply until 1 May 2023 for some penalties. Warnings, rather than fines, may be issued for certain items to which new rules apply if they are left unattended in public places (e.g. personal items such as kayaks, and shopping trolleys).

Additionally, special arrangements for emergencies involving stock animals on public land, particularly roads, will be commenced by the Minister for Local Government by proclamation once the supporting guidance is in place. This guidance will balance public safety and biosecurity considerations.

The *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Guideline for Councils and Other Authorities*, issued under section 23A of Act, provides information to support councils and other public land managers to interpret and implement the new laws.

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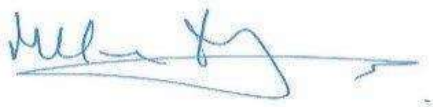


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A suite of other resources has also been developed to assist the public and authorities to better understand the new laws, including a Circular to Councils, FAQ's, fact sheets and infographics, that can be accessed and downloaded for use from [www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/unattendedproperty](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/unattendedproperty).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these reforms further, please do not hesitate to contact my office or the Office of Local Government by email via [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) or by phone on 02 4428 4100.

Yours sincerely



**Melanie Hawyes**  
**Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands and Local Government**



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*Katey*

To the Manager

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is currently recruiting for on-Call Retained Firefighters in Balranald. The Balranald Brigade responded to 37 incidents in 2021/2022, with only 12 of these occurring during normal business hours. These were all local to Balranald and included fires, hazard materials incidents and rescues. Had one of your employees attended every one of these calls they would have only lost a total of 8 work hours for the financial year.

To ensure the brigade can continue to provide this service to the community, we are currently looking for more firefighters. I am asking employers in Balranald to encourage their employees to become part of FRNSW.

There are benefits to the community at large as well as human resources benefits for employers. FRNSW provides firefighters with extensive training including qualifications in Emergency Life Support, Medium Rigid Drivers Licence, working at heights, confined space, breathing apparatus use, atmospheric monitoring, and manual handling. It also provides an essential emergency service to the people and businesses of Balranald.

Balranald Brigade Acting Captain Kaitley Linnett is keen to hear from interested people living in the community who would be willing to be trained as on-call firefighters. FRNSW welcomes applications from men and women, Indigenous people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Shift workers, full time or part time workers, mums with children at school are all encouraged to apply for this on call, part time employment opportunity.

To be eligible to apply for an On-Call Retained Firefighter position the applicant should: be available to attend fire calls and other incidents to suit the station needs; live within a reasonable distance from Balranald Fire Station; have good communication skills and be able to work as part of a team; meet FRNSW's medical and physical requirements and be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident.

For further information please call me or Helen Paterson at the Leeton Zone Office on (02) 6929 5700.

Yours sincerely

Emma Tyrrell  
**Recruitment Officer - Region West 3**  
 Ph: 0409 125 578  
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**9.8 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW SEPT 30TH**

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| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75688</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Carol Holmes, Senior Executive Assistant</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 6: Our Leadership – A community that values and fosters leadership, lifelong learning, innovation and good governance.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Quarterly Budget Review to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To enable the Council to review the current years revised estimated of expenditure and income as detailed in the Quarterly Budget Review.

**REPORT**

The Financial consultants have undertaken a review of council's current financial position including incorporation of carryover grants and committed work as well as restricted reserve funded projects as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

In summary the net effect of the changes has resulted in a net improvement of \$110k in the overall budget position as detailed in the attached report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

The variation on budget is manageable.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Local Government Regulations

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Nil

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Quarterly Budget Review - September 2022  



Balranald Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

**Report by responsible accounting officer**

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

**30 September 2022**

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Balranald Shire Council for the quarter ended 30/09/22 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/23 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed:



Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager

25/11/2022  
date:



## Balranald Shire Council

## Income &amp; expenses budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2022

## Income &amp; expenses - Council Consolidated

Quarterly Budget Review Statement  
for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

| (\$'000's)                                               | Original<br>budget<br>2022/23 | Approved changes  |             |             | Revised<br>budget<br>2022/23 | Variations<br>for this<br>Sep Qtr | Notes | Projected<br>year end<br>result | Actual<br>YTD<br>figures | Percentage<br>Achieved |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                          |                               | Carry<br>forwards | Sep<br>QBRs | Dec<br>QBRs |                              |                                   |       |                                 |                          |                        |
| <b>Income</b>                                            |                               |                   |             |             |                              |                                   |       |                                 |                          |                        |
| Administration                                           | 7,627                         |                   |             |             | 7,627                        | 706                               | 1     | 8,333                           | 3,578                    | 43%                    |
| Health Services                                          | 30                            |                   |             |             | 30                           |                                   | 2     | 30                              | 3                        | 10%                    |
| Public order & safety                                    | 225                           |                   |             |             | 225                          |                                   | 3     | 225                             | 1                        | 0%                     |
| Community services & education                           | 1,334                         |                   |             |             | 1,334                        | 208                               | 4     | 1,542                           | 512                      | 33%                    |
| Housing & community amenities                            | 698                           |                   |             |             | 698                          | 13                                | 5     | 711                             | 522                      | 73%                    |
| Recreation & Culture                                     | 99                            |                   |             |             | 99                           |                                   | 6     | 99                              | 13                       | 13%                    |
| Building Control                                         | 13                            |                   |             |             | 13                           |                                   | 7     | 13                              | 7                        | 54%                    |
| Transport & communication                                | 2,082                         |                   |             |             | 2,082                        |                                   | 8     | 2,082                           | 4                        | 0%                     |
| Business Undertakings                                    | 614                           | -                 |             |             | 614                          | 217                               | 9     | 831                             | 304                      | 37%                    |
| Water supplies                                           | 1,767                         | -                 |             |             | 1,767                        |                                   | 10    | 1,767                           | 998                      | 56%                    |
| Sewer supplies                                           | 835                           |                   |             |             | 835                          | 22                                | 11    | 857                             | 719                      | 84%                    |
| <b>Total income including Non Capital Grants &amp; C</b> | <b>15,324</b>                 | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>15,324</b>                | <b>1,166</b>                      |       | <b>16,490</b>                   | <b>6,661</b>             |                        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                          |                               |                   |             |             |                              |                                   |       |                                 |                          |                        |
| Administration                                           | 6,013                         |                   |             |             | 6,013                        | 204                               | 12    | 6,217                           | 1,286                    | 21%                    |
| Health Services                                          | 210                           |                   |             |             | 210                          |                                   | 13    | 210                             | 30                       | 14%                    |
| Public order & safety                                    | 426                           |                   |             |             | 426                          |                                   | 14    | 426                             | 104                      | 24%                    |
| Community services & education                           | 1,448                         |                   |             |             | 1,448                        | 207                               | 15    | 1,655                           | 240                      | 15%                    |
| Housing & community amenities                            | 1,323                         |                   |             |             | 1,323                        | (5)                               | 16    | 1,318                           | 302                      | 23%                    |
| Recreation & Culture                                     | 418                           |                   |             |             | 418                          | -                                 | 17    | 418                             | 90                       | 22%                    |
| Building Control                                         | 75                            |                   |             |             | 75                           |                                   | 18    | 75                              | 18                       | 24%                    |
| Transport & communication                                | 1,122                         |                   |             |             | 1,122                        | 35                                | 19    | 1,157                           | 454                      | 39%                    |
| Business Undertakings                                    | 760                           |                   |             |             | 760                          | 231                               | 20    | 991                             | 160                      | 16%                    |
| Water supplies                                           | 1,023                         |                   |             |             | 1,023                        | 70                                | 21    | 1,093                           | 173                      | 16%                    |
| Sewer supplies                                           | 484                           |                   |             |             | 484                          | 70                                | 22    | 554                             | 97                       | 18%                    |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                    | <b>13,302</b>                 | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>13,302</b>                | <b>812</b>                        |       | <b>14,114</b>                   | <b>2,954</b>             |                        |
| <b>Capital Grants and Cont. Expenditure</b>              | <b>13,560</b>                 | <b>7,913</b>      |             |             | <b>21,473</b>                | <b>1,724</b>                      |       | <b>23,197</b>                   | <b>9</b>                 | <b>0%</b>              |
| <b>Capital Funding Incl. Grants and Cont. Income</b>     | <b>11,427</b>                 | <b>7,913</b>      | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>19,340</b>                | <b>1,480</b>                      |       | <b>20,820</b>                   | <b>-</b>                 |                        |
| <b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>                             | <b>(111)</b>                  | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>(111)</b>                 | <b>110</b>                        |       | <b>(1)</b>                      | <b>3,698</b>             |                        |

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## Balranald Shire Council

Income & expenses budget review statement  
Recommended Income Variations this Quarter

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

| Notes | Income Details                                                                           | (\$'000)<br>Adopted<br>Budget | (\$'000)<br>Budget<br>Variation +/- | (\$'000)<br>Amended<br>Budget |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | <b>Administration</b>                                                                    |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Increase income for Road Permits to match increase in activity                           | 0                             | 1,000                               | 1,000                         |
|       | Increase income due to profit on sale of obsolete plant                                  | 0                             | 300,000                             | 300,000                       |
|       | Increase income for Flood Prevention Grant Works                                         | 0                             | 200,000                             | 200,000                       |
|       | Increase in income on investments due to percentage rate increase                        | 95,000                        | 205,000                             | 300,000                       |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                                             | <b>96,500</b>                 | <b>706,000</b>                      | <b>799,500</b>                |
| 4     | <b>Community Services</b>                                                                |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | <b>Hostel - Bidgee Haven</b>                                                             |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Reduction in income due to resident numbers                                              |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | - <i>Permanent Care Subsidies</i>                                                        | 915,000                       | -15,000                             | 900,000                       |
|       | - <i>Resident Care (Commonwealth)</i>                                                    | 70,000                        | -25,000                             | 45,000                        |
|       | - <i>Resident Accommodation Fees</i>                                                     | 30,000                        | -6,000                              | 24,000                        |
|       | - <i>Resident Daily Care Fees</i>                                                        | 255,000                       | -20,000                             | 235,000                       |
|       | Increase in income due to New Grant allocation Business Improvement Grant - Bidgee Haven | 0                             | 285,548                             | 285,548                       |
|       |                                                                                          | 1,270,000                     | 219,548                             | 1,489,548                     |
|       | <b>Independent Living Units</b>                                                          |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Reduction in income due to occupancy levels                                              | 24,000                        | -12,000                             | 12,000                        |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                                             | <b>1,294,000</b>              | <b>207,548</b>                      | <b>1,501,548</b>              |
| 5     | <b>Housing and Community</b>                                                             |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Increase in income to match actual Domestic Waste Management Charges raised              |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | - <i>Domestic Waste Management Charges</i>                                               | 356,020                       | 5,833                               | 361,853                       |
|       | - <i>Commercial Waste Collection</i>                                                     | 49,410                        | 1,815                               | 51,225                        |
|       | - <i>Commercial Waste Charges</i>                                                        | 27,885                        | 4,950                               | 32,835                        |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                                             | <b>433,315</b>                | <b>12,598</b>                       | <b>445,913</b>                |
| 9     | <b>Business Undertakings</b>                                                             |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | <b>Caravan Park</b>                                                                      |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Increase in fees income to coincide with current trends of occupancy                     | 500,000                       | 80,000                              | 580,000                       |
|       | Increase in income to coincide with current trends                                       | 500                           | 1,500                               | 2,000                         |
|       |                                                                                          | 500,500                       | 81,500                              | 582,000                       |
|       | <b>Library</b>                                                                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Decrease in Operation Subsidy to match Subsidy agreement                                 | 67,400                        | -19,941                             | 47,459                        |
|       | Increase in income due to introduction of Sundry Sales item                              | 0                             | 100                                 | 100                           |
|       | Increase in income to recognise Other Operational Grant received                         | 0                             | 5,131                               | 100                           |
|       |                                                                                          | 67,400                        | -14,710                             | 47,659                        |
|       | <b>Tourism</b>                                                                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Increase in income due to receiving Grant - Reconnecting Regional NSW                    | 0                             | 150,854                             | 150,854                       |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                                             | <b>567,900</b>                | <b>217,644</b>                      | <b>780,513</b>                |

## Balranald Shire Council

Income & expenses budget review statement  
Recommended Income Variations this Quarter

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

| Notes                                                   | Income Details                                        | (\$'000)<br>Adopted<br>Budget | (\$'000)<br>Budget<br>Variation +/- | (\$'000)<br>Amended<br>Budget |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11                                                      | <b>Sewer Supplies</b>                                 |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                         | Increase in income to match Sewer Euston Rate Charges | 184,600.00                    | 22,075.00                           | 206,675.00                    |
|                                                         | <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>184,600.00</b>             | <b>22,075.00</b>                    | <b>206,675.00</b>             |
| <b>Total Recommended Income Variations this Quarter</b> |                                                       |                               |                                     | <b>1,165,865</b>              |

| Notes | Expenditure Details                                             | (\$'000)<br>Adopted<br>Budget | (\$'000)<br>Budget<br>Variation +/- | (\$'000)<br>Amended<br>Budget |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12    | <b>Administration</b>                                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Increase in WHS to accommodate De Fib Kits                      | 0                             | 10,000                              | 10,000                        |
|       | Increase for Levee Banks - Flood Prevention Grant Works         | 0                             | 200,000                             | 200,000                       |
|       | Increase in Insurance costs to match Insurance Renewal Schedule | 431,385                       | 14,135                              | 445,520                       |
|       | Decrease in Roadworks Maintenance Wages due to Contracting      | 803,000                       | -35,000                             | 768,000                       |
|       | Increase in Legal expenses                                      | 8,500                         | 15,000                              | 23,500                        |
|       | Increase in Recruitment cost                                    | 5,000                         | 20,000                              | 25,000                        |
|       | Decrease in Office of GM Salaries                               | 470,000                       | -20,000                             | 450,000                       |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>1,717,885</b>              | <b>204,135</b>                      | <b>1,922,020</b>              |
| 15    | <b>Community Services</b>                                       |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | <b>Hostel - Bidgee Haven</b>                                    |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Decrease in Salaries due to review and monitoring of rostering  | 1,060,000                     | -90,000                             | 970,000                       |
|       | Increase in Sundry Expenses to match current trend              | 500                           | 500                                 | 1,000                         |
|       | Increase in Bus and Sedan Running Costs                         | 0                             | 10,000                              | 10,000                        |
|       | Increase due to allocation of Business Improvement Grant        | 0                             | 285,548                             | 285,548                       |
|       |                                                                 | 1,060,500                     | 206,048                             | 1,266,548                     |
|       | <b>Independent Living Units</b>                                 |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Increase in Electricity                                         | 0                             | 2,000                               | 2,000                         |
|       | Decrease in Rates and Charges                                   | 12,300                        | -4,300                              | 8,000                         |
|       | Increase in Repairs and Maintenance                             | 0                             | 3,000                               | 3,000                         |
|       |                                                                 | 12,300                        | 700                                 | 13,000                        |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>1,072,800</b>              | <b>206,748</b>                      | <b>1,279,548</b>              |
| 16    | <b>Housing and Community Services</b>                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|       | Decrease Council Properties Electricity                         | 110,000                       | -2,000                              | 108,000                       |
|       | Decrease Council Properties Repairs and Maintenance             | 150,000                       | -3,000                              | 147,000                       |
|       | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>260,000</b>                | <b>-5,000</b>                       | <b>255,000</b>                |

Balranald Shire Council

**Income & expenses budget review statement**  
**Recommended Income Variations this Quarter**

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

| Notes                                                        | Expenditure Details                                             | (\$'000)<br>Adopted<br>Budget | (\$'000)<br>Budget<br>Variation +/- | (\$'000)<br>Amended<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 19                                                           | <b>Transport and Communications</b>                             |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | Increase to Unsealed Rural Roads                                | 402,500                       | 35,000                              | 437,500                       |
|                                                              | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>402,500</b>                | <b>35,000</b>                       | <b>437,500</b>                |
| 20                                                           | <b>Business Undertakings Expenses</b>                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | <b>Caravan Park</b>                                             |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | Increase Salaries                                               | 166,800                       | 63,200                              | 230,000                       |
|                                                              | Increase Telephone to match current trends                      | 500                           | 2,500                               | 3,000                         |
|                                                              |                                                                 | 167,300                       | 65,700                              | 233,000                       |
|                                                              | <b>Library</b>                                                  |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | Increase Training                                               | 850                           | 3,000                               | 3,850                         |
|                                                              |                                                                 | 850                           | 3,000                               | 3,850                         |
|                                                              | <b>Tourism</b>                                                  |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | Increase due to development of Visitor Guide Booklets           | 0                             | 12,000                              | 12,000                        |
|                                                              | Increase due to allocation of Grant - Reconnecting Regional NSW | 0                             | 150,854                             | 150,854                       |
|                                                              |                                                                 | 0                             | 162,854                             | 162,854                       |
|                                                              | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>168,150</b>                | <b>231,554</b>                      | <b>399,704</b>                |
| 21                                                           | <b>Water Supplies</b>                                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | Increase due to recruitment of Service Manager                  | 0                             | 70,000                              | 70,000                        |
|                                                              | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>0</b>                      | <b>70,000</b>                       | <b>70,000</b>                 |
| 22                                                           | <b>Sewer Supplies</b>                                           |                               |                                     |                               |
|                                                              | Increase due to recruitment of Service Manager                  | 0                             | 70,000                              | 70,000                        |
|                                                              | <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>0</b>                      | <b>70,000</b>                       | <b>70,000</b>                 |
| <b>Total Recommended Expenditure Variations this Quarter</b> |                                                                 |                               |                                     | <b>812,437.00</b>             |

# **Quarterly Budget Review Statement** for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

## **Balranald Shire Council**

### **Capital budget review statement**

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2022

#### **Capital budget - Council Consolidated**

| (\$000's)                                      | Original budget 2022/23 | Approved changes |                    |          | Revised budget 2022/23 | Variations for this Sep Qtr | Projected year end result | Actual YTD figures |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                |                         | Carry forwards   | Other than by QBRs | Sep QBRs | Dec QBRs               | Mar QBRs                    |                           |                    |
| <b>Capital expenditure</b>                     |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| New assets                                     |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - Plant & equipment                            | 376                     |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 1,640                     | 1                  |
| - Land & buildings                             | 400                     | 4,585            |                    |          |                        |                             | 376                       | 2                  |
| - Roads, bridges, footpaths                    | 832                     |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 4,985                     | 3                  |
| - Water                                        | 60                      |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 832                       | 4                  |
| - Sewer                                        | 60                      |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 60                        | 5                  |
| - Other                                        | -                       | 1,909            |                    |          |                        |                             | 60                        | 6                  |
| <b>Renewal assets (replacement)</b>            |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 1,909                     |                    |
| - Plant & equipment                            | 109                     | 111              |                    |          |                        |                             | 220                       | 7                  |
| - Land & buildings                             | 986                     | 84               |                    |          |                        |                             | 1,070                     | 8                  |
| - Roads, bridges, footpaths                    | 3,597                   | 914              |                    |          |                        |                             | 4,511                     | 9                  |
| - Water                                        | 6,305                   | 180              |                    |          |                        |                             | 6,485                     | 10                 |
| - Sewer                                        | 632                     | 130              |                    |          |                        |                             | 762                       | 11                 |
| - Other                                        | -                       |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | -                         | 12                 |
| <b>Loan repayments (principal)</b>             | 203                     |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 203                       | 13                 |
| <b>Total capital expenditure</b>               | <b>13,560</b>           | <b>7,913</b>     | -                  | -        | -                      | -                           | <b>21,473</b>             | <b>1,724</b>       |
| <b>Capital funding</b>                         |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| Rates & other unified funding                  |                         | 111              |                    |          |                        |                             | 111                       | 14                 |
| Capital grants & contributions                 | 11,028                  | 4,793            |                    |          |                        |                             | 15,821                    | 15                 |
| Reserves:                                      |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - External restrictions/reserves               | -                       | 3,009            |                    |          |                        |                             | 3,009                     | 16                 |
| - Internal restrictions/reserves               | 399                     |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | 399                       | 17                 |
| New loans                                      |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | -                         | 18                 |
| Receipts from sale of assets                   |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | -                         | 19                 |
| - Plant & equipment                            |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | -                         | 20                 |
| - Land & buildings                             |                         |                  |                    |          |                        |                             | -                         |                    |
| <b>Total capital funding</b>                   | <b>11,427</b>           | <b>7,913</b>     | -                  | -        | -                      | -                           | <b>19,340</b>             | <b>1,480</b>       |
| <b>Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)</b> | <b>(2,133)</b>          | <b>-</b>         | -                  | -        | -                      | -                           | <b>(2,133)</b>            | <b>(244)</b>       |

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# **Quarterly Budget Review Statement** for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

## **Batranald Shire Council**

### **Capital budget review statement**

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2022

### **Capital budget - Council Consolidated**

| (\$'000's)                                     | Original budget 2022/23 | Approved changes |                    |          |          | Revised budget 2022/23 | Variations for this Sep Qtr | Projected year end result | Actual YTD figures |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                |                         | Carry forwards   | Other than by QBRs | Sep QBRs | Dec QBRs |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| <b>Capital expenditure</b>                     |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| New assets                                     |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - Plant & equipment                            | 376                     |                  |                    |          |          | 376                    | 1,640                       | 2,016                     |                    |
| - Land & buildings                             | 400                     | 4,585            |                    |          |          | 4,985                  |                             | 4,985                     |                    |
| - Roads, bridges, footpaths                    | 832                     |                  |                    |          |          | 832                    |                             | 832                       |                    |
| - Water                                        | 60                      |                  |                    |          |          | 60                     |                             | 60                        |                    |
| - Sewer                                        | 60                      |                  |                    |          |          | 60                     |                             | 60                        |                    |
| - Other                                        | -                       | 1,909            |                    |          |          | 1,909                  |                             | 1,909                     |                    |
| Renewal assets (replacement)                   |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - Plant & equipment                            | 109                     | 111              |                    |          |          | 220                    | 16                          | 236                       |                    |
| - Land & buildings                             | 986                     | 84               |                    |          |          | 1,070                  | 68                          | 1,138                     |                    |
| - Roads, bridges, footpaths                    | 3,597                   | 914              |                    |          |          | 4,511                  |                             | 4,511                     | 9                  |
| - Water                                        | 6,305                   | 180              |                    |          |          | 6,485                  |                             | 6,485                     |                    |
| - Sewer                                        | 632                     | 130              |                    |          |          | 762                    |                             | 762                       |                    |
| - Other                                        | -                       |                  |                    |          |          | -                      |                             | -                         |                    |
| Loan repayments (principal)                    | 203                     |                  |                    |          |          | 203                    |                             | 203                       |                    |
| <b>Total capital expenditure</b>               | <b>13,560</b>           | <b>7,913</b>     | -                  | -        | -        | <b>21,473</b>          | <b>1,724</b>                | <b>23,197</b>             | <b>9</b>           |
| <b>Capital funding</b>                         |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| Rates & other untied funding                   |                         | 111              |                    |          |          | 111                    |                             | 111                       |                    |
| Capital grants & contributions                 | 11,028                  | 4,793            |                    |          |          | 15,821                 | 84                          | 15,905                    | 9                  |
| Reserves:                                      |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - External restrictions/reserves               | -                       | 3,009            |                    |          |          | 3,009                  |                             | 3,009                     | -                  |
| - Internal restrictions/reserves               | 399                     |                  |                    |          |          | 399                    | 1,396                       | 1,795                     | -                  |
| New loans                                      |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| Receipts from sale of assets                   |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - Plant & equipment                            |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| - Land & buildings                             |                         |                  |                    |          |          |                        |                             |                           |                    |
| <b>Total capital funding</b>                   | <b>11,427</b>           | <b>7,913</b>     | -                  | -        | -        | <b>19,340</b>          | <b>1,480</b>                | <b>20,820</b>             | <b>9</b>           |
| <b>Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)</b> | <b>(2,133)</b>          | <b>-</b>         | -                  | -        | -        | <b>(2,133)</b>         | <b>(244)</b>                | <b>(2,377)</b>            | <b>-</b>           |

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Balranald Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22**Capital budget review statement**  
**Recommended changes to revised budget**

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

| Notes | Details                                                                                 |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | Increase Library Budget by \$16,653 not allocated in Original Budget                    |
|       | Increase Library Grant Specific Project by \$67,862 not allocated in Original Budget    |
|       | Transfer \$1,600,000 from Restriction for Plant Purchases                               |
|       | Transfer \$140,000 from Restriction for recruitment of Water and Sewer Services Manager |
|       | Transfer to reserve \$300,000 due to profit on sale of redundant plant                  |
|       | Increase Administration Budget by \$40,000 to upgrade EDM Magiq                         |
|       | Transfer \$5,833 to Domestic Waste Restriction                                          |
|       | Transfer \$22,075 to Sewer Fund Restriction                                             |
|       | Transfer \$15,800 to Restriction from Caravan Park                                      |



## Balranald Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement  
for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

## Cash &amp; investments budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 September 2022

## Cash &amp; investments - Council Consolidated

|                                                              | Original<br>budget<br>2022/23 | Approved changes  |                       |             |             | Revised<br>budget<br>2022/23 | Variations<br>for this<br>Sep Qtr | Projected<br>year end<br>result | Actual<br>YTD<br>figures |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                              |                               | Carry<br>forwards | Other than<br>by QBRs | Sep<br>QBRs | Dec<br>QBRs |                              |                                   |                                 |                          |
| <b>(\$000's)</b>                                             |                               |                   |                       |             |             |                              |                                   |                                 |                          |
| <b>Externally restricted <sup>(1)</sup></b>                  |                               |                   |                       |             |             |                              |                                   |                                 |                          |
| Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants                           | -                             | 3,331             |                       |             |             | 3,331                        | -                                 | 3,331                           | -                        |
| Domestic Waste Management                                    | 346                           |                   |                       |             |             | 346                          | 6                                 | 352                             | 352                      |
| Water Supplies                                               | 1,767                         |                   |                       |             |             | 1,767                        |                                   | 1,767                           | 1,767                    |
| Sewerage Services                                            | 835                           |                   |                       |             |             | 835                          | 22                                | 857                             | 857                      |
| Other - Unexpended Contributions                             | -                             |                   |                       |             |             | -                            |                                   | -                               | -                        |
| <b>Total externally restricted</b>                           | <b>2,948</b>                  | <b>3,331</b>      | -                     | -           | -           | <b>6,279</b>                 | <b>28</b>                         | <b>6,307</b>                    | <b>2,976</b>             |
| <b>Internally restricted <sup>(2)</sup></b>                  |                               |                   |                       |             |             |                              |                                   |                                 |                          |
| Hostel Bonds                                                 | -                             | 2,353             |                       |             |             | 2,353                        |                                   | 2,353                           | 2,353                    |
| Other Internal Restrictions                                  | (399)                         | 8,264             |                       |             |             | 7,865                        | 16                                | 7,881                           | -                        |
| <b>Total internally restricted</b>                           | <b>(399)</b>                  | <b>10,617</b>     | -                     | -           | -           | <b>10,218</b>                | <b>16</b>                         | <b>10,234</b>                   | <b>2,353</b>             |
| <b>Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restricti</b> | <b>-</b>                      | <b>10,367</b>     | -                     | -           | -           | <b>10,367</b>                | <b>(44)</b>                       | <b>7,774</b>                    | <b>-</b>                 |
| <b>Total Cash &amp; investments</b>                          | <b>-</b>                      | <b>24,315</b>     | -                     | -           | -           | <b>24,315</b>                |                                   | <b>24,315</b>                   | <b>24,315</b>            |

(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose

(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) for the quarter ended 30/09/2022 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRs report



Balranald Shire Council

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

**Cash & investments budget review statement****Comment on cash & investments position**

Not applicable

**Investments**

Investments have not been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Reasons of non compliance include:

AMP is an A2 rated bank and Council has greater than 10% invested with them. This is in breach of the investment policy but will be rectified as the term deposits fall due

**Cash**

The Cash at Bank figure included in the Cash &amp; Investment Statement totals \$1,256,344

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.  
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 30/09/22

**Reconciliation status**

The YTD cash &amp; investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

\$ 000's

|                                                             |                         |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Cash at bank (as per bank statements)                       |                         | 1,256         |
| Investments on hand                                         |                         | 23,045        |
| less: unpresented cheques                                   | (Timing Difference)     | (3,574)       |
| add: undeposited funds                                      | (Timing Difference)     | 3,588         |
| less: identified deposits (not yet accounted in ledger)     | (Require Actioning)     | -             |
| add: identified outflows (not yet accounted in ledger)      | (Require Actioning)     | -             |
| less: unidentified deposits (not yet actioned)              | (Require Investigation) | -             |
| add: unidentified outflows (not yet actioned)               | (Require Investigation) | -             |
| <b>Reconciled cash at bank &amp; investments</b>            |                         | <b>24,315</b> |
| <b>Balance as per September Monthly Statement of funds:</b> |                         | <b>24,315</b> |
| Difference:                                                 |                         | 0             |

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement**  
for the period 01/07/22 to 30/09/22

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**9.9 ENGINEERING UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

|                                    |                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D22.75762</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b>          | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                          |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>        | <b>Kerry Jones, Acting General Manager</b>                                                                          |
| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 5: Our Infrastructure – A community that maintains and strengthens its natural and built environment.</b> |

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an update on Engineering works currently in progress and in planning, updated to 25 November 2022.

**REPORT****1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE****1.1 Construction*****Regional Roads***

Planning and design work has been updated for heavy patching works on the entire length on MR67 (Balranald-Ivanhoe Road) within Balranald Shire.

***Local Roads***

Planning works are still progressing on the repair and patching as required on sealed roads in Balranald and Euston town areas.

**1.2 Unsealed Road Maintenance**

Due to the recent ongoing wet weather all maintenance grading has been stopped on the following Shire Roads:

- Prungle Mail Road
- Thompson Road
- Euston Prungle Road

Contractors have been engaged to carry out road reformation and compaction on:

- Benanee Road
- Mildura Ivanhoe Road

These Contractors and other Contractors will move onto the following roads when these works are completed:

- Prungle Marma Road
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- Oxley Clare Road
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**1.3 Sealed Road Maintenance**

Regular repair of potholes and formation failures on sealed roads is ongoing.

**2. WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE****2.1 Balranald and Euston Filtered Water Towers (Reservoirs)**

Planning works is continuing on costing and planning the required works detailed in the recent External and Internal Inspection reports. Suitable contractors have been identified.

**2.2 Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan**

Documentation is being assessed by the NSW Public Works Advisory.

**2.3 Balranald Sewerage Program**

Normal maintenance works including the planning and scoping a Mains relining program.

**2.4 Balranald Water Network**

Normal maintenance works including the planning and scoping a Mains Flushing program.

**2.5 Balranald Drainage**

Kerb and gutter works have not progressed in Church Street because of the continued wet weather. Once completed this work will improve drainage and reduce standing water after rain.

**2.6 Euston Sewerage Program**

Operational maintenance works.

**2.7 Euston Water Network**

Operational maintenance works.

**2.8 Kyalite Water Supply**

Nil

**3. CIVIC ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS****3.1 Village Master Plans for Euston and Balranald**

Plans are being reviewed by Council and the community.

**3.2 Riverfront Precinct – Balranald**

No further progress due to moderate to major river floodwater.

**3.3 Euston Recreation Reserve**

- Grants funded works for the netball courts shelter are being progressed.
- Funding deeds for the new netball changerooms/public toilet building have been signed. Design and Tender documents are being prepared for this project.

### **3.4 Euston Town Approaches**

Town signage with tourism icon signs have been received. These signs will be installed on the Sturt Highway at strategic Euston town approaches.

### **3.5 Balranald Lions Park**

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- Quotations are being sought for park furniture and BBQs.
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### **3.6 Kyalite Riverside Reserve**

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## **4. BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

### **4.1 Balranald Caravan Park**

Quotes have been received and a suitable contractor identified for renovation works to the Amenities Block and Cabin 14 under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) grant. Works will commence by February 2023.

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- The final design and specification documents will advertised as a Request for Quotation for construction via Tenderlink in December 2022.

### **4.3 Balranald Swimming Pool**

The pools has been operating as normal since reopening on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **4.4 Euston Courthouse**

A conservation management plan has been commissioned; however, the contractor is yet to visit the site. The results of this plan will assist in the determination of future conservation and renovation works on the building.

### **4.5 Theatre Royal**

The Theatre Royal row of buildings was subject to smoke and water damage after the fire which occurred on 7 August 2022. Insurance assessments have been carried out and repairs commenced on 12 September 2022. The repairs include removal and replacement of damaged ceiling portions, light fittings and carpets, and repainting of damaged areas.

The Can Assist book shop is currently located in the Theatre Royal “ticketing office” until repairs to the usual shop location have been completed.

Conservation works related to the LRCI Phase 2 funding have not progressed, with fire damage repairs taking precedence.

#### **4.6 Sealing of Off-Street Parking Areas (Balranald Tennis Courts and Balranald Gallery)**

Works will be scheduled for drier weather – December 2022/ January 2023.

#### **4.7 C.W.A. Building**

Works have commenced with ceilings and windows being replaced, further works are ongoing and are planned to be completed by January 2023.

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### **REPORT**

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#### **8.9 Balranald & Euston Waste Management**

##### *a) Contract for Waste Collection Services for Balranald and Euston.*

The Balranald and Euston Waste Collection contract is to be further negotiated with the current contractor.

##### *b) Site Management Services for Balranald Waste Facility*

Council commenced operations at the Balranald Waste Facility on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A staff position has been created with Council for a Waste Facility Operator; this position has been filled since the 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

As there is no Public Weighbridge service available in Balranald, Council is investigating the viability of installing a weighbridge at the Balranald Waste Facility.

#### **8.10 Balranald Cemetery Masterplan**

No progress.

#### **8.11 Balranald Cemetery Columbarium**

The Columbarium at the Balranald Cemetery has only one space left.

Quotes have been sought from several bricklayers, with little response. Council has advertised via an RFQ process from outside of the local area also with little response.

### **9. TOWN MAINTENANCE WORKS**

#### **9.1 Balranald town maintenance**

The Parks and Gardens team continue to keep the town in a very presentable and tidy state.

#### **9.2 Euston Village maintenance**

The Euston Operations team continue to keep the village in a very presentable state with routine town maintenance tasks and specific works as required.

### **10. FLOOD WORKS**

#### **10.1 Balranald**

Council staff have been monitoring and inspecting the Town levee daily and have built a temporary levee using sandbags to raise the height of the Caravan Park levee. A separate small earth embankment has also been constructed at the Caravan Park. A

flood pump to remove storm water has also been temporarily installed at this location. Council has also engaged local civil contractors to construct a large 3.1km long levee along the area to the North East and East of the Aerodrome. There was an old levee here that had not been maintained referred to as the Eastern Levee. This level follows Bourpie Lane and meets up with McCabe Street which is also part of the levee system

#### **10.2 Euston**

The concrete levee panels were installed at Euston behind the Caravan Park and the Euston Club. The earth filled levee that is located to the West of the Euston Club and runs behind the sports oval and Council depot was also checked for condition and found to be sound. All of these levees are checked and inspected on a daily basis for seepage or damage.

#### **10.3 Oxley**

The ring levee was found to be damaged and had to be reconstructed by Council and Civil contractors. This work was completed on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of November. This levee is also inspected on a regular basis.

#### **10.4 Overall Works**

Council staff supported by SES and RFS continue to make sandbags available to the community. Sandbag pickup locations are at the Balranald Shire Depot and the Euston Sports Oval. All requests for sandbags are to be registered via the SES on 132500.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

As per authorised budget.

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

All works planned with applicable WHS requirements

### **RISK RATING**

Low

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**10 NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**12 CLOSURE OF MEETING**